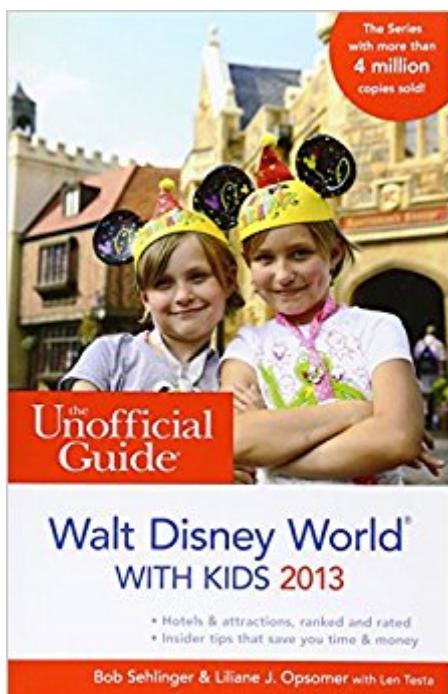


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# The Unofficial Guide To Walt Disney World With Kids 2013 (Unofficial Guides)



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Comments and tips on Walt Disney World from surveys of more than 10,000 families Advice on how to prepare mentally, physically, and logically for your ideal Walt Disney World vacation Information on which attractions frighten kids and why When to go, where to stay, and how to beat the crowds Field-tested touring plans that can save you up to four hours of waiting in line. How to keep your family happy on vacation and how to return home rested and relaxed

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This guide is my favorite of all the books we bought for our previous Disney trips. It is so thorough and honest. I felt that most of the opinions and reviews were in line with our own based on our experiences at Disney. The info on dining is so helpful. We had the 2011 version and hoped for new reader comments in the 2012 edition but most of them are repeats. This one does have updated information on newly renovated rooms and rides. A must-have if you want to save time, money, and sanity on your Disney vacation.

We just returned from our first trip to Disney and I have to say this book was worth every penny plus. I'm not really a Disney person, but our family (husband, wife, 5 year old, 3 year old) had a fantastic time. A big reason for that was the detailed information in this book that was written in a well constructed, easy to follow manner. I would highly recommend if you are new to the park and have small kids since it made a world of difference, in particular in lowering our stress and increasing our fun time. My only one piece of advise not called out clearly in the book... if you have little ones, stay close to the Magic Kingdom. We stayed at the Animal Kingdom Lodge and while nice (the animals are very cool), it is a 1/2 hour bus ride to Magic Kingdom where you will probably spend more of your time. That is particularly true if you do like the book suggests and get there at open, leave after lunch, and return in the early evening. That is 2 hours of bus travel. I liked the Lodge, just not worth the travel with little ones. Overall though the book was a fantastic addition to our trip.

We took our six and eight year old granddaughters to Disney World and Sea World for a week by ourselves at the end of June. This book was a really terrific help in planning our days ahead of time. I was able to write out itineraries, which we were able to use as guidelines for our days. Of course, we deviated from the plans here and there. But the info in the book gave us a lot of pre-Disney knowledge, which was very helpful. Because of the info in the book, we decided to go very early in the day and return to our off-property resort in mid-afternoon, when the girls started to droop. We did not eat at Disney nor Sea World, but wore waist packs with snacks, sandwiches & bottles of water at the ready. There is a wealth of information in this book for all types of families. It is especially nice to have the rides/activities rated by different age groups. Big help in the decision-making. Also included are suggestions for what to bring with you -- like inexpensive rain ponchos, etc. (I bought mine at Walmart.)

This was one of our two "go-to" books that were the most useful to us in our trip to Disney World --

the other being "Walt Disney World with Kids 2013". It has good, practical tips, and great explanations of each ride that helped us make informed decisions for our family. I highlighted, bookmarked, and made notes of its great suggestions during the months prior to going. Thanks to its insight, our extended family group of eleven people traveling together made wise, cost-effective decisions on everything from when to go, where to stay, what to pack, and how to tour efficiently around the different parks. My father marveled at the end of our week, "I don't think we could have squeezed any more out of our time here. We did everything we wanted to!" Thanks to the tips provided in this book, I totally agree with him.

We bought this in tandem with the much larger Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World (sans the kids). This book contains many helpful recommendations on rides, attractions, and restaurants that are best to do with the little ones. As I am someone who likes to over-plan, my favorite part is the daily trip guides which easily lay out steps to see entire parks in one or two days (multiple guides are given based on the age of the child, too!).

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This book is light on fluff and big on useful descriptions. For example, it defines why a ride might be good for kids of certain ages (or it might be scary, or dark, or good for tots, etc.), as well as giving a really good game plan on how to get the most of a day at the parks -- how to snag a good space in line, what's overrated (restaurants, packages and plans), or how you can save some cash! I'd recommend this book for Disney newbies or for families who have not gone in a few years and their

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