



World of Warcraft®: Burning Crusade Classic™ Is Now Live!

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Starting today, players around the world can journey back through the Dark Portal in Blizzard Entertainment's authentic recreation of the acclaimed first World of Warcraft expansion

Access to Burning Crusade Classic is included with all World of Warcraft subscriptions

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 1, 2021-- The Dark Portal has opened once again, and beyond it lies a timeless era of adventure. Beginning today, *World of Warcraft* players will rediscover the wondrous landscapes and mythic challenges awaiting them in the shattered realm of Outland as *Burning Crusade Classic*™, Blizzard Entertainment's authentic recreation of the legendary first *World of Warcraft*® expansion, launches around the globe.

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Kael'thas Sunstrider (left), Illidan Stormrage (center), and Lady Vashj (right) from Blizzard Entertainment's *World of Warcraft: Burning Crusade Classic* (Graphic: Business Wire)

In *Burning Crusade Classic*, the heroes of the Horde and the Alliance set out on an excursion to the fel-scarred, alien world of Draenor, where the demonic Burning Legion is staging a war against all life on Azeroth. Together with their new draenei

and blood elf allies, Azeroth's champions must find a way to stop the invasion at its source; seek out new allies amid the fungal forests and nether-wracked skies of a strange new world; and ultimately prepare to face the infernal forces of Illidan the Betrayer, the traitorous night elf demon hunter who has claimed the shattered domain of Outland as his own.

"Today's launch of *Burning Crusade Classic* represents the first chance in over a decade for the *WoW* community to feel the collective thrill of stepping through the Dark Portal, of charging into an Arena together, and of taking down the final boss of Karazhan as a guild for the first time," said J. Allen Brack, president of Blizzard Entertainment. "These shared experiences are at the heart of *World of Warcraft*, and we look forward to seeing all of the new adventures players have with friends old and new as they return to Outland."

As with *World of Warcraft Classic*, *Burning Crusade Classic* is included with players' *World of Warcraft* subscriptions, granting access to the content and features of the 2007 original, including:

- **The Shattered Realm of Outland:** Traverse the treacherous crags and spires of Blade's Edge Mountains, where even dragons fear to roam; hunt alongside the uncorrupted Mag'har orcs among the floating islands of Nagrand; battle demonic agents of the Legion in the shadow of the Black Temple; and much more.
- **Two New Playable Races:** Fight for the Horde as the **blood elves**, seeking a new source of the arcane power that once sustained them, or join the Alliance as the **draenei**, exiles from Outland in search of a new home.
- **Gather at the Arena Gates:** Assemble your most trusted allies and prove your PvP prowess in 2v2, 3v3, or 5v5 combat in Arenas such as the Ring of Trials and the Circle of Blood (available starting June 15).
- **Take Wing on Flying Mounts:** Take flight in the chaotic skies of Netherstorm and soar over fel-touched Shadowmoon Valley with the introduction of flying mounts in Outland.
- **Master Challenging Raids and Dungeons:** Conquer 5-player dungeons set in the crystalline fortress of Tempest Keep and the Caverns of Time, where heroes bear witness to Azeroth's past, and take on epic 10- and 25-player raids.
- **New Options for Heroes:** Carve gems of power to socket into players' gear with the **Jewelcrafting profession**; choose between the **Aldor** or **Scryer** factions in Shattrath and earn their unique rewards; create a **paladin** on the Horde or a **shaman** on the Alliance; and more.

With today's launch, players can now advance characters on *Burning Crusade Classic* realms to level 70 as they explore all of the new zones of Outland beyond the Dark Portal, and rally their allies to take on the raid challenges of 10-player Karazhan, 25-player Magtheridon's Lair, and 25-player Gruul's Lair. Starting June 15, players will be able to prove their PvP prowess with the start of Arena Season 1. Additional *Burning Crusade Classic* content will roll out in future content updates.

Following the start of Arena Season 1 in-game, top PvP teams will have the chance to go back to the roots of *WoW* esports in the *Burning Crusade Classic Arena Tournament*, taking place July 23–25. Full tournament details, including information on how to participate, will be announced in the weeks ahead.

Players looking to jump straight into the adventure in Outland with their friends now have the option to purchase the **Dark Portal Pass** (\$39.99), allowing them to boost one character of their choosing on a *Burning Crusade Classic* realm to level 58 (limit one per *World of Warcraft* account; not usable on blood elf or draenei characters). The Dark Portal Pass is also included in the optional **Burning Crusade Classic Deluxe Edition** (\$69.99), which additionally comes with the **Reawakened Phase-Hunter mount**, **Dark Portal Hearthstone**, and **Path of Illidan toy** for use in *Burning Crusade Classic*; the **Viridian Phase-Hunter mount** for use in modern *WoW*; and 30 days of game time, which grants access to *WoW Classic*, *Burning Crusade Classic*, and the modern game.

Current *WoW Classic* players can choose whether to progress each of their characters to *Burning Crusade Classic*, or continue playing the original *WoW Classic* content on Classic Era realms, which launched on May 18. Players who wish to play the same character in both eras can use the optional character cloning service (\$15 per character), which will allow them to continue playing a copy of an existing character on a Classic Era realm while also advancing into *Burning Crusade Classic*.

For more information on *Burning Crusade Classic*, visit www.wowclassic.com.

Assets are available at blizzard.gamespress.com/World-of-Warcraft.

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