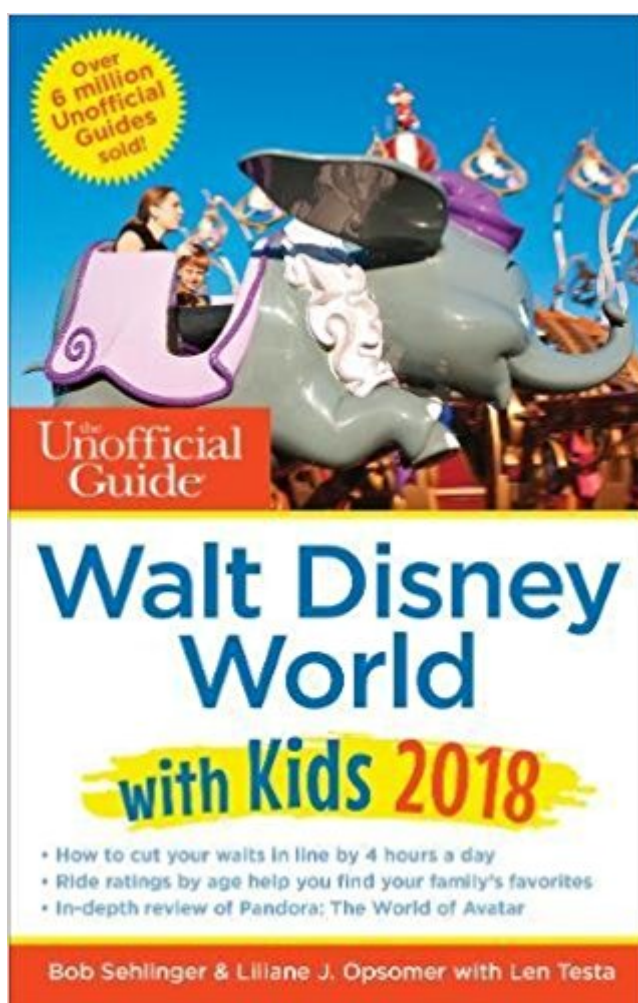


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The Unofficial Guide To Walt Disney World With Kids 2018 (The Unofficial Guides)



Synopsis

An indispensable read when visiting Walt Disney World with kids. The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World with Kids 2018 is JAM-PACKED with useful tips, great advice, excellent discussion, and practical travel knowledge gleaned from years of Walt Disney World travel experience. In this guidebook, authors Bob Sehlinger and Liliane Opsomer specifically address the needs of kids, with research and input from kids. Len Testa leads an experienced team of 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 offers more specific information than any other guidebook. 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 Walt Disney World with your children with absolute confidence and peace of mind.

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written by kids for kids, as three new children join the team this year
Information on where you can meet new characters, such as BB8 and Disney's newest princess, Eleanor of Avalor
The scoop about Volcano Bay, Universal's new water theme park
Preview of the rides coming to Toy Story Land at Disney's Hollywood Studios

I ordered this book and the Birnbaum Guides to Walt Disney World. I liked both, but found this one to have so much more information. I really like the tips that actual families wrote in. They were funny and so helpful. It felt like friends were telling you about their trips and what to do and what not to do. For each park there are specific descriptions for each attraction. These include if preschool, teens, adults, etc. would like them. It also is really clear about scary or possibly frightening attractions. This book is jammed pack with information (the font is pretty small). There are itineraries in the back for example: 1 day at Magic Kingdom, 1 day at Magic Kingdom with Kids, etc. We actually didn't use the itineraries because we were with our 3 year old, and she was more interested in seeing the characters and shows than waiting in line for the rides. Finally, though I appreciated both books, I found the Walt Disney World Web page to be very valuable as well. I could find out where things were, when, etc. and I double checked what the books mentioned with the webpage and was glad I did in some cases. The only complaint I had for both books was there was a lot of talk about the new additions to Fantasyland including: Princess Hall, Belle's Village and library, etc. but according to the WDW webpage, most of these attractions won't be opening until Dec 2012 and early 2013. I was confused about this until I checked online with WDW directly. I know this is not really the authors' fault as they publish books in advance using information that Disney provides, but it made planning a bit more confusing. We went in July 2012.

Follow the tour guides and you can't go wrong!! We went to Disney during peak summer season for 2 weeks. We followed the advice in the book - cued up early, entered first in park, following the tour and we had NO WAITS! Our longest wait was for Toy Story ride in Hollywood Studios and that was WITH our fast pass. The trick to that ride was ride that FIRST, then exit and get a fast pass b/c its so much fun the kids will want to go again. Since we already had breakfast reservations to meet the princesses in Epcot, we didn't change our reservations like the book suggests to do either a lunch or a dinner. FOLLOW THEIR ADVICE! Epcot was the only place where we experienced waits (95+ minutes to do Soaring b/c fast passes were gone and it was either wait or skip it) because we didn't venture into the park until an hour after opening. Do not waste your time doing breakfast unless you can be out of there prior to opening. We hit the parks and we hit them hard with no wait times!

Thank you Unofficial Team!

We saved quite a bit with this book. I frequent Disneyworld and thought I knew all the tricks, but this book really helped us save a lot of money on our 2012 trip. Our total price was \$4360 for 6 people including flight, condo rental, tickets, transportation, food and souvenirs for a 9-day trip (7 days in the park). My favorite tips were *web addresses you can use to save \$ when making reservations and ordering tickets, (we saved \$120 on our tickets) *BRING YOUR OWN FOOD INTO THE PARK (we saved the most with this tip) let me add that we bought a cooler bag at target for frozen yogurt and waterbottles with each person's name (written with the sharpie that the book recommended in the packing list) The first day we decided to "try" to bring in our own food and if we didn't like it we would use counter service like we usually do. We were all hungry and a showing of Beauty and the Beast was about to start so we quickly grabbed our lunch supplies and headed in. It was AWESOME! We ate and enjoyed the show and moved right on to the next attraction. Contrast that with the time we ate counter service food... long lines, kids couldn't decide what they wanted, food wasn't transportable so we had to eat quickly before Fantasmic and we got bad seats. Also, I have used the regular unofficial Guide in the past, I didn't notice much of a difference except this is geared more toward families (either would be fine)

My family just took our first trip to Disney World, and this book was an invaluable resource for us. From show times to fast passes, this book has everything that the Disney traveler will need to know. My wife started using this book about six months before our trip, and by the time we left, it was loaded with post-it notes, dog-eared pages, and highlights. Everything the first-time Disney visitor could want to know is in this book. We got great tips on dining, hotels, attractions, and other things to expect, such as wait times for the best rides. Helpful maps are included as well as recommendations on how to spend your time at each of the Disney parks. I give this great book my highest recommendation. We couldn't have survived Disney without it!

I enjoyed the details in this book. I would suggest buying The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World 2011 first before buying The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World with Kids 2011. I think this one goes into great detail about traveling with kids, but you seem to miss some of the bigger details about Disney World that you would get in the larger edition. It is a great book that would be even better if purchased together with the original.

Second unofficial guide I've gotten and it's still our family's go-to book. My kids are teens now (they were preschoolers when I bought the first book). The condensed descriptions of each attraction helped us scope out teen-appropriate activities some of which we hadn't explored before. The touring plans in the back were terrific outlines for planning our days. Our kids are old enough to follow the book's tip of dividing the family into runners dispatched to one ride for Fastpasses while the others line up for another popular attraction. As the book indicates, this often allowed the kids to ride favorites like Rock N Roller Coaster and Tower of Terror more than once in a day. We also followed the author's recommendations on quick dining in each park and they were spot on. I cannot dream of doing Disney without this book.

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