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THE GTA 6 PLAYBOOK

Everything Rockstar has confirmed, and nothing it hasn't.

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CHAPTER 00 ★★★★★

START HERE

The 60-second version, how this guide works, your launch-night checklist and the official links.



★ THE 60-SECOND VERSION

GTA 6 unlocks at midnight on Thursday 19 November 2026. Here are the ten things that matter, all confirmed by Rockstar, PlayStation or Xbox.

1. **Thursday 19 November 2026.** It unlocks at midnight your local time, on both consoles.
2. **PS5 and Xbox Series X|S.** It is not on PS4. Xbox One owners can stream it through Xbox Cloud Gaming (chapter 4).
3. **Up to 212 GB.** Pre-load opened on 10 November for digital pre-orders.
4. **No disc.** The boxed copy is a download code inside a box.
5. **Two editions.** Standard is $79.99 and Ultimate is $99.99 in the US.
6. **Buy before launch, get a bonus.** The Vintage Vice City Pack comes with pre-orders and purchases before 20 November.
7. **Single player.** There is no online mode at launch.
8. **30 frames per second.** That is the target on both consoles. PS5 Pro adds PSSR and ray-traced shadows.
9. **Jason and Lucia.** Two lead characters, in the state of Leonida, across six regions.
10. **A free official map on launch day.** Rockstar adds a printable map of Leonida to its site on 19 November.

★ HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Spend ten minutes on chapters 1 and 2 tonight. They decide whether you play at midnight or sit watching a progress bar. Read the rest in any order. Three labels tell you how much to trust what you read.

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CONFIRMED — Every plain game fact comes from a Rockstar, PlayStation, Xbox or Take-Two page we read on 17 November 2026. Tips and the time table are ours.

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED — Anything only a news outlet has said sits in a box marked **Reported, not confirmed**, with the outlet named.

COMING AFTER LAUNCH — Chapter 12 previews what the after-launch update adds, once we have played the game.

★ NO SPOILERS, NO LEAKS

This guide has no story details, no leaked footage, no leaked map and no glitches. If you want to stay clean all week, chapter 10 shows you how.

★ LAUNCH-NIGHT CHECKLIST

Do these before Wednesday night. Every fact here comes from Rockstar, PlayStation or Xbox pages.

- [ ] **Pre-order or buy.** Buy before 20 November if you want the Vintage Vice City Pack.
- [ ] **Free up space.** Rockstar says the download is up to 212 GB, depending on your device.
- [ ] **Start the pre-load.** It opened on 10 November for digital pre-orders.
- [ ] **Boxed copy?** Redeem the code in the box as soon as you have it, then pre-load.
- [ ] **PS5:** turn on automatic downloads and leave the console on or in Rest Mode.
- [ ] **Xbox:** turn on automatic updates and leave the console on or in Sleep.
- [ ] **Check your time.** It unlocks at midnight local time on Thursday 19 November. See chapter 1.
- [ ] **Claim your GTA+ month.** Digital buyers on PS5 can claim it until 31 March 2027. It renews at the monthly price unless you cancel.
- [ ] **Mute spoilers.** Set up your muted words before launch week. See chapter 10.

★ OFFICIAL LINKS

Official GTA VI site, videos and the free map on 19 Nov	rockstargames.com/VI
Rockstar Support: release times	support.rockstargames.com
Rockstar Support: pre-load FAQ	support.rockstargames.com
Rockstar's policy on posting game footage	support.rockstargames.com
PlayStation GTA VI support page	playstation.com

CHAPTER 01 ★★★★★

WHEN YOU CAN PLAY

Midnight where you are, on both consoles. The order cities unlock, and the two times people mix up.



★ THE RULE

Rockstar Support says GTA 6 unlocks at "midnight local time on November 19, 2026, in all regions." That covers PS5 and Xbox Series X|S. PlayStation's own support page says the same for PS5.

So the question is not "what time in the US?" It is "when does the clock hit midnight where I live?"

★ THE ORDER IT UNLOCKS

Midnight arrives first in the east. New Zealand gets there before anyone else on this list, and Hawaii gets there last. **New Zealand gets it 18 hours before New York.** The table shows when each city unlocks, and what time it is in London and New York at that exact moment.

#	CITY	UNLOCKS (LOCAL)	SAME MOMENT IN LONDON	SAME MOMENT IN NEW YORK
1	**Auckland**	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Wed 18 Nov, 11:00	Wed 18 Nov, 6:00 a.m.
2	**Sydney**	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Wed 18 Nov, 13:00	Wed 18 Nov, 8:00 a.m.
3	**Tokyo**	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Wed 18 Nov, 15:00	Wed 18 Nov, 10:00 a.m.
4	**Mumbai**	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Wed 18 Nov, 18:30	Wed 18 Nov, 1:30 p.m.
5	**Dubai**	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Wed 18 Nov, 20:00	Wed 18 Nov, 3:00 p.m.
6	**Johannesburg**	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Wed 18 Nov, 22:00	Wed 18 Nov, 5:00 p.m.
7	**Berlin**	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Wed 18 Nov, 23:00	Wed 18 Nov, 6:00 p.m.
8	**London**	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Wed 18 Nov, 7:00 p.m.
9	**New York**	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Thu 19 Nov, 05:00	Thu 19 Nov, 12:00 a.m.
10	**Chicago**	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Thu 19 Nov, 06:00	Thu 19 Nov, 1:00 a.m.
11	**Los Angeles**	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Thu 19 Nov, 08:00	Thu 19 Nov, 3:00 a.m.
12	**Honolulu**	Thu 19 Nov, 00:00	Thu 19 Nov, 10:00	Thu 19 Nov, 5:00 a.m.

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THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2026

00:00

your local time, PS5 and Xbox Series X|S

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These use the clocks in force on 19 November 2026: New Zealand and Sydney are on summer time, while Europe and the US have already gone back to standard time. If your city is not here, the rule is the same: midnight on your own clock.

★ TWO TIMES PEOPLE MIX UP

Pre-load is not launch. Xbox pre-loading opened globally at 12 a.m. GMT on Tuesday 10 November, and PS5 pre-loading opened at midnight local time the same day. Both were about downloading early. Playing is a different moment: midnight local time on the 19th.

Rockstar's wording is the one to plan around. If you see a different unlock time for your region on social media, check it against Rockstar's line under The rule. Chapter 9 stamps the two unlock-time claims doing the rounds this week.

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED **iPhone in Canada and others, 10 November 2026, citing an Xbox Wire post**

Xbox Cloud Gaming streaming reportedly opens at 1 a.m. ET on 19 November.

CHAPTER 02 ★★★★★

GET YOUR CONSOLE READY

Space, pre-load, the settings that let it download while you sleep, and the code in the box.



★ HOW MUCH SPACE YOU NEED

212 GB Rockstar's figure for the pre-load: "up to 212 GB depending on your device."

Clear that much space before you start the pre-load.

★ PRE-LOAD: WHAT ROCKSTAR CONFIRMED

- PS5 digital pre-load opened at midnight local time on Tuesday 10 November 2026.
- Xbox Series X|S pre-load opened globally at 12 a.m. GMT on Tuesday 10 November 2026.
- Pre-load is live for everyone who pre-ordered digitally.
- Pre-load was first announced for 12 November, then moved up to 10 November.

★ LET IT DOWNLOAD ON ITS OWN

Rockstar's pre-load FAQ names the settings that let the game download without you watching it.

PS5

1. Turn on **automatic downloads**.
2. Leave the console **on or in Rest Mode**.

XBOX SERIES X|S

1. Turn on **automatic updates**.
2. Leave the console **on or in Sleep**.

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED **MP1st, Keengamer and ComicBook, 13 November 2026**

Update 1.002.000, about 1 GB, reportedly rolled out on 13 November to pre-loaded copies, in two waves. No Rockstar patch notes for it were found.

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★ THE BOXED COPY

The physical version has **no disc**. Rockstar describes it as a box "containing a download code inside the box". Boxed copies have been at retailers since 12 November.

- [ ] **Open the box as soon as you have it** and find the code.
- [ ] **Redeem the code** on your console.
- [ ] **Start the pre-load** straight away, so the game is ready at midnight on the 19th.

★ IF YOUR CODE DOES NOT WORK

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED **Kotaku, Dexerto and Notebookcheck, around 14 to 16 November 2026**

Some buyers of boxed copies reported codes that were missing or had already been used.

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED **Insider Gaming and Digital Trends, mid-November 2026**

PS5 codes in boxes are reportedly region-locked, while Xbox codes reportedly are not. Japanese PS5 codes reportedly expire 170 days after launch. Worth knowing if you bought an imported copy.

If your code fails, do these in order:

1. **Check the code again.** Type it slowly. Make sure you are signed in to the right account.
2. **Go back to the retailer.** They sold you the box, so start there.
3. **Contact PlayStation or Xbox support.** The code is redeemed on their store.

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CHAPTER 03 ★★★★★

STANDARD OR ULTIMATE

What each edition costs, all 16 Ultimate extras, the pre-order bonus and its cut-off, and GTA+.



★ THE PRICES

EDITION	US	CANADA	UK	EURO (IRELAND)
Standard Edition	$79.99	$109.99	£69.99	€79.99
Ultimate Edition	$99.99	$139.99	£89.99	€99.99

PlayStation Store prices seen 17 Nov 2026 (digital). The US prices are the same on the US Xbox Store. Other euro countries may differ. On the US Xbox Store, the Ultimate Edition Upgrade on its own is $20.00.

Ultimate Edition is the game plus the Ultimate Edition Upgrade. Standard comes digital or as a code in a box. Ultimate is digital only.

★ THE BONUS FOR BUYING BEFORE LAUNCH

The **Vintage Vice City Pack** comes with all pre-orders and purchases made before 20 November. On Xbox, the store wording is a purchase before 19 November 2026, 23:59:59. Inside:

'55 VAPID STANIER

A sedan, plus the Shore Court garage near Ocean Beach, with a weapon locker and a stash for stolen goods to fence.

1980S OUTFITS AND HAIR

Including Jason's pastel linen suit and Lucia's red sequin mini dress.

PALM-TREE WEAPON PATTERN

Inspired by Tommy Vercetti's shirt.



The '55 Vapid Stanier from the Vintage Vice City Pack

Image: Rockstar Games

★ WHAT ULTIMATE ADDS: ALL 16 EXTRAS

Rockstar says the Ultimate items unlock behind each chapter of the story. Here they are, grouped.

VEHICLES 6

- '95 Grotti Cheetah sports car
- Dinka Enduro motorcycle and Crest kayak at Jason's safehouse
- Ganado Retro Build modkit for Jason's Vapid Ganado pickup
- Shitzu Squalo boat docked at Washington Beach, with an explosives crate
- '67 Vapid Dominator Buggy plus Paradise Garage in Watson Bay
- Classic Car Collection commission from collector and fixer Wyman

WEAPONS 2

- Hawk and Little Morgan revolvers (his and hers)
- Personalized Girardi ES9 (Jason) and Klose K17 (Lucia) pistols

STYLE 2

- Vice City Style outfits, tattoos and more
- Goodtime Gear (Macca the Gator apparel)

ULTIMATE-ONLY SHOPS 5

- Rideout Customs mod shop
- Sara's Unisex Salon
- Stock 305 clothing store in Stockyard
- Electric Fang Tattoo, with 50+ tattoos by artist collective FAILE
- One-Eyed Willie's off-road mod shop in Lake Leonida

ACTIVITIES 1

- PTT Youngin$ illegal goods store (raid a Southside Vice City gang compound)

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The '95 Grotti Cheetah, one of the Ultimate Edition extras

Image: Rockstar Games

★ A FREE MONTH OF GTA+

- [ ] **PS5:** pre-order or buy digitally on PlayStation Store by 19 November 2026. Claim the month by 31 March 2027.
- [ ] **It renews.** After the free month, GTA+ auto-renews at the monthly price. Cancel before then if you do not want it.
- [ ] **The Upgrade alone does not count.** Buying only the Ultimate Edition Upgrade is not eligible.
- [ ] **Xbox:** redeem within 180 days of your pre-order.

★ UPGRADING LATER

You do not have to decide tonight. On PS5, the upgrade from digital Standard or code-in-box Standard to Ultimate is available only from PlayStation Store. On Xbox, the Ultimate Edition Upgrade is sold as an add-on.

★ WHICH ONE IS FOR YOU?

Standard if you want the game and the Vintage Vice City Pack, and nothing else.

Ultimate if the list above has things you want: the extra cars and boat, the two pairs of personalized guns, the five Ultimate-only shops, and the PTT Youngin$ store.

It is the same game either way. The difference is the extras.

★ AGE RATING

ESRB M (Mature 17+) in the US and **PEGI 18** in Europe. ESRB lists Blood and Gore, Intense Violence, Mature Humor, Nudity, Strong Language, Strong Sexual Content, and Use of Drugs and Alcohol, plus In-Game Purchases.

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CHAPTER 04 ★★★★★

WHAT IT RUNS ON

The consoles, the frame rate, what PS5 Pro adds, cloud play on Xbox One, and Remote Play.



★ THE CONSOLES

PLATFORM	CAN YOU PLAY?	WHAT ROCKSTAR, PLAYSTATION OR XBOX SAYS
PS5	Yes	Plays best on PS5, per Rockstar
PS5 Pro	Yes	Adds PSSR and ray-traced shadows; listed as PS5 Pro Enhanced
Xbox Series X|S	Yes	"Optimized for Xbox Series X|S"
Xbox One	Through the cloud	Xbox Cloud Gaming, using Series S graphics settings
PS4	No	"will only be playable on PlayStation 5 consoles"
PC	NOT ANNOUNCED	No PC version has been announced (chapter 9)

★ FRAME RATE AND PS5 PRO

Rockstar says the game is "targeting 30 frames per second" on both consoles. That is the only frame rate Rockstar has given; a 60 fps mode is NOT ANNOUNCED (chapter 9). PS5 Pro adds **PSSR** for image clarity and **ray-traced shadows**, which Rockstar says are "only available on PlayStation 5 Pro". In plain words: same 30 fps target, sharper picture and better shadows on Pro, nothing more announced.

★ EVERY PS5, THE CLOUD AND REMOTE PLAY

Every PS5 gets haptics across the game (adjustable in the accessibility settings), adaptive triggers and the controller speaker on the DualSense, Tempest 3D Audio, and improved load times. **Xbox Cloud Gaming** works on Xbox Series X|S and on Xbox One. It runs with the Series S graphics settings.

Remote Play is fully supported on PlayStation and Xbox.

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED **iPhone in Canada, 10 November 2026, citing Xbox**

Cloud play is not included in Game Pass: you must own the game to stream it.

CHAPTER 05 ★★★★★

WELCOME TO LEONIDA

The six regions in Rockstar's own words, the places Rockstar has named, and where to get the real map.

★ THE SETUP

GTA 6 is set in Vice City, USA, and across the state of Leonida. Rockstar calls Leonida "the Goodtime State" and describes Vice City as "the darkest side of the sunniest place in America."

Rockstar's site shows six regions. Each one below has Rockstar's own headline and a line from its description.

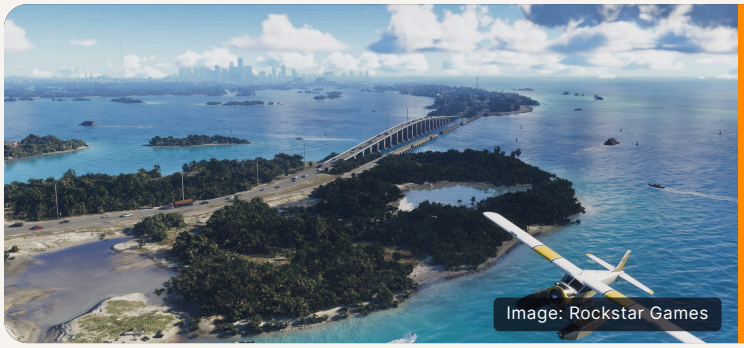


Image: Rockstar Games

VICE CITY

EVERYTHING IN EXCESS

"Vice City is still the sun and fun capital of America."


Image: Rockstar Games

LEONIDA KEYS

GATEWAY TO PARADISE

"The dress code is casual, the bars are loaded."


Image: Rockstar Games

GRASSRIVERS

WELCOME TO THE WETLANDS

"The untamable jewel of Leonida's crown."



Image: Rockstar Games

PORT GELLHORN

LIVE HARD

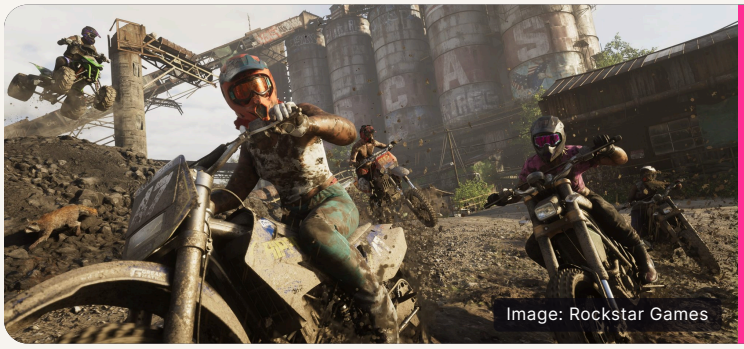
"This is Leonida's forgotten coast."


Image: Rockstar Games

AMBROSIA

KEEPING LEONIDA SWEET

"The battle for the health and wealth of Leonida begins here." Rockstar names the Allied Crystal sugar refinery here.


Image: Rockstar Games

MOUNT KALAGA

WILD, WILD COUNTRY

"Room to breathe on the state's northern fringes."

★ PLACES ROCKSTAR HAS NAMED

These names appear on Rockstar's pages. We only place one inside a region where Rockstar does.

Ocean Beach · Little Cuba · Tisha-Wocka flea market · VC Port · Shore Drive · Washington Beach · Stockyard · Southside Vice City · Watson Bay · Gambit Bay · Lake Leonida · Leonida Penitentiary · Allied Crystal sugar refinery (Ambrosia)

★ THE OFFICIAL MAP

On 19 November, Rockstar adds a free printable cover art poster and map of Leonida to rockstargames.com/VI. A double-sided physical poster follows from the Rockstar Store shortly after launch, for $0.99 or free with any purchase. Any map image online before then is a leak. Chapter 12 shows what our update adds from it.

CHAPTER 06 ★★★★★

WHO'S WHO

Jason, Lucia and the other characters Rockstar has introduced, from Rockstar's own bios.

★ THE TWO LEADS



Image: Rockstar Games

JASON DUVAL

"Jason wants an easy life, but things just keep getting harder."

He grew up around grifters and crooks, did a stint in the Army, and now works for drug runners in the Keys.

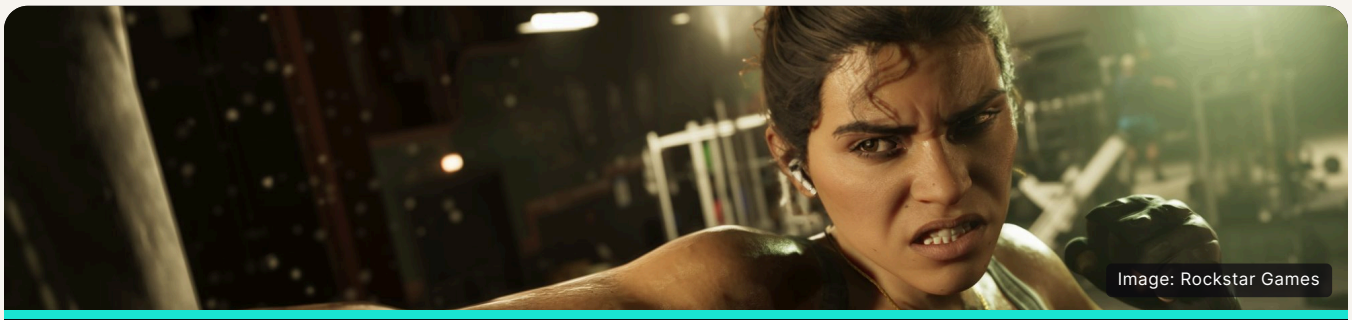


Image: Rockstar Games

LUCIA CAMINOS

"Lucia's father taught her to fight as soon as she could walk."

She landed in the Leonida Penitentiary fighting for her family, and she is fresh out with a plan. Her family's past is in Liberty City.

★ SIX MORE PROFILES

CAL HAMPTON
Jason's friend and an associate of Brian's. Paranoid, and snoops on Coast Guard comms. His line: "What if everything on the internet was true?"

BOOBIE IKE
A Vice City legend who turned street life into real estate, a strip club and a recording studio.

DRE'QUAN PRIEST
A hustler turned aspiring music mogul. Runs Only Raw Records with Boobie.

REAL DIMEZ
Rap duo Bae-Luxe and Roxy. Friends since high school, signed to Only Raw Records.

RAUL BAUTISTA
"A seasoned bank robber always on the hunt for talent."

BRIAN HEDER
A veteran Keys drug runner with a boat yard and a third wife, Lori. He lets Jason live rent-free.

★ ALSO NAMED BY ROCKSTAR

Wyman, a fixer and car collector, from the Ultimate Edition panel. **Macca the Gator**, a character from a Leonida TV show.

Everything in this chapter comes from Rockstar's own pages. Nothing from leaked clips.

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CHAPTER 07 ★★★★★

WHAT'S NEW

The features Rockstar has confirmed: radio and podcasts, earbuds on foot, garages, shops and the great outdoors.



★ RADIO, PODCASTS AND EARBUDS

Rockstar calls it "the biggest and widest-ranging selection of in-game radio yet." Rockstar names one first, and one new way to listen:

- **On-demand podcasts**, for the first time in the series.
- **Radio on foot.** You can listen in vehicles and on foot, through in-game headphones and earbuds linked to smartphones.

★ THE SIX STATIONS ROCKSTAR HAS NAMED

COCOTEO FM
Modern Latin

BACK COUNTRY RADIO
Country

AFROBANK FM
African music

THE CHAMBER 106.6
Metal

FLASH FM
Pop

DIRTY SOUTH CLASSICS
Southern rap

The score is by Justice. Rockstar says it is "dynamically tuned" to how you engage with the world.

★ PLACES TO KEEP AND SPEND

GARAGES
With weapon lockers, and a place to leave stolen goods to be fenced.

MOD SHOPS
For your cars. Ultimate adds two more (chapter 3).

SALONS AND TATTOO PARLORS
Change your look. Ultimate adds Sara's Unisex Salon and Electric Fang Tattoo.

CLOTHING STORES
Ultimate adds Stock 305 in Stockyard.

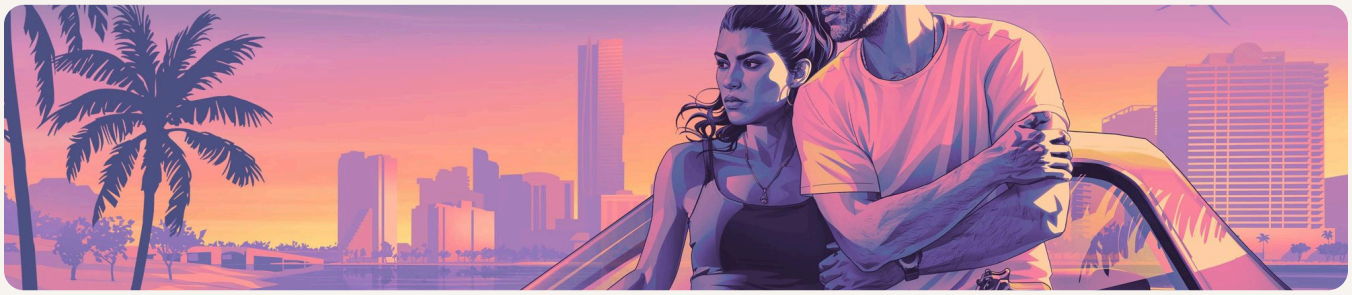
OUT IN THE WILD
Fishing, off-road vehicles and boats.

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CHAPTER 08 ★★★★★

THE MUSIC

The album out on launch day, the Justice score in December, and the songs in each video.



Rockstar's art for the music of GTA 6

Image: Rockstar Games

★ TWO ALBUMS

GTA VI: THE ALBUM

Out **19 November**, with Atlantic Records. **34 original tracks.** First singles include Yung Lean featuring Future and Metro Boomin, Travis Scott, Morgan Wallen, Rauw Alejandro and Keith Richards.

GTA VI: ORIGINAL SCORE

By **Justice**. **30 tracks**, out **11 December 2026**. Single: "Pusher" featuring Gesaffelstein.

★ THE SONGS IN THE VIDEOS

VIDEO	RELEASED	MUSIC
Launch Trailer	**15 Oct 2026**	Justice. Single: "Flower in a Hurricane" featuring Tame Impala, SZA, and King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard
Pre-Load Now video	**10 Nov 2026**	"Blood in Your Eyes" by Tove Lo
An Extended Look	**27 Aug 2026**	Netflix at 3 p.m. ET, then YouTube and the official site at 9 p.m. ET. "Captured entirely from in-game footage on PlayStation 5."

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED Gematsu, Louder and Game Informer

Trailer 1 came out on 4 December 2023, a day early after it leaked, set to Tom Petty's "Love Is a Long Road" (Gematsu, Louder). **Trailer 2** came out on 6 May 2025, set to The Pointer Sisters' "Hot Together" (Game Informer).

CHAPTER 09 ★★★★★

TRUE OR FALSE

Sixteen claims going around this week, each stamped against what Rockstar, PlayStation, Xbox or Take-Two has said.



★ HOW TO READ THE STAMPS

FALSE means a first-party source says otherwise. **NOT ANNOUNCED** means no first-party source says it, so do not count on it. **TRUE** means it is confirmed. Where a news outlet is the only source, the card says so in a strip marked "Reported, not confirmed".

FALSE

"XBOX UNLOCKS AT ONE MOMENT WORLDWIDE, AT 12 A.M. GMT."

That was the Xbox **pre-load** on 10 November. Rockstar says the game unlocks at midnight local time on both consoles.

NOT ANNOUNCED

"THE US WEST COAST PLAYS AT 9 P.M. PACIFIC ON THE 18TH."

Not Rockstar's wording. Rockstar says midnight local time.

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED
Forbes, 12 Nov, reported an earlier unlock time on the US West Coast from store listings. Rockstar has not said it.

FALSE

"YOU CAN PLAY EARLY, OR GET AN EARLY COPY OR A PHONE VERSION."

There is no legitimate early build. The game unlocks on 19 November.

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED
Help Net Security, 5 Nov: fake early-access builds and phone versions push malware and scams.

FALSE

"YOU NEED 676 GB OF SPACE."

Rockstar says the pre-load is up to 212 GB, depending on your device.

FALSE

"GTA 6 IS DELAYED AGAIN, TO 2027."

Rockstar and Take-Two both list 19 November 2026.

FALSE

"IT IS ON PS4."

PlayStation says it "will only be playable on PlayStation 5 consoles."

FALSE

"THE BOXED COPY HAS A DISC."

It is a download code inside a box. No disc.

NOT ANNOUNCED

"A DISC VERSION IS COMING IN DECEMBER."

Rockstar has not announced one.

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED
Reports conflict: one says Rockstar Support hinted at a disc, while VGC reports no plans.

FALSE

"IT IS ON GAME PASS."

The Xbox Store sells it as a purchase. Xbox has not listed it for Game Pass.

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED
iPhone in Canada, citing Xbox: cloud play is not included in Game Pass.

NOT ANNOUNCED

"THERE IS A PC VERSION."

No PC version or date has been announced.

NOT ANNOUNCED

"THERE IS A 60 FPS MODE."

Rockstar's only figure is a 30 fps target. No 60 fps or performance mode has been announced, on PS5 Pro or anywhere else.

NOT ANNOUNCED

"GTA 6 ONLINE IS COMING IN 2027."

There is no online mode at launch, and no announcement of one.

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED
PC Gamer and others: a 2027 multiplayer line from a Bloomberg video is disputed.

NOT ANNOUNCED

"THE MAP GOING AROUND ONLINE IS THE OFFICIAL MAP."

Rockstar has not released a map yet. The official one goes up free on 19 November. Anything online before that is a leak.

NOT ANNOUNCED

"IT SOLD 15 MILLION PRE-ORDERS."

Take-Two gives no number. It only says pre-orders are "continuing to reach unprecedented levels."

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED
Sensor Tower estimate, reported by CNN.

FALSE

"THOSE EARLY REVIEW SCORES ARE REAL."

Any review score or Metacritic number posted before reviews go live is fake. Trust a score once the outlet has published its review.

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED
Insider Gaming: reviews lift on 18 November.

TRUE

"IT IS SINGLE-PLAYER AT LAUNCH."

Rockstar: "Grand Theft Auto VI is a single player experience."

CHAPTER 10 ★★★★★

STAY SPOILER-FREE

Story moments will hit your feeds fast this week. Here is how to keep them off until you get there yourself.



★ WHY THIS WEEK

Everyone starts within the same day, and some players will post what they see. This guide has no story details at all. The steps below help keep the rest of your feeds the same way.

★ MUTE THESE WORDS

Most apps let you hide posts that contain a word or phrase. Add these before launch week:

GTA 6 leak · GTA VI leak · GTA 6 spoilers · GTA 6 ending · GTA 6 gameplay leak · GTA 6 map leak · #GTA6Leak · #GTA6Spoilers

★ APP BY APP

APP	WHAT TO USE
X	Muted words. Add each phrase above.
Instagram	Hidden words, for comments and message requests.
TikTok	Filter video keywords. Add each phrase above.
YouTube	Tap "Not interested" or "Don't recommend channel" on any leak video that reaches your feed.
Reddit	Mute communities that post leaks.

★ HABITS THAT HELP

- [ ] **Skip thumbnails that promise the "full story" or the "ending".**
- [ ] **Do not open "early copy" or download links.** Chapter 9 explains why.
- [ ] **Watch Rockstar's own channels** for official videos: rockstargames.com/VI lists all four.

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CHAPTER 11 ★★★★★

LAUNCH WEEK CALENDAR

Every date from reviews to the score album, plus the two deadlines worth writing down.



★ THE WEEK

WED 18 NOV

REVIEWS

REPORTED, NOT CONFIRMED Insider Gaming

Reviews reportedly go live around 6 a.m. ET. Only trust scores from published reviews.

THU 19 NOV

LAUNCH DAY

The game unlocks at midnight local time on PS5 and Xbox Series X|S.

GTA VI: The Album is out: 34 original tracks.

The free official map and a printable cover art poster go up on Rockstar's site. A double-sided physical poster follows from the Rockstar Store shortly after launch: $0.99, or free with any purchase.

Last day for the Vintage Vice City Pack: it comes with pre-orders and purchases before 20 November; on Xbox, the store wording is a purchase before 19 November 2026, 23:59:59. Also the last day for the PlayStation GTA+ month offer.

SAT 21 NOV

THE FESTIVAL, AND THIS GUIDE'S UPDATE

Grand Theft Auto VI: The Festival at Mana Wynwood, Miami, with PlayStation. The lineup includes Travis Scott (Cactus Jack), Cardi B, Metro Boomin, Justice (DJ set) and Tainy. The ticket lottery closed on 10 November.

This guide's update is posted on Instagram (chapter 12 lists what it adds).

FRI 11 DEC

THE SCORE

GTA VI: Original Score by Justice: 30 tracks.

★ TWO DEADLINES

31 MARCH 2027

Last day to claim the free GTA+ month on PS5. It auto-renews at the monthly price after that month.

180 DAYS

On Xbox, the window to redeem your GTA+ month, counted from your pre-order.

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COMING AFTER LAUNCH

CHAPTER 12



COMING SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Three new chapters, written after we have played the game. Free, in the updated guide.

> We will not guess at tips for a game nobody has played. These three chapters get written from our own consoles once GTA 6 is out.

WHAT THE UPDATE ADDS

YOUR FIRST HOUR

- ★ The settings that matter on a 30 fps game, including haptics strength in the accessibility settings
- ★ What PS5 Pro's PSSR and ray-traced shadows change on screen
- ★ Where your pre-order and Ultimate items first show up, since Rockstar says they unlock chapter by chapter

MONEY, CARS AND SAFEHOUSES

- ★ How fencing works with a garage stash, like the Shore Court garage from the pre-order pack
- ★ Where weapon lockers are and what they hold
- ★ Is Ultimate worth the $20 after playing it? Our verdict

THE MAP, PROPERLY

- ★ All 13 places Rockstar has named, pinned on the official map
- ★ Where the five Ultimate-only shops are
- ★ The six regions, with what we found in each

WHERE TO GET IT

INSTAGRAM: @INSIDEGTAHQ · @GTAFRONTSEAT

Follow both pages. The updated guide is posted there on Saturday 21 November, free.

CHAPTER 13 ★★★★★

POSTING GTA 6 CLIPS WITHOUT GETTING TAKEN DOWN

Rockstar's policy in plain words: what is fine, what gets removed, and the non-commercial line.



★ THE POLICY THIS COMES FROM

Rockstar Support's "Policy on posting copyrighted Rockstar Games material", last updated 10 January 2025. No GTA 6 specific policy was found, so this general Take-Two policy is the one that applies. The quotes below are exact.

★ WHAT IS FINE

- Take-Two "does not object to our fans using materials for non-commercial uses"
- ...used "in a manner which does not intentionally spoil the plot for others."
- Cutscenes are OK "as part of a larger play-through" or a narrated Let's Play.

★ WHAT THE NON-COMMERCIAL LINE MEANS

- Non-commercial means "you don't make money through the game footage you post"
- ...or don't "use the material as part of a promotion for a product or service."

The permission covers "occasional, non-commercial in-game content use by individual members" of the fan community. It does not cover ads, film, TV or streaming distribution, music videos, or publishing.

★ WHAT GETS REMOVED

WHAT	ROCKSTAR'S WORDS
Leaks	"No pre-release leaked footage of any kind." This includes "early unboxing" videos.
The ending	Video "showing the ending of the game"
Cutscene edits	"an edited combination of cutscenes and/or in-game plot dialogue"
Isolated cutscenes	"isolated videos of the game's cinematics will be removed."
In-game TV and comedy	Posted "in isolation will be flagged for removal."
Cheats and mods	Cheating or exploit videos, mod menus, unauthorized mods or ports

★ REMEMBER THIS LINE

Take-Two Interactive "reserves the right to have its copyrighted material taken down at any time."

★ BEFORE YOU POST

- [ ] **Is it after midnight local time on 19 November?** Anything before that is pre-release.
- [ ] **Does it show the ending, or a story reveal?** Leave it out.
- [ ] **Is it a cutscene on its own, or a supercut of cutscenes?** Put it inside a longer play-through, or leave it out.
- [ ] **Is it an in-game TV show or comedy bit on its own?** Leave it out.
- [ ] **Is it a glitch, exploit, mod or cheat?** Leave it out.
- [ ] **Are you making money from the footage, or using it to promote a product?** That is outside the non-commercial wording.

★ NOT SURE IF IT IS A SPOILER?

Rockstar's policy says to email copyright@take2games.com and describe the scene. This page is our plain reading of the policy, not legal advice.

★★★★★ DON'T MISS THE UPDATE

THIS GUIDE IS UPDATED AFTER LAUNCH.

Follow @insidegtahq and @gtafrontseat on Instagram. The updated guide, with the three new chapters in chapter 12 and the official map, is posted there on Saturday 21 November.



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