

Our Golfing Vacation at Disney World

We just returned from Disney World, a birthday trip for our son. It was not a typical Disney vacation for us this time, however. My 18 year old son is an avid golfer and his wish was to play golf every day during our vacation. We decided to do just that. Here are comparisons of the courses, from our perspective, our opinions:

Magnolia Golf Course, our favorite of the Disney courses. The greens were beautifully manicured, not a brown patch of grass anywhere to be seen. The course design was great, too. It was interesting and no two holes were the same. We enjoyed the landscaping, and even saw an alligator in one area! It was a relatively tough course, the hazards were positioned to eat up many of our balls. Play moved smoothly and we only had to wait at one tee. The people in the pro shop were great, we rented clubs. They had many great sets to choose from. We felt the price for green fees

and cart was fair, and enjoyed this course a lot!! If you can only play once - play at Magnolia Golf Course!

Second Favorite was **Osprey Ridge**. Another gorgeous course! Spectacular actually! The course was meticulously manicured, and seemed like we were the first to ever play on it! We were very impressed. The course was challenging and had some really hard water holes! We hit it at a time when there were very few crowds. We heard that this course sometimes gets backed up, but we had no delays. We felt this course was a little overpriced, but thoroughly enjoyed it.

Next is **Eagle Pines**. In my opinion, not quite as pretty a course as Magnolia or Osprey Ridge, but play was fun. It was not as challenging, but had some really fun layouts and the course was in great condition. We were delayed at probably half the holes, but it wasn't terrible. We rented clubs here, too, not as

nice of a selection, but still got some great clubs. Price was higher than Magnolia but not as high as Osprey Ridge.

The last course we played was **Palm Course**. It was fun, the course itself was nice. Scenic course with more alligators! The play was very slow, which got aggravating after a while. We played this course on a hot day, and with the wait we really just didn't enjoy it much. It is unfair to judge the course based on these factors. It is a pretty course, the greens were nice, the layout and design of the holes was good, and we felt we got our moneys worth. This was the most inexpensive course we tried.

We hope to return in a couple years and do the golf tour again. We didn't get to play all the courses in the area, so we can try some of the others next time!
***Tip:** If you are a Disney Club member you may get a 20% discount on green fees - so mention it when you get your tee time!

Visit the Message Boards!

The boards are one of the most popular places on DZ. You can post questions/answers and advice. Or just hang around and make some new Friends!
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Early Entry is Back

Disney has brought back the Early Entry privileges for Disney resort guests!

It's a great way to get in some park time prior to scheduled park opening times. You can get quite a bit done in that time!

The schedule is as follows:

Sunday - Magic Kingdom

Monday - Animal Kingdom

Tuesday - MGM

Wed - Epcot

Thur - Magic Kingdom

Fri - Animal Kingdom

Sat - MGM

Pass the Good News Around to all your Disney friends!

Restaurant Reviews

We need more reviews! Have you been to Disney World recently and would like to share your restaurant experiences with DZ readers?

There is no set format, just type up your review and email it to us. We try to get all reviews in the newsletters, but we cannot guarantee when they will appear.

Please include as much detail as possible, and if you have a photo you would like included, send it as an attachment (.jpg or .gif only). Email your review to: reviews@disneyzone.net

You will receive a confirmation email stating that we have received your review.

Message Boards are Great!

For those of us that receive the monthly DZ Newsletter, don't forget to visit the DZ Message Boards. The DZ boards are fun filled and informative. It is a great way to 'meet' new people and gain new friends. Everyone is friendly and have one thing in common *DISNEY!*

After my first visit to DZ...I was hooked. I now visit the boards throughout the day. They really are a great place to visit, post opinions, and gain information. This is a very friendly board and when posting you must remember that opinions are like noses...everyone has one.

That's the nice thing about the DZ forums...you are able to really become familiar with the moderators and posters. This makes posts mean something to the reader. So, for fun, information, and questions check out the DZ Message Boards.

Going to WDW Every Year - are We nuts?

Dear DZ:

My family goes to Disney World or Disneyland at least once every 12-15 months. I find that its not really enough. My friends think we are nuts. I just cant get enough of the Disney magic. My kids are 8 and 10 and they love it too. We stay at a different resort each time, try different restaurants each time, and always make sure to see a new show or new parade each trip. We have been there 8 times and still have so much we have not done or seen. I was wondering if there is a disney-aholics anonymous anywhere that we could join? I am kidding but there should be such a thing because I am sure we are not the only ones this crazy about Disney! Our next trip is planned for December and I cannot contain my excitement anymore. I will write a very long and detailed trip report for the site! Thank you DZ for allowing me to share my Disney joy! - Ellen

Would you like to write an article for a future newsletter? It is simple! Just make sure its about Disney, and about your personal experience or opinion. We love restaurant reviews, resort reviews, planning advice, kids articles, money saving ideas, time saving tips, etc.

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We Just Got Back!!!

Just returned on Saturday, October 26th from a magical journey to Walt Disney World. My husband, daughter (8 yo) and I were joined for the 1st 4 days by my parents, celebrating their 41st anniversary.

We stayed at Port Orleans-French Quarter, which we loved! It is a beautiful resort, and the most convenient in terms of location and size, of the other moderates in which we have stayed. The bus service was great... never had to wait more than 10 minutes for a bus anywhere, and the ferry to Port Orleans Riverside, which runs every 15 minutes from 9-9:30, made not having a full service restaurant no hassle at all. We found we preferred the food court at French Quarter to that at Riverside, (but Riverside's is undergoing a rehab).

We used both the Riverside and French Quarter Pools, and found both to be very nice. They are putting in a new slide at the Riverside pool, but the old one was still in operation. They did have the pool sectioned off under the bridge, allowing the kids to play in one side, while the adults had the other, deeper side. The new slide will enter the deeper side, and may be why it was partitioned off.

We went to all of the main parks while we were there, and had a great time. The parks were not really crowded, and using the fastpasses, we bypassed the standby lines, although, most

were no more than 30 minutes long. We did use early entry in both the Magic Kingdom and MGM, and were able to get a lot done in that time. It is nice they brought it back, although, it didn't look to be utilized to its fullest.

We attended the Mickey's Not So Scary Halloween Party and had a blast! My husband was a pirate (we had to ride Pirates of the Caribbean to make sure his costume was correct earlier that day) and I was a gypsy. Our daughter was Minnie Mouse. My parents went as Mousekateers... I had two button down the front, Mousekateer bowling shirts from the Disney Store that they wore, with Mouse ears with their names on the backs. They looked great, and got lots of nice compliments.

We really loved the parade, with the Headless Horseman leading the way. The lines for the rides were really short, but were long for most of the Halloween activities. I most enjoyed seeing the kids all dressed up in their costumes.... there were so many little Minnie's, Belle's, and Cinderellas, not to mention Buzz Lightyears! It was well worth the extra admission!

We did go to the Food and Wine Festival, which was really nice! I recommend going during the week! It was not nearly as

crowded as on Saturday! Since we had our daughter with us, we didn't have an opportunity to go to any of the seminars. She did enjoy doing the Kidcot stations at each of the lands, and now has a new appreciation of Epcot!

The weather was beautiful. We only had 2 times that it rained. One was late on Wednesday afternoon... and it rained for the rest of the evening, and the other was around 10:30 on Friday evening. I felt sorry for everyone who had gone to the MNSSHP on that night, as it poured. It threatened rain on Thursday, and I understand that Orlando had flooding, but we barely got a drop!

We ate at many great restaurants, so I will write reviews separately for those. Of particular note were the 1900 Park Faire Character Breakfast, 50's Prime Time Cafe, 'Ohana, and Narcoosee's. Cape May Cafe Clam Bake lived up to its usual high standard as well.

To sum it up, we had a great time, and wouldn't hesitate to visit again in October...great weather, manageable crowds, the Food and Wine Festival and Mickey's Not So Scary Halloween Party.... what's not to like?

Michelle R.
Suffolk, VA

Michelle is an active member of our message board community. She has shared more details from her trip on the boards. Come read them!

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Kids' Views

My twins are 3. I asked them a few questions about our past trip and these are their replies:

What was your favorite ride at WDW?

Mac: Budz Lightyear. Oh yeah that was fun.

AJ: Monorail, in the front.

Where was the best food?

Mac: McDonalds near the Lego store

AJ: Place where we got our pizza on a big tray and daddy had to carry it all by himself. Remember that place by Space Mountain?

What was the best part about our hotel (Port Orleans Riverside)?

Mac: Lizards

AJ: slide pool and sodas near your room

What was the worst part of our vacation?

Mac: falling down when I was running on the wet bridge

AJ: coming home

I hope you enjoyed their answers. Like AJ I didnt want to come home. I wrote a journal when we came home and I have tons of questions and replies from the kids. Fun to read now that we are home!

Contests...

DZ has FREE contests going on. The one going on right now is a very easy one. All you have to do is tell us what you are thankful for ... with a twist :) The prize is a hard-to-find Disney Photomosaics book.

Visit the site at www.disneyzone.net and as soon as the new contest starts, you will be able click on the link to the contest page!

Donations of prizes are always welcome. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact us! prizes@disneyzone.net

Happy Birthday to . . .

Erin, Kristin-10, Josey-38, Leo-61, Ann, Shane, Ryan-2, Cameron-40, Mari-48, Pauline, Steven, Chris, Bradley, DJ-6, Courtney-3, Justin, Alexander-8, Molly, Randy-31, Sara, Daniel-11, Kyle-18, Victoria, Isabella-1, and Jason.

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