

Disney Adds Extra Touch With Themed In-Park Weddings

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — An enchanting Cinderella-like wedding in Magic Kingdom, a safari-themed reception in Disney's Animal Kingdom, a Hollywood extravaganza in the courtyard of the Chinese Theater at Disney's Hollywood Studios, or international-themed nuptials at Epcot are a reality with an "in-park" wedding at Walt Disney World Resort.

While more than 1,000 couples march to matrimony every year at Walt Disney World Resort, ceremonies traditionally have taken place in venues outside the theme parks — indoor and outdoor settings including gazebos, gardens, Disney's Wedding Pavilion and elegant resort locations.

The sky is the limit for couples looking to stage unique, memorable weddings through Disney's popular Theme Park Weddings — and all in the privacy of a park setting open only to the couple and their guests.

"Through the years, hundreds of couples have requested to get married in the theme parks," said Randy Garfield, executive vice president of sales and travel operations, Walt Disney Attractions. "We have expanded our offerings and designed a one-of-a-kind wedding experience to fulfill those special requests."

Weddings at Walt Disney World Resort's most famous venues are limited only by the imagination of the couples. Here are several possibilities:

Epcot

Couples can choose from several venues around World Showcase — The American Adventure, United Kingdom, France or Italy — for an international festival featuring specialized food and entertainment. At The Seas with Nemo & Friends, a 5.7-million-gallon tank featuring more than 200 varieties of sea life is the backdrop for couples.

Disney's Hollywood Studios

Screaming fans and autograph hounds set the scene. The bride arrives in a star motorcade down Hollywood Boulevard for an official handprint ceremony at the Chinese Theater. A reception follows in the Great Movie Ride attraction. Couples can even "take the plunge" — literally and figuratively — on The Twilight Zone™ Tower of Terror.

Disney's Animal Kingdom

Weddings are exotic at Disney's Animal Kingdom theme park. Couples can take their guests on an adventure into the wild with a safari-themed reception. Imagine African music, food and décor to inspire a beautiful African celebration.

Disney wedding specialists incorporate all the elements that go into creating a fairy tale wedding — floral, ceremony, entertainment, cuisine, audiovisuals, photography, accommodations and theme park tickets.

For more information on Disney's Fairy Tale Weddings, visit disneyweddings.com or call 321/939-4623.

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