

Magic Kingdom Brings Fantasy to Life For Walt Disney World Guests

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Six happy lands transport guests to worlds of fantasy, adventure and wonder at Magic Kingdom, the first of four theme parks that comprise the world's No. 1 vacation destination — Walt Disney World Resort.

Nestled on the shores of the picturesque Seven Seas Lagoon, Magic Kingdom opened its gates Oct. 1, 1971, and has created smiles, laughter and fond memories for millions of guests ever since.

From the moment they step through its turnstiles, Magic Kingdom guests enter a storybook realm filled with Disney characters at every turn, classic attractions including Pirates of the Caribbean and The Haunted Mansion, and dazzling entertainment such as "Dream Along with Mickey," "Mainstreet Electrical Parade," "Celebrate a Dream Come True," "The Magic, The Memories and You!" and "Wishes."

Lands and Attractions

Arranged in a circular layout with the golden spires of Cinderella Castle towering over the center, the seven lands of the Magic Kingdom are, clockwise from park entrance:

- **Main Street, U.S.A.** – Walt Disney's childhood in Marceline, Mo., inspired this re-creation of a bustling thoroughfare in early 20th century America, complete with horse-drawn trolley and vintage barbershop. Major attractions include the Walt Disney World Railroad, a vintage steam engine that provides a scenic trip around the park with stops in Frontierland and Mickey's Toontown Fair.
- **Adventureland** – Disney's "True-Life Adventure" documentary films provided the spark for this exotic land of jungles and wild animals. Major attractions include Pirates of the Caribbean, a rollicking buccaneer boat ride now featuring Captain Jack Sparrow and other major characters from the "Pirates of the Caribbean" film series; Jungle Cruise, a tongue-in-cheek trek down the world's most famous rivers; The Magic Carpets of Aladdin, a high-flying spin on a magic carpet; and the "Enchanted Tiki Room" which returned to Magic Kingdom with a version reminiscent of the original show (called Tropical Serenade). The attraction has been entertaining guests since the theme park's opening day Oct. 1, 1971. Its winged hosts — Jose, Fritz, Pierre and Michael — led 200 other birds, tikis and flowers in an entertaining Polynesian revue. The Adventureland attraction was inspired by Walt Disney's Enchanted Tiki Room, which opened at Disneyland Park in 1963.
- **Frontierland** – Tall tales of the Wild West come to life in this prairie outpost where cowboys and miners roam. Major attractions include Splash Mountain, a zip-a-dee-doo-dah log ride in search of Br'er Rabbit's "laughing place"; Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, a roller coaster ride through towering mesas and an unstable mine; and Country Bear Jamboree, a raucous revue of singing bears.
- **Liberty Square** – Step back to the age of colonial America in this land honoring the country's early heritage. Major attractions include The Haunted Mansion, a gothic manor containing a host of family-friendly frights from 999 happy haunts; and The Hall of Presidents, a stirring Audio-Animatronics salute to the United States' chief executives and the struggles that built America.
- **New Fantasyland (2012)** – The largest expansion project in Magic Kingdom history will open in phases beginning in 2012 at Walt Disney World Resort, featuring attractions and experiences in an area that will nearly double the size of Fantasyland. Among the novelties, guests will be able to fly high with The Great

Goofini or with Dumbo the Flying Elephant, “immerse” themselves in Under the Sea ~ Journey of the Little Mermaid and “be our guest” at the Beast’s Castle. Completion of The New Fantasyland is scheduled for 2014 with most new experiences open by 2013.

- **Tomorrowland** – Leap forward into the future in this neon-lit land of rocket ships and aliens. Major attractions include Stitch’s Great Escape! a close encounter with the naughty alien of “Lilo & Stitch”; Buzz Lightyear’s Space Ranger Spin, a whirling interactive battle against Evil Emperor Zurg; and Space Mountain, a high-speed roller coaster ride through the cosmos.

Entertainment

- **“Dream Along with Mickey”** – Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse and other famous Disney friends must convince Donald Duck that dreams really do come true in this song-and-dance stage spectacular. Performed several times daily on the Cinderella Castle stage.
- **“The Magic, The Memories and You!”** –In a dramatic nighttime projection show filled with special effects and magic, Cinderella Castle transforms into a shimmering canvas of photos of Walt Disney World guests and the memories they made that day at Magic Kingdom.
- **“Wishes”** – The voice of Jiminy Cricket narrates this story-in-the-sky fireworks spectacular about making wishes come true — the biggest, boldest pyrotechnics display ever presented at Magic Kingdom.
- **“Celebrate a Dream Come True”** – Mickey Mouse leads this fanciful daily parade of Disney characters and live performers from Frontierland to Main Street, U.S.A., in a celebration of Disney animation.
- **“Main Street Electrical Parade”** – The cherished nighttime parade brings joyous sights and sounds to Magic Kingdom led by Tinker Bell waving from the basket of a magical balloon aboard a new float. Pinocchio and Snow White also join the parade aboard bright new floats.

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