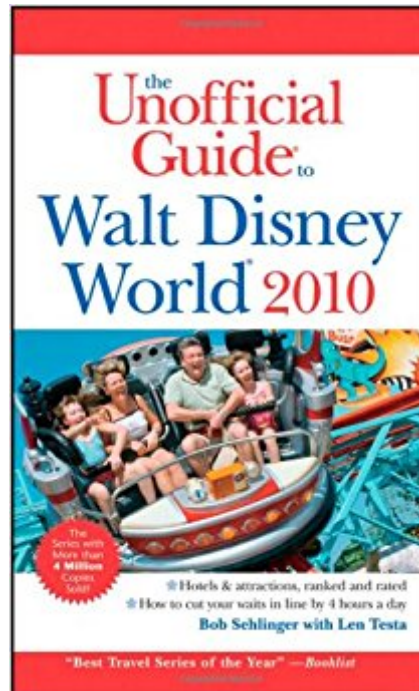




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# The Unofficial Guide Walt Disney World 2010 (Unofficial Guides)



## Synopsis

In 2008, combined Walt Disney World Resort's theme park attendance reached over 51 million, with the Magic Kingdom alone drawing over 17 million visitors. (Orlando Convention and Visitor Bureau) Despite significant downturns in the economy, Disney theme parks have maintained attendance rates and made gains in attendance at some parks. Walt Disney World Resort theme parks are rated best in the world, earning high marks for things outside of the traditional theme park experience. Epcot's International Food & Wine Festival, which takes place for six weeks every fall and showcases food from twenty-five countries, was rated by Forbes Traveler as one of the Best U.S. Food and Wine Festivals.

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Test Your Disney Smarts! -exclusive quiz from author Bob Sehlinger

1. Which restaurant has the best view at Walt Disney World? A. LakeView Restaurant, B. The California Grill, C. Cinderella's Royal Table
2. Afternoon milkshakes for two kids will cost you: A. \$5.72, B. \$8.38, C. \$12.59
3. Disney Kids' Meals are available for children of what ages? A. 3-9, B. 3-11, C. Under 18
4. When is the best time to take the kids on Dumbo the Flying Elephant? A. Before 10 a.m. or after 9 p.m., B. Immediately following lunch, C. At exactly 3:15 p.m.
5. Which Disney theme park is five times the size as the Magic Kingdom? A. Disney's Hollywood Studios, B. Epcot Center, C. Animal Kingdom
6. The best time to visit Walt Disney World is: A. On your child's birthday, B. The day of your child's final exam in math class, C.

During the period between Christmas Day and New Year's Day Answers: 1)B, 2)B, 3)A, 4)A, 5)C, 6)A

### Five Unofficial Ways to Prepare For Your Trip to Walt Disney World -exclusive content from author Bob Sehlinger

1. Select the time of year for your visit: Walt Disney World is busiest Christmas Day through New Year's Day. Thanksgiving weekend, the week of Washington's birthday, the first full week of November, spring break for colleges, and the two weeks around Easter are also times when visitation can peak at 92,000 visitors in a single day. The park is far less crowded during the off season, but be advised that the parks often open late and close early during that time. You can find detailed charts and info on the best times to visit in *The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World*.
2. Shape up: Visiting Disney World requires levels of industry and stamina more often associated with running marathons. As you plan your time at Disney World, consider your physical limitations. It's exhausting to rise at dawn and run around a theme park for 8 to 12 hours day after day. Every Disney World vacation itinerary should include days when you don't go to a theme park and days when you sleep in and take the morning off. Plan these to follow unusually long and arduous days.
3. Formulate your park plan: First-time visitors should see Epcot first; you'll be able to enjoy it without having been preconditioned to think of Disney entertainment as solely fantasy or adventure. See Animal Kingdom second. Like Epcot, it's educational, but its live animals provide a change of pace. Next, see Disney's Hollywood Studios, which helps transition from the educational Epcot and Animal Kingdom to the fanciful Magic Kingdom. Also, because DHS is smaller, you won't walk as much or stay as long. Save the Magic Kingdom for last; it's the park that epitomizes Disney World for most visitors.
4. Create your touring plan: Which rides and attractions appeal most to you? What are you willing to forgo? Planning your day in advance can save you up to four hours of waiting time in line. We have developed a hierarchy of categories that will help you evaluate each ride and plan the best way to enjoy them all. For example, SUPER-HEADLINERS are the best attractions the theme park has to offer and they usually have the longest lines. MINOR ATTRACTIONS are midway-type rides, small "dark" rides (cars on a track, zigzagging through the dark) and walk-through attractions which can be a lot of fun, without the long wait. Remember that bigger and more elaborate doesn't always mean better. See examples of touring plans (and create your own) in *The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World*.
5. Getting hungry?: There are three lessons to learn before you dine in the parks. One: Theme-park restaurants rush their customers in order to make room for the next group of diners. If you want to linger over your expensive meal, don't order your entire dinner at once. Order drinks. Study the menu while you sip, then

order appetizers. Tell the waiter you need more time to decide among entrees. Order your main course only after appetizers have been served. Dawdle over dessert. Two: If you're dining in a theme park and cost is an issue, make lunch your main meal. Entrees are similar to those on the dinner menu, but prices are significantly lower. Three: Disney adds a surcharge of \$4 per adult and \$2 per child to certain popular restaurants during weeks of peak attendance, including Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, and in 2009 every day from Memorial Day through July 4.

"Best Travel Series of the Year" •Booklist "A Tourist's Best Friend!" •Chicago Sun-Times "Indispensable" •The New York Times Five Great Features and Benefits offered ONLY by The Unofficial Guide: 1 Exclusively patented, field-tested touring plans that save as much as four hours of standing in line in a single day 2 New color section with practical information for your trip 3 More than 200 hotels rated and ranked for quality and value, including the top non-Disney hotels for families 4 A complete Dining Guide with ratings and reviews of all Walt Disney World restaurants, plus extensive alternatives for dining deals outside the World 5 Attractions rated and ranked for each age group; extensive, objective, head-to-head comparisons of the Disney and Universal theme parks

The Unofficial Guide folks totally get it! I purchased their guide to Disneyland in the past and learned so much amazing info! I actually didn't follow the touring plans and just created my own plan based on their information. It worked like a charm until Disney changed their Fastpass system and took all the fun and efficiency out of my plan. My dad, brother and I planned a trip to DisneyWorld last Christmas and we used this guide to make some of our plans. I also used it to choose restaurants and attractions to visit. I'm certain that the information in this guide saved us time and money. As we were out wandering around the parks, I just kept thinking "if you came here for the first time with zero knowledge of how things work, you'd spend SO much time in line and waste so much time on everything really." There is a ton of info in this book, so much that I didn't have time to read it all before we went, but since we were already familiar with Disney and my dad read a lot of it too, we were good to go! I will definitely buy the new version next time I go...Disney changes things so often that you need the updates! I highly recommend this book to anyone planning a trip to DisneyWorld, especially if you're going for the first time.

You must get this book if you are planning a visit to Disney World. I have used The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World for each visit over many years, and I have never waited in line for any

attraction longer than a half hour even during peak weeks. Follow their touring plans and your vacation will be made of memories of your favorite rides and shows, not how many hours you waited in line. The book is funny and informative and worth the time to read it cover to cover. They didn't pay me to write this, but I did write a review of Mission Space that they published (I'm the Woman from Lisbon, CT). Bob Sehlinger, I'm ready to be your senior on the ground at Disney if you need me!

I wouldn't go to "Disney World" without this book. Having said that, I didn't read all of it until half way through the vacation. It could have easily saved me \$700 plus. The tips on Fast Pass and planning each day were very helpful. Only once during a 9 day stay did we wait in line for more than 30 minutes. Most of the time we waited less than 10 minutes.

excellent source of info for anyone venturing to Orlando and its parks; had a previous issue but this is updated; has real reviews and comments from both the authors and mom & pop people that have been there, stayed in the hotels, gone to the parks and also used info from the book; living in FL and going to Orlando a few times a year, we wouldn't use any other source of information; they rate hotels (including Disney's) on things like quietness, suitability for families/singles/couples, restaurant food/quality, times for transportation to get to the parks vs. the visitor driving themselves, etc. cannot recommend enough.

This was my 5th trip to Disney & using this book as a resource. We love this book. I have shared these guides & recommended it to many people as a great starting point to planning a Disney vacation. The vast amount of information can seem overwhelming, I recommend reading just the chapters you need, as you need them to plan your vacation. There are so many facets to planning a fun, busy Disney vacation & this book really addresses them all. The reviews & information about the attractions are very helpful & informative. Although Walt Disney World is for children, there are attractions & rides that are not for the very young even if they meet the height requirements. This book helps explain the scare factor & appeal to a broad range of ages. Through the years I have used this guide to steer my children on the right attractions at the right ages so now they will ride everything & anything with little or no fear/apprehension. It always saddens me to hear & see kids at Disney who were put on a ride because it was "Disney" only to be freaked out & scream & cry the whole time. For attraction information, I highly recommend this book. The recommended touring plans are invaluable! We have truly spent very little time in line & have enjoyed so many attractions

at Disney because we had a TOURING plan. I always enjoy reading the book because it is written in a humorous manner. I used the website & downloaded the corresponding app. With this guide you can access "member-only" aspects to the website & app. They are worth the price of the book! The app was fabulous! It really helped us adjust our touring plan on the fly. I will be using this book as a beginning point to plan our Universal Studios vacation for Fall 2014 & updating my subscription to the app too.

Cuts your wait times by 45 minutes to an hour. Fun to plan your trip and read the hilarious descriptions of rides and the crazy people who do crazy things to ride them.

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