

Like Disney? Like Animals?

by Mike H.

So you like Disney theme parks. And I hear you like animals. Have I got the place for you! I know you have heard of Animal Kingdom, and maybe have been there. But have you really experienced all it has to offer? I had been there 3 times before I actually 'experienced it'. Here is a summary of the different areas, many that people skip! Im starting in the center -The **Safari Village**. AK is designed in a spoke sort of design, you must enter the center of the park to branch out into the other areas, so this part is well-visited. The Tree of Life is dead-center. My first few trips I just flew past it, on my way to other destinations. Stop and really look at it next time! The carvings are spectacular. I dont know exactly how many animals are depicted, but its incredible to actually sit and look at! Wander around the various trails. The gardens around the tree of life are gorgeous, too. Many plants and animals to enjoy. Dont just run past, take a moment and really

SEE whats there!

When you enter this park, you enter into the **Oasis**. Its beautiful! Most people rush through, and dont really take the time to see all the detail and beauty of it. If you look close enough you will that many animals inhabit this area. There are streams, watervalls, gorgeous flowers, plants, in this lush area.

Ever been to **Africa**, visit the Africa section of AK and you will think you are there. Very realistic looking buildings and trails. The is where you will find the town of Harambe. Authentic feeling atmosphere! Yyou will find the Kilimanjaro Safaris (great ride!) in this area. This ride is very popular -I wont go into detail. One attraction you should not miss, that many do, is the Pagani Forest Exploration Trail. You will walk through a gorgeous aviary, get to see some Hippos in an underwater viewing station, and also see some gorillas, meerkats, and other small animals. Take your time, and watch these animals! When done, take the Wildlife Express to the Conserva-

tion Station! Nice views from this train!

At the **Conservation Station** you will be able to interact with animals and will learn how to protect wildlife. I skipped this my first few trips, not sure why. I really enjoyed it.

Asia is my favorite part of AK. It is simply beautiful. This is where you will find Flights of Wonder (you are sent on a journey where you will see some beautiful birds!), Kali River Rapids (a water ride, popular, so I wont go into details), and my ultimate favorite attraction here - Maharajah Jungle Trek. This is a gorgeous area, very realistic and almost eerie. You are walking through the Forest. Its very lush, and 'cool' inside. You may see a variety of very interesting animals, birds, and reptiles! We saw a Komodo Dragon on our last visit and it was incredible! There is much more to AK, but these are the areas that I found to be so wonderful, the areas that many people never visit! Try them next 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

Wednesday - Epcot

Thursday - Magic Kingdom

Friday - Animal Kingdom

Saturday - MGM

Pass the Good News Around to all your Disney friends!

Restaurant Reviews

The very best place to eat a quick meal at Disney World has to be Beaches and Cream! Its located at the Yacht and Beach Club, back by the Stormalong Bay pool. They have wonderful burgers/hot dogs, onion rings & fries. All the typical burger place stuff - but the reason to go there is for the desserts! Their ice cream sundaes are to die for! We make special trips over there, at least 3 or 4 times each trip just for ice cream! There's just the two of us, but if you have more people, order the Kitchen Sink - its a HUGE sundae. It looks delicious! We dont want to spend \$20 and then waste it, but we may give and and try one soon! -Peg & Marshall

I know that you usually put in reviews that people have written. I want to request a review for the new Princess Character Meal. We have already done breakfast in Cinderella's castle and I am looking for something new. Can you post my request in the newsletter so someone can write a detailed report about it. Thank you,
Michele R.

How We Chose the Polynesian

by Jeanine W.

For weeks I weighed the positives and negatives of each of the deluxe resorts at Disney World. We had always stayed at the All Stars, which we love, but we wanted something more this trip.

I made a large poster that I put on our dining room table.

Listed each of the deluxe resorts. Printed out a photo of each and put it on the poster. Then I scoured websites searching for people's trip reports and comments about the resorts.

Based on these comments, and things I personally had seen, experienced, or imagined for each resort I made a list for positive and negatives of the amenities, location, room size and things like that.

Then I got some real costs. I called and acted like I was

making a reservation for each. The same days, views, and tried to get a discount.

I then gave point amounts to the various items on the list, based on what was most important to me. Location and views were important, so those items were worth more points.

The Yacht & Beach Club and the Polynesian Resort tied in points! So now what? After reading the boards on DZ I saw that the Polynesian had some specials running with a

code. So that made up our mind. It ended up being about \$500 cheaper staying at the Polynesian vs. the Yacht & Beach Club.

We had a wonderful experience at the Polynesian and would love to stay there again.

My method might seem a little intense and involved, but it worked!



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.

E-mail: kimmi@disneyzone.net or submit via the contact page on the site: www.disneyzone.net/contact.htm

What are DZ Visitors Thankful For??

Our current contest asked people what they to make a name Acrostic - choose a Disney character and for each letter of their name, list something to describe that character. You guys are coming up with some great ones! There's still time to enter the contest - visit: www.disneyzone.net/contest.htm Here are a few of the entries so far (One per character - there are about 20 entries for Figment so far - he is the most popular character for these, I guess!):

Angelic voice
Red hair
Intelligent mind
Energetic spirit
Looking for a new world
-Suzanne in MA

Deliciously Fun
Only the Best
Never Fails to Entertain
Always Fun
Lovable
Ducky -Roy in MD

Terrific friend
Intriguing
Great
Genuine
Endearing
Ready for fun! -Sherri in TX

Funloving
Intelligent
Gregarious
My favorite character!
Energetic
Never fails to make me smile!
Terrific -Kim in SD

Great pal
Original charecter
One nice guy
Funny
Young at heart -Lenora in TX

Sensitive
Nurturing
Organizer
Wishing

White skin
Happy
Innocent
Tender
Easily fooled -Renee in ME

Pink
Intelligent
Groovey
Great
Lovable
Excited
Too cute! -Tami in MD

Monsters
Inc
Keeps my kids
Entertained

With
Awesome
Zaniness and
Out of this
World
Scarers who
Know the power of
Imagination -Erin in WI

Grouchy
Respected
Upstanding
Matter-of-fact
Powerful
Youthful - Mike in NY

Delightful
Always smiling
Innocent
Sweet
Yearns for Donald - Bev in GA

Willing to help his friends
Insatiable
Nice
Neighborly, especially to Rabbit
In the mood, for food
Eats lots of honey

That silly ole bear
Honest
Exremely cuddly

Piglets best friend
Only the the coolest bear ever
Off to find honey
Huggable
- Debora in Bridgeport

Magical
Atrocious
Loathsome
Evil
Foul
Immoral
Corrupt
Envious
Nefarious
Treacherous -Dawn in TX

Beautiful
Elegant
Lovely
Ladylike
Enchanting - Carol in CA

Pine Made
Incessant Liar
Nose Grows
Only wants to be a real boy
Cleo's friend
Cute
Has a Blue Fairy
Innocence lost
Out of the whale -Steve in CO

Sorry I couldn't list them all!

Tell you friends about Disneyzone!

They can get their own copy of the DZ News emailed to them each month. All they have to do is go to the site and register. They will automatically be put on the list. If you would rather, you may print it out or just forward it!

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DZ Kids

My family went to disneyworld a few months ago and had a good vacation there. It is a good place to have your vacation because there is so much you can do. The hotels are very big and very pretty and have restaurants inside them. The parks are the best because no matter if you like roller coasters you can have fun. They even have rides for babies. I think old people would like the baby rides too. They have good snacks that you can buy in the parks. Snack maker people park all over and have stuff you can buy so you wont go hungry at disneyworld unless you dont bring any money. I had fun with my brothers and even with my mom and dad too. We woke up early every day and stayed up real late every day and just went to parks all day and went swimming once. It was not very hot so we didnt swim too many times. My dad liked the pool because there was a bar right there where he could drink beer and watch the baseball games. My mom always did laundry when we went swimming because she doesnt like us to wear dirty clothes. I want this to be put in the newsletter please.
- Adam, 11 years old from Rochester, NY

Everyone at Disneyzone
Wishes You and Yours a Very Happy,
Healthy and Prosperous 2003!!!

Contests...

DZ has FREE contests going on. The one going on right now is a fun one. Choose a Disney character - choose a word for each letter that describes something about them.

Contest Page: www.disneyzone.net/contest.htm - play and you could win a cool prize!

We are depleting our pile of prizes. Donations of Disney-related prizes are always welcome. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact us! prizes@disneyzone.net - You get some advertising on the site in exchange for your donation!

Happy Birthday to . . .

Gary -61, Sara -3, Emilee - 6, Grant -12, Jordan, Nicolette - 14, DeeAnn, Lisa -22, Andrea, Bob, Carly, Olivia -31, Danny, Eric, Marianna - 28, Scott - 40, and Elizabeth -30 .

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Ages are optional!



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