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Finding Love at Disney

I have a great love story that I would love to share with the DZ News readers.

I am Amelia, a 19 year old college student. I have been to Disney World 5 times so far. My last trip was last fall. I went with a group of other students from our school. We had approximately 60 people in our group.

We all stayed at the All Star Sports hotel. There were 3 or 4 people in each room, which was a little cozy. Until it was actually time to sleep, we didn't spend too much time in our rooms, because they were just a little too tight for comfort. So we spent every waking moment out and about.

On to my story. Our second day of our stay, we had spent the whole day park hopping and a certain someone had caught my eye, found out later his name is Brian. I first noticed him while we were in line for Splash Mountain. Throughout the day after that we just happened to be near each other several times, but both of us were too shy to say or do any-

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thing. I kept finding myself looking towards him, hoping to catch his eye. My girlfriend, Ashley, saw the 'look' I had on my face and asked who I was 'googling' over. I told her, not thinking much about it. She thought he was cute, too.

A couple hours later we were sitting down relaxing in this grassy area near Main St. hub. Goofy comes walking over towards us, which caught our eye. We were all wearing our college sweat-shirts, so we thought that was why he was coming over. Instead he came directly to ME! Took my hand and had me stand up, then went over to Brian and did the same thing. I was bright red, not sure why I was embarrassed but I was. I had no idea what was about to happen. Goofy doesn't talk, so he just motioned to us – like he was introducing us. Then he motioned for us to hug! Oh my gosh, that was so special! All our friends were clapping and taking pictures. I know that Ashley had something to do with this, and couldn't wait to thank her!

We shyly sat by each other, and started talking. Agreed to meet later for dinner (along with all the

rest of our gang). We went off to our separate little groups of friends. All I could think about was him! We all met at Alfredos for dinner (delicious Italian food – try it if you have never been there!).

I got there a few minutes late, and was thinking I probably missed my chance to sit with Brian. But no, he had gotten us a little table for two. Sitting in 'my seat' was an adorable Eeyore! I picked Eeyore up and sat down. Brian and I enjoyed the time together, our meal, and all the Disney atmosphere. A cast member suggested we go out to see Illuminations. She told us where to go, which places were not as crowded but still great spots. Brian and I stayed together and went to watch this show. It was incredible!

For a first 'date' how can you beat Disney World – a wonderful introduction by Goofy, a delicious meal at Alfredos, and ending with Illuminations! It was magical, and months later we still have a magical relationship! Eeyore sits on my bedstand, right along side the photo of Brian and I at Disney World!

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Article Ideas . .

The current contest on the website asks visitors to let us know what things are needed on the site. We have received hundreds of suggestions. Below are some of the ideas people have submitted.

As many of you know, we (DZ website) is located in Southern California. Its very difficult for us to get to Florida to get the information for EVERYTHING people have suggested. So we are asking for your help!

If anyone reading this newsletter has expertise in one of the following areas, or the desire to do some research, we need your help! If you would like to help compile information for the website, please let us know! Email Kimmi at kimmi@disneyzone.net if you have an interest in compiling info for a page on the website!

Here are some of the ideas that DZ visitors have come up with:

- Hidden Mickeys—where to find them, a list of all of them & more information on them. I'm interested in the history behind this. Why did they start hiding Mickeys?
- Safety Tips—Lists of things visitors can do to keep themselves, their children & belongings safe
- Money Saving Tips—not so obvious things as well as links to sites that help with discount codes and things.
- Transportation Information—specific times between resorts/parks, alternate ways to get to various spots
- Pressed Penny locations, and lists of the different coins, if that's available anywhere.
- Camping & RV information in and around Disney World. Ways to get campsites, size limits for RVs, if pets are available and other related things.
- Page on driving to Disney. Tips on how to keep the peace in the car for hours on end! Suggested places to stop in Florida prior to reaching WDW.
- Disney with small kids. include information on traveling with babies & toddlers
- Sample Park Touring plans. Sample itineraries for various times of the year, and for different styles of park touring.
- How to make the most out of early entry and any extra hours that are available to on-site Disney hotel guests.
- Little Known FREE things to do while at the parks. Scavenger Hunts, Character Lists, etc.
- All the various tours available at all the parks and resorts.
- All the dinner shows, special events that are available
- Day Care / Child Care programs available through the resorts
- Senior Citizen Vacation Ideas & Tips
- Tips for people who stay at non-Disney hotels.
- Disney with Teenagers. Tips and Ideas for families traveling with teens.
- Any other ideas that will help the visitors of www.disneyzone.net make the very most out of their vacations!

If you have not entered the contest, please do! It's a fun prize this time.
Www.disneyzone.net/contest.htm



Off Site Hotel Review

Holiday Inn Family Suites

We decided last minute to take a trip to Disney World. Nothing was available for a family of 5 (in our price range) at any of the Disney resorts. So we opted to stay off-site for the first time. We

chose Family Inn Family Suites and were thrilled with the experience! We got a great price

for a kidsuite. I am not sure we'll choose to stay on-site again after having this suite at such a great price. Disney parks were a very short drive away—less than 5 minutes by complimentary shuttle! Could probably walk, but we didn't.

The rooms themselves were so nice. We had a living room and a small kitchenette, bathroom and two bedrooms. One room had bunkbeds and a trundle. The other had a king sized bed. Both bedrooms had tvs and video

players. The kids room even had a Nintendo & CD player. Fun spaced themed room, the kids loved it!

The hotel also offered free breakfast, which was an added bonus. We didn't take advantage of it every day,

but the food was good.

They offered hot food as well as cold. And there were even boxes of food you could take to go! We



thought this was a nice touch!

We enjoyed the pool area, too. It had a zero entry pool, lots of fun things at the pool area. They had a fun playground and a kiddie pool, too.

I use to be a strictly on-site person, but I think the convenience of the suite is wonderful. It is so nice having a separate room for the kids! Scan the web for coupons, I found several for this hotel. You will not be disappointed staying at the Holiday Inn

Restaurant Review

Teppanyaki is a great restaurant at Epcot, in the World Showcase area. We have been to Disney World 8 times and this was the first time we tried it. We were exhausted after climbing all the steps up to the restaurant, but it was worth it! We had priority reservations, thank goodness. Without reservations it was a 2 hour wait! We were seated in about 5 minutes. You sit at tables with others, I think there are 10 at a table. It was a little odd, but fun.

The chefs cook on the table right in front of you. They chop everything up and cook it right there! It was fun to watch them. The food was very fresh, and you ate each thing as it was cooked. They put it right on your plate as soon as it was done. I ordered scallops which were the best I have ever had. My husband had steak & lobster and he loved it, too. The food was plentiful and prices were not outrageous. We enjoyed this restaurant quite a bit and will go there again on our next trip. I strongly suggest getting priority reservations and going here with an empty stomach!

- Kay G from Georgia

Articles Needed!

Would you like to share your Disney experiences with others? Do you have some great tips that others might benefit from? Would you like to tell everyone about your favorite WDW restaurant? Have you stayed at one of the Disney resorts

lately and want to share details?

DZ News is as great as it is because so many of you contribute articles! Thanks!

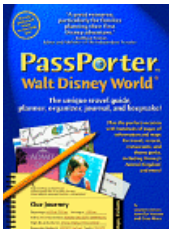
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The **NEW LOOK**. The newsletter has changed a little, this layout should make it easier to read. Also, all the links to email & websites now work. Which means you can click on them and they will actually take you to a website, or bring up your email client. Give it a try and visit some of the links within the newsletter!

DZ has a great **contest** that just ended. And another one just started! Contests on DZ are ALWAYS FREE. You can win a great prize, just for participating!

Go enter the new contest, by visiting the contest page! **CLICK HERE** to go to the DZ Contest Page - play and you could win a cool prize!

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I want to go to your place but mommy and daddy said we have to wait till its summertime. I cant wait till summertime because I want to go now. I am excited to see you and goofy and even Cinderella. I know boys don't like Cinderella but I do. I want to get your signature on my shirt like my friend did. You are my favorite one at Disney.

Your friend,

Joshua
age 6

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