

Wet Weather Won't Dampen the Fun at the Vacation Kingdom

Disney's Inside Track to Indoor Magic:

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Walt Disney World Resort is known worldwide as a fun-in-the-sun vacation playground for all ages.

But on the RARE occasion when the skies turn damp, there is plenty of all-weather fun at Walt Disney World Resort. From movies and shopping to spas and theme parks, guests are "showered" with fun throughout the Vacation Kingdom.

Here's how to make the most of a day that dear old Donald would consider "just ducky":

- Grab a poncho or umbrella and venture to Epcot, Magic Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios or Disney's Animal Kingdom where many attractions and shows are indoor theater experiences or have covered pavilions. Guests with a waterproof mentality discover the theme parks may be less crowded on wet-weather days.
- Enjoy two Broadway-caliber theatrical productions both staged at Disney's Animal Kingdom. Dive into a colorful under-the-sea world with the live stage spectacular, "Finding Nemo-The Musical." Or, delight in the pageantry of "Festival of the Lion King," an elaborate musical extravaganza with high-wire aerialists and hit music from the classic film "The Lion King."
- Discover a treasure trove of more than 300 shopping venues that make the 40-square-mile resort a merchandise mecca. There's everything from authentic wares at Epcot World Showcase to character and specialty merchandise at the World of Disney store at Downtown Disney Marketplace — the largest Disney character showplace anywhere.
- Get soaked — in a Secret Garden bath at Disney's Grand Floridian Spa & Health Club, which features pampering possibilities such as manicures, pedicures, massages, facials and more. For reservations contact 407/824-2332.
- Curl up with hot imported tea and a warm scone at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa. High tea is served daily from 2-6 p.m. with fruit tartlets, scones, tea sandwiches and freshly baked pastries. Guests are entertained by the sounds of a grand piano. For reservations, contact 407/WDW-DINE.
- Head to the gym and hire a personal trainer at nearly a dozen Disney resort health clubs that feature state-of-the-art fitness equipment. Call 407/824-4321.
- Design and "ride" gravity-defying roller coasters at DisneyQuest, an indoor — and weatherproof — interactive theme park at Downtown Disney West Side. This family-entertainment complex features high-tech rides, simulators, games and virtual-reality attractions.
- Catch the latest flick at the AMC 24 movie theater complex at Downtown Disney West Side. There's something on the silver screen to suit all ages.
- Check out the action in HP Field House at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, which hosts everything from basketball and cheer competitions to volleyball and wrestling. Contact 407/939-1500 for ticket information.
- Enjoy the "fun wet" at one of two Disney water parks — Blizzard Beach or Typhoon Lagoon.
- Duck into one of the restaurants or clubs at Disney's BoardWalk. Upscale and family dining, a piano bar, brewery and sports club are among the adventures along the boardwalk at this resort with a seaside theme.
- Tame your tresses at one of the several full-service hair salons located at select Disney resort hotels.
- Enjoy a concert inside House of Blues at Downtown Disney West Side.
- Test virtual skills — racing a car, golfing or even skiing — with an array of indoor simulator video games at ESPN Club, plus video arcades in Disney resort hotels.

- Be amazed at the artistry, athleticism and theatrics of *La Nouba*, a 90-minute original Cirque du Soleil production at Downtown Disney West Side. For ticket information, contact 407/939-7600.
- Clap your hands and stomp your feet at the "Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue," a popular family-style dinner show at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground. Contact 407/WDW-DINE to make reservations.
- Dine around the world at Epcot World Showcase, or savor the culinary delights at hundreds of other eateries throughout Walt Disney World Resort. Dining adventures include Wolfgang Puck Café and Bongos Cuban Café at Downtown Disney West Side and the award-winning California Grill at Disney's Contemporary Resort.
- Enjoy the downpour of fun in Rainforest Café at Downtown Disney Marketplace. This lush eatery is decorated with banyan trees, tropical fish and waterfalls, plus special effects recreate tropical storms with lightning and thunder. Not to worry, savvy guest. You stay nice and dry.

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