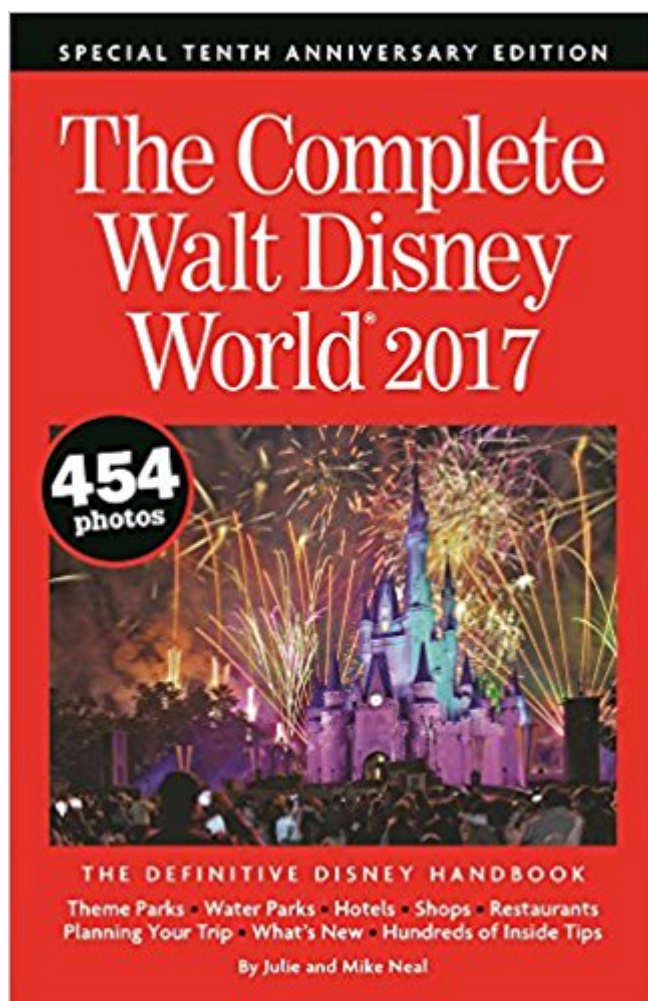


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The Complete Walt Disney World 2017 (Complete Walt Disney World: The Definitive Disney Handbook)



Synopsis

SPECIAL TENTH ANNIVERSARY EDITION Your best vacation ever. It's easy to have with the help of this award-winning full-color guidebook. Filled with the most detailed information ever published about Walt Disney World, it combines a thorough description of everything Disney has to offer with a cornucopia of advice and insight to help you enjoy it. In other words, it's a handbook on how to have fun. Critics agree. The Orlando Sentinel calls it "a fantastic planning tool." The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says it's "refreshing in its honest opinions." Also included: more than 454 photographs and over a thousand fun finds and facts. Smartly organized, the 416-page book fits easily in your purse or backpack. Honest insight, helpful detail. A former Walt Disney World concierge supervisor, Julie Neal freely shares her unique insight, offering hundreds of inside tips and secrets, while also tossing in an encyclopedic depth of facts and figures that you just can't find anywhere else. An award-winning family guide. The Complete Walt Disney World has won dozens of national and international book awards, including eleven Travel Guide of the Year honors and an Outstanding Family Product award from Disney itself. Features for families include a collection of fun ways to involve your children in the planning of your trip and "fear factors" for scary rides and shows. Children enjoy flipping through the guide's pages with their parents, as its abundance of images makes it easy to declare, "Let's do that!"

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Ten for ten. Here are ten reasons why the 10th Anniversary Edition of "The Complete Walt Disney World" is the best one ever: It's bigger than ever. More than 400 pages. -- There's more focus on fun. Seventy percent of its pages are devoted to Disney's theme and water parks -- 70 more than last year's guide. Attraction reviews include expanded features on fan favorites such as Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, The Haunted Mansion, Jungle Cruise, Pirates of the Caribbean and Star Tours. Other articles explore Disney's architecture and design. Love those murals inside Cinderella Castle? You'll be shocked when you learn who made them. More new reviews. Did you know? Within the past year Disney World has debuted or updated 50 rides and shows, more than any other year in its history. The amazing Star Wars Galactic Spectacular? The sadly so-so Frozen Ever After? The blacklight-lit hands-in-the-air-like-you-don't-care Carnivale street party? New reviews give you the straightforward scoop on all of them, as well as 10 other brand-new attractions. But we don't

stop there. Other new reviews clue you in on rides and shows that are substantially new (such as Kilimanjaro Safaris, Soarin'; Around the World and Turtle Talk with Crush) and many more that have secretly been enhanced in ways that could switch your itch to do them from a "maybe" to a "must" (such as Dinosaur, It's a Small World and Toy Story Mania). More new photos. Of the book's 454 images, nearly 200 are new for this edition. They show you every new attraction and give you fresh looks at classic attractions. You see Disney's many new fireworks and shows. You discover new Hidden Mickeys. You go back in time with Walt Disney, Roy Disney, even the famed Hatbox Ghost -- all through images that have never appeared in any travel guide before. Bigger photos. Do you like looking at photos the size of postage stamps? Of course not. That's why, except for those in our animal guides, nearly every photo in this edition is at least a third of a page. Many take up a whole page. Some spread out over two. All-new maps. Colorful watercolor designs provide five times the information than those in our previous editions. Sure they show you where the attractions are, what map doesn't? But what about Starbucks? Hand-scooped ice-cream? Alcoholic drinks? Simple icons let you quickly find them all, as well as health-related spots such as Baby Care Centers, First Aid stations, and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), self-service devices that let you quickly treat a loved one suffering a heart attack. More helpful restaurant reviews. Does it help you to know what we think of each restaurant and snack bar? We hope it does. Eating at them all is our No. 1 expense in producing this book. Does it help you to know how much the average person pays to eat there, or if and how the place participates in the Disney Dining Plan? We know it does. So for this edition we've added that information to every Disney food review, right up front, using color-coded contractions that pop off the page. ã Æ Happiness is a Cheap Room. That's the name of a new article in our Accommodations chapter. Why? Because during the past year we've spent literally months at Disney's resort hotels (mainly taking photos, as we now offer digital editions of this book) and have stumbled upon one strange but undeniable truth: the less expensive the resort, the happier the people are who stay there. It's not true in every case, of course, but wow is it true overall. Learn why, and see why, in this six-page feature. ã Æ There's a new planning chapter. Individual articles focus on the complex stuff -- planning strategies, Disney's My Magic+ system, its Fastpass+ ride reservation system -- all in a clear, concise way that's easy to understand. Other articles offer imaginative ways to involve your children in your planning, and tips for attending Disney's holiday events. Then comes ticket prices and other practical information in a breeze-to-browse mini-chapter, Disney Planning A-Z. Honest Abe wants the redhead. Hundreds of new Fun Facts and Fun Finds include the secret spots Disney has placed

duplicate figures from its Hall of Presidents. And yes, one of them hides in plain sight at the Pirates of the Caribbean, complete with his stovepipe hat. Something else you should know. The Complete Walt Disney World is the only major Disney guide written by authors who live in Orlando. Julie Neal has spent nearly 2,000 days at Disney over the past ten years; she used to work there as a concierge supervisor. Last year she led CNN correspondent Richard Quest through the Magic Kingdom in an episode of "CNN Business Traveler."

We purchased the guide 5 years ago and loved it, passing it on to friends and family. We will be going back to Disney World and this was the first guide we picked out for our trip. We like the maps and organization for the parks. The personal preferences and photos are a huge help. We liked the highs and lows for each hotel, making it easier to narrow down our choices. Use the phone directory - it works. The organization by park area is a help in putting together your daily trips and making sure you do not miss anything. The big drawback is the index. The pagination does not match the actual pages you are directed to. We ended up marking up the index so we could follow what we wanted to find. The guide should never have been issued with this glaring fault.

It's fun to browse through but when you try to find an actual item, the index is incorrect. I read the review before purchasing and everyone says it's great. The one negative review has this info buried at the bottom. I should have read ALL of it more closely. I will most likely be returning.

The Complete Walt Disney World 2017 aims to be the authoritative (but unofficial) guide to planning out your Walt Disney World vacation. It is over 400 pages full of bright photos and detailed descriptions of every ride, hotel, restaurant and just about any other attraction you can think of related to Walt Disney World. And while I wouldn't take it as the only source of information for your once-in-a-lifetime trip, sitting down with it for a few hours will certainly make you a well informed patron before your visit. This is a book that you're going to want to get well in advance of your trip - like a year in advance. Its logical layout and color coded pages make it useful as a reference, but it can also be read front-to-back, which is the way I approached it. While you'll probably want to take the book along with you on your trip, I don't think you'll get enough use out of it while you're actually in the park to warrant bringing it along - this sucker is heavy! Each park and each land in each park has an introduction, which will serve total newbies well. Then even each ride (or "attraction") at Disney World is covered with a photo, description, rating, and helpful facts that even most Disney World vets may not be able to tell you like how long each ride lasts or some small detail to look for

in the line queue. This works out to be a great structure- the photo and description helped get my kids pumped for our trip while the ratings and some of the facts helped us plan which rides we really wanted to do. The last 50 pages or so are going to be where the book really pays for itself in filling out your trip logistics. Every Disney hotel is outlined with pros & cons, and prices. Past that, the "Trip Planning" section gives you the low-down on some of the things you might have heard of but might not know what they are or how to make the most of them- like character breakfasts and MyMagic+. You'll want to read these pages to avoid, for instance, showing up at the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique without a reservation. Having a guide book that is not officially affiliated with Disney is a real benefit here. The authors are able to give readers an unbiased opinion on the rides, restaurants, and hotels. And while they might be wrong in some cases (see my video to hear all about how wrong they are about Splash Mountain. So wrong...), at least you can be sure their opinion isn't going through a corporate advertising machine. This also means the book isn't necessarily as polished as you would get directly from Disney- and that's okay too. Aside from a few strange selections, the photos are very high quality and the writing mostly feels like it's out of a catalog, though it tends to start to feel more like a blog in the later sections. If you're a newcomer to Disney, this book comes highly recommended. Yes you can find the same information from different sources on the internet for free, but having it laid out in an organized way in one place that you can reference offline is invaluable. My strategy would be to read this and look up second opinions or clarifications online where you have specific questions. Even if you still have to find a forum and ask other Disney experts yourself, after reading this you'll know you're asking the right questions. Ultimately this is a great starting point for your trip and will give you a big head start if you're feeling anxious about your trip planning. Disney park pros will have less use for it, though I did learn a lot from it myself, and it was great in getting my kids pumped up about our next trip. It combines a broad scope with a smart layout to make the information not feel overwhelming, and balances thousand-foot view descriptions with very low level details to provide value to both the novice and professional park goer. Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy of this book for review.

I'm finally getting a chance to look at the Complete Walt Disney World 2017 book and noticed that certain places are on the wrong pages. Like Chef Mickey's says page 310 but on page 310 it's Disney Springs and Test Track is listed on 134/135 but it's really on page 146 and etc....Is there an updated book with the right page numbers?

It's difficult to look up something specific when the index is completely incorrect. I think the information is fine, but it takes so long to find it, it's not worth the hassle!

Very helpful in planning trip to Disney this winter. Hard to find book sometimes that is mostly focused on the parks and not just for little kids or first timers. Have been there many times but like this book as it doesn't focus too much on where to stay (we have timeshare) or character experiences (our kids are older). We are most interested in the parks and attractions. Great tips and info on the latest and greatest at the parks in this book. Pictures also good. Nice size to take with us to park. Not too big.

I've been to Walt Disney World a "few" times in my life. Each time it's a little new because my trips are so far in between. This is the first time I've purchased a guide book for WDW. I've always done research beforehand, but never using a guidebook. I chose this particular guide for the amount of pictures it contained. This book contains a ton of information including ride history, facts, and expected wait times through the day. For each ride/location it goes into detail of hidden gems and hidden Mickeys. Sometimes there is so much information, I tend to drown some of it out. I can't say that's a downside to the book; it just means that it appears the author has done extensive research, so it should appeal to an individual who is wanting basic information and can skip over some of the details to someone who wants to know the ins and outs of the rides/locations. I'll still do my own set of research and planning based on Disney's scheduled events that are ever changing. There are a few areas in the book with information labeled as updates, so if you've purchased the book in the last two years, you may not benefit much from purchasing a new edition. I'm sure next year will be a different story with the additions to the parks. I can say that I am pleased that I chose this as my first guidebook for WDW.

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