

Relaxing at Disney

by Maggie

You might wonder how on earth I could go to Disney World and not visit one park. It was actually part of my plan. I have been there numerous times and this trip was planned for pure relaxation. Guess what I did.

I decided to have one spa treatment each day of my trip. My husband was working so I had every day to myself. I was out to compare the Disney Resort Spas.

They all offer similar things, some more elaborate than others, but they all have the basic massage packages.

I decided to do the Spa at the Grand Floridian, Wilderness Lodge, Yacht Club and the Animal Kingdom Lodge.

Started out at the Grand Floridian because I had heard so many wonderful things about it. I decided to get a Citrus Aromatherapy message. It was absolutely fabulous. All your senses get involved. The smell, the touch, and the

feeling of the oils seeping into your body, melting your tired muscles. I loved it. They really pamper you, and make you feel special. I thought the atmosphere of this spa was the best of the ones I tried. I also felt like the masseuse here was more experienced than at the others.

I did the Yacht Club Spa next. It was beautiful inside. I chose the Swedish Massage here. Great choice. Its not an intense massage, they go slow and gentle but it really is rejuvenating. I wish I had done it late in the day because I felt so relaxed when she was done I could have easily went right to bed!

The next spa I tried was the Animal Kingdom Lodge. They messed up my reservation a little so I was 'forced' to go sit and watch the animals at one of the viewing areas for about 45 minutes prior to getting in. This turned out to be a great thing, I met a very nice couple who live about an hour from us. It was

odd, the man was wearing a tshirt for a jog a thon that was held in our town. So I started chatting with them. Small world, isnt it? The spa was really neat, decorated with african type things. I got the deep tissue massage here. Although I felt great when they were done, it was a little rough for me. They really dig in and get the muscles. I enjoyed the swedish massage much more.

The next day I did the Wilderness Lodge Spa. I went for another Swedish massage this time. I enjoyed it, but it was not as good as the one at the Yacht Club. It felt like I was being rushed. Still felt great, though.

I have come to the conclusion that no one needs 4 massage treatments in one week. I enjoyed them all, but maybe it was too much of a good thing. I must say, I have never left Disney so relaxed!

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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!

Price Differences

by Lynn

We just started planning an upcoming vacation and were amazed at the difference in prices we have found for identical packages.

There are many travel companies that offer packages to Disney World so call several before you actually put down your deposit. I used a travel agent first but the price seemed outrageous. So I called a few places myself. Just by calling direct to these airline vacation lines I would save quite a bit of money

over what the travel agent quoted.

Then I found Disneyzone and learned about many other ways to save money. I think the lesson learned is to shop around. Ask questions and visit all the Disney sites you can find. You will get tidbits of good information from each one.

We still have not actually made a reservation. I am still shopping around and waiting for additional discount codes. I am confident that I will find something wonderful at a good price.

Go to www.mousesavers.com if you want to find lots of potential discounts. Its not really a fun site, but there's lots of great info there.

Restaurant Reviews

Tony's Town Square by Brandi

We had 3PM reservations for Tony's which we had never been to before. We arrived a little early and were seated after a short wait. The atmosphere in this restaurant is very nice and we got to dine in the front of the dining room where we were able to watch the 3PM parade while we ate. This was an added bonus.

We had an excellent waitress who went out of her way to explain the menu to us. You were able to choose an appetizer, a main entree, a beverage and a dessert all for \$18 per person. It was well worth it. The food was excellent. Our server brought us fresh Italian bread with a sundried tomato and pesto sauce which was to die for. For the appetizer we chose the Bruchetta which was also great. We had the Chicken

Parmesan (which was highly recommended on the Disney Boards). It came with linguine and was so good. The portions were huge, in fact we couldn't finish. The waitress insisted we try a dessert, so I ordered the Italian coffee cake and my husband had a very large chocolate chip cookie. The coffee cake was wonderful, but I could only manage a couple of bites because I was so full.

I highly recommend this wonderful restaurant to anyone looking for great Italian food. The location is on Main Street at the Magic Kingdom. You can take a break from the rides and enjoy a great dining experience. We plan to dine again at Tony's on our next trip.

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Capture the Magic

by Erin G.

I have a great craft project for you to do with your children after you return from your trip. We got home and a week later my twins got chickenpox! I had to find things to keep them busy. Here was their favorite craft.

You just need colorful paper, photos from your trip, markers, disney stickers, any small souvenirs that you may have brought home (napkins, name tags, kids meal menus).

Each of my children made their own vacation page. We first went through the photos and they each picked a handful of their favorites. Get duplicates so if they get ruined its no big deal. I let them use special scissors to cut out the photos. For each photo they wrote a sentence or two on colored paper. I bought some disney stickers, and some mickey head confetti.

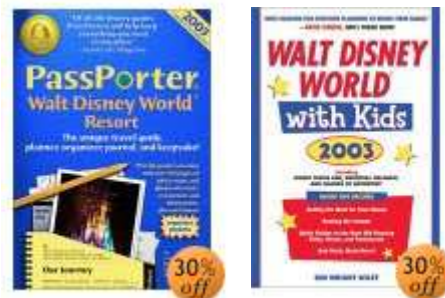
They took the photos and glued them on the large paper (I got the big square scrapbook sized paper). Then near the photo they glued the wording for that photo. For instance there was a photo of the two of them kneel-

ing down trying to catch a lizard. The words that one of them wrote was: Making a new friend. I had them use their own spelling, their own writing, grammar, etc. I let them write it as small or large as they wanted. I did help them choose where on the page to put things but everything else was their own ideas.

After you get the photos and the wording glued down you can work on the background decorations.

You can have them do drawings, too. One of my kids drew a picture of the castle and we had that in the center of her page with the photos all along the side. Then she used glitter and mickey head confetti around the edges.

I got these framed and they hang proudly in our living room. These will be works of art that tell a story, that will help the girls remember their disney vacation. I get a huge smile on my face whenever I walk by and see them. Try it with your kids!



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Stroller Advice

by Natalie J.

Strollers are available all over the disney property. I recommend bringing your own however. The disney strollers must be checked back in to where you check them out so you wont have use of them to the bus, or to your hotel room. I suggest you go to walmart or target or some discount store like that and get a cheap stroller just for the trip. That way you will have use of it all the time and wont have to worry about renting one.

It is also nice having your own so that your child can take a nap in it. The disney ones arent as comfortable for the kids. You will want use of it in the airport, too. If you dont want it afterwards, then just leave it for someone else!

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by Kellie
I want my letter in the newspaper please. I want my story to go to everyone. I went to disney world with my aunt and my uncle who lives in Georgia. I was in my wheelchair and many people were very nice to me and got out of my way insted of cutting me off. That was nice. I got to do many good things on our trip but my favorite thing on our trip was eating breakfast at the castle. I never thought I would like it but it was magical in there. The disney charactars are very nice too and came over to me and signed my autograff book and they even let my uncle take pictures of us together. I will remember this trip as long as I live.

*unedited, as typed by my daughter Kellie, 10 years old. I hope you can get it in the newseltter!

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