



Disneyland Resort, Anaheim: Guide Sheet



Introduction

Location: Anaheim, California. Approximately 1 hour south east of Los Angeles International Airport.

- 2 Theme Parks: Disneyland
 Disney California Adventure
- 3 Official Hotels: Disney's Grand Californian
 Disneyland Hotel
 Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel

Large shopping area called Downtown Disney featuring a wide range of shops, restaurants, bars and a cinema.

The Disneyland Resort is also serviced by many other hotels in the adjacent area, with those lining Harbor Blvd being the most convenient for visitors to the parks.

Disneyland - Must see attractions and shows

Main Street U.S.A.

Disneyland Railroad (complete the full circle)
Fireworks: *Remember Dreams Come True* plays most of the year and should be viewed from the hub in front of castle. Seasonal fireworks displays include *Magical* during the summer months and *Believe in Holiday Magic* during the Christmas/New Year period.



Adventureland

Indiana Jones Adventure – not to be missed!
Jungle Cruise
The Enchanted Tiki Room

New Orleans Square

Pirates of the Caribbean – classic Disney attraction that launched a film franchise!
Haunted Mansion - (offers seasonal Halloween and Christmas overlay)
Fantasmic - (live night time spectacular on the Rivers of America – not to be missed under any circumstances – weekend only performances in off season). Downunder Disneyana members highly recommend booking the dessert selection



with premium seating, especially if you only have one opportunity during your stay to see this show. Bookings have to be made 30 days in advance by phoning Disney from Australia on 0011 1 714 781 7469.

Critter Country

Splash Mountain

Frontierland

Big Thunder Mountain Railroad (rollercoaster)

Pirates Lair on Tom Sawyers Island

Fantasyland

Storybook Land Canal Boats

It's a Small World (offers seasonal Christmas overlay)

Matterhorn Bobsleds (rollercoaster)

Excellent selection of "dark rides" for the whole family

Princess meets and greets

(Fantasyland is currently undergoing a modest expansion with the construction of a new Fantasy Faire near Sleeping Beauty Castle. Additionally, Fantasyland Theatre is being reconfigured to its original theatre mode for a new show to be announced in 2013)



Mickey's Toontown

Roger Rabbit's Car Toon Spin

Mickey's House (meet Mickey Mouse)

Tomorrowland

Star Tours 2 – the voyage continues (a 3D motion simulator that should not be missed)

Space Mountain (rollercoaster in the dark)

Disneyland Monorail

Buzz Lightyear

Finding Nemo Submarine Voyage

Daily Parade

The daily parade is often held twice each day in peak seasons. A good spot to see it is near It's a Small World where the parade starts. You do not have to wait as long there to get a good view. On Main Street people start getting a spot an hour before the parade.

Tours

A Walk in Walt's Footsteps tour – an excellent introduction to Disneyland and Walt Disney's ideas behind its construction. The tour now includes a peek into Walt Disney's family apartment above the fire station. Bookings can be made up to 60 days prior.

Midday Attractions

These attractions are good to view in peak times when queues at major attractions are long.

Enchanted Tiki Room - Adventureland

Tarzans Tree House - Adventureland

Innoventions - Tomorrowland

Disney California Adventure - Must see attractions

Disney California Adventure has just emerged from a \$1.4 billion, four year makeover which has seen the park expand and renew with a new entrance (Buena Vista Street), a new land (Cars Land) and new attractions and entertainment offerings throughout.

Buena Vista Street

Shopping street based on 1920s Los Angeles. Browse the shops or take a Red Car Trolley through Hollywoodland to the Hollywood Tower Hotel! Watch out for street entertainers.



Hollywoodland

Twilight Zone Tower of Terror – free fall elevator
Muppet Vision 3D
Monsters Inc

Disney Animation – Don't miss "Turtle Talk with Crush" in this area.

Hyperion Theatre – Aladdin musical (Broadway-style show that should not be missed)

Condor Flats

Soarin' over California - (amazing flying attraction based on IMAX technology)

Grizzly River Run – white water ride where you may get wet (or very very wet!)

Carsland

Carsland is the newest addition to DCA. It is a faithful recreation of Radiator Springs from the movies Cars and Cars 2.

Radiator Springs Racers – spectacular attraction based on Test Track technology featured in Walt Disney World. Not to be missed.

Mater's Junkyard Jamboree – fun family ride.



A Bugs Land

Its Tough to be a Bug

Paradise Bay/Pier

California Screamin' – a smooth and fast rollercoaster with a single loop.

The Voyage of the Little Mermaid – dark ride based on the story of the Little Mermaid.

Toy Story Midway Mania – interactive ride based on Toy Story and midway games.

Mickey's Fun Wheel – large ferris wheel on the pier.

Silly Symphony Swings – wave swinger.

Shows/Parades

World of Color – amazing night time light and fountain show in Paradise Bay

Pixar Play Parade – daily parade held each day.

Mad-T-Party – nightly dance party in Hollywoodland which is a lot of fun!

Disney's Electrical Parade is held at night in peak season (on hiatus – rumoured to return to DCA or Disneyland in 2013).

Other Information

Downtown Disney

Rainforest Café – a fun place to eat with good food moderate price.
World of Disney Store – the 2nd largest Disney Store in the world.

Character Meals

Goofy's Kitchen – at the Disneyland Hotel
Ariel's Grotto at Disney California Adventure – great for Princess spotting
Storytellers character breakfast at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel featuring Chip 'n Dale.
Plaza Inn on Main Street U.S.A. Disneyland – In-park character breakfast

Transport to and from the Resort

The Disneyland Express coach service runs direct from Los Angeles International Airport to the hotels in the Disneyland Resort area, including the hotels on Harbor Blvd. This is a frequent service and can be booked through your Australian travel agent. The coach service is run by Coach USA, however the buses are all in Disney livery. There are dedicated bus pickup points outside the LAX terminals, as well as staff to assist you. You can also buy tickets (including the return ticket) on the bus – money will be collected by a ticket seller at the Disneyland Hotel bus stop on arrival.

Alternatively, Super Shuttle also offer transfers to Anaheim. Their blue shuttle buses are easy to spot and you can find their staff outside the terminal.

Weather and time to go

Anaheim is one of those cities blessed with 300 sunny days a year, so the best time to go may be dependent on the events being held, as well as your tolerance for heat and crowds.

The peak season for park visits by US locals is June-August (summer school holidays), and these days will see large crowds, especially on weekends. It can also be extremely hot on particular days (35c+ - similar to a Sydney summer). The advantage during this time is that most attractions will be open as refurbishment periods occur in quieter seasons.

For fine mild weather, May is a wonderful time to go, although it can get cool in the evenings. Staying at a nearby hotel means you can pop out and grab a jumper prior to enjoying the evening's festivities. The crowds are lighter at this time of year as well. Late September and into October is also fine, and you can enjoy the park in its Halloween guise.

The winter months are popular as the park sets up its Christmas theme, with a dedicated parade, snow on Main Street after the fireworks, and holiday versions of Haunted Mansion and It's a Small World.

Try to avoid US long weekends including Memorial Day (late May) and Thanksgiving (November), and be aware of Grad-Nites in late May and throughout June, although these are less disruptive now due to extended park hours. From 2013, Grad Nites will be moved to Disney California Adventure, meaning guests will be able to stay late in Disneyland.