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FUN DISNEY FACTS

The reinforced seven story log-bundle columns inside the Wilderness Lodge not only hold up the steeply pitched lobby roof but, according to Native American legend, the bundles "hold up the heavens" as well.

Comparing Resorts

Disney World Resorts are all equally wonderful, but each has its own special charm.

All Star Movies: The All Star Movies Resort has 5 sections, the Love Bug, Toy Story, Fantasia, 101 Dalmations, and The Mighty Ducks. All Star Resorts offer in-your-face graphics on brightly colored buildings.

All Star Music: All Star Music Resort has 5 areas, the jazz, Rock 'n Roll, Country, Calypso, and Broadway buildings.

All Star Sports: All Star Sports resort has 5 sections; tennis, football, surfing, basketball and baseball.

Beach Club: situated on a 25-acre freshwater lake. It 580 rooms, adorned with gingham and wicker which is quite charming. Best pool area on Disney property

Boardwalk Inn: Cheery attractive rooms are clustered above an old-fashioned boardwalk, and the action on the waterfront goes on until midnight.

Boardwalk Villas: surroundings recreate the comfortable, relaxed atmosphere reminiscent of the Atlantic seaside resorts of a bygone era.

Caribbean Beach: The buildings are referred to as 'islands' and are each painted in a different vibrant color scheme

Contemporary: . Its 15-story, A-Frame tower and two three-story garden wings offer more than 1,000 rooms, a beautiful new lobby, and a variety of restaurants, lounges, shops, and onsite recreation.

Coronado Springs: has Spanish tiled roofs, adobe walls, and a pool area complete with a Mayan temple.

Disney Institute: Designed for large families, or families that want some room to spread out. These villas are far from the maddening crowd, back behind Downtown Disney

Dixie Landings: This down home themed resort is meticulously cared for. With a Steamboat-shaped lobby, general stores run by gingham-clad girls in braids, and Ol' Man Island, a swimming area based on the Disney film, Song of the South.

Fort Wilderness Campground and Homes: The wide-open spaces are a relief for families who would love to let the kids run around and explore

Grand Floridian: Modeled after the famed Florida beach resorts of the 1800's and possibly the prettiest of all the Disney Hotels. Disney Flagship Hotel

Old Key West: Key West-inspired Disney's Old Key West Resort with it's brightly colored fun and invigorating atmosphere in the turn-of-the-century. DVC units.

Polynesian: Guests will immerse themselves in lush tropical gardens, soothing sandy beaches...even a cascading indoor waterfall atrium. Supposedly the best concierge service of all Disney resorts.

Port Orleans: The charm and romance of the French Quarter is captured at this hotel. Sister resort to Dixie Landings

Wilderness Lodge: refreshing interiors are Northwest-themed, and at the center of the lobby is a massive, three-sided stone fireplace. The theme of the Wilderness Lodge extends into every aspect of the hotel's design - the pool begins as a hot spring and then flows into a meandering creek, culminating with a waterfall into the rocky caverns of the outdoor pool

Yacht Club: 635 room resort is very elegant. It is a perfect balance of homey, lovely and luxury. Sister resort to the Beach Club.

Much more information on these resorts can be found on the site at the following link:

www.disneyzone.net/resortbios.htm

Have fun Choosing a Resort!

Road Warrior

By Stu

The scene opens in a small, dark hotel room. The digital clock quietly changes to 3:04am leaving the middle aged couple and their two kids undisturbed. Suddenly the silence is broken by a loud ring! The man in the bed reaches over and picks up the receiver on the night stand: "yea...", " 3 minutes of chatter back and forth.. By this time the man has raised to standing position... "OK, I'll check it out and call you back.." His wife rubs her eyes and says "Can't they live without you for one lousy week!"

Does this sound like someone you know? Your husband, wife, significant other? Or worse, is this you? Unfortunately, this was me... In today's 24/7 business world, vacations, or for that matter, a good nights sleep isn't always possible. If you're having trouble getting your partner to commit to a Disney World vacation, have them read this.

It's fairly easy to stay connected on your Disney World vacation. Here's the finer points that I found while I was there.

Pager: There are several pager companies that will provide you with a digital pager on a weekly basis. I used a business pager rental company recommended by the Beach Club resort. They delivered it right to the hotel room for me within an hour of my arrival. This allowed our office to contact me if I was out of cell range.

Speaking of cellular: Reception was pretty good in all the parks... No worse than Los Angeles.

Of course, you can't get any reception on the rides... But that's why you got the pager right! So if your worried about



having to find pay phones in the parks because of bad reception, DON'T. I use Verizon and have a national plan.

Hotel Phones: What can I say, I had no problems attaching and maintaining data connections on the hotel phones. If you're a road warrior that needs to check your E-mail and access computers from anywhere, you'll find an easy and clean connection from your room. Just unplug the phone, and plug your modem connection right into the jack! I used a Compu-Serve account to access the internet, and from there, I could get anywhere I needed on a local call.

Major ISPs like Prodigy, Earthlink and AOL have hundreds of access numbers, so if you use one of them, just find the local number for Orlando. You will be charged \$0.75 for each call, but no toll charges.

Transportation to your stuff: If you're like me and have to get into the network in a hurry when needed. Plan an hour of travel time from the parks back to a Disney Resort Guest room.

In the worst case: Flights out of Orlando average about every two hours non stop to major cities. This puts you only a few hours away from the problem if you absolutely have to be there to take care of it.

All this said and done—it is not impossible to take care of business while on a family vacation at Disney World!

Just a note: If you're not used to lugging a laptop around the country, make sure you practice a little before you leave the loving arms of your companies IT staff. Make sure you can really send and receive your E-mail before you end up 2000 miles away from the guy at corporate that set it up for you... Even the best IT guy goof's up.

Kids' Views of Disney World

By Alexa (unedited)

We went to Disney World last May and had the most fun time ever. My family has 3 kids. I am Alexa and I am 10, I have a brother Alec who is 10 too, and a sister Adriana who is 5. We stayed in a hotel called Port Orleans and we could watch the river from near our room. My favorite theme park was Animal Kingdom cuz I love animals. Alec liked Disney Studios because he likes roller coasters and Adriana liked Magic Kingdom because of the castle. We liked eating at the Cape May café because they have allot of kid type food. My most favorite ride was Space Mountain. Alec liked Rocking Roller Coaster and Adriana liked the Pooh ride which is a cute ride. I cant wait to go there again but we prolly wont because it cost allot of money.

By Nick

I think it would be cool if I woke up one morning and my mom told me we were going to Disney World. But then that night my mom would have to pack all night to keep it a secret. My mom didn't keep it a secret from us, she told us a long time before we went. It made it seem like forever before we got to go and I think it would be better to have it as a surprise. Some good ways to surprise your kids with a trip would be:

- to have a limo come to pick you up and take you to the airport and don't tell the kids where you are going.
- Get everyone shirts that say "We're going to Disney World" and put them out to wear one morning
- You could give your kid some Disney dollars for allowance and then they would ask what they were for.

I hope next time my mom doesn't tell us so far ahead so we wont have to wait so long. I hope she makes it a surprise for us.

September Chat Room Schedule

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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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Would you like to help host one of Disneyzone's chats? Only an hour or so, once a week commitment is needed. You must be friendly and love Disney! Contact: kimmi@disneyzone.net

Avalonedge's Restaurant Review

I went to a character breakfast at the **Crystal Palace** in early July, 2000, with my 20-year old son, his 20-year-old girlfriend, and my 14-year-old son. We had a great time. Our time for the breakfast was scheduled for 10:40 a.m., and we knew it was the last reservation of the morning. We sort of expected the staff to be rushing us out of there as soon as we got to shake Tigger's hand and wolf down some breakfast. We were pleasantly surprised.

The food, typical Disney buffet breakfast fare, was still fresh and hot, even at this last one in the morning time. We were able to choose from a vast array of sizzling sausages, cold fruit, freshly made omelets with your choice of ingredients, a huge assortment of fresh pastries, bread and rolls, and the usual cold and hot cereals. I enjoyed the attention paid by the buffet "designers" to providing low-fat, high-fiber foods to start the day.

I know that my sons and oldest son's girl friend loved the sausages and pancakes. We all managed to sneak a couple of Mickey waffles from the kids' area - along with most of the other adults in the dining room, from the look

of many of the plates on other tables.

I enjoyed watching the chefs make a dizzying assortment of omelets. People would ask them to include all sorts of ingredients - some of them left wondering if the final result would be very edible. But the chefs gave them whatever they requested. Their **service with a smile** approach was repeated by all of the staff at the Crystal Palace. Our waitress, a very nice lady, went out of her way to keep us from feeling rushed, even telling us once that we could stay as long as we wanted. The coffee and orange juice kept coming. So did our trips to the buffet bar.

The only downside was that the characters were going on break so we didn't get to spend as much time with them as we would have liked. MY oldest son LOVES Tigger, and didn't get to shake his hand or hug him. But his girlfriend got to hug her favorite, Piglet. I must say that the people inside the suits were loving and caring, never denying any little ones a hug or an autograph.

In summary, this character experience was as good as our past ones at Chef Mickey's. I suggest you go there early in the morning. Call 407-WDW-DINE for reservations!

Travel Poll

There is a Poll on the DZ Resort Biographies Page on the site. In August it asked how many hours, by plane, you are away from Disney World

Here are the results :

Less than 2 hrs: 11%
2-4 hours: 52%
4-6 hours: 15%
6-10 hours: 12%
More than 10 hrs: 10%

We'll have a new Poll for September! It is fun to see what others say.

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Scrapbooking Section Now Online

Disneyzone has added a new section to the site—DZ Scrapbooking! This section of the site is for all of the creative scrapbookers out there.

Whether you already make albums, or would like to start, this is a great area to check out!

There are articles to read with some great advice, links to other sites having to do with scrapbooking, and TONS of great sample pages to get you inspired!

As far as I am aware of, this is the first Scrapbooking Site dedicated to ONLY DISNEY!

Everyone takes photos on their vacations—but how many of you actually put them into a album, and journal what each photo represents, to help capture those memories for years to come?

Scrapbooking is just that—its telling the story of your vacation

through photographs, memorabilia, words and more! There are no limits to the things you can do. We hope to make this portion of the site so full of great



ideas, and advice that people will visit often and share their ideas with others!

Thanks to Scrapbooking Professional, Tara, this Scrapbooking section has already become quite popular with visitors on the site, and its been up only a couple of weeks.

Be sure to check out the layout samples! If you have any pages that you have made, that you would like included on the site, please email info@disneyzone.net and we'll work out how to send the pages!

Visit the Scrapbooking DZ Style Today! www.disneyzone.net/

Fun Contests

Last month we had a Hidden Mickeys Search Contest. Many people participated and one lucky winner won a great prize!

Alice Markey from Tyler, Texas won a copy of Disney's Magic Artist Software!.

A new contest will be starting SOON—so check the site often!

Contest Page:

www.disneyzone.net—
click on the contest link!

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winning a great prize!
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