

## Traveling with Twin Infants

You may be thinking "Who in their right mind would travel with twin infants?" My husband and I are a pair of odd people who did just that. We planned our Disney World vacation about 18 months prior to the trip. We had looked forward to it ever since. We had it all paid for and just didnt want to miss the opportunity to go.

Our babies were born in June of 03. Our trip was Oct 03. They were just over 3 months old. Yes, it was tough. Yes, we were exhausted. Yes, we had the time of our lives!

I believe proper planning on our part really made the difference. We had the trip all planned way in advance, as far as where we'd be staying and things like that. Our hotel was the Polynesian Resort, which is awesome with strollers I must say.

We had friends who were going to Disney World last spring. We had them bring home maps and things from the parks so I could map out restrooms, baby centers, and other important areas of the parks.

We decided we would only do one park a day, and probably only 5 or 6 hours per day total. We would do

dinner as a sit down meal, and end our day after dinner. This was our plan and for the most part it worked well.

Daily schedules. We had a rough first day. Our flight was leaving extremely early in the morning so we had to get up at the time I normally would be finally getting to bed! I started packing a few days prior and was ready to go. We piled all our bags and bags into our van and headed to the airport. We had the necessities packed into one huge backpack to be used as a carry on and everything else would be checked.

We did keep our stroller with us at all times. If not used for babies, it worked well to carry our other items. They checked it on the airplane for us and had it ready when we got off the planes. We were allowed to preboard which really made things nice. I heard it was good to make your flight at an off time, so that it would not be very crowded. Is 5am an off enough time? Apparently so, many rows were not full. No one else sat in our row (obviously).

On the flight the babies were wonderful. We fed them as we were taking off and again at landing and there wasnt a peep out of either one of them.

I did have to change the diapers on the plane, which was not a fun experience. I dont know how I could have made that part any easier, though.

Flight was about 4 hours long. Then getting all our luggage into the rental car was tough. We finally got to the hotel in the afternoon and took a long nap!

The Polynesian was a wonderful hotel. They have the monorail there, it stops right at the hotel so you dont have to worry about driving or using busses. We spent all of our time at Magic Kingdom and Epcot, so used the monorails for them.

We took the days slow, relaxed quite a bit, got to bed early, thoroughly enjoyed the vacation. We took tons of pictures of the babies, these memories will last me forever! I wouldnt trade this trip for anything in the world.

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## Early Entry

Don't forget to take advantage of 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!

## We Love the Parades

by Sandra

My 12-year-old son and I love parades. My husband and older sons don't really like them as much. So my son Corey and I spend the time and watch it together as the other 2 go off and do what they wish.

I have really enjoyed this alone time with my son. We stake out our spot at least an hour or so in advance. We try to choose a spot where we'll have an unobstructed view, a spot where we can people watch, and enjoy the wait. We grab a snack and just sit and enjoy each other.

We have met some really nice folks while waiting for the parade, but most memorable are the conversations that we have. It is funny how a child will really open up at Disney World. We have deep meaningful conversations! These never happen at home, the Disney magic just takes over!

I wish it would have that effect on my husband, too. Maybe someday.

So next time you are waiting for a parade, take that time to bond with your children. The parade memories are very special to me, and my son!

## Restaurant Review

Looking for a fun place to eat? A place with homecooking? A place where you can feel like you are with family, yet you don't have to do dishes or cook or anything more than eat your veggies?

Prime Time Cafe at MGM Disney Studios is the place where this can all happen. It is my families favorite spot for a meal during our Disney World vacations.

'From the moment you step into the restaurant you feel like you are in your grandmas house. The front of the restaurant is the living room area, complete with comfy couches and typical 50s decor. There are lots of neat little touches, like old style radios, even the hanging lamps.

They call you by name to be

seated, just like at any restaurant, but not in the normal way. I won't ruin it and tell you, but it's fun.

You are introduced to your waiter/waitress who is usually a 'cousin' of yours. They will seat you and tell you the rules. No elbows on the table, you must eat your veggies, things like that.

During your meal your 'cousin' will introduce you to other cousins sitting at other tables, make you yell things to them. When they leave you'll say good bye to them. It is really an interactive fun meal. If you don't eat your veggies, be prepared to be taunted and teased. They may even come over and feed you! You have

to be a good sport, because it's really a lot of fun!

The menu has lots of wonderful home cooking style meals, like meatloaf, fried chicken, pot roast, stuffed peppers, steaks, etc. They have yummy soups and salads. Make sure you save room for dessert! We like the smores and the chocolate fudge cake.

Prices are fair, and you get a lot of food.

The food is good, nothing really spectacular, but the atmosphere can't be beat. It is a fun change of pace. Make priority reservations to eliminate the long wait for a table.

by Tammi K

## Choosing a Hotel

There are so many wonderful choices for resorts at Disney World. You can choose onsite or offsite and many degrees of greatness for both.

I prefer onsite so that is one less thing to worry about. I know its one of the Disney resorts that I will select.

Budget is one of the biggest obstacles. Everyone would stay at the Grand Floridian Concierge if they could, but not many of us can. I usually have a budget restraint.

There are discounts available quite often for resorts, but they are not announced very far in advance. I book a room at a price I can afford. If at a later time a discount comes up, then I can change. I could even change resorts at that time, if a discount is being offered at a deluxe resort and I have booked a moderate.

The other considerations when selecting a resort are amenities, location, room size, pool, and other special things that resort has to offer.

When you are choosing between resorts, make a list of the things that make that resort special. What things does it have that others dont? Or what about the decor intrigues you. What would be the things you'd enjoy at that resort?

My family enjoys the Animal King-

dom Lodge and have received some wonderful prices after discounts are announced. We like this resort because we are animal lovers. We enjoy the atmosphere at this resort, and dont mind being a little remote feeling.

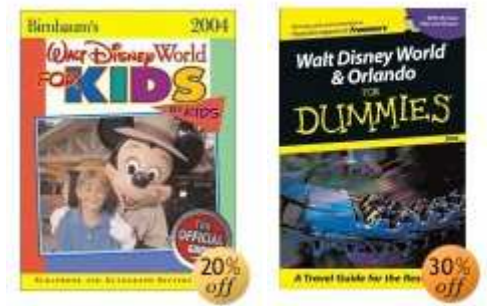
My sisters family will only stay at the Polynesian Resort because they love the tropical feel, they love the monorail and the pool at that resort. These things are whats important to them. You need to decide what is important to you.

Many people choose the All Star resorts because they are inexpensive, but still offer all the Disney resort perks. The value resorts are a great value, you can usually get two rooms for the price of one moderate resort room.

The concierge level at the deluxe resorts offers something special for those that can afford it. We have never splurged for that, so I cant comment much on it. I know that people love it.

Another thing to consider is how much room you'll need. Some rooms have 2 double beds, some have 2 queens, while a few even have bunk beds! Think of the sleeping arrangements and figure out if the room you want to book will work well for your family.

You can go nuts trying to decide. I



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think the best bet is to use your list that you made with the important issues for you and select the resort that fits your list the best. Dont plan on discounts being offered, however. Sometimes they are limited, or not offered at all. So book the room that you can afford even if there are no discounts offered.

Check all the disney sites for discount info, and be prepared to call right away when discounts are announced.

by Mary Jane

All articles in this issue were submitted by DZ visitors who entered a recent contest. We are proud to be able to publish their articles in the newsletter. There are still a couple more, would you like to write one? Please do! Email it to us at: [dznews@disneyzone.net](mailto:dznews@disneyzone.net)

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I wanted to go to Disneyland for my birthday but we cant go because we just came back from Disney World. I am sad but realize I am very lucky because many kids never get to go to eather one.

When I think about all the things I get to do that many other kids cant do I feel very lucky. Do you know that there are kids who live on the street and kids who dont have families?

I am very lucky to have a loving family and a nice home. I am also lucky that my family gets to go on fun vacations. When I get older I will do something to help poor familes have fun vaca-tions.

\*This essay was written by my daughter, Krista for an English assignment.

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