

Too Much Disney?

by Diana G.

There are some who say I am nuts. That I make my family go to Disney World too often. In fact, most of my friends think we are crazy to go as much as we do. But none of them have been there!

I dont think its crazy to love a place that has so much to offer. In fact, I think its the perfect place for anyone to vacation. Whether you are a young family, a young couple, a single person, an older couple, an extended family, whatever, there is tons for everyone. Going often doesnt take anything away from it either!

My family tries to go at least 2 or 3 times a year. We always try to go at a different time. We have been at least one time in each month, and they all have their pros and cons. I cannot say that there is ever a BAD time to go. Even when its hot and packed, its still a great vacation spot.

My kids are 4, 8, and 10. They love Disney too. My youngest has already been 9 times. That is pretty impressive for a 4 year old. She knows the parks layouts, she knows which restaurants she likes best, knows which bathrooms have the shortest lines!

There are benefits to being regular visitors. You do get more use to everything, you know which paths to take, which rides to ride early and which to save until later, how to plan your days to fit in what you want, and leave time for relaxing.

We have Annual Passes, so we dont have to pay an arm and a leg to get in, so that helps. I find that just knowing that we'll be back in a few months helps to alleviate the stress of trying to see it all. We let each kid make a list of the 5 things they really want to do, and they each get to pick our dinner location for one night. We make sure to hit those things. We dont feel bad if we miss

illuminations or Fantasmic! or the Fireworks, because we know we can see them the next trip.

Are we nuts? I dont think so. Should we go somewhere else on vacation? Why? Disney offers plenty of variety. I cant think of another place that has so much to offer.

Please dont feel bad if you cannot visit as often as us. When my husband and I got married we went to Disney World for our honeymoon. We did not get to return for 7 years! It killed me but we just couldnt afford it. So now that we can afford it, we go as much as we can!

We are going to refinance our house and buy DVC on our next trip! Then we'll have an excuse to go even more often!

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Early Entry

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!

MGM - Studio Birthday!

Let the Magic Begin! The date was May 1, 1989 and a third theme park was being opened to the public at the Walt Disney World Resort. The Disney-MGM Studios were ready to come alive. The park was designed to bring guests closer to the movies and Hollywood. Today guests can walk down Hollywood Boulevard to encounter such thrilling rides as the Rockin' Rollercoaster and The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror. The Tower may be the most terrifying 13 story elevator ever built. Guests may also take a tour backstage with The Backlot Tour, laugh with the muppets at

Muppet Vision 3-D, or meet an Ewok or two at Star Tours. And...don't forget the Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Spectacular where guests watch in awe as stunts are performed before their very eyes. Once night falls, Sorcerer Mickey will battle several villains in a nightmare at Fantasmic. It is amazing to see what has transpired since 1989 when the first authentic art-deco style buildings were constructed on Hollywood Boulevard. Next time you're at the new Disney Studios, take a moment to reflect on all of the great attractions that are visited and loved so often by so many on a daily basis.

-by Beth

Restaurant Reviews

by Marc

ROSE AND CROWN

VERY GOOD FOOD AND THE SERVICE WAS GREAT

We went to Disneyworld last

summer (end of June 02) with my entire family - roughly 12 people. We had a great time, but we all especially loved the food.

We ate at a Rose and Garden, it's a restaurant in Epcot, it's the

English one where you can sit outside and watch the fireworks on the deck.



The service was unbelievable great. As a matter of fact they let my daughter, Annabelle who's 3, "start" the fireworks and gave her an authentic sheet of paper

declaring the official start to the festivities. Very cool. I have it framed and hanging on her wall in her bedroom.

But, the food was unbelievable and the prices were very reasonable, Disney speaking.

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Info on the Disney Cruise

Cruise tips from Heidi

The **kid programs** are excellent. They do not fill up and you do not have to pre-register and there are no costs involved.

We have a 6-1/2 and 4-1/2 year old boys who loved the programs. You must register your child when you board, I went here while my husband went for reservations at Palo. You fill out some forms, are asked for a password, are briefed regarding the rules and are given a pager. They will also provide you with a listing of activities and times for each program. They can stay as long and they like and are always able to contact you via pager.

The program will take them to meals. We have early seating which we absolutely prefer. Dinner is at 6:00 and the shows are at 8:30. The kids actually fell asleep during a couple of the shows because they were so exhausted.

One must see for the kids is Disney Dreams (it has all the characters) and an afternoon one Island Magic (you can take her or she can go with the group), both were really cute. The kids do put on a show the last day. It is at 3:30 or 4:00 and it is short and cute. they do get a nice t-shirt for participating as well.

Just a hint. My sons two favorite

activities on board were the sail away party and the Junkanoo party. He loved the music, activities. I also brought along bubbles for sail away and a dance shaker for the kids to use, they loved that and so did the characters.

They both enjoyed the cruise better than the park. Our next trip will definately be the 7-day cruise.



The cruise line employees and officers were giving out collector cards. There are 24 in all. The kids had fun trying to find all the cards and interacting with the staff. We were able to get 21 of the 24. They start handing them out during the boarding process, so don't forget to ask.

Other MISC. Cruise Tips...

1) If the refrigerator in your room has not already been removed (they are in the process) it acts as no more than a cooler for your beverages.

2) We used exclusive van service to get from the resort to the pier and had our driver

stop at a grocery store/beverage store along the way. We purchased a styrofoam cooler with a handle (bet \$4.00 I ever spent), beer, wine, pop and juice boxes. Our cabin steward was kind enough at the end of his shift to refill our cooler each evening, in addition to filling our ice bucket.

3) We walked right on board carrying a case of beer with no questions asked. Wine was in the cooler as well. We did consume all the beverages we brought on board.

4) Fancy drinks ran around \$4.50 and beer I believe was around \$3.00. We walked around with our cans and bottles and were never approached.

5) If you turn your wine over to your server he will keep it proper until you are ready to consume. If you open it one evening, he will keep it for you until you are ready for it again.

6) There are plugs on the dresser. I used the plug for my curling iron, so I'm sure you could use it for a blender.

7) Most of our luggage was of the kind you could collapse after emptying and we had no trouble storing anything.

If you are going to try the cruise, I hope these hints help you get the most out of your trip!

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DZ Kids

Tips from Timmy

Hi I am Timmy and I have some tips. Please put this where everyone that a kid can read them because they need them.

1. Dont get in trouble right before you go to Disney World.
2. Dont fight on the plane
3. Dont keep asking for food
4. Dont always complain if you dont get your way
5. Say thank you to your mom and dad if they buy you something
6. Get out of the pool when your dad tells you
7. Go to bed when you are suppose to and dont argue about it
8. Dont wear your hat on the rides that go fast
9. Dont eat too much junk food or you'll get sick
10. Be nice to the people that work on the rides
11. Smile and let your mom take all the pictures of you that she wants. Dont make funny faces in the pictures.
12. Dont buy big souvenirs
13. Dont forget sunscreen on your feet

These tips will help you have a better vacation because if you do all these things your parents will be very proud of you and wont get all stressed on you.

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