

## PARENT'S TIME-OUT AT WALT DISNEY WORLD® Resort

So you think a trip to *Walt Disney World* Resort is one only the kids can enjoy. Well, think again! Here are a few tips for making your vacation to Mickey Mouse Land a memorable one for the whole family.

- ❖ **Hire a babysitter for an evening or two alone.** If you're a registered guest of a Disney resort drop off the kids at a Children's Activities Center. They'll be given dinner along with classic Disney movies, arts and crafts, and video games. If your child is under 3 or not potty trained call Kid's Nite Out at 407-827-5444 for in-room childcare.
- ❖ **Plan a romantic evening at one of Disney's world-class restaurants.** For the height of romance head to Victoria & Albert's at *Disney's Grand Floridian* Resort. In its intimate, dimly lit dining room you're served a sumptuous 7-course meal on white linen set with Royal Doulton china and sparking crystal. Or try California Grill on the 15th floor of *Disney's Contemporary* Resort where you'll find an unbeatable panorama of the *Magic Kingdom*® and the Seven Seas Lagoon along with picture-perfect views of the *Wishes* fireworks show. From pristinely fresh sushi to exceptional New American Cuisine to sensational desserts and an outstanding California wine list, this place has it all.
- ❖ **Consider springing for two rooms.** Disney guarantees connecting rooms for families with children in most room categories thereby guaranteeing Mom and Dad some alone-time. After the kids are in bed order in a romantic meal in the privacy of your room.
- ❖ **Enjoy a bottle of wine on your room or suite's balcony.** The bottled wine selections at the Disney resort shops are a bit sparse, but Private Dining usually offers a nice selection to choose from.
- ❖ **Watch the evening fireworks spectacular from a *Magic Kingdom* resort.** You'll find the most romantic spots at *Disney's Polynesian* Resort where the two of you can relax in a swing or hammock on a sandy white beach.
- ❖ **Take a Fireworks Cruise from one of the *Magic Kingdom* or *Epcot*® resorts.** Order a bottle of champagne to be delivered to the boat from Private Dining and enjoy!
- ❖ **Spend an evening at Disney's Boardwalk.** Rent a surrey for a spin around Crescent Lake followed by dancing at Atlantic Dance and the Illuminations show from the upstairs balcony.

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