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FUN DISNEY FACTS

It's Not a Small World, After All . . .
Covering 47 square miles, Walt Disney World is about the size of San Francisco or two Manhattan islands. Only about 1/4th of this land has been developed so far.

Too Many Ticket Choices?

Disney World Ticket choices are very confusing. How do you know which one is the best for your family? I am going to try to explain how each one works.

ONE-DAY-ONE-PARK PASS—this is the most simple of the passes. It is good for ONE day in ONE park. Buy the ticket for Epcot, and you do Epcot the whole day. There are no park hopping privileges. Before the end of the first day you may buy a Bounce Back Pass for the next day at a \$5 discount. So you can do a different park the next day. Before the end of that second day you can get a Bounce Back pass for the third day at a \$10 discount. NO additional discounts for days beyond the third day.

4 or 5-DAY PARK HOPPER PASSES are also available. They give you either 4 or 5 days (whichever you purchase) entrance into the 4 main theme parks; Magic Kingdom, Epcot, MGM Studios, and Animal Kingdom. You can hop from one to the other as many times as you like during those 4 or 5 days. These days do not have to be used in succession, or even all during the same trip. These days never expire. So if you use 3 of the days during one trip, of a 5 day Park Hopper Pass, then when you return, you will still have 2 days left on the passes. This pass is good if you do not plan on going to Pleasure Island or a water park more than once.

5-, 6-, OR 7-DAY PARK HOPPER PLUS PASSES offer you 5, 6, or 7 days of park hopping just like the Park Hopper, but in addition you get a specific amount of PLUS admissions to the MINOR attractions (Pleasure Island, and the Water Parks). The 5-Day Park Hopper Plus gives you 2 such admissions, the 6-Day Park Hopper Plus

gives you 3 such admissions and the 7-Day Park Hopper Plus will include 4 PLUS admissions. These PLUS days do not need to be used in conjunction with the MAJOR park Days. These passes give you added flexibility over the Park Hopper Passes. The Park Hopper PLUS admissions do not need to be used in succession and none of the days or the PLUS admissions expire!

UNLIMITED MAGIC PASSES are good from the moment you check-in until the end of the day you check-out. You can visit all the MAJOR theme parks, as well as the MINOR parks, as much as you like. These passes cost quite a bit more, but they give the most freedom.

ANNUAL PASSES give you unlimited entrance into the 4 major theme parks for an entire year, from the date you activate your pass. You may buy the pass in advance, but your year does not start until you actually use it for the first time. Annual passholders also are entitled to discounts on rooms, limited rooms and dates. There are special Annual Passholder events, and other perks. Parking is complementary for Annual Passholders.

PREMIUM ANNUAL PASSES are similar to the Annual Passes, but they also give you unlimited entrance into the water parks, Disney's Wide World of Sports complex and Pleasure Island.

A good way to determine what tickets to buy would be to make a rough day-by-day itinerary. Write down the parks you think you will visit, what things you plan for each day. Then figure out how many park days you need, if you will do water parks or Pleasure Island, things like that. You can always upgrade your tickets to include additional days, if needed!

Check the site for current prices:
<http://www.disneyzone.net/tickets.htm>

Where is Donald Duck?

The search for the characters is a major part of any child's visit to Disney World. The characters are seen as celebrities! These are not regular people who live next door, these characters are REAL! Sometimes they are not so easy to find in the parks.

According to Disney themselves, there are currently only 40-50 different characters roaming around the Disney World complex. Several can only be seen in parades, or at Character Meals! This makes it even harder to get that coveted autograph. Some families make an event of searching down the characters, and to some the characters are more important than the rides and attractions.

Disney realizes that these same families are the ones who are 'collecting' Disney characters! They want pictures of their children with them, and they want autographs. Disney sells autograph books all over the parks, to make it easier for families to get the coveted autographs of all the characters they can find. Some visitors have said they buy a Mickey t-shirt and have the characters sign their shirts, instead of autograph books. That sounds like a great idea!

Many characters are easy to find, like Goofy and Mickey. While others are more difficult, Winnie the Pooh is rarely

seen out wandering about. Many characters are staged in certain areas, and you must wait in line to see them. Each park will have a Disney Character Greeting Location Guide, which you can pick up, for FREE, when you enter the park.

Not all kids love the characters, however. Many small children are afraid of them. Some of these characters are HUGE! Try to discuss this fact with the



children beforehand. Let them stand back and observe the characters, and let THEM decide whether or not to go up and visit.

There are speaking characters, and non-speaking characters. The speaking characters are ones without masks. The non-speaking characters will interact, and use hand gestures to communicate fans. Typically, the speaking characters are the most human looking, and thus,

less scary to small children.

Magic Kingdom is the probably the easiest place to find the characters. As you enter the park, look near City Hall, as there are usually characters there. Also in Town Square there are usually one or more characters wandering around. Characters are plentiful in Toontown Fair. You may see Mickey in Mickey's house, which is fun. They will take a photograph of you in his house, and you may purchase copies. Or take your own photo. At the Toontown Hall of Fame area, you will see various groups of characters throughout the day.

You'll see plenty of characters in the afternoon parades, too! Of course you cannot interact much with the characters in the parades. It is fun for the kids to see them, though.

Character Meals are great ways to get more time with the characters. They will come around to your table and hug the kids, talk to them, sign autographs and let you take photographs. These meals will be the most memorable for most kids, because they actually get a couple minutes with them!

Each character meal will have different characters, so if you are looking for specific characters, check the site at:

www.disneyzone.net/char.htm and view the different character meals!

Maria's Restaurant Review

The Rainforest Café located at the Animal Kingdom entrance area is one of my favorite restaurants. We have eaten there a few times and it has always been great.

When you walk in it is like you are entering a Rainforest. There is a canopy of branches above with birds, monkeys, and all sorts of small animals in the branches. Then scattered throughout the room are animatronic animals, who look quite realistic. We like sitting by the tiger. There is an occasional thunder storm inside and you can actually hear the rain. There are giant aquariums near the entrance that are beautiful. The atmosphere is wonderful. We have always

had priority reservations, so we have not encountered the horrendous waits that others complain about. I doubt we have waited longer than 10 minutes to be seated.

The waiters and waitresses are always upbeat and helpful. The last time we ate there we had this funny guy, kept cracking jokes and teasing us. We enjoyed it!

Some of the food choices do not sound too appealing, but there are many things that are. I have tried a different meal each trip, and have always been surprised at how good the food is. They also make some wonderful drink concoctions that are both tasty and refreshing. There is a full

bar inside the Rainforest Café.

The prices are fair, between \$7—\$20. They serve foods that range from sandwiches, chicken, fish, shrimp, pastas, pizzas to steak type meals.

There is a shop next to the restaurant with lots of cute Rainforest Café souvenirs. We have fun shopping after we eat.

I strongly suggest you get priority reservations, because the wait for a table can be an hour or more.

Call 1-407-WDW-DINE for more information, or to make reservations!.

August Chat Room Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 Disney Chat with NHMickey 9 PM EST	2	3 NEW Daytime Chat 11am Pin Collecting Chat with Wiyaka 9 PM EST	4	5
6	7	8 Disney Chat with NHMickey 9 PM EST	9 Disney Chat with Genii 9 PM EST	10 NEW Daytime Chat 11am Pin Collecting Chat With Wiyaka 9 PM EST	11	12
13	14	15 Disney Chat with NHMickey 9 PM EST	16 Disney Chat with Genii 9 PM EST	17 NEW Daytime Chat 11am Pin Collecting Chat With Wiyaka 9 PM EST	18	19
20	21	22 Disney Chat with NHMickey 9 PM EST	23 Disney Chat with Genii 9 PM EST	24 NEW Daytime Chat 11am Pin Collecting Chat With Wiyaka 9 PM EST	25	26
27	28	29 Disney Chat with NHMickey 9 PM EST	30	31 NEW Daytime Chat 11am Pin Collecting Chat With Wiyaka 9 PM EST		

Many people comment how much fun they have in chat. Have you stopped by one of our moderated chats? Try it, you'll like it!

www.disneyzone.net/chat.htm

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Travel Poll

There is a Poll on the DZ Resort Biographies Page on the site. In July it asked how many character meals each of you plan for your next trip.

Here are the results :

- NONE: 15%**
- 1-2: 51%**
- 3-4: 22%**
- 5-6: 5%**
- MORE THAN 6: 7%**

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

Kids' Views of Disney World

By Nick

The ideal day at Disney World for me would be to get up and go to a character breakfast at Artist Point. Then go into MGM Studios and hit Rock n' Roller Coaster and Tower of Terror before it gets too crowded. After that do some more of MGM Studios, like Star Tours, and do some shows. Go back to Beach Club, which I hope we stayed at, and swim, then get a snack at Beaches and Cream.

Next thing I would like to do is go try to waterski or play golf, and then have a big dinner at Yachtsman Steakhouse. Then we head over to E-ticket night at Magic Kingdom and stay until it closes. I'm pretty much not sure if we could do all that in one day, but it would be fun to try.

By Lindsey

Typhoon Lagoon was really fun. They have lots of water slides and a fun wave pool. They had a family slide where the family all goes together in one raft, and they had others that you go in by yourself. There are a couple that you go straight down. They also have an area to go swimming with sharks and other fish. First you have to put on snorkeling gear, no one really helped you. When you first get in, the water is really cold. I went in a little bit, but I got scared and got out. In the wave pool, the waves get big. They were different than ocean waves, because in the ocean the waves stop for a minute or two. In the wave pool every wave is the same and they come quicker. They have a river with a current that takes you around the park. I got something in my eye in the river, so we had to go to the First Aid building. The nurse in there was really nice and rinsed out my eye. *There is a lot to do at Typhoon Lagoon.*

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How Much Rain Should I Expect in October?

According to *The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World*, by Bob Sehlinger, these are the typical weather patterns for Disney World. Of course, no one can fortell the future, or know exactly what the weather will be more than a day or two in advance. You can use this chart as a reference tool.

Hurricane season runs from June through September, and into October. That will raise chances of rain and high humidity. However, Disney World is inland, and hurricanes rarely affect it at all. For the current weather conditions visit: www.wunderground.com

MONTH	Rain days	Inches of Rain	Average High Temp	Average Low Temp
January	6	2.1	72	49
February	7	2.8	73	50
March	8	3.2	78	55
April	6	2.2	84	60
May	9	3.9	88	66
June	14	7.4	91	71
July	17	7.8	92	73
August	16	6.3	92	73
September	14	5.6	90	73
October	9	2.8	84	65
November	6	1.8	78	57
December	6	1.9	73	51

Fun Contests

Last month we held another Disney Scrambled Word Contest. The first one was so popular, just had to try it again. The winner won a great Mickey Mouse watch. Our new contests is a Hidden Mickey Search. Everyone is having fun finding the Mickeys! The winner of the Hidden Mickey contest will receive Disney's Magic Artist Software!

This Contest Ends August 20!

For details;
www.disneyzone.net—
click on the contest link!

***Please Don't miss out on
winning a great prize!
Come play today!***

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