

SPYRO YEAR OF THE DRAGON – OVERVIEW AND KEY FEATURES

Spyro and Sparx have just returned from a much-needed vacation in Dragon Shores. All of the dragons are participating in the big centennial egg ceremony where fairies bring the newest batch of dragon eggs to the Dragon World. After a day of feasting and dancing, all of the dragons fall into an exhausted slumber. While they're sleeping, thieves creep up into the Dragon World through holes they've dug from the other side. They steal all of the dragon eggs and when the morning arrives, the dragons awaken to find to their horror that their newest brood has disappeared. Some of the smarter dragons find holes in the ground next to the nests where the eggs had been and figure out what really happened. Since Spyro is the only dragon small enough to fit through the holes, he volunteers to jump down one of them and explore.

What Spyro and Sparx find is the Forgotten World, a region on the underside of the Dragon World where an evil sorceress has taken over. The sorceress has an army of "rhynocs", mischievous and mean creatures who have conquered each of the regions of the Forgotten World.

Ultimately, since newborn dragons imprint easily, the sorceress plans to hatch the stolen dragon eggs and raise the young ones as her own. Once she has created this loyal dragon army, she will be able to venture to the Dragon World and repopulate it with her new subjects. Unfortunately for the Sorceress, her henchmen aren't that bright and have managed to drop the dragon eggs all over the Forgotten World. What's even more frustrating for her is that dragon eggs will not hatch without dragon breath. Therefore, when Spyro arrives in the Forgotten World, she has sent all of her henchmen out to gather the eggs as quickly as they can.

And the race to collect the dragon eggs begins....

Key Features:

- It's the Year of the Dragon and sees the return of Spyro, back for a whole new adventure
- Maintains a number of key successes from the classic, popular hit series – strong fundamental gameplay, broadly appealing characters, entertaining lip-synched animation and a friendly learning curve.
- Challenging new gameplay has a deeper and more complex dynamic that will keep you enthralled as you explore over 30 completely new worlds. Boxing, skateboarding, sharp shooting and more!
- All NEW critter challenges offer the gamer a whole new level of gameplay. 4 new critters that the player can control with their own worlds and their own special abilities to help you accomplish new tasks:

Sheila the Kangaroo: This charismatic marsupial lives in a beautiful Alpine world and has a mid-air jump, super jump, kick attack, and a stomp attack

Bentley the Strongman: This gentle giant lives in the Arctic wastes and defends himself with an overhead club smash and a club spin that can deflect projectiles. He can also push objects out of the way.

Sgt. Byrd the Penguin: This seasoned soldier can fly and hover. Plus he has a wicked shoulder rocket attack and can pick up and drop objects (like bombs) on his more stubborn opponents.

Agent 9 the Space Monkey: Being a special agent, this monkey is well-armed. He's got laser gun attack, a special sniper mode and he can even lob bombs to take out the toughest enemies.

- The return of some favourite characters as well as All New Characters: Spyro, Sparx, Hunter, Professor, Money Bags are back. Also introducing a new Evil Sorceress, Bianca and tons of critters!
- All NEW vehicles and moves: Go deep underwater in a submarine, drive a tank, ride a speed boat and launch yourself to new heights with a cannon.
- Experience the signature gameplay of the Spyro series – animated characters, humour, challenging puzzles, tons of hidden areas, mini-games, Speed Rounds, bonus levels and more!
- Power ups galore! Tons of treasure, super charge up your flame, spit and speed, extra lives and bonus treats.
- Completely new structure for the Speed Rounds – The classic Adventure mode contains all new power ups including rockets and turbo. The new Race modes challenge you to race against critters for hours of fun!
- All NEW mini-Bosses – brings a whole new challenge of gameplay.

- 150% bigger and more challenging than Spyro 2

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Genre: 3D Platform Adventure	No of Players: 1	Peripherals: Dual Shock™ analog controller, Memory Card	Developer: Universal Interactive/Insomniac Games
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