



Warm Weather Tips!

Summer is upon us and that means that many families are heading to Disney World for their vacations. With summer's warm weather comes special advice for those visiting during this time.

My name is Kathleen and I am a Disney veteran. I have been to Disney World 14 times in the past 9 years. Kimmi asked me to write an article about how to handle the heat of Florida during the summertime.

First of all you must understand that there is no way to avoid the heat, but there are many strategies to keep yourself from overheating. Depending on the time of summer, you can have temperatures in the 80s or the 90s for the most part. What really makes it miserable is the humidity. The higher the humidity, the hotter it feels.

Florida does have rain most days during the latter part of summer. The rain usually

doesn't last long, and it comes late afternoon/early evening. If you plan for it, it really won't put a damper on your vacation. Bring light rain ponchos. You can buy them for just a couple dollars at places like Walmart. Look in the camping section.

Here are some ways to stay comfortable. First of all, and most importantly - drink lots of water! It is very easy to get dehydrated. So that is my first tip to you, drink lots of water. By the time you feel thirsty, your body is on its way to dehydration. The water in Florida tastes odd to some people. Bottled water is readily available!

Also during very warm days it is very important to set aside time to cool off. Disney has tons of cool areas. Just step inside a store, go into the shade, experience an inside ride or attraction. Most people who end up with heat stroke are those who stay out in the heat all day. You must

try to cool off.

Another great thing to do is hit the parks first thing in the morning, as soon as they open. Then as the day heats up, leave and go back to your hotel to relax and cool off, go swimming, or take a nap! Then as it cools in the evening, head back to the parks.

Wear light colored clothes, a hat to block your face from the sun, and change socks often. Light colored clothes will keep you cooler. The hat will help keep your head/face and neck shaded a bit. It may sound odd, but just putting on a fresh pair of socks will invigorate your feet! If you wear sandals, don't forget to put on sunscreen every few hours, on your body and your feet. Sunburned feet really hurt.

With just a little planning and a hot weather strategy, you will be fine and enjoy your days so much more! Happy Planning!

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!
www.disneyzone.net/boards.htm

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Theme Park Hours

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

Park hours are being released a few weeks ahead of time, but are subject to change without notice.

We suggest you call Disney (407)WDISNEY a week or so before your trip, to verify hours of operation for the parks. You can also check their website:
www.disneyworld.com

July E-Ticket nights are scheduled for the following nights: 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30

Random Tips from DZ Visitors

Eddie, NJ - When you call to make your priority reservation be sure to tell the person if you are celebrating any special occasions. They note it on your reservation and then they may do something special for you. We got a birthday card, signed by some characters, and a tray of little candies delivered to our table while a few of the waitresses sang Happy Birthday.

Tina - Always bring lots of film. Last trip we brought 12 rolls for our 7 day trip. After day 4 we ran out and had to buy it there. It cost a lot more buying it there. So just bring extra, if you don't use it all you can use it at home. Same thing with batteries!

Laura & Kyle - if you want to get engaged at Disney there are tons of special services available. My husband proposed to me in a gorgeous area by the castle. We got a glass slipper with the date engraved on it. They took a video, too. It was a wonderful experience!

Sharon, NY - make a reservation early. You can always change it later if you get a better deal. Don't wait to the last minute and then not have the hotel you want available.

Ashley, TX. My tip is to bring lots of shiny pennies for the penny pinching machines. These are great souvenirs and they are cheap. 1 penny and 2 quarters for each one. They have hundreds of these machines spread out all over the place. Half the fun is finding the machines. My kids were having a great time finding the machines and collecting the pinched pennies. We brought the small black film containers to keep them in so they wouldn't be lost.

Restaurant Reviews

Our very favorite restaurant at Disney World is the Liberty Tree Tavern. We visit each time we are lucky enough to go. My twin boys look forward to it, and always ask if we are eating there. The character interaction is some of the best of all the character meals. We have been there a total of 4 times and have always felt like the characters at their dinner meal always spend plenty of time with us. They interact with the kids, play around with them, pose for

endless photos, and are cheerful about it.

The food is brought out to your table, which is really nice. You sit and relax and they keep bringing food. The food is similar to a Thanksgiving Spread. They have several meats, a salad, veggies, mac & cheese, breads, mashed potatoes, and the best desserts ever!

Try this restaurant if you can get a reservation!

Send your tips to us at
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Choosing The Best Resort

In your quest for the best resort, what is it that you look for? What is the most important thing for you?

Is the location of the resort the most important thing? Do you want to be able to hop the monorail, or walk to Epcot, or take a boat to Downtown Disney? Certain resorts offer these things.

Is price the determining factor? With discounts, without discounts, what is the importance of price? All Stars are inexpensive, and the Grand Floridian is quite expensive! Do you splurge and go for a deluxe, or save your money for souvenirs and things, and go with an All Star?

Is the resorts theming important to you? Do you like the Polynesian for its tropical feel? Or the Contemporary for its modernish appeal? Do you like the Mansions at Port Orleans Riverside? Or would you rather have a camping experience? There are many choices, sometimes its hard to choose.

What about amenities? Are they the most important thing? Do you really want a resort with valet parking? One with a greeter at the door? One where they have a great food

court? Would you rather just sleep in your room and then immediately leave for the parks? If so, then maybe all the 'extras' are not worthwhile for you.

There are so many things to consider. Its no wonder people have such a hard time choosing a resort.

Each family is different, and looks for different things. You could ask 10 people what their favorite resort is, and probably get 10 different replies! The easiest way to determine where to stay is to figure out your budget first, and then compare the resorts that are within your budget. Of those resorts, make your choice.

Sometimes special prices are offered, but they are never a guarantee. Select a resort that you can afford. If you get a better deal on a different resort, then switch your reservation. But dont make a reservation hoping for a discount, what if it doesnt come!?

Good luck figuring out where you would like to stay. Its a tough decision, but no matter which Disney resort you choose, how can you go wrong? You are vacationing at the most wonderful family vacation spot on earth!

Free Contests!

Did you know there are contests on the DZ site? Each month there is a Trivia Contest run on the message boards. RustyScupper asks multiple questions each week, and the first person to answer correctly gets an entry. Then we randomly pick one person each month, as the winner. It's a lot of fun! Check it out on the message boards which are: www.disneyzone.net/boards.htm

There is another monthly contest that runs on the site. It varies each month, but has great prizes and the contests are usually quite easy! Last months contest asked you to tell why Disney is such a great vacation spot. The winner, Kate Blanchfield of Oreana, IL won a Disneyland USA - Walt Disney Treasures DVD in a collectible Tin!

New contest will start any day - so check the site often and maybe you can win a great prize, too!
www.disneyzone.net/contest.htm

DZ accepts donations for prizes for the contests. In return you may put a link on the contest page of the site. For details, please contact us at:
DZcontests@disneyzone.net

Tell you friends about Disneyzone!

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Kids' Views

Hi
Im a kid and I have a view. My name is Steven and I am 14. We just got back from our first trip to Disney World as a family. My parents have been before but not me. We had a great time.

The only drawback was it was alternate lifestyle weekend during our stay. I got quite an education. I didnt mind as much as my parents seemed to. They were afraid I would see something so we had to leave Magic Kingdom that one day. We ended up having a wonderful vacation once my parents lightened up.

We stayed at the Polynesian which is a great hotel. They have an awesome restarant there called O'Hanas. I loved all the parks. They each had some great things. I hope to go back again some day and see all the things we missed during our trip.

New Layout

In case you noticed, the layout is a little different in this issue. I have switched programs to reduce file sizes.

As always, I appreciate your comments.

Send all email to me at:
DZNews@disneyzone.net
or go to the site and submit the form on the contact page!

Got a Tough Question?

We have a staff of experts who love to answer tough Disney questions! If you have a Disney World vacation planning question, please send it to us. Keep our experts busy! Send them to DZNews@disneyzone.net and put "Ask the Experts" for the subject.

Happy Birthday to . . .

Elizabeth, 5, Ashley, Tony, Michael, Mia, 2, Danielle, 6, Rachel, 22, Joshua, 11, Evan, 11, Devin, 5, Ronald, 46, Scott and Louie, Kerry, 31, Jeanne, 34, Douglas, Edwin, Johnny, 11, Vanessa, Lorraine, 40, Dan, Keely, 4, and Annabelle, 1.

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