

Disney's Polynesian Resort Captures Pacific Island Flair

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — A relaxing tropical paradise with lush landscaping, waterfalls and colorful birds awaits guests at Disney's Polynesian Resort.

The 847-room Polynesian-themed resort features 11 two- and three-story longhouses situated on the white sandy beach across the serene Seven Seas Lagoon from Magic Kingdom.

Guest rooms feature a tropical motif complete with exotic prints and bamboo-style fixtures. Standard rooms offer two queen-size beds and a day bed, sleeping five. Suites can accommodate from four to six persons.

The deluxe resort connects to Magic Kingdom and Epcot via monorail, with bus transportation to Disney's Hollywood Studios, Disney's Animal Kingdom, water parks and other attractions throughout Walt Disney World Resort.

Guests will experience paradise in the Pacific at the interactive "Disney's Spirit of Aloha Dinner Show," set in the beachfront backyard cabana of a Hawaiian house and featuring authentic Polynesian music and dancing. The three-course family-style feast includes tropical appetizers, lanai roasted chicken, Polynesian wild rice, South Seas vegetables, beverages and dessert.

Kids can join in the adventures of Peter Pan at The Neverland Club, an entertaining child-care facility including dinner, toys and games in a themed area.

Dining options include 'Ohana, located on the second floor of the Great Ceremonial House, featuring a character breakfast and a family-style Polynesian feast where meats and seafood are grilled over an open fire pit. The Kona Cafe, a unique family restaurant, is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Sandwiches, ice cream and pizza are available 24 hours a day at Captain Cook's Snack and Ice Cream Company.

Shopping options include island fashions, bathing suits and casual sportswear.

Guests at Disney's Polynesian Resort also enjoy a fabulous, kid-friendly pool, called the Nanea (or "tranquil") pool. It features a giant volcano, waterfall and waterslide and includes a "zero-entry" feature for guests with disabilities. Resembling a beachfront shoreline, the architectural feature offers guests a gradual ramp into the water. Guests with disabilities are invited to use special wheelchairs provided by the resort to help them enjoy the pool.

For reservations call 407/W-DISNEY, a travel agent, or at www.disneyworld.com.