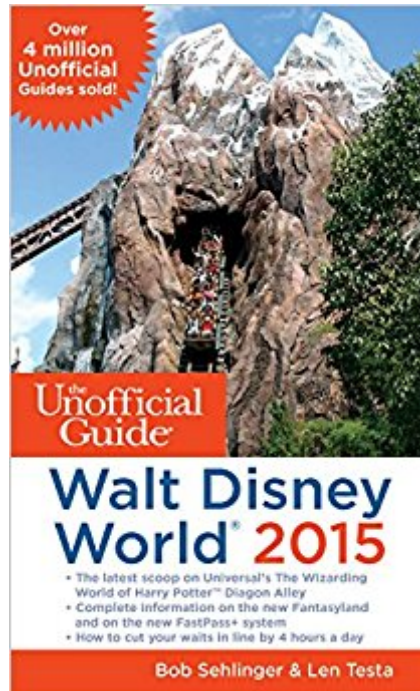




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# The Unofficial Guide To Walt Disney World 2015



## Synopsis

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trucks serving everything from Indian cuisine, to meatball sandwiches, to corn dogs, lobster rolls, and pierogies.

The Unofficial Guide folks totally get it! I purchased their guide to Disneyland in the past and learned so much amazing info! I actually didn't follow the touring plans and just created my own plan based on their information. It worked like a charm until Disney changed their Fastpass system and took all the fun and efficiency out of my plan. My dad, brother and I planned a trip to DisneyWorld last Christmas and we used this guide to make some of our plans. I also used it to choose restaurants and attractions to visit. I'm certain that the information in this guide saved us time and money. As we were out wandering around the parks, I just kept thinking "if you came here for the first time with zero knowledge of how things work, you'd spend SO much time in line and waste so much time on everything really." There is a ton of info in this book, so much that I didn't have time to read it all before we went, but since we were already familiar with Disney and my dad read a lot of it too, we were good to go! I will definitely buy the new version next time I go...Disney changes things so often that you need the updates! I highly recommend this book to anyone planning a trip to DisneyWorld, especially if you're going for the first time.

You must get this book if you are planning a visit to Disney World. I have used The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World for each visit over many years, and I have never waited in line for any attraction longer than a half hour even during peak weeks. Follow their touring plans and your vacation will be made of memories of your favorite rides and shows, not how many hours you waited in line. The book is funny and informative and worth the time to read it cover to cover. They didn't pay me to write this, but I did write a review of Mission Space that they published (I'm the Woman from Lisbon, CT). Bob Sehlinger, I'm ready to be your senior on the ground at Disney if you need me!

I wouldn't go to "Disney World" without this book. Having said that, I didn't read all of it until half way through the vacation. It could have easily saved me \$700 plus. The tips on Fast Pass and planning each day were very helpful. Only once during a 9 day stay did we wait in line for more than 30 minutes. Most of the time we waited less than 10 minutes.

excellent source of info for anyone venturing to Orlando and its parks; had a previous issue but this is updated; has real reviews and comments from both the authors and mom & pop people that have

been there, stayed in the hotels, gone to the parks and also used info from the book; living in FL and going to Orlando a few times a year, we wouldn't use any other source of information; they rate hotels (including Disney's) on things like quietness, suitability for families/singles/couples, restaurant food/quality, times for transportation to get to the parks vs. the visitor driving themselves, etc. cannot recommend enough.

This was my 5th trip to Disney & using this book as a resource. We love this book. I have shared these guides & recommended it to many people as a great starting point to planning a Disney vacation. The vast amount of information can seem overwhelming, I recommend reading just the chapters you need, as you need them to plan your vacation. There are so many facets to planning a fun, busy Disney vacation & this book really addresses them all. The reviews & information about the attractions are very helpful & informative. Although Walt Disney World is for children, there are attractions & rides that are not for the very young even if they meet the height requirements. This book helps explain the scare factor & appeal to a broad range of ages. Through the years I have used this guide to steer my children on the right attractions at the right ages so now they will ride everything & anything with little or no fear/apprehension. It always saddens me to hear & see kids at Disney who were put on a ride because it was "Disney" only to be freaked out & scream & cry the whole time. For attraction information, I highly recommend this book. The recommended touring plans are invaluable! We have truly spent very little time in line & have enjoyed so many attractions at Disney because we had a TOURING plan. I always enjoy reading the book because it is written in a humorous manner. I used the website & downloaded the corresponding app. With this guide you can access "member-only" aspects to the website & app. They are worth the price of the book! The app was fabulous! It really helped us adjust our touring plan on the fly. I will be using this book as a beginning point to plan our Universal Studios vacation for Fall 2014 & updating my subscription to the app too.

Cuts your wait times by 45 minutes to an hour. Fun to plan your trip and read the hilarious descriptions of rides and the crazy people who do crazy things to ride them.

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