Disney’s Caribbean Beach Resort Offers Tropical, Island Retreat

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Disney’s 2,112-room Caribbean Beach Resort gives Walt Disney World guests an island-vacation experience in moderately priced accommodations.

Located on 200 lushly landscaped acres near Epcot, the tropically themed, brightly colored resort’s “island” villages surround a beautiful 42-acre tropical lake. Five villages, made up of clusters of two-story buildings, are themed in Caribbean styles — Trinidad, Martinique, Barbados, Aruba, Jamaica — that blend cool pastel walls, white-wood railings and vividly colored metal roofs.

Each building contains 64 guestrooms. A typical 314-square-foot room has two double beds and accommodates four. Guestrooms include mini bars and coffee makers. Individual villages have their own swimming pools, white-sand beaches and laundry facilities.

Guests check in at the islands-styled Custom House. Roadways winding through the expansive, palm tree-lined resort connect the villages. Caribbean Beach guests are linked to each other and to the rest of Walt Disney World Resort by the Disney transportation system.

Old Port Royale, architectural focal point in the center of the resort, has the feel of a Caribbean village. Stone walls, pirates’ cannons and tropical birds and flowers lend to the island theming. Here guests find the resort’s shops, game room, lounge, food court, restaurant and entertainment in a festive, islands streetscape setting.

Dining options include Shutters at Old Port Royale, a table service restaurant featuring pan-seared fish and Caribbean-braised boneless beef short ribs. Additionally, counter-service restaurants in the food court serve up plenty of dining choices: Montego’s Market Deli offers a large selection of soups, salads and sandwiches; Bridgetown Broiler features poultry and All-American fare; Royale Pizza offers pizzas and pasta; and Old Port Royale Hamburger Shop spotlights burgers of all types. The restaurants border a 500-seat common dining area. The Banana Cabana, alongside Old Port Royale’s Spanish fortress-themed pool, offers all types of drinks.

Footbridges over the lake connect the “mainland” with the one-acre Parrot Cay island play area for children and walkways which afford scenic lake views during leisurely strolls or a bike ride.

A 1.4-mile tropical promenade around the lake serves strollers, joggers and bicyclists. Bikes of all types are available for rent. There is also a beachside volleyball court and a playground.

For reservations and information, guests may call 407/W-DISNEY or visit www.disneyworld.com.

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