



## Visit the Message Boards!

One of the most popular sections on DZ just happens to be the Message Boards! You can post questions/answers/advice or just hang around and read what others say! We have a very friendly, helpful group on the boards! Give it a try...

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Happy  
Valentines Day!



From everyone at  
DZ :)

## Interesting Facts about Disney!

By Tony

I have compiled a list of interesting facts that I would like to share.

### Dedication Plaque says:

WALT DISNEY WORLD is a tribute to the philosophy and life of Walter Elias Disney . . . and to the talents, the dedication, and the loyalty of the entire Disney organization that made Walt Disney's dream come true. May Walt Disney World bring Joy and Inspiration and New Knowledge to all who come to this happy place . . . a Magic Kingdom where the young at heart of all ages can laugh and play and learn together.

### Size of the parks:

Entire property is 47 square miles, 30,000 acres! Most is not developed! Magic Kingdom is 107 acres  
Epcot is 300 acres  
Disney MGM is only 54 acres  
Animal Kingdom is a whopping 600 acres

### Disney Weddings

Disney's Wedding Pavilion was designed to provide the bride with a view of the Magic Kingdom's Cinderella Castle while she is standing at the altar.

### Popping the Question

Disney offers nine different Engagement event packages. They all include an exclusive private romantic setting, Cinderella glass slipper, a bouquet of red roses, sparkling cider or champagne and chocolate truffles. Great idea.

### Mickey Watches

There are over 200 designs of Mickey Mouse watches available at any given time.

### Costumes

Mickey has over 175 different costumes and Minnie has over 200!

### Employment

Disney employs approximately 50,000 people! It's the largest employer in Florida!

### Food

More than 46 million Cokes are consumed each year at Walt Disney World Resort. 7 million hamburgers, 5 million hot dogs, 5 million pounds of French fries and 265,000 pounds of popcorn.

### Food Production

More than 30 tons of fruits and veggies are harvested from The Land pavilion's greenhouses each year. Several Epcot restaurants serve these fruits and vegetables!

### Tree of Life in Animal Kingdom

Over 325 animals are carved on the Tree of Life and over 100,000 leaves were individually placed on the branches.

### Rock N Roller Coaster Limos

They are launched from 0-60 mph in 2.8 blurring seconds -- similar to the feeling of sitting atop a supersonic F-14 Tomcat as it blasts off the deck of an aircraft carrier.

## Theme Park Hours

Theme Park Hours will be omitted from the DZ News for the next few months, or until Disney goes back to a regular schedule.

Park hours are being released about a week or 2 ahead of time. I suggest calling (407) WDISNEY prior to your trip to get current hours for the parks! You can also check their site:

[www.disneyworld.com](http://www.disneyworld.com)

## Tips for Families with Small Kids

More Tips from Allison

I have been to Disney World 4 times in the past 3 years with my family. We have small children and I have been there pregnant, too. So I have a lot of tips to share.

We are in the midst of planning a trip for this summer. I was discussing things with my husband and kids. They are really too young to understand most of it, but my son was intently listening to all the details I was discussing. We talked about hotels, and flying down, and where we would like to eat. My son didn't really say a word, just listened. I had said that I wanted to write a list of requests to the hotel this time. My husband agreed. Then my darling son piped up that he, too, wanted to write a letter!

I had him dictate his letter to me, and I typed it up for him. Here is the letter that my 6 year old son wrote to Disney just last week. I thought it was so cute that you might like to read it.

Dear Mickey Mouse.

I am coming to visit you in the summer and I want you to make it not so hot. I want you to make it not so crowded so we don't have to wait in really long lines for all the good rides. I want you to let us have a good hotel with a good pool and a hotel room that has room to play on the floor with my toys. I don't want to go on the airplane but we have to. Dad wants to have dinner at your place again so we can see you and take a picture with you. Thank you that you made a really good place for us to come in the summer. Mommy is going to write a letter too so make sure you open it. See you soon.

I think I am going to make this a new tradition, have each of the kids write a note prior to the trip and then a thank you note after we return home! I will keep copies, of course!

More next time.....

## CHAT with Us!

**Come Chat!!!**

The Chat room is up and running again and we have a brand new night for chat!

**Each Wednesday and Saturday, at 9pm EST** there will be a moderated chat. The topic is, what else? Disney Vacations! Come spend an hour or so chatting with other Disney lovers! We have a very friendly group that visits chat, and everyone is welcome!

The link to the chat room is: [www.disneyzone.net/chat.htm](http://www.disneyzone.net/chat.htm)

See you there!!!

## Restaurant Review

By Kay

I must tell you about our wonderful experience at the Hollywood and Vine brunch. We didn't make any PS for that day, just decided to do what sounded good. Walked over to H&V and they were able to sit us right away. The place was about 3/4 full. We were seated right near the food, which was great. They have a nice buffet. It was a late breakfast meal so they offered many typical breakfast foods. Pancakes, waffles, french toast, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, fruit, bagels, pastries, cereal and things like that. Everything was fresh tasting and they kept the buffet well stocked. It wasn't the food that made the meal so special however.

Not that it wasn't tasty, it was good. But the service we received was fabulous! Our waitress, Ann, as the most attentive, fun, and nice person ever. She saw my picky daughter standing by the food indecisively and she actually went over and helped her choose and get her food. She made my son 'Pluto Chocolate Milk' the same kind Pluto drinks! She just went over and beyond any expectations. We ended up leaving her about a 40% tip! This was the meal my kids remember the most from the entire trip. More than Chef Miceys, more than Crystal Palace!

You just never know which restaurant will have the most 'Magic'

## We Celebrated a Birthday or Two!

"A Magical Honeymoon"  
By Appen

**I want to take just** a moment to share a few very special memories, and hopefully some helpful tips, with you.

**I would like to start by wishing my husband, Brandon, a very Happy 1st Anniversary!** We were married February 24, 2001, in our hometown of Knoxville, Tennessee. We spent our first week as husband and wife at Walt Disney World! It was wonderful! We stayed 6 nights at the Caribbean Beach Resort in the Jamaica section. It was the perfect resort for us because Brandon also wanted to spend some time at the beach. The atmosphere at the Caribbean Beach was a perfect solution for us. The beach hammocks are heavenly and not to be missed.

**One of the most exciting things** we did while at Disney World was to parasail with Sammy Duvall's Watersports at the Contemporary Resort. I planned that as a surprise for Brandon and I am so glad we did it. We got to experience some awesome views of the whole "World". I would definitely recommend taking a waterproof camera to capture the view. We also spent a day at Typhoon Lagoon just relaxing. It was so peaceful to ride the lazy river and fall asleep in the sun.

**Our Dining Experiences** While at Walt Disney World, we enjoyed 2 character breakfasts - one at Chef Mickey's at the Contemporary Resort and one at Cinderella's Royal Table in the Magic Kingdom - and a special

dinner at The California Grill on top of the Contemporary Resort. Chef Mickey's was such a fun place to eat and the all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet was great. All the characters visited us right at our table and made for some very special pictures. The second character breakfast, at Cinderella's Royal Table, was magical. The food was good and plentiful. Our server brought over a certificate



proclaiming that it was a very special day because we were celebrating our honeymoon. All of the characters signed it and had their pictures made with us. Our special dinner was our last night and we ate at The California Grill. Brandon & I are not "food experts", but we ate enough to know that the food at the Grill was exquisite, as was the service. The observation deck from the Grill was one of the best views we had of the Castle at night. We watched the fireworks and after eating spent some time

watching the Castle change colors.

**There is so much** I could say, but I will try to keep it short. If you are considering a Disney honeymoon - Go for it!! And if you are already planning a Disney trip - Get informed. There is so much to do at Disney that it would take weeks to do it all. It is good to have a plan and know what your "must-do list" consists of before you go. But be flexible and enjoy the time you have. My husband and I used several websites and guidebooks to get informed. Disneyzone.net is the perfect place to get your questions answered. The wealth of knowledge that comes from just everyday people is the best advice one can find. Another website, [www.mousesavers.com](http://www.mousesavers.com), is an excellent site to find information about discounts. The guidebook that we used - "Walt Disney World for Couples, with or without kids" by Rick & Gayle Perlmutter - is one of the best I have seen on the market. This couple has traveled to Disney several times and stayed in all of the resorts and ate at most of the restaurants. There book lists several romantic things to do while at Disney and has tons of information to plan the perfect getaway.

**I wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day** and Good Luck planning your "Magical Vacation". Please feel free to e-mail me with questions or comments [Browneyz8@msn.com](mailto:Browneyz8@msn.com).

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Calling all kids—here is the place where YOU can share your disney experiences, or talk about disney, or ask questions about Disney!

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We get many emails commenting on how much people enjoy reading what kids have to say!

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### Happy Birthday to:

Tim, 11, Colin, 3, Josh, 11, Michael, 2, Ray, Lisa, Christian, 4, Brad, Sharon, Diane  
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Please send me an email and list the following items:

Favorite Disney Theme Park  
Favorite Disney Restaurant  
Favorite Disney Character  
Favorite Disney Movie  
Favorite Disney Song  
Reason why Disney is a great vacation spot!

Send to [kimmi@disneyzone.net](mailto:kimmi@disneyzone.net) and in the title of the email put .. My favorites!

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