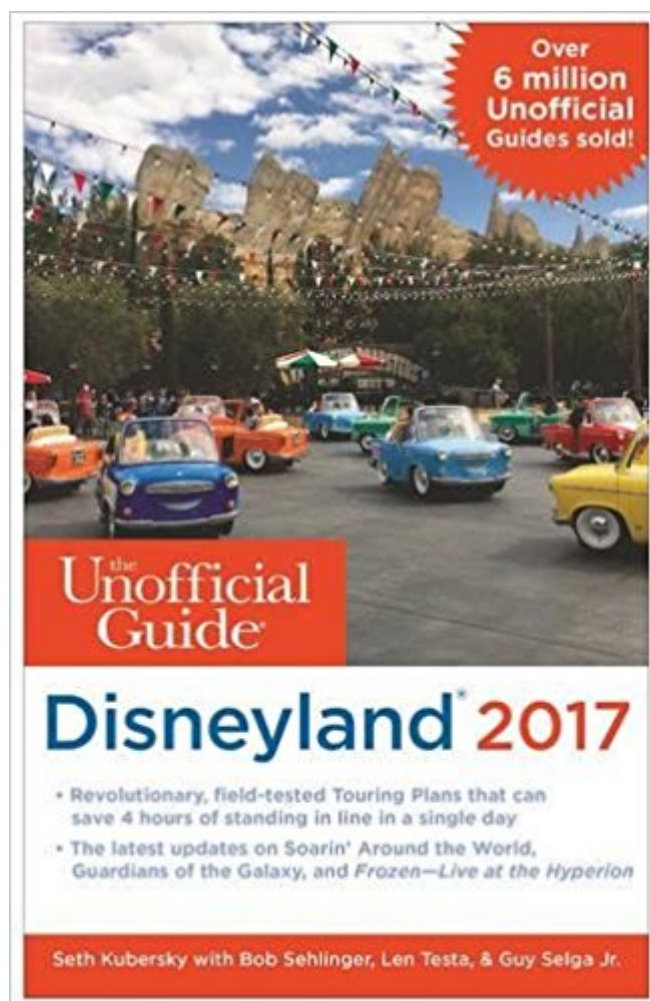


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The Unofficial Guide To Disneyland 2017



Synopsis

A great destination and thorough preparation are what make a wonderful vacation, and The Unofficial Guide to Disneyland makes Disneyland one of the most accessible theme parks in the world. With advice that is direct, prescriptive, and detailed, it takes the guesswork out of the reader's vacation. Whether you are at Disneyland for a day or a week, there is a plan for your group or family. You can enjoy the rides, activities, and entertainment instead of spending your time in lines. The Unofficial Guide to Disneyland authors Bob Sehlinger, Seth Kubersky, Len Testa, and Guy Selga, Jr. present the information in a comprehensive way that permits easy comparisons and facilitates decision making. There are detailed plans and profiles of hotels, restaurants, and attractions that are presented in "at-a-glance" formats that provide for near instant communication of the most salient information. Profiles are supplemented by indexes. In short, we've got a plan for every reader. The Unofficial Guide to Disneyland's research team is a multi-disciplinary group consisting, among others, of data collectors, computer scientists, statisticians, and psychologists. Their singular goal is to provide a guide that will let you get it right the first time and every time. With their help, advice,

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EXCERPT

Part 6 - Disney California Adventure - Cars Land

Cars land is the crowning capst one on DCA's transformation, and the first major "land" in an American Disney theme park devoted solely to a single film franchise. Tucked in the park's southeast corner on 12 acres of repurposed parking lot, Cars Land's main entrance is across from the Golden Vine Winery, though there are secondary gateways in A Bug's Land and in Pacific Wharf (the vista through the latter's stone archway entrance is especially scenic). A massive mountainous backdrop topped with 125-foot high peaks patterned after 1950s Cadillac Pinnacle tail fins, known as the Cadillac Range, cradles Ornament Valley, home to a screen-accurate re-creation of Radiator Springs. That's the sleepy single-stoplight town along Route 66 populated by Pixar's anthropomorphized automobiles. Along its main drag, in addition to three rides, you'll find eateries themed to the film's minor characters and souvenir shops selling Cars-themed and Route 66 merchandise.

Cars Land represents a considerable investment in capital and creativity for the Disney company, resulting in a rare example of complete entertainment immersion. Walking through the aesthetically astounding area is uncannily like stepping into the cinematic universe, and well worth the wait even if you weren't particularly enamored of the merchandise-moving movies. Since opening, the area has attracted massive crowds all day and has dramatically increased DCA's overall attendance. As striking as Cars Land is by daylight, it is even more stunning after sunset; the nightly neon-lighting ceremony set to the doo-wop classic "Life Could Be a Dream" is a magical must-see (showtimes are not publicized but occur promptly at sundown, so ask a Cars Land cast member and arrive early). Finally, a word to the wise from a Dallas, Texas, family: Tip: Cars Land has NO shade. Literally none. Wear a hat.

World of Color--Celebrate!

The Wonderful World of Walt Disney

DESCRIPTION AND COMMENT

The 1,200

high-pressure water nozzles installed under the surface of DCA's Paradise Bay are the infrastructure for Disney's \$75-million attempt to keep guests in the park (and spending money) until closing time. If you've seen or heard about the spectacular fountain show at the Bellagio in Las Vegas, World of Color--Celebrate! is similar but larger, with more special effects and themed to Disney movies. Though the original version of World of Color was still wildly popular, in honor of Disneyland's Diamond Anniversary, it was completely overhauled and given the new subtitle Celebrate! The Wonderful World of Walt Disney. This new special edition of World of Color is explicitly a tribute to Walt Disney, the man and his "dreams of Disneyland," and incorporates classic animated images with live-action footage of Uncle Walt and a new musical score, along with clips from dozens of Disney films, attractions, and characters in its 22-minute performance. The show's backdrop includes Mickey's Fun Wheel, fitted with special lighting effects for use in the show. Giant projection surfaces sculpted by sprayed water--even larger than those used in Fantasmic!--display custom-made animations, and flamethrowers spew almost enough heat to dry off guests standing in the splash zones. What's most remarkable about the show is how the flashing colored lights and pulsating fountains combine to look like low-level fireworks. The effects are astounding, and the colors are vibrant and deep. World of Color--Celebrate! is hosted by stage and screen star Neil Patrick Harris, and boy, did Disney get their money's worth with him. NPH (as he's known to his fans) is in almost every scene of the show. If we had to rank the top four things you'll see and hear in the show, it's 1) water, 2) color, 3) Neil Patrick Harris, and 4) the word celebrate. Unfortunately, even if you're a huge fan of his work as Doogie Howser, Barney Stinson, and/or Hedwig, Harris's presence crosses the line from conducive host to obtrusive interloper, as he's awkwardly inserted into stiffly animated sequences and made to sing a mediocre new theme song that isn't nearly as catchy as the old "Wonderful World of Color" tune.

I have been to Disneyland too many times to count. I haven't been for the last few years due to a back surgery but am now planning a trip. I wanted to get some info that was up to date on places to stay, etc... There have been many changes in the last 6 years so I just wanted updated info. There were a couple of tips on places to stay that I found very helpful right off the bat. For someone who has never been or hasn't been in many years, I think this up to date info is well worth the purchase price.

We have been to both Disneys probably 5 or 6 times, and would not go without this invaluable book. It has been a godsend in planning out our days, picking places to eat, etc. I'm a "planner", so I

would not be comfortable just showing up with no preparation. There are so many hints in this book that you would never know if you just stuck to the mainstream guides. It includes Universal also. I can't wait to sit down on my next day off and begin making plans. I usually end up just tearing pages out to bring with us each day. I highly recommend this book to anyone making a trip to Disneyland. There is one for Disney World, also, and a new one is published each year.

So far its been great in helping our planning. We are still reading it and taking lots of notes. We have made a few simple purchases that were recommended, like Blister bandages and some small gifts that I found on sale. It really helped make a decision on overnight accomodations. Now all we have to do is put everything we have learned to the test. We don't leave for another three months, so we will read and plan more.

My other half and I took our 6 year old daughter to Disneyland for her birthday. It was her first time, he hadn't been for 20 years and I hadn't been for 15 years. So we wanted to make sure to go on every ride. But we are both very indecisive. This book was a lifesaver! Bought it for my Kindle so after reading it and picking our touring plans I took a screenshot of our chosen plans so I could access them easily in the park. We only missed a few rides because they were closed and had a great time! No stress over where to go and what to do next. And enough lax time during and after our daily list to re-ride or grab treats. I would recommend this book to first time visitors or those who haven't been in awhile. There are so many good tricks and tips for each attraction. Best 10 bucks I've ever spent!

We have not made the trip yet, but this seems to be packed with great advice and information. I have read it pretty much from cover to cover, made lots of notes and it will be with me in the park. I will feel a lot more comfortable having all this information than going in blind. I really feel like I have learned so much as I have checked many resources on line and they each had some of the same information, but now I have all that and more in one place that can go with me.

All of the unofficial guide books I have read have been great, and this is no exception. As a theme park vet visiting Disneyland for the first time, I found the attention to detail invaluable.

I am not compensated for this review. This is the best Disney book on the market you only need to buy one this one. Study and plan with this book and you will have an enjoyable Disney trip

Loved this book and the day guides in the back. Well worth hauling the book in my bag for two days at Disneyland/ California Adventure! Very helpful in avoiding lines as much as possible. Great tidbits about each ride. We spent one day at Universal, and took it there, too. The tip about buying ponchos for Jurassic Park was invaluable, as it was cold while we were visiting the park. Thumbs up!

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