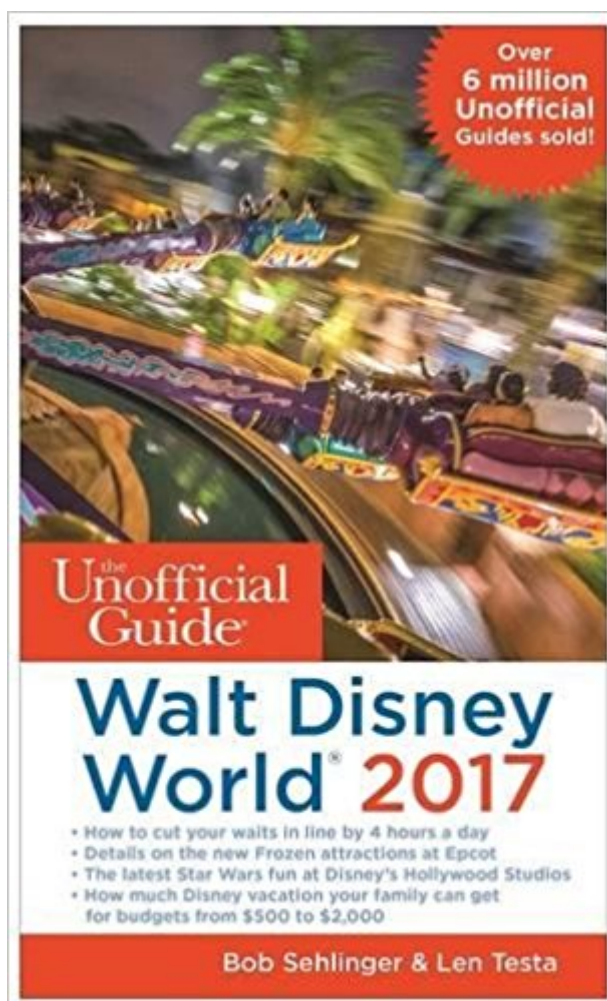


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The Unofficial Guide To Walt Disney World 2017



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I actually love the "Unofficial Guide" series but I just received my copy of the 2017 edition for WDW and noticed that the clip out Touring Plans at the back of the book are using last years maps with this year's touring plans. In other words, the numbers on the touring plans do not match the numbers on the maps. It may just be my copy or it might be a more serious problem with the proofs or the printers. If this gets fixed, I would give this 5+ stars. I only rated 2 stars to get attention. The "Unofficial Guide" series is not only well research but written with a refreshing candor and sense of humor that one wishes were in other guides. The centerpiece of the series devoted to theme parks is the Touring Plan, which prescribes the order of rides and attractions to visit in order to maximize your enjoyment of the park by minimizing waiting in lines. The authors also describe in great detail not just the rides, attractions, fright potential, and guest feedback stemming from years of research and practical experience but also lavish the same detail on virtually every aspect of the typical Orlando vacation including ratings/descriptions of hotels both on WDW property and off but off property restaurant alternatives and transportation. There is info about reasonably priced grocery stores, bonded baby sitting services, and even emergency car and health care. But, beyond the travel guide aspect, the authors give a healthy dose of reality check in their advice about physical and psychological conditioning necessary for getting the most (or avoiding the worst) from visiting the happiest place on earth. Best of all, the writing is refreshingly candid and as unafraid to be critical when the Mouse's offerings are lacking as ready to assign praise when merited. So enjoyably do the personalities of the writers come through, I actually do read these cover to cover even when I have no intention of visiting Orlando; and when I have visited WDW, I have found the Touring Plans as effective as claimed.

If you are traveling to Disney World and like to do some planning, do yourself a favor, go ahead and

pay the \$14.99 these people charge for a year subscription. Even if you are planning for just one trip during the year you simply won't regret it. Their touring engine is top notch with waiting times, distance between attractions, suggestions on when to make the line for a particular ride, fastpass use, weather, maps, etc. On top of that, they offer two great services. The first is first one is selecting your hotel room. These people have photos of the views from every freaking hotel room balcony. This will allow you to snatch a great view and after you decide which room you like they will fax your hotel five days before your trip with your room request. The second service is the reservation finder. This little gem allows you to automatically search for an available spot at any Disney table service restaurant. You simply choose the restaurant, the date, the size of your party and the time you want the reservation and they will be constantly be looking for an available spot. I was trying to make a reservation at Ohana's for breakfast on my own without luck but when I used this service they notify me by text and email the very next day telling me that they found a spot for me. I just shoot up the My Disney Experience App, search for the restaurant I was looking for and BAM! I was able to make the reservation. I also was able to change some dinner reservations to an earlier hour just to be on time for the night shows. This feature alone for me it's well worth the \$14.99. It doesn't matter if this is your first trip or your 100th. If you are into planning this is the right tool for you. Period!

If you are going to WDW, this is a MUST have guide. Fantastic reviews and advice. Very good maps including "sneak routes". Excellent on providing advice on whether or not you should use Disney transportation vs your own car by resort and park. In our particular case, it was best for the Magic Kingdom to and from our resort for us to use Disney transport, for everywhere else- our own car. Good information to have.

To be fair, we have not been all the way thru this book as of yet. But we used it about 10 years ago and it had some excellent suggestions and it really helped us to get the most out of Disney trip that we possibly could while keeping it within budget. We decided then that we would never go to Disney again without first perusing this book.

My husband loves this book. Lots of good information for our upcoming trip. Obviously not as super recent as you would like, considering all the updates Disney does, but still fun to read and plan.

This is an awesome tool to navigate Disney World. Has all the info you need to have an enjoyable

trip. In addition, it has a discount to Touring Plans. Touring plans saves you valuable time in the parks with the least amount of lines. Hey, that's what you want when going to "da world". Right? A must have unless you want to wing it. LOL. Good luck with that.

I love the information that the book had to say about each of the Disney World parks. It gave you some facts, history, and OMG'S along the way. This is a must have for all.

Best guide to Disney. I re-buy this every few years to get the updates. Tells the pluses and the minuses. Tells about the non-Disney options (that can save you \$). Lots of details, so you need to spend many hours to study everything, and this helps you to do it in advance.

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