

PassPorter WDW 2005 Updates

Updates as of 1/4/2006

The following three pages contain page-by-page updates for PassPorter Walt Disney World 2005. The remaining pages have either been updated in their entirety (pages 30, 32, and 116-117) or may have been missing from some copies of the book (pages 74 and 98). We suggest you print these pages and place them in your PassPorter. Please note this will be the last update to the 2005 edition as the new 2006 is now available. Thanks!

Date	Page	Change/Update
3/4	10	Disney Dining Experience is now available to annual passholders in addition to Florida residents. Rates for annual and seasonal passholders are just \$50/year. Florida residents who are not annual or seasonal passholders are still \$75/year.
3/4	11	The savings with advance purchase of tickets is now about \$8-12 rather than 7-10% off.
3/4	19	Disney's Magical Express offers free transportation to and from Orlando International Airport and WDW! Beginning May 5, 2005 guests of Disney Hotels who sign up for this service will be able to check their bags when they depart from their home airport and upon arrival at the Orlando airport, skip baggage claim and proceed directly to a Disney Motor coach (similar to those used by the Disney Cruise Line). Your luggage will "magically" appear at your resort when you check-in! This service is FREE to guests of Disney Hotels who register at least 10 days in advance either through their travel agent, by calling Disney Reservations at 407-W-DISNEY or online at http://www.disneyworld.com .
3/21	30	Packages are now called "Magic Your Way"—see page 30 later in this file. (Updated on 3/21/05.)
3/4	32	Extra Magic Hour has expanded to include evening hours at the parks as well as morning hours. See page 32 later in this file.
3/4	67	Old Key West one-bedroom villas have one king bed, not a queen bed as shown in the room layout. (Studios still have two queen beds.)
3/4	74	Page 74 is missing from early releases of the book. See page 74 later in this file.
4/18	79-84	Disney's Port Orleans Resort no longer charges extra for trundle beds in the Alligator Bayou rooms

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3/4	98	Page 98 is missing from early releases of the book. See page 98 later in this file.
3/4	116	Admission passes changed considerably with the introduction of Magic Your Way tickets on January 1. See pages 116-117 later in this file for updated coverage of Magic Your Way tickets.
4/18	121	Just in time for Disneyland's 50th Anniversary celebration, Cinderella Castle has taken on a whole new appearance. The castle is now adorned with Golden Statuettes of various characters from several of Disney's Classic Films, including the Cheshire Cat and White Rabbit, Peter Pan, Wendy and Tinker Bell, Flounder and Sebastian and many others. All roads at the Magic Kingdom lead directly to Cinderella Castle.
7/29	131	The Diamond Horseshoe Saloon now hosts a character meet-and-greet with Woody, Jessie, and Bullseye from "Toy Story 2." The air-conditioned saloon still has its good looks from years past, but the old stage show with dancing girls and snack food service is gone for good. This attraction has had difficulty finding its place in recent years, and we wouldn't be surprised if it changes yet again in the near future. Let's hope they bring back a live show with audience participation. Limited seating is available. Wheelchair accessible.
8/12	145	Epcot's newest attraction, Soarin', opened on May 5th. The ride is equipped with breathtaking, multi-sensory experience for anyone 40 inches and taller. Each ride cycle allows a total of 87 guests and roundtrip including the pre-flight briefing is approximately 10 minutes. Epcot closed and refurbished Ice Station Cool. It reopened in December 2005 as Club Cool.
7/29	158	Disney-MGM Studios opened Lights, Motors, Action! Extreme Stunt Show May 4th. This epic display of death-defying feats offers automobile and motorcycle stunts.

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4/15	179	Downtown Disney has reopened Lego Imagination Center, located at the Marketplace shops in Spring of 2005 after a complete refurbishment, complete with a family and their dogs taking a walk and even the sea serpent that stands in the lake, has gotten a complete make over.
1/4	187	The Pleasure Island Jazz Club was replaced by an Irish pub called Raglan Road in October 2005. The full-service pub offers a full menu as well as solid helpings of authentic Irish atmosphere. A review of this restaurant appears in our January 5, 2006 newsletter.
3/4	189	Pleasure Island now has a "Single Club Ticket" for any club (EXCEPT the Comedy Club and The Adventurers Club) which costs \$10.60 including tax. These single-club tickets are only available for purchase at Pleasure Island or Downtown Disney Guest Services. The price for the "Multi-Club Ticket" has increased to \$22.32 including tax. The "Annual Passport" price has increased to \$59.59 including tickets for new tickets and \$48.94 including tax for renewals. A new option for the "Annual Passport" is the "Annual Pass Plus Guest". This pass allows the passholder to bring one guest into Pleasure Island with them. The cost of this pass is \$105.44 including tax and \$89.46 for renewals.
8/12	196	In 2005, Disney added another 20 acres of baseball, softball, and multi-sport fields under the sponsorship of Hess.
6/15	201	Disney Dining no longer requires a credit card to hold priority seating times on major U.S. holidays. In June, Disney stopped referring to "call-ahead seating" as Priority Seating. The new name is "Advance Reservations." Nearly all table-service restaurants allow the Priority Seating or Advance Reservations to be placed in advance to ensure an opening for you and your party. Children Meal's are now only offered to kids ages 3-9 (the maximum age was formerly 11 years). This change is to make the "children's age range" of 3-9 consistent across the Walt Disney World Resort.

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3/4	202	The notice required to make special dietary requests at some Walt Disney World restaurants has changed. Resort table service restaurants now require 72 hours notice to accommodate special dietary needs such as allergies to gluten, shellfish, soy, dairy, nuts, or eggs. You can make these dietary requests by calling 407-WDW-DINE.
3/4	205	The "Once Upon A Time" character breakfast at Cinderella's Royal Table in the Magic Kingdom has extended its hours. The latest seating (previously 10:20 am) will be 11:15 am. To accommodate this change, lunch hours at this restaurant were shortened to 1:00-2:55 pm.
4/18	206	Plaza Pavilion at Magic Kingdom is now called Tomorrowland Terrace Noodle Station. Which is located in Tomorrowland next to Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin. The eatery appears to be open only seasonally at this point, however. We've eaten here and we rate it a 6-7.
8/12	208	Restaurant Akershus has been renamed to Akershus Royal Banquet Hall in keeping with its all-day character dining with princesses.
4/18	217	Studio Catering Company at Disney's MGM-Studios is now serving new items including flatbread sandwiches, cumin-spiced lamb kefta with baba ghanoush and harissa sauce. Also Tandori chicken with tomato and cucumber raita, and a steak "gyro"-style sandwich with roasted red pepper hummus and tomato and onion relish. They didn't forget about the kids either. Their new menu includes, a grilled chicken wrap with lettuce and cream cheese, or a chilled smoked ham wrap. Desserts are now including seasonal fruit tarts, lemon curd in a meringue shell, and panna cotta with strawberries. Studio Catering Company is located on Mickey Avenue right next to the Honey I Shrunk the Kids Movie Set.

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3/4	248	Film processing is no longer be available in any Walt Disney World theme park or resort. The Camera Centers in each park have been equipped with technology that allows guests with digital cameras to download their photos from their memory cards to a CD. This technology will be rolled out to the resorts over the coming months.
3/4	252	The Sandcastle Club Children's Activity Center at the Beach Club Resort closed January 1, 2005 to accommodate the three-month refurbishment of the Atlantic Wear & Wardrobe Emporium. The Sandcastle Club is scheduled to re-open April 1, 2005. To pick up the slack, the Harbor Club Children's Activity Center at the near-by Boardwalk Resort re-opened January 1, 2005. You can book reservations at the Harbor Club by calling 407-WDW-DINE.

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Choosing a Package

Disney's vacation packages offer the promise of peace of mind and luxury. Package rates may be lower than the list price for each component, but may include more components than you can possibly use. A significant number of veteran vacationers tell us they love these packages! Note that everyone in your room must be on the same package and plan. For more information and reservations, ask your travel agent, call Walt Disney Travel Company at 800-828-0228, or visit <http://www.disneyworld.com>.

Basic Magic Your Way Package

Get three or more nights of accommodations at a Disney resort hotel, a Magic Your Way Base Ticket (see page 116), and one luggage tag per person. You may choose to add Park Hopping, Magic Plus, and/or No Expiration features to your Base Ticket. From \$330/person.

Magic Your Way Plus Dining Package

Everything in the basic package described above plus dining at over 100 participating Disney restaurants*. For each night of your package you get one table-service meal, one counter-service meal, and one snack***—you can exchange a table-service meal for a character meal, or two table-service meals for a signature meal or a dinner show. From \$435/person.

Magic Your Way Premium Package

Everything in the basic package, plus breakfast, lunch, and dinner per person per night at most (but not all) Disney restaurants**, unlimited recreation, unlimited admission to Disney childcare clubs, Cirque du Soleil tickets, Grand Gathering experiences (if there are at least 8 in your party), and unlimited admission to selected theme park tours****. Also note that the Magic Your Way Base Ticket is upgraded to a Premium Ticket. From \$835/person.

Note that with the dining plans, kids ages 3–9 must order off the children's menu when available at an eatery.

* Participating Disney restaurants in the Dining Package include all restaurants described in chapter 5 (see pages 199–240) **except** the following eateries: Big River Grille (BoardWalk); Pepper Market, Siesta's, Francisco's, and Maya Grill (Coronado Springs); Victoria & Albert's (Grand Floridian); Alfredo di Roma Ristorante, Bistro de Paris, Boulangerie Patisserie, Cantina de San Angel, Chefs de France, Lotus Blossom Cafe, Restaurant Marrakesh, Matsu No Ma Lounge, Nine Dragons, San Angel Inn, Tangierine Cafe, Tempura Kiku, Teppanyaki Dining, and Yakitori House (Epcot); Rainforest Cafe (Animal Kingdom); plus all snack, counter-service, and table-service at both Downtown Disney and Wide World of Sports with the exception of Cap'n Jack's Restaurant and All-Star Cafe which are both included.

** Participating Disney restaurants in the Premium Package include all restaurants except the following: any McDonalds restaurants, Shades of Green restaurants, The Chefs Domain (located at Citricos), Victoria and Albert's, Swan and Dolphin Restaurants, and Downtown Disney Resort Area hotel restaurants.

*** Table-service meals include appetizer, entree, dessert, non-alcoholic beverage, and gratuity. Counter-server meals include entree and non-alcoholic beverage. Snacks include either ice cream, cookie, popcorn, or a non-alcoholic beverage.

**** Selected theme park tours include all tours described on pages 242–243 except the Around the World at Epcot tour, Backstage Magic, VIP Tours, Welcome to the Magic Kingdom, and Yuletide Fantasy.

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Resort Key: Disabled Access to Information

Disabled Access—All resorts offer accommodations and access for differently-abled guests. For details and reservations, call Disney's Special Requests Department at 407-939-7807 (voice) or 407-939-7670 (TTY). Be sure to ask that "Special Needs" be noted on your reservation. See page 27 for the number of barrier-free rooms at each resort, page 48 for a barrier-free guest room, and page 284 for our upcoming Special Needs guidebook!

Extra Magic Hour—Guests at Disney resorts and the Swan, Dolphin, Shades of Green, and Hilton can enter the parks up to one hour earlier or stay three hours later than everyone else. Disney resort ID is required for entry, along with a valid admission. Only certain parks and attractions are open for Extra Magic Hour on any given day, however. The schedule changes from week to week (check <http://www.disneyworld.com> for the schedule during your visit), but here's a sample Early Magic Hour schedule:

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
am	none	Epcot	Disney-MGM Studios	none	none	Magic Kingdom	Animal Kingdom
pm	Disney-MGM Studios	none	Animal Kingdom	Magic Kingdom	Epcot	none	none

Extra Magic Hour Attractions—In the Magic Kingdom, this usually includes Space Mountain, Buzz Lightyear Space Ranger Spin, Big Thunder Mountain, Stitch's Great Escape, Haunted Mansion, Pirates of the Caribbean, Splash Mountain, Magic Carpets of Aladdin, and most of Fantasyland. Epcot opens Mission:SPACE, Spaceship Earth, Test Track, Journey Into Imagination, "Honey, I Shrunk the Audience," Universe of Energy, El Rio del Tiempo, and Maelstrom. Disney-MGM Studios opens Rock 'n' Roller Coaster, Tower of Terror, Star Tours, Muppet*Vision 3-D, The Great Movie Ride, Voyage of The Little Mermaid, and Playhouse Disney. Disney's Animal Kingdom opens It's Tough to be a Bug!, Festival of the Lion King, Tarzan Rocks, Dinosaur, TriceraTop Spin, Primeval Whirl, The Boneyard, and Pangani Forest Exploration Trail (am only). Underlined attractions are open only during evening Extra Magic Hours. Attractions are subject to change.

Food—Every resort has places to eat within it, such as food courts, cafes, fine dining, and room service. All resort eateries are noted in each resort's dining section later in this chapter. Details on the table-service restaurants start on page 224. If you are looking for snack food or groceries, each resort has a general store with a small selection of foodstuffs and drinks. No gum is sold on property.

Guest Services—Each resort has a Guest Services desk where you can purchase park passes, make dining arrangements, and find answers to just about any question. You can also connect to Guest Services (and other Disney services) through a button on your in-room phone.

Housekeeping Services—Every Disney resort has daily "mousekeeping" services and happily provides you with extra towels, pillows, and blankets upon request, as well as a hair dryer, iron, and ironing board. If you require extra toiletries, just ask for them. For tipping suggestions, see page 34. Note: Disney Vacation Club (DVC) resorts provide reduced services to DVC members using their points.

Information—Check the Walt Disney World information channels on your in-room TV. These channels are available at every resort and offer a nice introduction for newcomers, plus a peek at what's new for veterans.



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Finding Your Place at Disney's Polynesian Resort

POLYNESIAN RESORT MAP



BEST LOCATIONS

All **first-floor rooms** have patios, and all **third-floor rooms** have balconies. Most **second-floor rooms** have no balconies, with the exception of Tahiti, Rapa Nui, Tokelau, and Tonga, which were built later. Particularly nice water views can be found in Tuvalu, Hawaii, Tahiti, and Fiji. The first-floor rooms in Tahiti facing away from the water have pleasant, secluded patios, as do those in Rapa Nui and Rarotonga. If you opt for a standard view, we recommend Aotearoa with beautiful landscaping and an up-close view of the monorail. For added **privacy**, request a room on the top floor.

RATES

2005 Sample Room Rates

Seasons are noted on page 14

Room Type	Value	Regular	Peak	Holiday
Garden-View	\$304	\$354	\$419	\$484
Lagoon-View	\$400	\$445	\$520	\$580
Garden-View Concierge	\$410	\$455	\$530	\$595
Lagoon-View/Suite Concierge	\$510	\$580	\$645	\$720
2-Bedroom Suite Concierge	\$1232	\$1340	\$1510	\$1690

Tax is not included in the above rates. One-bedroom suites start in the low-\$500's.

INFO

Disney's Polynesian Resort

✉ 1600 Seven Seas Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

☎ Phone: 407-824-2000 📠 Fax: 407-824-3174

📅 For reservations, call Central Reservations: 407-939-6244

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Shades of Green Resort

Shades of Green is a U.S. Armed Forces Recreational Center on Walt Disney World property, located near the Magic Kingdom theme park. Formerly The Disney Inn, this self-supporting resort is exclusively for active and retired military personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, and Coast Guard, as well as those in the Reserves and National Guard. Department of Defense civilians and U.S. Public Health Officers are also eligible. The resort closed for renovations in 2003 and reopened March 2004 with bigger and better accommodations.

ROOMS

Nestled in the woods **between two golf courses**, the new Shades of Green offers 586 rooms with deluxe accommodations. Guest rooms remain among the largest on property at 450 sq. feet, accommodating up to five guests. Features include two queen-size beds, an armoire, and a TV, plus a sitting area with a daybed or sleeper sofa and table and chairs. Rooms have a refrigerator, coffeemaker, iron and ironing board, hair dryer, and an in-room safe. Internet access is available via a dataport (no high-speed access), or through the TV for \$9.95/day. All rooms have either a balcony or patio. The resort (and all rooms) are smoke-free (smoking may be allowed on the balcony/patio). Eleven 1-3 bedroom suites are available, sleeping 6-8 guests each.

AMENITIES

Dining choices include the Garden Gallery family restaurant, Evergreens sports bar, a new specialty Italian restaurant (Mangino's), the new Express Cafe for quick-service meals, and room service. There's also a lounge (Eagles). Resort amenities include two lighted tennis courts, two heated pools, wading pool, playground, exercise room, arcade, and laundry facilities. You can also purchase theme park tickets. Two **buses** are available, and you can walk to the Polynesian and Transportation and Ticket Center. You must show your Shades of Green resort I.D. or military I.D. to board their buses. A car is helpful at this resort, and a new, mult-level parking structure is available.

RATES

Rates are based on rank or pay grade and begin at **\$72** for standard rooms and **\$82** for pool views. You may reserve up to three rooms. Reserve up to 53 weeks in advance. **Tip:** If the resort is full for your preferred time, inquire about overflow rates and the wait list.

INFO

Shades of Green Resort



P.O. Box 22789, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830



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For more information, call 888-593-2242 or 407-824-3400



Web site: <http://www.shadesofgreen.org>

Old Ticket Media: Prior to "Magic Your Way," Disney issued "Park Hopper" passes. If you have an old Park Hopper with unused days on it, you may use or upgrade it.

Upgrades and Exchanges: Upgrade or apply the unused value of an unexpired park pass to a better pass. Visit Guest Relations (parks) or Guest Services (resorts) for details.

Magic Kingdom E-Ride Nights: With the Extra Magic Hour program for Disney resort guests being extended to evening hours (see page 32), E-Ride Nights appear to be discontinued. E-Ride Nights were a ticketed, after-hours event at the Magic Kingdom.

Advance Purchase Discounts: Discounts of between \$8 and \$12 are possible on tickets of five days or longer duration, if you purchase them in advance at Disney's web site, or include them in the cost of a vacation package. This is significantly less than the value of advance purchase discounts available in the past. Frankly, you could save more money by depositing the funds for your admission in an interest-bearing account prior to your vacation.

AAA: Members (see page 11) can expect some sort of discount (historically 5%) on some passes. You must purchase tickets directly from AAA to get the discount.

Florida Resident Discounts: It pays to live nearby. Florida Resident Seasonal Passes work like Annual Passes, but with blackout dates in busy seasons. There are some other special deals for Florida residents only.

Military Discounts: Discounts of roughly 7%–8% may be available on admission—check with your Exchange shop or MWR (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation) office. Some offices may need to pre-order your tickets, so we advise you check with them well in advance. Keep an ear out for special programs for active military personnel—in recent years, Disney offered all active military personnel a free five-day park hopper, with discounted admission for up to five family members or friends. To check on current specials and buy tickets, phone 407-939-4636, or just visit Shades of Green (see page 98) upon arrival.

Online Ticket Brokers—These folks sell legitimate, unused tickets at great rates. Try <http://www.ticketmania.com> (877-822-7299), <http://www.floridaorlandotickets.net> (888-723-2728), or <http://www.mapleleaftickets.com> (800-841-2837). Be wary of others hawking tickets, including eBay and timeshares.

Kids Ride Free (Well, Some Do): Kids under 3 are admitted to the parks for free (and get a free ride if the ride allows someone that small). Anyone 10 and over is considered an adult in the eyes of the ticket booth. Passes for kids ages 3–9 cost up to 20% less than adult passes. Also, the option-filled pass you buy for yourself is usually more than your child needs, especially if you use childcare programs (detailed on pages 252–253).

Pass Comparison Chart: Options and prices for your number of days in the parks. (Prices are the actual 2005 costs of adult, non-discounted passes, including tax.)

Pass Type	Days:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Base (single day/park)	\$64	\$127	\$182	\$197	\$206	\$209	\$212	\$215	\$218	\$223					
Base + No Expiration		\$137	\$193	\$213	\$243	\$257	\$271	\$322	\$325	\$329					
Base + Park Hopping	\$101	\$164	\$219	\$234	\$243	\$246	\$249	\$252	\$256	\$260					
Base + Park Hop. + No Exp.		\$175	\$230	\$250	\$280	\$294	\$308	\$359	\$362	\$366					
Base + Magic Plus	\$112	\$175	\$230	\$245	\$253	\$257	\$260	\$263	\$266	\$271					
Base + Magic Plus + No. Exp.		\$185	\$241	\$261	\$291	\$305	\$318	\$370	\$373	\$377					
Premium (see page 116)	\$149	\$212	\$267	\$282	\$291	\$294	\$297	\$300	\$304	\$308					
Premium + No Exp.		\$223	\$278	\$298	\$328	\$342	\$356	\$407	\$410	\$414					
Annual Pass											\$421				
Premium Annual Pass														\$549	→

For more details and updates, visit <http://www.passporter.com/dwd/passes.htm>.