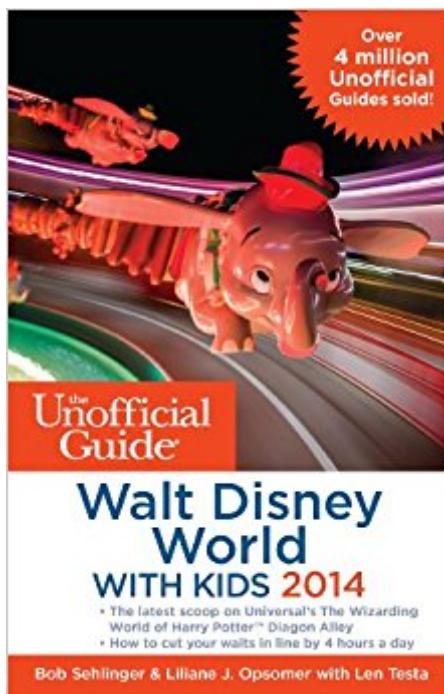


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# The Unofficial Guide To Walt Disney World With Kids 2014



## Synopsis

The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World with Kids is JAM-PACKED with useful tips, great advice, excellent discussion, and practical travel knowledge gleaned from years of Walt Disney World travel experience. It is one of the few guidebooks to Disney World that specifically addresses the needs of kids with, in some cases, research and input from kids. Compiled and written by a team of experienced researchers whose work has been cited by such diverse sources as USA Today and Operations Research Forum, The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World with Kids digs deeper and offer more specific information than any other. This is the only guide that explains how to make every minute and every dollar of your vacation count. With advice that is direct, prescriptive, and detailed, it takes the guesswork out of your family vacation. Step-by-step detailed plans allow you to visit Disney World with your children with absolute confidence and peace of mind. Here's a sampling of things you will find in The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World with Kids:Comments and tips on Walt Disney World from surveys of more than 10,000 familiesAdvice on how to prepare mentally, physically, and logistically for your ideal Walt Disney World vacationInformation on which attractions frighten kids and whyWhen to go, where to stay, and how to beat the crowdsField-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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## Customer Reviews

Bob Sehlinger, a Lowell Thomas Award-winning journalist, is best known as the creator and

producer of The Unofficial Guide series. He is credited with being the first to apply research techniques from the fields of operations research and statistics to travel guides. Among other projects, he was able to develop mathematical models that could save theme park patrons more than three hours of standing in queue in a single day. Bob Sehlinger is founder and co-owner of Keen Communications, a book publishing company that includes Menasha Ridge Press, Clerisy Press, and Wilderness Press. The author of 27 books, Sehlinger is a past president of the Publishers Association of the South, and has served at the invitation of the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Information Service on educational missions for publishers in Hungary, Romania, and Russia.-----Liliane Opsomer was born in Belgium and has lived for the past 25 years in New York City. She is the co-author of The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World with Kids, a guidebook that provides detailed planning and touring tips for a family vacation. Liliane also works for the Tourist Office for Flanders and is passionate about travel, Disney, and Hobbits. Liliane freelances for the New York Daily News, travelmole.com, undercovertourist.com, and is a regular contributor to johnnyjet.com.-----A lifelong Disney theme park fan, Len Testa co-authors The Unofficial Guides to Walt Disney World, Disneyland, and Britainâ€”â€œ Best Days Out. In grad school, Lenâ€”â€œ masterâ€”â€œ thesis described new computer techniques for generating efficient theme park touring plans, for which Len was awarded a U.S. patent. These days, Len leads the team at TouringPlans.com, the website and research arm of The Unofficial Guides. Len has stayed at every Disney hotel, experienced every Disney ride, and eaten at every Disney restaurant and food cart in the U.S. When heâ€”â€œ s not at a Disney theme park, Len lives in Greensboro, North Carolina, in a mid-century modern house whose kitchen was custom-built after one of Space Mountainâ€”â€œ post-show scenes.

I purchased this same book in 2013 when we last visited Disney World. I have to say that compared with our first-ever trip to Disney in 2011, this book made a WORLD of difference in 2013 in terms of getting on every ride we wanted multiple times and just generally informing us of what's out there and what is available to do. This time, however, I'm disappointed slightly by the book. It still gave me the same great detailed information on the parks, including each ride and restaurant, and the basic touring plans to get you from A-Z at the parks. However, I felt that this time there is much more of an emphasis on pushing readers to the website where you have to spend money in addition to the book you've already purchased to get more specific touring plans to meet your needs. Disney is already such a time-consuming vacation to plan. I had hoped this very LONG book would be sufficient in terms of a planning tool. Also, because of the length and complexity of the book, I wish

there was a brief checklist somewhere in the book to list out which attractions you want to use FastPass+ for so that you have all of those in one spot when you get the opportunity in advance to book those things. Now I need to keep track in a separate spot with my list and the suggested times to make those reservations. The same thing applies for the advanced dining reservations -- a list of the restaurants that you absolutely MUST have advance dining for would be greatly appreciated. The other thing, and this may be something I didn't realize before, but the touring plans (even the 2-day ones which you would expect to include "everything") don't hit some of the "big" rides. For example, the Animal Kingdom 1-day plan doesn't include the Everest roller coaster, which is a headline attraction. I realize the plan is for "small kids" but the height limitation is only 44", which my 5 year old already far exceeds. Now I need to review list of rides in the touring plans back against the chapter that discussed all the rides to make sure that there wasn't a ride we would like to see that is similarly not included. In addition, for authors who make such a big deal about needing to go back and take naps midday (with which I fully agree having three children ages 5 and under myself), the 1-day Animal Kingdom touring plan for families with small children seems to have no nap built in. Is this intentional - or just an oversight? I hate to nitpick but I think my previously glowing impression of this book from 2013 simply contrasts heavily with what I found this time around. I feel like I should have very few questions after reading this. Unfortunately, some basics like 1) Can I use my wristband for the park tickets if I buy them at a non-Disney vendor (which I still don't seem to understand whether I can or how I make this happen if it's allowed) and 2) Are the 180-day advance reservations doable for the entire week of your stay on the 180th day, or do you have to log on each day that's 180-days out from your desired reservation? For a family who will be spending a lot of time and money on this vacation, small things make a big difference. Unfortunately, I feel like there were some major oversights in this edition.

Very informative and super easy to read! I don't like that the online portal and app that goes with it needs to be purchased separately and you only get a discount with your book purchase. You could get away with only using the online subscription and not buying the book if you're looking to save some money.

I have traveled to Disney World many times but this book gave my family and I the EDGE for our next Disney Vacation. If you are planning a trip to Disney World with children this book is a must read. It makes planning your days so much easier. I would recommend this book to everyone who is even considering going to Disney World.

Not only is guide very informative, it's such an easy read! The authors are witty and offer great tips and tricks for making the most of out of your time in Disney.

I bought it thinking it would have different information than the regular one, I didn't see much that was different. I feel like I wasted \$9.

It is a lot to read ,but it is essential . Bottom line , I believe if your going to Disney , you must have this book . As a bonus it includes information on other Florida attractions . Ps : start planning your Disney vacation 6 months ahead , we started 3 months ahead and are really pressed to get it done .

This is a very helpful book - got lots of pointers - highly recommended. Our trip is coming in a week - we are prepared thanks to your book.

Bought this book for an upcoming Disney trip. It's full of really good information that is specifically helpful when taking your kids to Disney!

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