Disney Season: Summer 2014

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. – Walt Disney World Resort guests have plenty of ways to show their Disney Side this summer with special events and new openings. Sizzling with excitement from June to August, festivities include:

Summer Openings Around Walt Disney World Resort

Summer brings new shopping, shows and stays with special openings taking place throughout the season at Walt Disney World Resort.

The hugely popular Festival of the Lion King show re-opens inside of an all-new theater in the Africa section of Disney's Animal Kingdom.

A new Disney retail concept, The Marketplace Co-Op, launches six unique boutiques within the location at Downtown Disney Marketplace including: Beautifully Disney, Cherry Tree Lane, D-Tech on Demand, Zoey and Pickles, The Trophy Room and Disney Centerpiece. Also new to Downtown Disney, Starbucks will add two locations — a storefront at Downtown Disney West Side and a kiosk near World of Disney at Downtown Disney Marketplace.

Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts also is planning a summer opening for a luxury resort hotel at Walt Disney World Resort. Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort will feature several dining venues including a rooftop restaurant with views to the Magic Kingdom, a 14,000 square foot spa, fitness center, three pools and a "lazy river" sports and recreational area, as well as meeting and event space, and a business center. This first Four Seasons in Central Florida is located within the Golden Oak residential community, created and master-planned by Disney.

Orlando City Soccer Club Continues 2014 Regular Season at ESPN Wide World of Sports at Disney

Orlando City Soccer Club will continue to play its 2014 regular-season home games at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex throughout the summer. To enhance the experience for spectators, additional stadium seating has been added to surround all four sides of the main soccer field at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, bringing seating to approximately 5,200.

This is the Lions' final United Soccer League (USL) season before becoming the 21st Major League Soccer (MLS) franchise in 2015.

Below is the Lions' 2014 regular-season home schedule at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex:

- Saturday, August 2 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Charlotte
- Saturday, August 16 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Harrisburg
- Sunday, August 31 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Dayton
- Saturday, September 6 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Richmond

Disney's Water Parks Add Fun To a Walt Disney World Vacation

Whether guests want to lounge on the beach or take the plunge and try every attraction, Walt Disney World Resort water parks are the perfect place to cool off this summer. At Disney's Typhoon Lagoon guests can snorkel with sharks, stingrays and tropical fish in a coral reef, plunge down rushing rapids, sunbathe on the sandy beach and glide down a lazy river. Themed as a melting ski resort where a freak snowstorm hit Florida, Disney's Blizzard Beach

is home to some of the most thrilling water rides in the United States, while also offering guests a tranquil river to float down or a great place to relax on the beach. For the most up-to-date park hours, please visit disneyworld.com/water-parks.

Disney Cruise Line Returns to Europe and Alaska this Summer with New Itineraries and Ports

The Disney Magic returns to the Mediterranean this summer with exciting new ports and popular destinations, treating guests to the best of Europe. New for the European season, Disney Cruise Line will use Venice, Italy as a homeport for select sailings. During these cruises, the Disney Magic overnights in Venice, giving guests the opportunity to experience an evening in the spectacular city. Disney Cruise Line also will visit new destinations in the Greek Isles and Sicily for the first time. Guests will experience richly diverse cities and cultures, showcasing iconic locations, romantic boulevards, bustling bazaars, sun-drenched islands and the brilliant blue Mediterranean Sea.

Throughout the summer season, the Disney Wonder sails seven-night cruises from Vancouver to Tracy Arm, Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan, Alaska. One special nine-night cruise calls on Sitka, Alaska—a first for Disney Cruise Line. These cruises combine the natural wonder and adventurous spirit of Alaska with the unparalleled, family-friendly experience found on a Disney ship. Disney Cruise Line works closely with Alaskan tour operators to create exclusive-to-Disney family-friendly Port Adventures that allow guests to experience Alaska’s natural beauty and rich history.

The Disney Dream and Disney Fantasy will continue to sail out of Port Canaveral for summer 2014.

To learn more about Disney Cruise Line or to book a vacation, guests can visit www.disneycruise.com, call Disney Cruise Line at 888-325-2500 or contact a travel agent.

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