

## Simple, practical, and helpful information designed to help improve the overall group experience.

- **Drink lots of water** – You never have to pay for water in Disney World. Just go to any quick service restaurant in the park and ask for a cup. Adequate hydration is an important issue for the human body 365 days per year. Activities performed in the summer heat and humidity require special attention to fluid intake and replacement such as being outside in the theme parks on a hot, humid day.
- **Use sunscreen** – A few blistering sunburns in teenage years can double a person’s lifetime chances of developing serious forms of skin cancer. The best sunscreen is a hat and shirt. After that, use a sunscreen that’s effective and safe.
- **Steer clear of animals** – Raccoons and other critters may make for good photo opportunities, but resist the urge to get too close. Wild animals can carry all kinds of not-so-fun diseases (including rabies) that could ruin your trip. Others, such as alligators, can be extremely dangerous.
- **Take a photo of your ticket** – Have each member of the group take a photo of the back of their ticket in case it becomes lost.
- **Embrace the Rain** – Rain is a blessing at Disney World. People tend to flee the parks when it pours. What they don’t know is that in Florida, cloudbursts may last for less than an hour, so dress for wet and use the rain to take advantage of shorter lines.
- **Best Place to Take a Break** – The Walt Disney World Railroad is the only ride that doesn’t force everyone to disembark after making one circuit, which takes about 25 minutes. If you’re tired, you can enjoy the round trip that girdles the Magic Kingdom for as long as you want.
- **Wi-Fi** – Free Wi-Fi internet is now available in the theme parks and resort hotels at Walt Disney World.
- **Chewing gum** – Chewing gum is not sold anywhere on Walt Disney World property. Plan accordingly.
- **Quickest Way Through Ride Lines** – On some of the blockbuster rides (including Epcot’s Test Track and Animal Kingdom’s Expedition Everest), look for the Single Rider Line, which fills empty seats that crop up among larger parties and often moves much faster than the regular line. If the wait for a ride looks excruciating but you’d be heartbroken to miss it, zip through as solo riders. Everyone in your party will wait together but may not ride at the same time – how much talking do you do during a three-minute ride, anyway?
- **Visit Potter after lunch** – Guests will sprint straight for Hogsmeade or Diagon Alley at opening, overwhelming the attractions there until late morning, when attendance in those areas tends to dissipate. If you are at Universal on a peak day, you may need a timed return ticket to enter the Potter areas. Otherwise, do the other popular attractions at opening – Despicable Me, Rip Ride Rockit, Transformers and Mummy at Universal Studios; Hulk, Spider-Man, Doctor Doom and the water rides at Islands of Adventure – and explore the Wizarding Worlds in the afternoon and evening, when they look especially beautiful.
- **Walt Disney World FastPass TIP:** At park opening, the FastPass+ kiosks nearest to the park entrance are very crowded, but there are plenty of open kiosks if you walk further into the park. If you do not already have a My Disney Experience account set up, at the kiosk you will first ADD each person’s ticket info and their names. You will save a lot of time by setting up your account and linking the tickets in advance!