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FUN DISNEY FACTS

At any Disney park you'll always find that some drinking fountains come in pairs, one high and one low. The heights are just right for an adult and a child.

Next time you visit, notice how the drinking spouts are so directed that when a parent and child drink together, they naturally look at each other. *Thus, they can share a drink and a smile.*

Disney Magic at work!

Special Disney Tours

What are you interested in? Gardening, Animation, Horticulture, Animals? Chances are there is a Special Tour you'd enjoy. Disney offers a great variety of tours. Dive Quest is for scuba certified divers, and the Steam Train Tour at Magic Kingdom is for the train lovers out there. Keys to the Kingdom is a behind the scenes type of tour that is very popular.

Not all tours go behind the scenes, however. The Family Magic Tour is one tour that my family took and loved! We were lucky enough to get the Magic Delivery coupon that entitled us to take the Family Magic Tour for free. Being our first trip to Disney World, we would not have done it otherwise.

This tour is held in Magic Kingdom. You meet your group and your guide right outside City Hall on Main Street. We had about 20-25 people in our group. We had babies, toddlers, older kids and senior citizens in our group and they all loved it. Our guide started the tour by telling us what our objective was! We were to find Peter Pan and retrieve Capt. Hooks' Hook. Capt. Hook was very mad that his hook was missing and was threatening to do bad things to the Magic Kingdom if we didn't get his hook returned! He sprinkled some fairy dust on us and we were on our way!

We were shown a scroll, which looked just like a treasure map. On this scroll were clues, each clue lead us to a different part of the Magic Kingdom. First off we had to find a place with Harmony in it's name where you could cut hair. It was a barber shop on Main Street that we had to find. We sang 'When You



Wish upon a Star' in the barber shop. From there we went over to a place near the castle to read our next clue, which said to find a hidden Mickey near the TimeKeeper, after that we were to sneak up on this animatronic guy at Cosmic Rays. You couldn't help laugh watching all these people sneak around on the floor over to where this animatronic guy was playing a song. Then they all stood up to scare him. It was so funny. I was pushing Grandma in the wheelchair so I didn't have to participate – oh darn!

I don't want to tell everything we did or it will ruin it for others who want to take the tour. I strongly suggest you do this tour if you have kids! My kids were 8 and 10 and were completely INTO the entire tour. We got to experience things that we never would normally. My family really enjoyed this tour, even though we didn't pay for it, it would have been worth the \$25 it normally costs. Kids under 10 are \$15. The tour lasts about 2 hours. At the end of the tour you get to get pictures taken with Peter Pan, which was an adventure in itself! The casting for him was perfect!

If you would like to learn more about this, or the other tours offered, please visit the site at this link:

<http://www.disneyzone.net/tours.htm>

For reservations call: 407-WDW-PLAY

Cruise Tips from Heidi

I have several tips I would like to share with those who will be experiencing the Wonder.

We had an awesome time, but these few tips could save you some disappointments.

- 1) The show at Animator's Palate only takes place on the third evening of your sailing, so if you book into Palo with the intention of seeing the show on your last night, you lose out, we did and were very disappointed.
- 2) The evening you sail is usually the roughest seas, my six year old did experience sea sickness during dinner. We returned to our cabin and I placed sea bands on him and gave him some benedryl (same effect as dramamine) and within an hour, he felt much better and was even able to eat.
- 3) There are collector cards that are being distributed by the staff. There are 24 total and the kids may get their first card as early as boarding, do

not be afraid to ask ALL staff members whether they have any trading cards. We were able to get 21 of 24 and would love to find out a way to get the three we missed (any ideas)?

- 4) The refridgerators in your cabin if they still have are nothing more than coolers, they will not keep your beverages cold. We purchased and brought along a styrofoam cooler and kept our pop and beer in it to really keep it cold. Our cabin stuart filled it each night even without asking.
- 5) There are no complimentary drinks other than coffee and hot chocolate available. I had heard there was complimentary iced tea, milk and fruit punch, that is not the case.
- 6) You can purchase a drink sticker for the children in your party for \$16.00 for the four day cruise, you get unlimited drinks throughout the cruise. We purchased just one for our older son, and he would share with our younger one.
- 7) The kids loved the sail away party and the Junkanoo, we brought along bubbles and shakers to dance with, and they had a ball.

8) We did not use Disney transfers for our cruise. When we arrived at the airport we were met by Tiffany Town Car in the baggage claim area. The transportation to Dixie Landings including a stop at the grocery store was \$45.00 plus a tip for the eight of us. We used Mears excluding van service to the port and from the port to the airport. The fee was only \$95.00 plus a tip each way and our driver was waiting for us when we came to the lobby at 11:00am, we again stopped at a grocery store for beer along the way.

We walked right on the cruise ship carrying a case of beer with no questions asked. Our driver was waiting when we disembarked as well.

We arrived on the ship about 12:45 and were able to register the kids and get reservations at Palo without a problem. The pools are also open with great food served pool-side. The chicken nuggets were my kids favorites.

On-Site vs. Off-Site Hotels

By Karen P.

Our first trip to Disney World in 1997 we stayed off-site at a Best Western Hotel. The hotel itself was ok, but the ride to the parks was very stressful. We could take their free shuttle that ran every hour or so, or drive our rental car. We were surprised at how long it could take to go 4-5 miles. There is quite a bit of traffic. Traffic aside, you have to pay for parking if you don't stay on-site. I think it was \$7 a day. You also are not allowed to do Early Entry or E-Ticket night. We saved quite a bit of money staying off-site. I think our room was \$79 a night.

This last trip, last June, we stayed at Dixie Landings. What a difference. Our entire vacation was much more relaxing and enjoyable. We saved quite a bit of time by not having to commute back to our hotel, and we did take advantage of the Early Entry almost every day. But I think the best part was that we never had to leave Disney. We were immersed in Disney service, atmosphere, and the Magic of it all for our whole stay. We commented over and over how glad we were that we decided to stay on-site this

second trip. And believe me, we will never stay off-site again.

People comment "How much are you in your room anyways?" It's not that the Disney rooms are really any better than other hotels - it's the service, convenience and theming of the resorts that make it so wonderful to stay on-site.

This second trip we rented a car and never used it. The Disney transportation was great. Our room was near a bus stop so we could just walk out and wait for the bus. It was convenient to go back to our room for a rest in the middle of the day, or to change clothes. I found Dixie Landings to be well-worth the extra money vs. the Best Western. This resort has everything you could need. My husband and I walked around the beautiful landscaped paths several times, admiring the beauty of the resort. We enjoyed the boat to Downtown Disney, too.

Early Entry is a great perk. You can go into a designated park for 90 minutes before the general public. I was shocked at how much you could see in 90 minutes. We would do the popular rides during that

time and then when the parks got crowded we would just leave. We found that mid-day in June most parks are very crowded so we avoided parks mid-day.

If you are thinking about saving some money and staying off-site, you need to realize that you will lose at least an hour a day in travel time, and lose valuable Early Entry privileges, you will have to rely on the hotel shuttles, or pay for parking each day if you rent a car. Another thing to think about is, what if someone in your party gets ill, you cannot easily get back to your hotel. You don't have to spend a fortune to stay Disney-style. The All Star Resorts have rooms at about \$100 a night.

I am by no means a Disney World professional. I have only been 2 times. Kimmi asked me to share my experiences with everyone, since I had done it both ways. If the only way you can go is by staying off-site, then of course do it, but if you can at all afford to stay on-site—Please try!

April Chat Room Schedule

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Have you been to chat yet? You are missing a big part of the site— it's a great place to meet other people and talk about our common interest— Disney World!

www.disneyzone.net/chat.htm

Travel Poll

There is a Poll on the DZ Resort Biographies Page on the site, It asks whether people use a travel agent, plan their Disney vacations themselves, or if they are confused by the whole vacation planning process.

Here are the results :

- Use an Agent: 5%**
- Would use trusted agent: 9%**
- Pkg. Direct from Disney: 10%**
- Completely Confused: 18%**
- Do it themself: 58%**

We'll have a new Poll for April! It is very interesting seeing what others say.

Sue's Restaurant Review

Flying Fish Review

The Flying Fish Cafe is located on the Boardwalk. The decor is very contemporary with an open show kitchen and flying fish light fixtures.

Some menu items include:

- Scallops with shrimp Rissoto
- Herb crusted Tuna served with spring rolls
- Potato wrapped snapper with cabernet sauvignon reduction
- For those who don't care for fish they have steak with bernaise sauce.
- For dessert there

is chocolate lava cake with tarragon ice cream or you can try the dessert sampler.



On my most recent Walt Disney World trip it was myself, my husband, my mother in law, and my husband's nephew.

We tried Flying Fish Cafe for the first time. None of us were disappointed, because both the food and service were excellent.

The price for the 4 of us to eat was \$190.00 without the tip. This included all of us having salads, entrees and sharing two desserts.

Although Flying Fish Cafe is expensive it's my opinion that it is worth every penny. If you are going to have only one expensive meal the Flying Fish is a great choice.

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Kids' Views of Disney World

By Nick

Rainforest Café at Animal Kingdom is great fun. From the outside it looked like it was sort of like inside a mountain or something. It had waterfalls and trees. Inside was just like a rainforest with giant mushrooms.

A big elephant was inside that lifted up its trunk and made elephant noises. It was right next to our table. There were monkeys sitting in trees and a leopard, and birds. The ceiling looked like sky and trees like the canopy of the rainforest. During our dinner there was a thunderstorm with lightning and rain. But you don't get wet. I had a strange kind of pizza. I didn't like it, I thought it was going to be regular pizza. The waitress told us to get this special drink that was so delicious. You had to walk through the whole rainforest to go to the bathroom, but it was a nice walk.

There was a really long line to eat there but we didn't have to wait in it because we had reservations. It was really cold in the restaurant so wear a sweatshirt. If you forget to bring one you can buy one in the little store that is attached to the Rainforest Café. I got a sweatshirt at that little store because we were cold. My sweatshirt had a bunch of animals on it and the cute little Rainforest Café frog.

I think this restaurant was a good place to go, but don't order the pizza.

By Lindsey

The Main Street Electrical Parade was terrific. I saw it before, on my first trip to Disneyland when I was 3. I like the song to it a lot. If you haven't seen this parade it is a bunch of floats covered with lots of lights. There are bugs and characters dressed up in costumes with lights. The bugs and characters come over towards the audience. The bugs make cute little noises.

We stood in front of Liberty Tree Tavern to watch the parade. My grandma got to sit in a rocking chair while we stood in back of a noisy girls chorus. They were cheering for all the floats and characters. We had fun listening to them and all the characters in the float came over towards us. Once a little bug came right up to us and we all screamed. He was cute. We met DQ and her kids and watched the parade with them.

We have the parade song on a tape so we can listen to it whenever we want and think about the parade. I insist that if you ever go to Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World, you should definitely try to see the Main Street Electrical Parade.

Try to get a good spot by getting to the parade route early. Buy glow in the dark necklaces or light up Mickey ears to make it even more fun.

Main Street Electrical Parade is my favorite Disney parade and I hope they keep it there for a long time.

Current Contest

This month we are having a Disney Trivia Contest.

There are 10 questions to answer. The answers have been hidden on various pages of the site, for the trivia challenged visitors.

There will be a random drawing held from all correct entries received by April 15, 2000—Tax day!

The winner will receive a Lorus Musical 'Small World' Mickey Watch! It's a great prize!

If you have not entered the contest, please do!

www.disneyzone.net/contest.htm

All prizes for the contests have been donated. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact us via e-mail at: info@disneyzone.net

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