

Getting Lower Airfare Prices

by [TheRustyScupper](#)

There is a lot of talk about getting the best airfares. Here are a few helpful ideas.

1) Check the ticket websites such as Orbitz Expedia. Most airfares are listed.

2) For certain carriers (such as Southwest), check their website, since they don't subscribe to some discount sites like Expedia.

3) When you check for your dates, try the number in your party, then try for single seats. In some cases, there are a limited number of sale seats. If your party puts you over the limit, then the whole party gets the more expensive seats. (Example: You have a party of four. There are two sale seats left. If you ask for four seats, they are at the higher price. If you ask for two seats, the first two seats will be at the sale price.)

4) Some airlines will give you the cheapest fare even after you book the seat. (Example, Delta will give you a better price later, and credit you the difference for your next flight within one year.)

5) Always check for flights from an alternate smaller airport. The secondary smaller airport can frequently be substantially less. The ticket savings could far outweigh the extra driving time to the smaller airport. (Example: Fly from Chicago Midway Airport instead of Chicago O'Hare.)

6) Get either an airline credit card or other card that allows "points" or "miles" for purchases. It might take some people a while to get enough for a free trip, but it is *usually* worth the time and effort. As a further note, many companies or airlines give you 5,000 to 10,000 miles for just getting the card.

7) If you already have some miles in a frequent-flier program, but not enough for a free ticket, check with the carrier. Many times, the airline will have a program that allows a few miles coupled with some cash for a ticket. (Example: Northwest Airlines with 9500 miles you can purchase a ticket for \$109.)

RustyScupper has lots of great info to share! Visit the message boards and go to TheRustyScupper's Tips and Trivia Forum. He has a monthly trivia contest, and always some fun tips and advice!

The boards are a great place to get tips/form friendships/help people plan their vacations and basically just a great place to hang out! Hope to see YOU there!
www.disneyzone.net/boards.htm

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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

ROSE AND GARDEN - VERY GOOD FOOD AND SERVICE!!!!!!

by Marc

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 a 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.

A Trip with My Grandson

by Barbara.

I was able to read my newsletter today. My six year old grandson and I spent Thanksgiving week in Disney World and had a wonderful time.

We stayed at the Port of Orleans-French Quarter and it was great. The smaller setting was much nicer, I thought, than Riverside. We were near everything-food court, front desk, swimming pool, and bus stop. Most importantly ours was the first bus stop so we never had to stand!

We did 3 character meals but our 2 favorites were breakfast with Donald in the Animal Kingdom and the Garden Grill for dinner in Epcot. All of the characters took up a lot of time with my grandson. The server at the Garden Grill even brought adult food

for my grandson because he was burned out on chicken nuggets and macaroni.

We had the dinner package for Fantasmic and it was great just to walk right in and choose our seats without the two hour line. It was well worth the price of dinner.

If anyone has young children, I would definitely recommend the Toll House cookie experience at The Land in Epcot. My grandson had a great time making cookies! This was something I had always passed by.

He also enjoyed the passport and mask in Epcot. I really appreciated the way the young people in each country took the time to get his name and how to spell it and gave him a lot of attention. I think that's why he insisted on making all 11 countries!

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/

Magic of Disney

by Cathy

I have a secret to tell you. I recently took a trip off the planet. No I didn't go in a spaceship (though that would be pretty cool), I went to Walt Disney World. Now I know, a lot of you are saying, "But Disney World is in Florida!!" Well, guess what? I'm going to disagree; as soon as you step foot on Disney property, the magic takes effect and you are whisked off to a whole new world.

As we stepped foot into the Grand Floridian, I was transported back in time to the age of Victorian elegance. I checked us in, I was given room keys and we headed off to the Boca Chica building. We walked up the hall and came all the way to the end. Upon entering our room, we discovered we had been given a free upgrade to a dormer room. We had two private balconies, both with views of the Magic Kingdom. Now I knew I was no longer on earth...because on earth there is no way I could afford such a perfect room. Disney magic had struck for the first time.

Our next few days were filled with tons of activities. We went on an African safari (Kiliminjaro Safaris) and participated in a secret mission to bring back a dinosaur (Dinosaur) (Animal Kingdom). We went back in time (Frontierland), forward in time (Tomorrowland) and into the world of our dreams (Fantasyland) (Magic Kingdom). We traveled around the world in only 3 hours (Epcot). We got to see the "Golden Girls" house (Backlot Tour) and I was an extra in a "film" (Indiana Jones Stunt Spectacular) (MGM). Oh, and it snowed on Main Street USA even though it was 65 degrees out. Nowhere in the

"real world" would any of this be possible. Disney magic makes it possible.

From the first day we were there, we did notice some strange looking "people" in the crowd, some of them even looked like people we had seen in the movies. Some were dressed in princess dresses, others in prince outfits. There were giant bears, a guy who kept screaming "Buzz Lightyear to the Rescue!" and seven dwarves. There was one guy who was orange and kept bouncing around, another who was gray and looked a little depressed, and yet another who was pink and seemed a little scared of everything. And, then of course, there was the giant mouse. Hey wait! Those aren't people, just all of Disney's characters. And they were everywhere: all over the parks, in the shows and at many of the buffet-style meals. Now, I don't know about you, but its not very often I get to bounce with a Tigger, get tickled by a donkey, have a chipmunk steal my hat or have my shoe untied by a clown...but all happened to us on our trip. Disney characters are back in the parks, and they are back in force. And best of all, they're very playful and interactive. I'd say this is Disney magic at its best.

Before we left for this trip, I had heard over and over that the Disney magic was dying. Things just weren't as amazing as they used to be. In our eight days at WDW, I didn't check my stocks or e-mail my friends or worry about the bills. I found myself hugging a

five-foot tall mouse, flying on Dumbo, getting my picture with Pooh, eating ice cream for breakfast, singing in front of complete strangers after not eating my vegetables (50s Primetime Café)...and I didn't care what people thought of me for it.

And so my fair reader, I share with you the big secret: the true magic of Disney lies not only in the parks or the characters or the resorts or the cast members, it lies in what you make of these things. For this reason, as long as people with an open-mind visit WDW, it is, and will always be, a truly magical place. Before I left on this trip, I heard over and over that the magic was dying. But I found something different: the magic is what you make it to be. So, the next time someone tells me the magic is gone, I'll respond with a smile and a "phooey", and I'll go about planning my next trip to Walt Disney World.

2003 Meet & Greet

There is a HUGE Meet & Greet planned this year for Disney fans & Disney internet communities to meet each other and enjoy the Disney magic. For those of you planning a trip in December 03, or those of you who could be convinced to go then - check out this link: <http://www.disneyzone.net/2003meet.htm>

You do not have to make reservations through anyone in particular, the main day for the meet is December 6th. Many website founders, authors, and Disney community leaders will attend! Sounds great! Unfortunately, my family will not be able to attend, but I hope that others from Disneyzone can!

Tell you friends about Disneyzone!

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DZ Kids

by Alexander, age 3
(mom typed just as he spoke)

I wuv dizzywood. Day got fun pwaces to go. Daddy wuvs me and taked me to dizzywood.

Daddy eats lots of hotdogs dare. Mommy wuvs to go to stores aw da time. Mommy got me a new shirt dare with Mitty Mouse and Pwuto, and Dono Duck. I wuv Mitty eaws.

I want to go swimming at our room. It was too code dare. Mommy swept in my bed and I was a good boy and swept good long time.

I want my birday at dizzywood. I want a big balloon. I want Tigger to get away he is scawy. Dats all.

My Darling Katie, Will you make all my wishes come true - Marry Me!
I love you!
Hugs & Snuggles, Mike
A Long, MAGICAL Honeymoon @ WDW if you like!

Contests...

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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 . . .

Lisa, Tim-12, Colin-4, Stephan-32, Doug, Alexander-15, Faith-28, Donna-26, Ari, Mike-32, Donna-50, Gracie-8, Gail-45, Christine - 9, Josh-12, Michael-3, Ray, Diane, Sharon, Christian-5, Brad, Jason, Marissa-21 .

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