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Packing for a Disney Cruise Vacation

The Disney websites have so many ideas to help with packing for your Disney land vacation but I wanted to help people who may be also going on the Disney Cruiseline. Here are the tips:

- Pack a small battery operated fan. The rooms sometimes get stuffy.
- Bring walkie talkies. They rent them on board but its expensive. It is a great way to communicate with the rest of your group.
- Pad of post-it notes to leave notes around the room for your family, or for housekeeping. We used them to leave on the door when we left to tell the sleeping person where we went. We also used them to post meeting times. This way the kids could look at the door to find out what time we were meeting back at the room to get ready for meals.
- Small air freshener for the restroom. We didn't have

this problem but heard that sometimes the restrooms get a strange odor.

- Travel alarm clock. The one in our cabin did not work properly, so we were glad we brought our own
- Night light. This was important for our kids. Waking up in a strange place in the middle of the night can be confusing.
- Waterproof cameras are great! Bring a few! Label them with your last name, and home phone number. One of the porters told us they end up with hundreds of disposable cameras, unclaimed a month.
- Small flashlight, just in case.
- Overdoor shoe holder. These can be bought at many places including Bed Bath & Beyond. They are canvas and are designed to hang over a door. Use it to store toiletry items. This frees up lots of room and clutter in

the bathroom area.

- Extension cords!
- Binoculars. We used them often.
- Laundry detergent in individual baggies, dryer sheets & coins for the laundry
- Baggies for wet clothes, for toiletries, useful for many things.
- Batteries, more than you think you will need.
- On the same note, Film, more than you think you will need.
- Chargers for your phone, laptop, etc.
- Preprinted address labels for postcards. Print them on your computer, or just hand write them. Its easier than taking the time to write all the addresses when you are writing the post cards.
- Extra bag to take home souvenirs
- Your own pillow if you are really picky (I am).
- First aid kit. Small one filled with bandaids, tweezers, bactine, alcohol pads, etc.

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I am sure there are more things but this is the list I found and have used. It worked very well for us.

Enjoy your cruise!

Scrapbooking by Susie

I tried my hand at scrapbooking when we came home from our last trip to the world. I had read a bunch of things including info on Disneyzone about things to collect and photos to take. I am not done yet but I wanted to share the things that worked for me.

- Take tons of pictures and make sure you get double prints so if you ruin one, you have a back up. Take photos of your family everywhere you visit. Get goofy shots as well as posed smiles. Get action shots with fun background scenery.
- Cut up the photos! Try some interesting ways of cutting them. Buy a circle cutter or even make random shapes. I bought a package of die cuts

and tried to cut the photos to fit with them. It was really fun and I think they came out great.

- Collect everything you can. Napkins, tickets, park maps, hotel maps, coasters, anything that has some memory value. We even saved our receipts for meals!
- Try to get the adults photos with characters not just the kids. One of the favorite pages I made so far is of my husband bending down to kiss Minnie. The look on his face is just precious.
- Try taking photos of the trains, monorails, buses, and then cut out heads of people in your family and glue them into the monorail windows. I did one page of

transportation and made one of my kids driving a bus, the other is train engineer.

- Another favorite page is one I made with a balloon theme. I took a few photos of the balloon bouquets that the cast members carry around. I didn't get the person, just all the balloons. I cut pictures of our family into balloon shapes and put them within the real balloons.
- I let my two kids each make their own page. I gave them each a few photos. Photos of themselves, photos of rides and attractions, characters, our hotel, etc. and let them choose 5 or 6 that they wanted on their page. They used confetti and stickers and each wrote something short on their page. My son is 6 and he chose to do all photos of himself and different characters. He cut them out, added all sorts of colored papers and wrote "Markey's Friends". My daughter is only 4 so she pretty much wanted to glue every photo on her page, so I let her. It's a messy sort of collage but she did it, and its going to be included in our album.
- Have fun and use your imagination. It's a great way to relive your vacation over and over!

*I am a long time DZ boards lurker. I finally decided to share some ideas! - Susie

Restaurant Reviews

Cape May Café is located in the Beach Club Resort and home of the famous Clam-Bake.

We never miss out on this when we visit Disney World. It's a good ol clambake alright. Steamed clams, mussels, fish, shrimp, slided beef, ribs, chicken, Salads, soups, potatoes, pastas, and corn on the cob, too. They have lobster, but that's an added charge. You won't need it, the rest of the food is delicious and you can eat all you want. They have a kids bar too with different foods

for them. They have macaroni and cheese, little hot dogs, and chicken nuggets for the kids. Don't forget to save room for dessert, they have a good variety of tasty goodies to end your meal, too.

The food is restocked often and the service at this restaurant is top notch. The prices are good for what you get. I think its about \$25 per person, and kids are about \$10. You will leave very satisfied! Try it next time!

- Jean & Scott

Pregnant Touring Tips

I hope this information helps someone who is anticipating a Disney World vacation while pregnant.

I recently did go while 20 weeks pregnant. It was a very enjoyable trip, and these tips are why (I read most of them in the Pass-Porter—you should buy a copy if you don't have one!)

- First and most important, ask your doctor if its advisable for you to fly, or travel. My doctor told me to go ahead as long as it was before I was 25 weeks along.
- If flying make sure you get an aisle seat (thanks to Pass-

Porter for this tip) because when you are kind of big its hard to get around others. The aisle seat makes getting to get to the restroom easier.

- Bring well worn in shoes. Shoes that you wear a lot! The last thing you want is your feet hurting.
- Bring loose fitting clothes, and many of them. Depending on when you visit it is very humid in Florida and you will get hot and sticky. Changing your clothes helps with that.
- In the parks beware of most rides. They have the health warning signs at the en-

trance, if its iffy at all—skip it! I did very few rides and still had a great time. I relaxed while my family went on all the rides. Waiting in the shade was much more comfortable for me.

- Plot out where all the restrooms are, you will need them often and would hate to have to run half way around the park to find them!
- Sleeping in a strange bed is not too easy, especially when pregnant. Ask for lots of extra pillows. Prop them everywhere to make you more comfy. Also allow time for afternoon naps!
- Drink lots and lots of water to keep hydrated!
- Another great Passporter tip was to get the Trip cancellation insurance, because you just never know. I didn't have to use the insurance, but it was nice to know we had a back out plan in case.
- Don't try to see everything, or do everything. Its not worth wearing yourself out. Take your time, relax, and rest when you need to. You can always go back again and experience what you missed!

My baby Cameron is now 3 months old, and we are planning another trip for his first birthday. What a great way for us all to celebrate!

- Nina from Chicago

Souvenirs for Kids

I have a quickie tip on money and Kids' souvenirs.

My 3 boys always hound us for money for toys, candy, shirts, hats, etc. This last trip we used an idea that worked wonders. I read it somewhere and decided to try it.

Give each kid a set amount in an envelope that is to be used for souvenirs. We decided each boy would get \$50 for the full week. So we got \$50 in misc. denominations of Disney Dollars.

The first couple days one of the boys plowed through his envelope, but the other two re-

alized they could only get so much and chose much more wisely. At the end they all used their money, and were happy with their purchases.

Every time they asked for something we would reach in and dig out their envelope. It was funny to see how much their 'needs' changed once they were using their own supply of money. For this to work I think you need to be clear with the kids that this is their 'money' and they must choose what to buy with it. We will do this every time we go anywhere!

N.L. from NY

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

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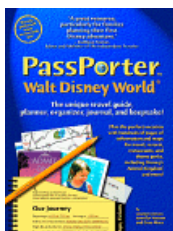
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DZ Kids

We recently returned from a fabulous trip to the happiest place on earth. On our flight home I asked the kids some questions and documented their answers: (unedited)

What was your favorite ride:

Nico (4): Monorail

Skye (6): Dumbo

What was your favorite restaurant:

Nico: McDonalds

Skye: Come on, you know my favorite. The Rainforest!!!!

What do you remember most

about our trip:

Nico: Daddy spilling his coke on your pants in the parade and that was funny cuz you had to be messy all day.

Skye: Getting my picture taken with Snow White and having ice cream for lunch

When should we go back:

Nico: I think I want to go back in 14 or 9 weeks. Is that a long time?

Skye: Can we go back tomorrow?

I hope you put this in the newsletter. Honest answers from cute kids!

Happy Birthday...



Michael -18;
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Duncan; Erica,
Elizabeth-7,
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