

# Stitch's Great Escape! Promises Pandemonium for Walt Disney World Guests

## Mischievous Alien Busts Loose in Magic Kingdom Attraction

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Fans of Walt Disney Pictures' animated comedy "Lilo & Stitch" know him as a cuddly but destructive alien prone to hilarious fits of havoc. But what was Stitch like *before* the movie?

Walt Disney World guests find out when they come face to face with the mischievous character in Stitch's Great Escape! at Magic Kingdom Tomorrowland.

Featuring some of the most sophisticated Audio-Animatronics technology ever developed by Walt Disney Imagineering, the multi-sensory Tomorrowland adventure puts guests in the middle of the mayhem caused by Experiment 626 — a.k.a. Stitch — when he's sent to the Galactic Federation Prisoner Teleport Center.

In the unique theater-in-the-round attraction, park guests arrive as new recruits at a detention facility designed to separate the galaxy's naughty from the nice. Guests are ushered into the center's high-security teleportation chamber as the six-limbed Stitch beams in, tracked by two ceiling-mounted plasma cannons that follow his DNA whenever — and wherever — it moves.

With guests seated in DNA scanning restraints, Imagineering's proprietary proximity audio technology provides a close encounter with the playful Stitch as he attempts to outwit the galactic authorities in the circular chamber. Sights, sounds and — *ewwww!* — smells add to the pandemonium.

In addition to Stitch, the fun-filled attraction features several characters familiar to "Lilo & Stitch" fans, including the Galactic Federation Grand Councilwoman, Captain Gantu, and Agent Pleakley, with voices supplied by the movie's original actors.

Stitch's Great Escape! offers Disney's FASTPASS, a free service available to all guests that eliminates the need to wait in long lines at popular attractions.

### **Fast Facts**

- **Location:** Tomorrowland, Magic Kingdom
- **Show Duration:** 15 minutes
- **Parents, take note:** Includes brief periods of total darkness, loud noises and over-the-shoulder seat restraints; some effects may frighten young children

### **Fun Facts**

- Stitch is the first Audio-Animatronics figure to spit.
- The alien language seen throughout the Prisoner Teleport Center was inspired by designs created for the opening scenes of "Lilo & Stitch." Graphic artists with Walt Disney Imagineering turned the designs into a practical alphabet that can be decoded into English.

- Skippy, an alien seen previously in The ExtraTERRORestrial Alien Encounter attraction, returns in a new role in Stitch's Great Escape!
- The two plasma cannons that track Stitch's DNA were inspired by devices seen in "Lilo & Stitch." Each weighs more than 1,600 pounds.
- Walt Disney Feature Animation produced all of the attraction's character animation. Many of the animators who worked on "Lilo & Stitch" partnered with Imagineers for Stitch's Great Escape!

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