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FUN DISNEY FACTS

Disneyland's Monorail System opened in 1959. Walt Disney World Resort Monorail System carries more than 50 million passengers each year!

Short Resort Descriptions

These descriptions below were found in Birnbaum's Walt Disney World for Kids by Kids 2000 Guidebook. It's a great book for kids to read/look through prior to a Disney World Trip!

Contemporary—This was the first WDW hotel. It looked very modern when it was built in 1971. When it opened it had a talking elevator and a monorail station right in the middle. It still does today, plus a huge arcade and Chef Mickeys—a character restaurant!

Fort Wilderness—Bring a camper or rent a cabin at this pretty wooded campground. This resort is full of activities. You can go for a hayride, visit the petting farm, or take a trip through the woods on a pony. At night, Chip and Dale come over to roast marshmallows by the campfire with the guests.

Grand Floridian—This elegant hotel looks like a huge mansion from the 1900s. At first, it seems to be designed for grown-ups, but it's also fun for kids. There are special activities, like face painting and storytelling. There is also a pretty pool with roses all around it. The monorail stops here, too.

Polynesian—The plants and trees at this hotel make it look like a tropical island. The live parrots and waterfalls in the main building make the setting seem real, even when you're indoors. There's a pool that looks like it's part of a coral reef. The monorail stops here, too.

Swan and Dolphin—You can't miss the dolphin and swan statues that sit on top of these 2 hotels—they're gigantic. You can walk to Epcot from these hotels.

Disney Institute—There are several types of villas here. Some are treehouses. Sometimes special movies are shown or plays are performed for the resort guests.

Wilderness Lodge—With its log columns and totem poles, this hotel looks like a national park from the American Northwest. The fireplaces and rocking chairs in the main building make you feel right at home. Outside there's an erupting geyser and a pool that looks like it's part of a hot spring. There are many hidden Mickeys here at the Wilderness Lodge. See how many you can find!

Boardwalk—This hotel is designed to look like Atlantic City, New Jersey, once did. Just like an old-fashioned boardwalk, there are games and snack stands here for everyone to enjoy. You can rent a bicycle built for 4, or swim in a pool that looks like it's right out of an amusement park.

Caribbean Beach—This happy and colorful hotel looks like the islands of the Caribbean. You can have fun all day at its beaches and pools.

Dixie Landings—The buildings at this hotel look like mansions and country homes from the Old South. The food court is designed after a cotton mill and it has a real working waterwheel that's 30 feet tall. Take the boat to Downtown Disney.

Port Orleans—The special details at this hotel make it look like the city it's named after—New Orleans, Louisiana. There's a long river, and a fun pool with a curving dragon slide.

Old Key West—The townhouses that make up this resort have all the comforts of home. Most rooms have VCRs, and movie rentals available. The palm trees and sunny design make it a warm and welcoming place.

Yacht and Beach Club—These two connected hotels are designed after the homes near the beaches of Massachusetts. Even the pool makes you feel like you're at the beach—the bottom is covered with real sand!

Transportation Travel Times

If you are planning for your first trip to Disney World, you probably have not considered how long park hopping really takes. I know we didn't.

Before our trip, I had no idea that so much time would be spent in travel time. It is really hard to get a concept of the distances between things. When park hopping, you cannot just walk from one park to the other. You must either drive your own car, or take Disney transportation. Neither one is the perfect solution.

If you use your car, you must exit the park and somehow get to your car (either walk or take a parking lot shuttle). Then you drive to the other park, find a parking spot way out in the back of the parking lot (because you will be arriving late), and take the shuttle up to the other park entrance. The alternative is to use Disney transportation. The problem with this is that the busses don't go from park to park. They go from park to resort, then you have to get on another bus to the other park. Or you can go to the Ticket and Transportation Center and get on a bus to the second park.

Either way, I think you will spend close to an hour in travel time, from exiting one park—until you arrive at your next destination.

Some resorts have monorail access, this helps in going back and forth to Magic Kingdom, as that is the only park with direct monorail access. You can get to Epcot via the monorail, too, but you must get off the original monorail at the Ticket and Transportation Center and get on another monorail that will take you to Epcot.

There are a group of resorts that are very centrally located, near Epcot. They are the Yacht and Beach Club, Swan and Dolphin, and the Boardwalk. These resorts have some additional transportation options. You can walk to Epcot, which is wonderful. You can take a nice boat ride to Disney MGM Studios. They are also building a walking path to Disney MGM Studios from the Boardwalk. So if you stay at one of these resorts, you have more options.

Another problem arises when you want to go from your resort to another resort for dinner or something. There

are no busses that go directly from one resort to another. (If you stay in a monorail resort, you can easily get to the other monorail resorts). It is not impossible to get to the other resorts, you just must change busses. So keep that in mind when you make your meal plans. Allow enough time!

We also didn't realize that the busses don't drop you off right by the entrance. It's usually a good 5 minute walk from the bus stop area to the main entrance, and then you have to wait in line to get in. The deluxe resorts have the closest bus stops, and the All Stars bus stop is the furthest away. I have heard that the All Stars run more busses, though, so the wait might not be as long.

The Disney transportation system is great, the busses are comfortable and the bus drivers are great! You may have to wait a few minutes for a bus to come, just use that time to get your plan down for the next activity.

Once you realize that there is some real time involved in park hopping, and resort hopping, you can plan accordingly.

Sue's Restaurant Review

Narcoosee's is located at the Grand Floridian Resort on the shore of the Seven Seas Lagoon. The Restaurant is an Octagonal shape with a show kitchen, hardwood floors, and high ceilings.

The menu changes frequently to use the freshest possible ingredients. One item that always seems to be on the menu is filet mignon topped with balsamic vinegarett onions and served with the best scalloped potatoes you will ever eat.

Narcoosee's is pretty expensive. For example on our last trip my

husband had soup, I had salad, we both had the fillet mignon, we both had dessert with coffee and with our meal we shared a bottle of wine. The total for all of that was \$160.00 not including the tip.

We found Narcoosee's about 2 years ago and have eaten there about 4 times since that first visit.

Narcoosee's is one of my favorites restaurants in Walt Disney World. In my opinion everyone should try it at least once. Although there is one word of warning, because of the hardwood floors Narcoosee's can get quite loud, but don't let that distract you from trying it.

Narcoosee's has wonderful views across the Seven Seas Lagoon, and is located to watch the Electrical Light Pageant.

Lunch served from:
11:30 am.-3 pm

Dinner served from:
5 pm.- 10 pm.

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\$21.00 to \$35.00 per entree
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\$18.00 to \$42.00

July 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

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

Travel Poll

There is a Poll on the DZ Resort Biographies Page on the site. In June it asked whether people planned on renting a car for their next trip to Disney.

Here are the results :

YES: 43%
NO: 47%
NOT SURE: 10%

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!

Early Entry or Not?

By DeBR

Are you one of those who wants to squeeze every last drop of fun out of each and every day? Then you are the type of person who does not miss an Early Entry Morning. Each park has a couple days a week when it is opened 90 minutes prior to the regular park opening. On Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, you can visit Magic Kingdom early. On Tuesdays and Fridays it is Epcot. MGM Studios is Wednesday and Sundays. Animal Kingdom is open early every day. The buses from the resorts start to run 30 minutes prior to the Early Opening time for the park that is open early that day.

Many people go to the Early Entry park and then leave when the park gets crowded, usually around lunchtime. They will go to another park, or back to their resort to swim or relax. In the summer months it is really a great idea to do the Early Entry Mornings, when it is cooler. Then leave the parks for the hottest part of the day. Do inside things, or swim, take naps, then return to the parks in the early evenings. For those of you who do not like to get up early, I suggest you do at least once. The day you plan to visit Magic Kingdom, get their for early entry and ride many of the popular rides before the crowd builds. Otherwise you will spend a good portion of your day in line. I feel Early Entry is a great perk for Resort Guests!

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Kids' Views of Disney World

By Nick

The things I liked the best in each park are:

Magic Kingdom:

Space Mountain—exciting ride

Splash Mountain—enjoyable water ride

Thunder Mountain—non-intense roller coaster

Epcot:

Test Track—long line but worth it

Universe of Energy—very interesting

Spaceship Earth fun journey in history

MGM Studios:

Rockin Roller Coaster— absolutely cool. The best roller coaster.

Tower of Terror—thrilling

Star Tours—very fun

Animal Kingdom:

Kali River Ride—WET!

Kilimanjaro Safari— fun and educational. The animals are great.

Countdown to Extinction—dark and jerky and fun

Tough to be a Bug—cute and silly show about bugs.

These rides and attractions at Disney World are the ones I liked the best. Try them, please. Send me e-mail to let me know if you liked them too.
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By Lindsey

All you kids out there, here are some tips for you:

- *Try to hit the most popular rides when you first get to the park.*
- *Make sure you go to the bathroom before you get in line for a ride.*
- *Make sure you eat when your mom tells you to, so she won't get mad when you want to stop later for food.*
- *Make sure you wear sunscreen so you don't get sunburned.*
- *Don't buy souvenirs at the beginning of your trip, wait until the end. That way you have time to think what you really want.*
- *Make a list of rides you want to do for each park. That way you don't waste time thinking of what ride to go on next.*
- *Don't bring anything on your trip that you would hate to lose.*
- *Bring a disposable camera so you can take your own pictures and show your friends!*
- *Drink LOTS of water so you don't get dehydrated. It is hot in Florida.*

Fun Contests

Last month we held another Disney Scrambled Word Contest. The first one was so popular, just had to try it again.

This Contest Ends July 4th!

There were 15 scrambled words, all are Disney World related. The winner of this contest will receive a Lorus Mickey Mouse Watch!

For details; 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

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