



# News

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## Notice

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## FUN DISNEY FACTS

**MICKY MOUSE**  
has more than 150  
different costumes

**MINNIE MOUSE**  
has more than 175  
different costumes.

There are actually  
only 4 buildings on  
Main Street USA.

## Making Room Requests

The topic of making room requests is one that brings lots of advice from seasoned Disney World visitors.

Many people have no idea that you can even make a room request. Others know that it's possible, but would rather leave their room location to fate. Then there are those who make a long list of requests and hope for the best! Others will stand there and argue until they get their way.

There is no real 'right way' to get your requests granted, but there are some guidelines which will help:

- **If** you need a NON SMOKING room for health reasons, just tell the person making your reservation and Disney will guarantee you get a Non Smoking room. This is the ONLY guarantee Disney offers.
- **For** the best results, always have your requests noted on your initial reservation. You can ask your travel agent, or the CM at Disney to note your request.
- **Don't** ask for too much. The best strategy is to narrow down what it is that is most important to you. Whether it's to be close to the main lobby, a bus stop, the main pool, connecting rooms, a first floor room, a view of a certain area, or just to be in a quiet area. Pick one or two things, and just ask for them. If you have 3 pages of requests, chances are it will be impossible to honor those requests.
- **They** can only offer you EMPTY rooms, and Disney resorts stay pretty booked. So the day you check in, there may not be any

available non-smoking rooms on the 2nd floor, overlooking the pool, and near an elevator. But there may be a non-smoking room overlooking the pool.

- **Fax** your resort, 3 days prior to your arrival, with your name, reservation number and date of arrival. Note any special occasions you are celebrating, and your one or two special requests.
- **When** you check-in, they will give you a map, and show you where your room is. If you are not satisfied with the location, you can ask what else is available. They can only give you what is available, so yelling at the poor desk clerk will do no good. You can ask if any other rooms will be available (perhaps still being cleaned or something). If there still is nothing that satisfies you, take the room, and come back in the morning and request another room.
- **Most** locations, and rooms have positive points. Disney works very hard to make sure there are no 'bad locations'.
- **Once** you arrive at your resort, remember that you'll get a lot more from people if you are nice. Most Disney employees really do want to make you happy.
- **If** you have no idea what to ask for, and want to see some maps of the Disney resorts, there are some on the site at the following link:

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

Click on the resort you are interested in, and then click on the maps!

Thanks Sara, for helping with this article

## Disney World in 15 Minutes

By Tara

Talk about a whirlwind tour...we begin in the airport as we board the plane, bound for sunny Orlando. First a little good-natured arguing over who gets the window seat (I won), then a smooth takeoff and before we know it, we're in Orlando and at our resort!

What a resort...we take a tour...the resort center, the grounds, the pool, our room. The themeing is wonderful! It's finally sinking in – we're at Walt Disney World!

On to the parks...first there is Magic Kingdom, a sweet confection of happiness and beauty. Breakfast with princesses in a Castle fair, glorious parades and fireworks, rides that bring a smile to anyone's face and the joy of walking hand-in-hand with a loved one down Main Street.

In the blink of an eye, we're at Epcot. The Millennium Celebration is in full swing and the excitement of the future is in the air. The giant 2000 logo glistens in

the sunlight as a park photographer takes our souvenir photo. The marvels of Innovations, the thrill of Test Track, the reassuring, awe-inspiring Spaceship Earth all lead to World Showcase and the taste of diversity our planet has to offer. We're moved to tears by Tapestry of Nations and blown away by Illuminations 2000: Reflections of Earth.

But there's no time to stop – we plunge headfirst into Disney MGM Studios...thrilling rides, a healthy dose of nostalgia for the "Hollywood that never was." And Fantasmic – pure Disney magic if there ever was such a thing.

What else to experience next but Animal Kingdom? We're on an early morning Safari and once again in awe of magnificent creatures. Before too long, we're squirming in It's Tough to be a Bug, jumping out of our seats at Countdown to Extinction and ringing out our dripping wet clothes after riding Kali River Rapids.

All this in the space of only fifteen minutes!!

How? Well, we can relive the thrills of our Disney trips any time we like – by looking at our scrapbooks!

By combining our pictures with memorabilia and written descriptions of our trip, we can magically transport ourselves there whenever we feel like it! It's the next best thing to actually being there.

Want to know more about how to preserve the memories of your magical Disney vacation? Want tips on techniques, ideas for page layouts, and hints as to what to save from your vacation!

Keep watching for the newest addition to DisneyZone—**VACATION MEMORIES** and learn more about this fun and fulfilling hobby!

To talk to others who share this hobby, hop over to the **Memory Makers discussion forum!**  
[www.disneyzone.net/boards.htm](http://www.disneyzone.net/boards.htm)

Learn how to not just make memories, but to make memories last a lifetime!



## Barb's Restaurant Review

The 50's Prime Time Café is located inside MGM Studios. To get there you go right up Hollywood Boulevard from the entrance and turn left on Sunset Boulevard. It is right next to Hollywood and Vine. In fact, they share restrooms!

You walk into the restaurant and it's like walking into a home of the 50's. I was very young in the 50's but I remember the furniture styles and that's what was here. They have a living room area, where you wait your turn to be seated. When your table is ready they yell out your name. It reminded me of when I was young, and I would be playing outside and **Mom** called us in for dinner.

They take you into the kitchen and seat you at your formica table, complete with shiny plastic coated chairs. Our table had a small turquoise TV. Some



old reruns were showing! Our Uncle sat us at our table and hands the silverware to the man of the table, so that Mom (me) can relax. My husband had to set the table. Then our uncle reminded us that **Mom** does not allow dirty hands, or elbows on the table.

Our Uncle goes over the menu and tells us about the Blue Plate Special, which today was Lasagna. He also tells us that every meal comes with veggies, and that veggies are good for us. Then he informs us that **Mom** will not let us up from the table until we eat our veggies! Even Dad has to.

After we order, he hands us a Viewmaster. Do you remember those binocular looking thing with the little picture disks? That is the dessert menu. He tells us not to look at it, not until we eat our food!

They serve home-style meals, nothing fancy here. They had the pork chops, pot roast, bbq chicken, fish, steak, all sorts of things to choose from. I had bbq chicken and found it to be very tasty. I had string beans and mashed potatoes, too. I made sure to eat all the beans! The kids menu had things like peanut and jelly sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken nuggets. My son had the peanut butter and jelly sandwich and was thrilled.

The prices here are not bad at all. The 3 of us ate for about \$35 including drinks and dessert. We shared one of their 'Smores, which is a graham cracker, topped with chocolate and marshmallows. It was very good.

This restaurant had great atmosphere, and the service was good, too. I recommend this restaurant to everyone. **5 STARS!**

## June Chat Room Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1 NEW Daytime Chat 11am Pin Collecting Chat with Wiyaka 9 PM EST	2	3
4 Disney Chat with Randy 9 PM EST	5	6 Disney Chat with NHMickey 9 PM EST	7 Disney Chat with Genii 9 PM EST	8 NEW Daytime Chat 11am Pin Collecting Chat with Wiyaka 9 PM EST	9	10
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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](http://www.disneyzone.net/chat.htm)

**Want to Contribute?** Would you like to contribute something to a future Disneyzone newsletter? Articles, tips, and reviews are welcome! Contact me via e-mail and let me know what you have planned. [Kimmi@disneyzone.net](mailto:Kimmi@disneyzone.net)

### Travel Poll

There is a Poll on the DZ Resort Biographies Page on the site. In May it asked what people do/or plan to do on their first night at DisneyWorld

Here are the results :  
**Hit the Parks: 36%**  
**Meal & Relax: 21%**  
**Character Meal & Explore: 10%**  
**Swim, Shop or Relax: 22%**  
**What Plans?: 11%**

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

Be sure to check out the polls, and participate!

### Buying Tickets by auction

Recently the topic came up—whether to buy Disney World tickets on auction sites, or from anyone other than Disney. There are probably many different views!

First of all you need to understand that you are buying tickets that may or may not have any days left on them. There really is no way to know for sure. We bought 6-day Hopper Plus Passes for our trip. We only used 5 of the days, and still have some of the Plus days left, too. Just looking at these cards, there is absolutely no way to know if there are any days left or not. When you first try to use the tickets, that is when you will know

how many days are left. I contacted Disney and asked if people could call and give the number that is on the passes, and then see how many days are left. They said no, that the pass itself needs to be scanned!

So buyer beware—it may be quite attractive buying tickets on an auction site, or from someone with an ad in the paper, but is it worth taking the chance? You could end up paying for tickets twice! A DZ user told me that ebay is safe because they have a system of protecting buyers. My question—how can you prove to ebay that you bought tickets that had no days left? Too many things to worry about, if you ask me. **Buy tickets direct from Disney and eliminate the worry!**

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## The Friendly Disney World Vacation Planning Resource!

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### Kids' Views of Disney World

By Nick

The differences between Disney World and Disneyland are:

**Disney World** is much larger.

**Disney World** has 3 water parks

**Disney World** has 4 theme parks and not just one.

**Disney World** has some different roller coasters

**Disney World** has lots of style in their hotels, and more hotels.

**Disney World** has tons of restaurants.

**Disney World** has Epcot and all those countries.

**Disneyland** has the Matterhorn

**Disneyland** has Indiana Jones

**Disneyland** has wider streets than Magic Kingdom and it doesn't seem so crowded.

**Disneyland** has a much better Toon Town and Main Street.

I like **Disney World** because its bigger, and there is more to do. I loved the Beach Club hotel's pool. I liked the different theme parks and different things to choose from. Disney Quest was extremely cool. Also a good thing about **Disney World** is that they historic things and scientific things to learn about.

**Disneyland** is good too because they have some different rides. You can do it in one or two days, not weeks like **Disney World**. **Disneyland** is also cool because it is close to our house and we can go there a lot. Any questions?

By Lindsey

*IF I could go back to Disney World, the first thing I would want to do is make sure we stay at the Beach Club Resort. I would check into the hotel and immediately put on my swim suit and then jump into the amazing pool. I would swim for hours.*

*The next thing I would want to do is go to MGM Studios to go on Rockin' Roller Coaster and Tower of Terror. Those are probably the best rides that they have at Disney World.*

*After that I would go eat at Prime Time 50s Diner. I love that place. I liked their great service and how it was decorated.*

*Next I would go to the Magic Kingdom and get a spot to watch the Main Street Electrical Parade, and the fireworks and stay for E-ticket Night! E-ticket is great. You can go on all the popular rides with just a small line, and you get to stay up really late.*

*This would be my dream day at Disney World!*

### Fun Contests

This past month we held a Disney Scrambled Word Contest.

We had 15 scrambled words, all are Disney World related. The winner of this contest will receive a great prize!

For details; [www.disneyzone.net](http://www.disneyzone.net)—click on the contest link!

Our **new contest** will start soon. Please Don't miss out on winning a great prize! Come play today!

All prizes for the contests are donated. A sincere Thank You to the generous contest sponsors. We are depleting our supply, so **If you know of someone who would like to possibly donate a prize, for a future contest please contact us via e-mail at: [info@disneyzone.net](mailto:info@disneyzone.net)**