

## **The top 10 best PlayStation 5 games in 2024**

Whether you are a seasoned PlayStation 5 gamer or just breaking into the realm of the PlayStation 5's gaming experience, this list highlights the must-play releases that give players an unparalleled gaming experience. From the awe-inspiring graphics to the immersive narratives, these games will take your gaming library to new heights. Experience the future of gaming and dive into these games that will captivate you with their innovative gameplay and breathtaking visuals.

### **The Last of Us Part II Remastered**

**Release Date:** January 19, 2024

**Developer:** Naughty Dog

**Genre:** Action-Adventure

*The Last of Us Part II Remastered* may seem redundant especially considering the game's release in 2020. *The Last of Us Part II* satiated anxious gamers who had been waiting for the continuation of the story for 7 painstaking years. In *The Last of Us Part II Remastered*, players are led through an emotional journey of vengeance and redemption as the main characters grapple with the consequences of their actions in the post-apocalyptic world. For many gamers, *The Last of Us Part II* perfectly cultivates Ellie and Joel's journey and does not need new additions. However, PlayStation 5 users would probably beg to differ. The release of the PlayStation 5 opens new opportunities for Sony to release exciting new game titles. Still, it also comes with the desire for gamers to play previously released titles in a new and improved way.

Additionally, the new features in the remastered version would make gamers who previously played Part II just as enthusiastic with the new game mode, graphics, details, and lost levels. Even players who are extremely familiar with the characters and narrative can find a fresh and one-of-a-kind experience when playing this remastered version. *The Last of Us Part II Remastered* reignites the excitement that accompanied the release of the original Part II by continuing to fulfill players who can never get enough of the perfect beauty the game has to offer.

## **Horizon Zero Dawn Forbidden West**

**Release Date: February 18, 2022**

**Developer: Guerrilla Games**

**Genre: Action-Adventure**

*Horizon Zero Dawn Forbidden West* provides an immersive continuation of the resilient story of Aloy. The futuristic, post-apocalyptic setting is the perfect backdrop for the formidable robotic threats and intense action sequences. In *Horizon Zero Dawn: Forbidden West*, players are transported to a vibrant and mutated world engrained with cultural mysteries and fierce machines. The story follows Aloy in her quest to uncover the secrets of a forbidden past to defend humanity from an imminent threat. The additional side quests are a great supplement to the main story and give the game a steady, exciting pace. *Horizon Zero Dawn Forbidden West* is more refined and intentional with its dialogue which gives immense insight to the story and characters. Similar to the first game, the cut-scenes act as a departure from the game's action and progression. The cutscenes give the player the perfect blend of action sequences and an enthralling narrative. Although these changes elevate the game, the most important factor as to why it is one of the best games on the PlayStation 5 is the fact that it had not lost sight of what made *Horizon Zero Dawn* amazing.

The graphics do an excellent job of showcasing the abundant and bustling scenery where the game allows you to scavenge supplies, hide from enemies, and explore all the beauties the landscape has to offer. Also, the fluid but playful movements that can be observed by Aloy parallel Aloy's character as she is a spunky and energetic yet powerful and ambitious entity. *Horizon Zero Dawn Forbidden West* resonates in players' hearts because of its amazing scenery, immersive narrative, and a blend of past and future cultural elements which makes it a phenomenal game to play.

## **Uncharted: Legacy of Thieves Collection**

**Release Date: January 28, 2022**

**Developer: Naughty Dog**

**Genre: Action-Adventure**

*Uncharted: Legacy of Thieves Collection* is the ultimate cultivation of 2 sensational *Uncharted* Games. *Uncharted: Legacy of Thieves Collection* takes players on a journey to experience the thrilling adventure of *Uncharted 4: A Thief's End* and *Uncharted: The Lost Legacy*. *Uncharted: Legacy of Thieves Collection* explores the thrilling quests of Nathan Drake and the fearless

escapades of Chloe Frazer and Nadine Ross as they all seek to uncover hidden secrets, solve intricate puzzles, and face off against formidable foes in pursuit of priceless treasures. Although this collection is simply a way to buy both games at once, the lives of Nathan Drake and Chloe Frazer are imperative to the Uncharted franchise. The detailed and complex lives of both of these characters are truly something to bask in and demand the attention of the player. The awe-inspiring games each have incredible narratives that are the driving force behind the story's progression.

Each game leads the characters on an adventure across the world as they explore the powers of loyalty, determination, and friendship. The elevated PlayStation 5 graphics accentuate the beautiful and intricate details of the world. The action is plentiful, but do not think it does not appeal to gamers who prefer story-based games. Important and pivotal parts of the story are used to break up the action sequences which not only gives the gamer insight to understand the characters on a personal level, but it also gives this game an excellent balance. It is for this reason that this game has solidified itself as one of the most notable action-adventure collection games.

## **DeathLoop**

**Release Date: September 14, 2022**

**Developer: Arkane Lyon**

**Genre: First-person action-adventure**

*DeathLoop* puts you in the role of a man named Colt who awakens in a 1960s-inspired place named BlackReef. Players use various weapons and skills to tackle brutal problems in different ways. The unique thing about this game is that Colt is stuck in a time loop and has to kill eight characters before the day is over to break the loop. Every time Colt dies, he goes back to the beginning of the same day, hence the name *DeathLoop*. In *DeathLoop*, the player can be very free with how they choose to progress. In the game, there are four districts in Blackreef and the tasks you can do within each district uncover more details about the story and characters. The power is within the hands of the players on which clues they wish to uncover first which will lead them deeper into the mysterious world of *DeathLoop*.

The game does an excellent job of slowly piecing together parts of the story. This is not boring by any means and instead draws the player in further to discover information on the eight characters Colt has been tasked with killing. It can be difficult to make sure that a first-person game is as graphically appealing and smooth as a third-person game, but *Arkane Studios* has done just that. Coupled with the PlayStation 5's stunning graphics the connection between weapons and supernatural powers is a fluid and unique combat experience. With complex ideas

surrounding time loops and experimental play styles, *DeathLoop* is too unique and special to not experience for yourself.

## **Alan Wake 2**

**Release Date: October 27, 2023**

**Developer: Remedy Entertainment**

**Genre: Survival Horror**

*Alan Wake 2* continues the suspenseful story of Alan Wake, a best-selling novelist who has been trapped in an alternate dimension, called the Dark Place, which is the manifestation of his nightmares and fears. As Alan tries to break free from this dimension by writing, the other protagonist Saga Anderson is investigating a series of murders where Alan Wake was first set. Their stories begin to become one when Anderson's world begins to reflect pages of a horror story. The special thing about Alan Wake is the dual protagonist storyline the player gets to experience. The storylines are individual entities and provide immense insight into each character. The decision to slowly merge the stories into one adds layers of depth and sophistication to this game that proves it is not your average survival horror game.

*Alan Wake 2* has set itself apart from the prequel by putting more stock into the narrative with the survival, and horror aspects supplementing the main story. For this reason, it appeals to a wide variety of gamers and has opened new possibilities for how story-based and survival-based elements can exist in one amazing game. The realistic graphics, shadows, lighting, and dark tones in Alan Wake 2 inspire the player to uncover more about the mysterious Pacific Northwest and make it difficult to pull yourself away.

## **Assassin's Creed Valhalla**

**Release Date: November 10, 2020**

**Developer: Ubisoft Montreal**

**Genre: Action**

*Assassin's Creed Valhalla* is an action role-playing game where you play a character named Eivor, a Viking raider who is on a journey to lead his clan to a new home in England. The game takes place in ninth-century Europe during the Viking expansion into the British Isles. In this twelfth installment of the *Assassin's Creed* franchise, players will fight to build a new future for their clan on the unconquered land of England in the age of the Vikings. *Assassin's Creed Valhalla* showcases an amazing fictional depiction of the Viking era. This game inherently

involves a lot of combat, and the combat is heavily influenced by the fighting style of Vikings, further immersing the player into the historical environment.

Additionally, the driving tone behind the story is the visceral and tenacious desire to conquer the uncultivated land further setting itself apart from other historical action games. The player gets a sense of the resilient path to build a clan by building their settlements and forging alliances with NPC clans. The added layer of player control enhances the story development in a great way. Players can play Eivor as a male or female and player choice is an imperative factor in how the world of the game unfolds. *Assassin's Creed Valhalla* offers a unique experience for players to take on mental and physical responsibilities and missions as a Viking raider.

### **God of War Ragnarok**

**Release Date: November 9, 2022**

**Developer: Santa Monica Studio**

**Genre: Action-adventure**

*God of War Ragnarok* joins Kratos and Atreus for the extension of their mystical story. Based on Norse mythology, the great war which is known as Ragnarok is on the horizon with Kratos and Atreus bracing for its impact. During this process, the duo confronts mythical creatures and new foes that uncover hidden truths about the realms of Norse mythology. The impending apocalypse forces them to face extraordinary challenges in the wake of the inevitable doom. *God of War Ragnarok* gives players a great deal of insight into the characters and the ancient Scandinavian backdrop of the game.

There is a New Game Plus mode which offers a free DLC after the player finishes the game on any difficulty where you can gain new armor, resources, and endgame bosses. Another profound supplement to the main story is the various side missions. Each region in the game has side missions which also give the player armor upgrades or crafting resources. *God of War Ragnarok* weaves together action and adventure to entertain audiences with mystical combat and Norse mythology. Its unique setting and scenery make it the perfect example of a game that respects the notable core themes of its predecessor while also elevating the game's impactful story and thrilling combat.

### **Ratchet and Clank: Rift Apart**

**Release Date: June 11, 2021**

**Developer: Insomniac Games**

**Genre: Platformer**

*Ratchet and Clank: Rift Apart* brings a fresh take on the genre of platform games. Different from the other games on this list, *Ratchet and Clank: Rift Apart* lets the players guide Ratchet and Clank across multiple levels between different worlds and planets. The camera movement is more fixated, or platformed, and the game is more lighthearted and goofier compared to the other games on this list. Even with the animated design, the functionality of this game earns its respect among great action-adventure games.

In *Ratchet and Clank: Rift Apart*, the plot still revolves around defeating enemies and completing key mission objectives while earning lore to make the gameplay more fun. The player controls the celebrated duo as they travel through the dimensions to defeat an evil emperor from another reality. Although this may sound laughable, the seamless transitions between each dimension with the lively colors and graphics would make anyone want to play. Its storyline is captivating, and the rich, vibrant worlds make it a refined game that is worth playing. Simply put, it's an all-around fun and joyful experience.

**Marvel's Spider-Man: Miles Morales**

**Release Date: November 12, 2020**

**Developer: Insomniac Games**

**Genre: Action-adventure**

*Marvel's Spider-Man: Miles Morales* allows players to learn more about the beloved and pivotal character, Miles Morales. Players follow Miles as he fulfills the role of Spider-Man in the absence of his mentor, Peter Parker. As a war ensues between a high-tech criminal army and an energy corporation, Miles must become skillful in using his electric venom powers and stealth abilities to protect New York City and earn the role of a true hero. *Marvel's Spider-Man: Miles Morales* features the same open-world concept as its predecessor that audiences fell in love with because of the freedom for players to explore fictional Manhattan.

The fun and detailed animations and combat are expanded upon in this game. The player can unlock new animations, abilities, and gadgets as they progress through the story. Players who enjoy a stealthier game style will be pleased to know that *Marvel's Spider-Man: Miles Morales* has introduced Camouflage in the power catalog which gives Miles invisibility for a short period. The new additions that players can unlock allow players to influence the way that they play as Miles with an endless number of combat combinations to create and several play styles to implement. The innovative combat mechanics and exploration of Miles' story offer a new perspective on the Spider-Man franchise.

## **Marvel's Spider-Man 2**

**Release Date: October 20, 2023**

**Developer: Insomniac Games**

**Genre: Action-adventure**

Although *Marvel's Spider-Man: Miles Morales* is already on this list, *Marvel's Spider-Man 2* was a perfect addition to the Spider-Man franchise. In *Marvel's Spider-Man 2*, Peter Parker and Miles Morales become a unified force that fights against new threats and the tenacious villain Venom. The two will also have to navigate the challenges that exist in their personal lives while protecting New York from a progressive crime wave. What gives this game an added layer of interest is the ability to switch between Miles and Peter. Miles and Peter each have their own set of abilities, combat styles, and web-swinging mechanics. The ability of *Marvel's Spider-Man 2* to create two different game experiences based on which character you play while also finding ways to unite the characters into one entity within the narrative is impressive.

The mechanics and graphics observed are even better than the previous games and offer a dynamic gaming experience. The narrative dives deeper into the personal lives of Miles and Peter which transforms them from a video game character to a realistic personification that players are emotionally invested in. It shows that there is much more to each of them besides the superhero role they fulfill. This game caters to fans and newcomers alike with an immersive and surreal gameplay experience that reminds the audience that under the masks, Miles and Peter are simply humans.

The PlayStation 5 has continued to raise the bar for gaming achievements and capabilities. These games have proven to be an incredible cultivation of beautiful storytelling and enthralling gameplay. Regardless of your gaming experience, play style, or preferred genre, these titles have managed to captivate a wide variety of audiences and are critical to have in your game library. With endless hours of entertainment and thrilling game adventures that prompt never-ending conversations, you won't want to miss out on these releases that define the future of gaming.