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OVERVIEW

This 8 night Walt Disney World itinerary (*click thumbnail to open; when open click again once or twice to enlarge*) is suitable for most weeks of 2009 from January through (and including) the week that begins May 16, (except the weeks before and after Easter), and from August 22 through the week before Thanksgiving.

Click your targeted week on this page to check for exceptions (which will be presented and refined as Disney updates its calendar) and for other dates—Easter, summer, and the Thanksgiving-New Year period.

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Meals:	Saturday Travel	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday Hotel Counter		
Breakfast		Hotel Room*	Hotel Room*			
Lunch	Hotel Counter	Flame Tree Barbecue	Backlot Express	11a Whispering Canyon		
Dinner	6:30 Akershus Banquet	Hotel Counter	6:15 50's Prime Time Café	7:15p Hoop-Dee-Doo Revue**		
Special Snack	Beaches and Cream		Sci-Fi Diner			
Parks, etc:						
Early Morning	Travel	Animal Kingdom by 8:30	Hollywood Studios by 8:15	Off		
Late Morning	Travel	Animal Kingdom	Hollywood	Off		
Early Afternoon	Check in	Animal Kingdom	Off	Magic Kingdom by 12:30p		
Late Afternoon	Epcot by 5:30	Animal Kingdom to 5/6p	Hollywood by 4p	Magic Kingdom		
Evening	Epcot depart by 9:00p	200100000000000000000000000000000000000	Hollywood			
Late Evening			Hollywood up to 10-12p			
Events:			100 100			
Parade		3:45p Parade		3p Parade		
Fireworks		- 95		3/2		
Special Event				Hoop Dee Doo Revue		

Meals:	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast Lunch Dinner Special Snack	Hotel Room* TBD: Cinderella's Royal Table 5:30p Mama Melrose's*** Dole Whip at Captain Cook's	10:30a Chef Mickey's ~2p Hotel Counter 8p Rainforest Café DTD****	Hotel Room* Sunshine Season Food Fair 5:30p San Angel Inn Boulangerie Patisserie	Hotel Room* ~11:30 Pecos Bil Café 7p Crystal Palace Dole Whip at Aloha Isle	10:30a House o Gospel Brui Travel
Parks, etc:		40.5			
Early Morning Late Morning	Magic Kingdom by 8:30 Magic Kingdom	Off Off	Epcot by 8:30 Epcot	Magic Kingdom by 8:30 Magic Kingdom	Off Gospel Brur Off Off
Early Afternoon Late Afternoon	Magic Kingdom to 2p Hollywood by 2:45p	Off	Off Off	Off Off	
Evening Late Evening	Hollywood to 9p	6p Cirque du Soleil DTD	To Epcot by 5p Epcot stay up to 12 MN	Magic Kingdom by 5p Magic Kingdom to 10/11p	Travel Travel
Events:					
Parade Fireworks Special Event	3p Parade Fantasmic (time varies)	Cirque du Soleil DTD	9:00p Illuminations	9p Parade 10p Wishes	Gospel Brur

^{*}Cereal, juice, fruit, etc. in room.

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[&]quot;Two table service credits

^{***}As Fantasmic Dinner Package

^{****}Downtown Dis

FIRST SATURDAY AGENDA

Check in, get settled if your room is ready, and be at <u>Epcot</u> as soon as you can—and no **later** than 5:30p. Depart Epcot no later than 9:00p to avoid the crowds leaving after the fireworks show "Illuminations," which you will see on Friday

FIRST THINGS

- Arrive at your hotel, following the instructions in your Disney Magical Express packet if you are using it to get from Orlando International to your Disney Resort. Check in
- Unless you are arriving late, your room will likely not be ready, but you can get your
 keys, meal credits, special show tickets, and park tickets. Change into clothes more
 appropriate for the weather—which your To-Do List reminded you to pack in your carryons. You will be able to check any carry-ons until you return later tonight, and to call
 later to find out your exact room
- If your room is ready, and if you have time, get food and supplies (bowls, napkins, scotch) for your breakfast in the morning, which you will be eating out of your room. Also get (from the counter service restaurant) a "Refillable Mug," which you will be able to re-use at your resort for free drinks over your entire stay
- If you arrive early enough, and are hungry, have lunch at your hotel's counter service restaurant (counter credit)
- Leave your hotel no later than 4:30p (Pop Century) or 4:50p (Polynesian)
- Head to Epcot (bus if Pop Century, walk to the Epcot monorail at the Ticket and Transportation Center (TTC) and take it if at the Polynesian)

- Go through the turnstiles and pick up a park map and "Times Guide"—a schedule. Go straight heading towards the World Showcase portion. (You will see the attractions in Future World you are walking by on Friday)
- Keeping an eye out for your dinner reservation at 6:30, see the pavilions starting with Mexico and going clockwise, but skipping Norway until around dinner time. Each pavilion will have some or all of shopping, special exhibits, a ride, a movie, and other special events—such as acrobats in China. Check your map, times guide, and the pavilion itself, to see what each pavilion has. For scheduled events like the acrobats, etc, sequence what you do when among items that are not scheduled (shops, exhibits, and rides), and bounce back and forth between nearby pavilions, so that you don't have to wait long for the scheduled items
- Attend the Akershus Royal Banquet Character Meal in Norway at 6:30 (table credit)
- Continue touring the World Showcase clockwise until about 8:00.
- At about 8, exit through the International Gateway (between France and Britain), and as you exit ask a cast member for directions to Disney's Beach Club Resort. (Basically, walk straight, avoiding lefts when they offer themselves.)
- At the Beach Club, find Beaches and Cream's "to go" window, and get some ice cream or another snack.

- When you are finished, but no later than 8:50, head back into Epcot the way you came, and return (clockwise) to where you entered the park—by Spaceship Earth—and exit. (You will see the rest of the World Showcase Friday, which is also when you will see the fireworks that are about to start. On Friday, as a Resort guest, you can leave much later than when the fireworks end, and so will not get trapped in crowds the way you would be tonight)
- Find either the bus stop (for Pop Century) or monorail (for the Polynesian)
- Polynesian guests should ask the cast member at the monorail station to ride in the front cab of the monorail. (Pop guests will do this Thursday)
- Note to Polynesian guests: to find the walkway from the "Ticket and Transportation Center" (TTC), which is where the Epcot monorail stops, to the Polynesian, stay as right as you can once you leave the monorail ramp and begin exiting the TTC. You will see eventually a small sign directing you to the Polynesian

BACK AT THE HOTEL

Buy food, supplies (bowls, spoons, etc) and refillable mugs for breakfast in your room if your gift shop is still open and if you did not have time, or a room assignment, earlier.

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

You will be seeing Disney's Animal Kingdom, and getting up early enough to be finished with breakfast and at your hotel bus stop by 7:40, so set your alarms, arrange a wake up call, and go to bed!

FIRST SUNDAY AGENDA

See Disney's **Animal Kingdom**, and take the evening off

FIRST THINGS

- Get up early and eat breakfast in your room
- Pack spare clothes in a plastic bag (because on one of the rides, Kali River Rapids, you will get soaked!)
- Be at the hotel Animal Kingdom bus stop by 7:50 am

- Arrive at the Animal Kingdom park by 8:30 am
- Get in line and await the opening
- After the 9:00 opening, pick up a Times Guide and park map, go to Africa, and ride Kilimanjaro Safaris

- Go to Camp Minnie Mickey, and while walking there, double check the show schedules against this itinerary. See the 9:30 Festival of the Lion King
- Return to Africa and stroll through the Pangani Forest Exploration Trail just outside the Safari exit
- Head to Asia, and fastpass Expedition Everest. Your return window will likely begin after 1 pm
- Go to Dinoland USA, and ride Dinosaur
- Ride Primeval Whirl and Triceratops Spin if time permits
- In Asia, see the 11:30 Flights of Wonder
- Return to Discovery Island and see It's a Bug's Life, or fastpass it if the lines are too long
- Juggle lunch (Flame Tree Barbecue, counter credit), your fastpass return to Expedition Everest, and the Wildlife Express Train to Conservation Station, so that you can be in line (between Dinoland and Asia) for the 3:15 pm Finding Nemo show by 2:30 pm. If time presses, skip the train/Conservation Station
- See the 3:15 Finding Nemo show
- Go back to the bridge next to Flights of Wonder and watch the 3:45p parade from the Everest side of the path
- Stroll through the Maharajah Jungle Trek
- Ride Kali River Rapids if the day is warm enough: you will get soaked!!! Change into your spare clothes
- If the park continues to be open, re-ride your favorites; don't worry if you missed the Wildlife Express Train
- Begin exiting the park 15 minutes or so before the close (to avoid the crowds); explore the exhibits in the Oasis as you leave
- Take the bus back to your hotel

YOUR EVENING

- Have dinner at your hotel's counter service restaurant when convenient (counter credit).
- Enjoy the rest of your evening at your hotel

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

You have a long but wonderful day at Disney's Hollywood Studios, with a break to nap or swim in the early afternoon. You need to be at your hotel bus stop by 7:35a.

MONDAY AGENDA

You begin and end the day at Disney's <u>Hollywood Studios</u>, known until recently as Disney's MGM Studios, with the afternoon off.

Managing the show schedule for both today and Wednesday is the key to a successful visit, so be sure to check the planned show times against the actual schedule you pick up in the park and adjust your plans accordingly!

Because you are a Disney resort guest, you can stay 3 hours later than non-resort guests, giving you more time earlier in the day to take a break.

FIRST THINGS

- Get up early and eat breakfast in your room
- Be at the hotel bus stop by 7:35a, and take the bus labeled "Studios" or "Hollywood Studios"

AT THE PARK-MORNING

- Arrive at the park by 8:15a
- Get in line and await the opening
- After the 9:00 opening, pick up a "Times Guide"—a schedule—and park map, walk to Toy Story Mania on Pixar Boulevard, fastpass it, and come back later
- Head for Sunset Boulevard, and while walking double check this itinerary against the actual show and Fantasmic schedule and revise your plans if needed. The plan on Thursday is to see Beauty and the Beast at 3:30 and the Lights Motor Action Extreme Stunt show at 4:30. If schedules for these have changed as well, manage your shows so that you see one or two between 3:30 and 5:30 on Thursday, and the rest today.
- Ride Rock N' Roller Coaster
- Ride the Tower of Terror
- See Walt Disney: One Man's Dream
- Based on today's show schedule, return for your fastpasses, and see Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Spectacular. Work in lunch at the Backlot Express (counter credit) when you can
- If you have time, see Sounds Dangerous
- Head back to your hotel, and nap or swim

AT THE PARK-EVENING

- Be back at your bus stop by 3:40p and return to the Studios
- See the Backlot Tour
- See Sounds Dangerous if you missed it this morning
- See The Magic of Disney Imagination
- If you have time before dinner, see Playhouse Disney Live on Stage (don't worry if you end up skipping it)
- Have dinner at 6:15pm at the 50s Prime Time Café, where your waiter will interact with you in a comic way (table credit)
- Get the wrist bands allowing you to stay late (ask any cast member where to pick them up)
- See the Great Movie Ride

- Grab another dessert in the Sci-Fi Diner (cash), which is unlike any other restaurant you have seen
- See the Voyage of the Little Mermaid
- See Star Tours
- See the Muppet Movie
- Return to any other rides that are open you want to do again—e.g. Tower of Terror, Rock N' Roller Coaster
- Return to your hotel when you choose—you get to sleep in tomorrow!

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

You get to sleep in tomorrow! You are off all morning, and your first scheduled item is an 11a lunch at the Whispering Canyon Café at Disney's Wilderness Lodge. From there it's off to the Magic Kingdom

TUESDAY AGENDA

Sleep in, then go to the Wilderness Lodge for an early lunch. From there head to the <u>Magic Kingdom</u> for an afternoon of fun and the Hoop Dee Doo Revue in the evening!

FIRST THINGS

- Sleep in (early risers can have breakfast in your hotel's counter service restaurant (counter credit)), grab your Hoop Dee Doo tickets, and depart by 10:00 (Pop Century bus) or 10:20 (the Resort Monorail stop at the Polynesian —the one reached from the second floor of the Great Ceremonial House) for the Magic Kingdom
- At the front of the Magic Kingdom—before the entrance to the park—find the boat to the Wilderness Lodge. Ask a cast member for help finding it if you need it.
- Get off the boat at the Wilderness Lodge stop (not the Fort Wilderness stop) and follow the crowd into the main building
- At 11 be at the Whispering Canyon Café and have the Family Skillet Lunch (table credit). Your wait staff will lead you in all kinds of fun!
- Be at the boat dock no later than 12:15 and take the boat to the Magic Kingdom

- Enter the park, get a guide map, and walk through Adventureland to Splash Mountain. Fastpass it
- Head back into Adventureland and do all the rides you come to **except** Pirates of the Caribbean and the Jungle Cruise—you will do these right after the 3p parade, when the lines will be much shorter
- Cut over to Liberty Square and see the Hall of Presidents and, if it is not yet 2:00p, ride the Liberty Belle Steamboat. If it is after 2p, but before 2:20, grab a snack and make your

- way back to near Splash Mountain and take the rafts to Tom Sawyer Island. Explore, but be back in line for a raft back to Frontierland by 2:45p. If it is after 2:20, explore the shops around Frontierland
- Be back in the area around Splash Mountain and Big Thunder Mountain by 2:50, and explore it until the 3p parade starts. Don't leave this area or the parade will trap you on the wrong side of the park!
- Watch the parade from the Splash Mountain side and then walk to Big Thunder Mountain and ride it (the wait will not be long, as the parade will have drawn off many riders).
- Get off, and head back into Adventureland using the road to the right of Pecos Bills. Adventureland will be less crowded not only because of people watching the parade, but also because it is the only land that the parade cuts off
- Do Pirates of the Caribbean and the Jungle Cruise
- Return to Splash Mountain when your fastpass time indicates and ride it
- Return to Liberty Square and ride the Haunted Mansion—but you have to be back at the boat docks in front of the Magic Kingdom by 6:15p

YOUR EVENING

- Be at the Magic Kingdom boat dock (the same one you were at to go to the Wilderness Lodge this morning) for the resort launch to Fort Wilderness by 6:15p.
- Ask a cast member to make sure that you are on the Fort Wilderness boat, and that you get off at Fort Wilderness. (NOT the Wilderness Lodge!) Follow the crowd looking for Pioneer Hall–just a few hundred yards in form the boat dock
- Check in for and enjoy the 7:15p Hoop Dee Doo Revue (two table credits)
- Find the boat docks and take the boat to the Magic Kingdom
- Return to your hotel by monorail if you are staying at the Polynesian or bus (at the Magic Kingdom bus area to the right of where you exit the boat) if you are staying at Pop Century

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

Another early-ish morning. You will spend the day in the Magic Kingdom, and the late afternoon and evening in Disney's Hollywood Studios

WEDNESDAY AGENDA

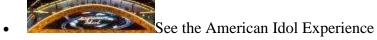
Today you will continue at the Magic Kingdom and make your way in the early afternoon to complete your visit to Disney's Hollywood Studios

FIRST THINGS

Finish breakfast in your room, and be at the Magic Kingdom bus stop at Pop Century by 7:50, or at the Resort Monorail Stop at the Polynesian by 8:10

AT THE PARK

- Arrive at the Magic Kingdom by 8:30. When you are let in at the opening at 9, head straight for Cinderella's Castle and go through it to Fantasyland
- Ride first the attractions that because of their capacity, popularity, or both, get busy quickly—in order, Dumbo, Cinderella's Golden Carousel, Peter Pan, the Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, and Snow White's Scary Adventures. If your children imagine they are too old to enjoy one or both of the first two—then they are, and skip to the next items on the list
- Finish the remaining rides in Fantasyland
- Note the time of your seating for Cinderella's Royal Table Lunch (cash) and interrupt your morning for it as needed
- When you have finished both Fantasyland and lunch, return to (in order) Liberty Square, Frontierland, Adventureland, and ride any rides in these areas you did not get to vesterday
- Keep track of the time, and get yourself ready to...
- ...by 2p begin your trip to the Ticket and Transportation Center (by monorail or ferryboat), find the bus area, and catch the bus to Disney's Hollywood Studios
- At the Studios, watch the 3p parade from the Sunset Boulevard side of Mickey's hat
- See the 3:30 Beauty and the Beast, Live on Stage
- See the 4:30 Lights, Motors, Action Extreme Stunt Show
- Have dinner at 5:30pm at Mama Melrose's, noting to your host that you are on the Fantasmic Dinner Package (table credit)



- By 30 minutes before Fantasmic begins (time varies), find the special Fantasmic entrance for dinner package guests (sign near Oscar's Super Service near the park entrance) and enter when allowed
- See Fantasmic
- Return to your hotel

Note: Bring <u>The Comprehensive Guide to Rides</u> and <u>Rides that Might be Skipped</u> in case your day gets too intense!

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

Other than a couple of scheduled meals (at 10:30a and 8p) and the Cirque du Soleil in Downtown Disney at 6p, you are off!

THURSDAY AGENDA

Other than scheduled meals at 10:30a and 8p, and the Cirque du Soleil at 6p in Downtown Disney, you are off today!

YOUR MORNING AND AFTERNOON

- Be up in time to make your 10:30 character brunch at Chef Mickey's at the Contemporary Resort
- Pop Century guests will need to be on a bus to the Magic Kingdom by 9:30. To get from the Magic Kingdom bus stop to the Contemporary Resort, you can then either walk (5-10 minutes depending on your pace), take the boat that goes to the Contemporary, or take the resort monorail. Ask a cast member for directions to the transportation mode you prefer
- Polynesian guests need to be at their resort monorail stop by 10:10 and exit at the Contemporary Resort
- Enjoy your 10:30 character breakfast at Chef Mickey's (cash)
- Polynesian guests can then take the resort monorail back to their hotel
- Pop guests should take the resort monorail from the Contemporary to the Polynesian and then find their way to Captain Cook's and get a Dole Whip (cash)
- Pop guests return to the Polynesian resort monorail station when ready, and ask the cast member in the station if they can ride in the front cab of the monorail. Get off at the Magic Kingdom...perhaps after riding the monorail in a full circuit first...and take a bus back to Pop Century
- Enjoy a late lunch at your hotel counter (counter credit)

YOUR EVENING

- By 5p be at your hotel bus stop and catch the bus to Downtown Disney
- Ask the driver which stop to get off for Cirque du Soleil (special ticket, cash)
- Get a map, and find Cirque du Soleil. If it is 5:30p or later, enter and find your seats. If earlier, explore DTD a bit, being sure to be inside Cirque du Soleil by 5:30
- Exit Cirque du Soleil, ask a cast member for directions to the DTD Rainforest Café (cash), find it, and either enter if it is near 8 or wander a bit if you are earlier than your reservation
- After dinner, spend as much time in DTD as you like, and when you are ready, use your map to find the closest bus stop, and take the bus back to your hotel

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

Tomorrow you will complete Epcot, with an afternoon break.

Pop Century guests will need to have finished breakfast in their room and be at their bus stop by 7:50.

Polynesian guests need to have completed breakfast in their room, walked over to TTC, and be on the Epcot monorail platform by 8:10

FRIDAY AGENDA

Today you will complete Epcot, with an afternoon break at your hotel.

As a Walt Disney World Resort guest, you can stay at Epcot until midnight

FIRST THINGS

Pop Century guests need to complete their breakfast in their room and be at their bus stop by 7:50.

Polynesian guests need to complete breakfast in their room, walk over to TTC and be on the Epcot monorail platform by 8:10

- Be at Epcot by 8:30
- Enter the turnstiles when the park opens at 9, grab a map and Times Schedule, and follow the cast members to Soarin
- Ride Soarin, then walk across the park to Mission: Space. Fastpass it
- Walk to Test Track and ride
- If your Mission: Space fastpass is ready, use it (ride the "green" version of the ride; if you love it, you can ride the much more intense "orange" version later tonight); otherwise ride Ellen's Universe of Energy
- When you have ridden both the above, cross the park again to the Seas pavilion and see Turtle Talk with Crush, and then the Seas with Nemo and Friends
- Return to The Land pavilion—where you saw Soarin—and see the other rides in this building. If you wish, fastpass Soarin for another ride, if the return time works. (You will be able to see it again tonight after 10p)
- If you are ready for lunch, have it now, as you will be eating lunch in this building, in the Sunshine Seasons Food Fair (counter credit) on the same level as Soarin. If not, continue with the steps below and return for lunch when you are ready
- Move on to the Imagination building, and see Honey I Shrunk the Audience. Skip Journey Into Imagination with Figment unless you have a lot of time on your hands. A lot of time...

- You have now (almost) completed what you must do in the morning and early afternoon. You can begin heading back to your hotel now–seeing Innoventions and Spaceship Earth on your way out–or go on to the World Showcase and both continue your tour of it, and try out Kim Possible's World Showcase Adventure.
- If you continue in the World Showcase, go counterclockwise starting with Canada, as the gardens and flowers in Canada, England and France are at their best at daylight. As on Saturday night, attend the items with defined schedules and work the unscheduled items at the pavilions around them

• Check out Innoventions and ride Spaceship Earth on your way out, and return to your hotel and goof off

AT THE PARK: EVENING

- Be back at Epcot by 5p—Pop guests need to be at their bus stop by 4:20; Polynesian guests at the Epcot monorail stop at TTC by 4:40
- Make your way to Mexico and your 5:30 dinner reservations at San Angel Inn (table credit)
- After dinner, finish visiting the World Showcase
- Over the course of the evening, get your armband that allows you to stay late, and the list of rides and restaurants that will remain open late
- Between 8:30 and 9, find a spot to watch Illuminations—given where you likely will be, the bridge near the International Gateway is as good as any
- At 9, watch Illuminations
- If you have not already seen the American Adventure, see it now
- Stop in Boulangerie Patisserie for a snack (cash)
- Decide based on the list of what is open what rides to see again. Families often split on this.
- Return to your hotel by the means you used to get to Epcot

Note: Bring <u>The Comprehensive Guide to Rides</u> and <u>Rides that Might be Skipped</u> in case your day gets too intense!

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

You begin the day at the Magic Kingdom, have the afternoon off, and return for the evening

SECOND SATURDAY AGENDA

You begin the day at the Magic Kingdom, have the middle of the day off, and return to the Magic Kingdom in the evening

FIRST THINGS

Finish breakfast in your room, and be at the Magic Kingdom bus stop at Pop Century by 7:40, or at the Resort Monorail Stop at the Polynesian by 8:10.

- Be at the park by 8:30.
- At the 9a open, make your way to Space Mountain, and ride. Fastpass for a second ride if you wish.
- Find Buzz Lightyear and ride it.

- At this point, you can either finish up Tomorrowland, or go off to another land and reride a favorite from Tuesday or Wednesday before the lines get too long. If you go to another land, come back after and finish Tomorrowland.
- Have lunch at Pecos Bills (counter credit), between Adventureland and Splash Mountain (take the train from Toontown Fair to Frontierland if you did not get to ride it yet)
- Return to your hotel and nap, swim, and begin to pack up. Polynesian guests take the "Express" or TTC monorail and walk back to Poly from the TTC; Pop guests take the bus
- Be back at the Magic Kingdom by 5p
- The rest of the evening is make up time. See anything in the principal lands of the Magic Kingdom that you missed or want to see again. Use fast passes for rides with waits.
- At some point grab a Dole whip at Aloha Isle in Adventureland.
- Make your 7p Character Dinner at the Crystal Palace (table credit)
- See the 9p evening parade
- See the 10p fireworks. If the park closes at 10, see them from Main Street near the park exit, so you will have less of a crowd at the transportation area. If the park is open until 11 or 12, then see the fireworks from closer to the Castle and continue in the park until the departing crowds have thinned out
- Head back to your hotel

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

Tomorrow is your last day. You need to be at your bus stop by 9:45a, having by then already packed up, checked out, and either have checked your luggage

- With your resort's front desk for later recovery, or
- Through the Disney Magical Express, or
- Directly to your airline if a. you aren't taking the Express, and b. your airline participates in Disney's resort check in program (all airlines at Orlando International can take bags from Disney's Magical Express, but not all can take a resort bag check from those guests who are not using the Express)
- If the weather, and your departure schedule, suits, keep one bag of pool clothes and gear (and, if you are staying at Pop Century, towels), as you will be able to use the pool at your hotel in the afternoon, even though you checked out.

SECOND SUNDAY AGENDA

Organize your gear, check out, see the <u>Gospel Brunch</u> at the House of Blues in Downtown Disney, and weather and your travel schedule permitting, spend the afternoon before you depart at your pool, or in Downtown Disney

YOUR DAY

• Skip breakfast, as your brunch at 10:30 covers breakfast and lunch

- Get yourself ready to go and check out. You need to be at the Downtown Disney bus stop by 9:45a, having by then already
 - o Packed up, checked out, and taken care of your luggage: have either
 - o Checked it through the Disney Magical Express, or
 - Checked it directly at the resort to your airline if
 a. you aren't taking the Express, and
 b. your airline participates in Disney's resort check in program (all airlines at Orlando International can take bags from Disney's Magical Express, but not all can take a resort bag check from those guests who are not using the Express), or
 - o Checked your luggage with your resort's front desk for later recovery.
 - o If the weather, and your departure schedule, suits, beside the bags you are keeping as carry-ons, keep out one bag of pool clothes and gear (and, if you are staying at Pop Century, towels), as you will be able to use the pool at your hotel in the afternoon, even though you checked out.
- Be at the resort bus stop by 9:45 with your carry on/pool gear
- Ask your driver which stop to get off for the House of Blues
- Find the House of Blues, check in, check your bags, and enjoy the Gospel Brunch (cash)
- If you have time, wander around Downtown Disney
- Return to the Downtown Disney bus stop at least 75 minutes before you need to be back at your resort for your departure
- At your resort, if you have time and the weather suits, goof off at the pool until it is time to dress and depart
- Leave for home

THIS ITINERARY NO LONGER WORKS. See this for details and alternatives.

(For a 90 day calendar, see this).

A. MORE THAN 90 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PLANNED ARRIVAL DATE

- 1. Confirm your budget, planned dates, kids' development paths and heights, and your transportation choice and its availability for your planned dates.
- 2. Make your plane reservations, if flying. Make any other needed transportation arrangements.
- 3. Set up your hotel and tickets. Call 407-939-7675 (preferred, because this allows you to tell the reservationist which building at your resort you wish to be in, which the new WDW website no longer allows you to do), or click here to use Disney's online system.
 - When the page opens, click "Book Vacation Packages"
 - Add your dates, party size and age of your kids
 - Set up your basic package:
 - o Click "Advanced Search"
 - o Click "I know the Resort I want."
 - o In the drop down menu that appears, click to open, and scroll to pick your hotel

- o Click "Dining Plan"
- o Click "Continue"
- o Wait
- Fix the options—a page will open that has selected several options for you, most of them wrong. You will need to fix in each section, and update the sections as you go.
 - At the top of the page you will be put into the most expensive room. Click the button for the least expensive instead. (The views aren't worth it for first time family visitors, except Animal Kingdom Lodge visitors should always pick a Sayannah view)
 - Click "Update" and wait
 - Click, in the "Park Tickets and Options" section, the button in the upper right that says "Open."
 - Leave the "Park Hopper" box clicked, but unclick the "Water Parks and More" box
 - o Change the number of days in your tickets to 7
 - o Click "Update" and wait
- Click "Ground Transportation" and when it opens, click Disney's Magical Express, and add your airline info
- Click "Continue" and wait
- Click "Select this Offer" at the bottom of the page and wait
- When the pricing pages shows up, unclick Trip Insurance (if offered)
- In the "Special Room Requests" section, click to open, then click "Refrigerator"
- If you are on the phone, tell the reservationist what room you want
 - o If a Polynesian guest, ask for a room on the third floor (quieter) in Rapa Nui or Tahiti. (These are 2 of the only 3 buildings with both the largest rooms and balconies on all floors, and are the 2 buildings closest to the Epcot monorail. You are in fact so close to TTC that you can take the express monorail home from the Magic Kingdom—much faster than the resort monorail.)
 - If a Pop Century Guest, ask for a room on the 4th floor (quieter) in the 1970s area.
 (This is the only building group at Pop Century that does not surround a pool, so it will be quieter at night.)
- Complete the transaction with your credit card.

B. 91 DAYS BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL DATE

Return to this site and re-check this page, as *Disney changes things around*, especially Extra Magic Hours. This changing of things around may send you to different parks on different days—especially the first Sunday and Monday—so may result in changes to where and when you dine on which days. *So recheck*!

C. EXACTLY 7am EST, EXACTLY 90 DAYS BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL DATE

(For an 180-90 day calendar, see this).

Call (407) WDW-DINE (939-3463) exactly at 7a Eastern time to make your Cinderella's Royal Table Lunch reservations for the Wednesday of your trip that begin between 11a

and 12:45p (cash, not dining plan). The exact time during that Wednesday of when you dine is not critical, but an earlier lunch is better than later, as dinner that day is at 5:30p.

D. STILL EXACTLY 90 DAYS BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL DATE

1. Call (407) WDW-DINE (939-3463) and make the exact reservations below.

Click the thumbnail to see what flexibility you have if you can't get these exact times.

Tell them when you are using "Magic Your Way Plus Dining" credits (noted below). For some reservations, you will need to provide a credit card number even though you plan to use credits. That's ok, as this is Disney's way of making sure that at high-demand events you are not a no-show. You will be able to use your credits—just tell the host at the restaurant when you check in, and your waiter.

Reserve (note: you only can reserve table service restaurants):

- First Saturday: Akershus Banquet Character Meal, 6:30p (Dining Plan)
- Monday: 50's Prime Time Cafe, 6:15p (Dining Plan)
- Tuesday: Whispering Canyon Skillet Lunch 11a (Dining Plan); Hoop de Doo Revue, 7:15p show (Dining Plan, two credits)
- Wednesday: Mama Melrose's, 5:30p, as Fantasmic Dinner Package (tell reservationist this!) (Dining Plan)
- Thursday: Chef Mickey's Character breakfast, 10:30a (Cash, not Dining Plan); Downtown Disney (NOT Animal Kingdom) Rainforest Café, 8p (Cash, not Dining Plan)
- Friday: San Angel Inn, 5:30p (Dining Plan)
- Second Saturday: Crystal Palace Character Dinner, 7p (Dining Plan)
- 2. Order your Cirque du Soleil tickets (Category 2) for the 6p show on Thursday at this site (cash).
- 3. Call the House of Blues Orlando at (407) 934-BLUE and order tickets for your second Sunday 10:30 Gospel Brunch (cash)
 - E. CHECK THIS SITE LATE IN THE FIRST WEEK OF EVERY FOLLOWING MONTH FOR ANY CHANGES.

F. NOTES ON PACKING BEFORE YOU LEAVE

1. If you use Disney's Magical Express, you do not need to collect your bags at the Orlando airport. Disney will get them for you and, eventually, deliver them directly to your room. Your bags may arrive hours after you do; so, depending on the weather forecasts, have a

carry-on with an appropriate change of clothes for Orlando weather on Saturday, as you will almost certainly go to Epcot on Saturday before your checked bags arrive.

- 2. Follow the instructions in the Magical Express packet you will receive in the mail regarding both tagging your bags pre-departure, and where to go at the Orlando airport to find your transport to your resort.
- 3. Bring a copy of your room reservation, confirmation numbers (such as for the Gospel Brunch) and any tickets for special events you may have received in the mail.
- 4. If you have room, pack breakfast supplies: cereal, bowls, spoons, napkins, etc.