**Take the Grandkids to *Walt Disney World*® Resort**

What better opportunity to spoil the grandchildren than a trip to "The Most Magical Place on Earth". And spoil them you can with countless things to see and do that children as well as adults will absolutely love. It’s a vacation guaranteed to create lasting memories. Here are some suggestions that will make this very special trip, one to remember for a lifetime:

**Book a Resort with a Great Pool**

Kids love swimming pools, and Disney’s resorts offer some of the best. Children’s favorites: the Volcano Pool at *Disney’s Polynesian* Resort featuring a smoking volcano slide, underwater music, and sparkling waterfall, all with a superb view of the Seven Seas Lagoon; *Disney’s Wilderness* Lodge’s boulder-lined pool featuring glistening waterfalls, rocky overlooks, a fun water slide, and nearby geyser; and the eye-popping Stormalong Bay, a mini-water park complex that meanders between *Disney’s Yacht and Beach* Clubs, offering three acres of winding, watery delight including sandy bottom pools, a giant "shipwreck" waterslide, tidal whirlpool, bubbling hot tubs, a kiddie pool with its own slide next to the beach, and enough length to float lazily in inner tubes to your heart’s delight.

**Have a Meal With Disney Characters**

If you’re traveling with young children at least one or two character meals are a must. These extremely popular dining spots, offered at both the theme parks and the Disney resorts, are a perfect way for the grandchildren to spend extra time with their favorite characters. Young ladies don their favorite Disney princess costumes at Restaurant Akershus in Epcot®’s Norway pavilion to dine with Aurora, Snow White, Ariel, and Belle; or choose the very popular princess dining at Cinderella’s Royal Table at the *Magic Kingdom*®. Just be sure to call 407-WDW-DINE exactly 180 days prior at 7 a.m. Eastern time to assure yourselves a spot at these coveted venues.

**Start Your Day Early at a Disney Theme Park**

Most mornings one of Disney’s theme parks opens an hour early only for guests staying at a Disney resort. It’s a perfect opportunity to knock off the big name attractions, particularly in the *Magic Kingdom*’s *New Fantasyland*® where waits can sometimes be extremely lengthy during normal park hours.

**Don’t Miss the Magic Kingdom’s Afternoon Parade and Evening Fireworks Presentation**

The *Magic Kingdom*’s wonderful afternoon parade is Disney’s best, where giant floats are topped with live Disney characters accompanied by classic Disney songs. And the Jiminy Cricket narrated *Wishes* nighttime fireworks display is probably the most magical experience in all of Disney.

**Take a Spin on a WaterMouse Boat**

Rent one of these two-seater mini-power boats for zipping around Disney’s waterways. The grandkids will love you for it! They’re available at *Disney’s Contemporary* Resort, *Disney’s Polynesian* Resort, *Disney’s Grand Floridian* Resort & Spa, *Disney’s Yacht Club* Resort, *Downtown Disney*® Area, and *Disney’s Wilderness* Lodge.

**Plan a Day at a Water Park for a Splashing Good Time**

Disney has two of the most fantastic water parks imaginable, *Disney’s Blizzard Beach* Water Park and *Disney’s Typhoon Lagoon* Water Park, each offering their own brand of wonder. At Blizzard Beach you’ll find quite a few tame attractions along with wild rushing water and death-defying slides. Typhoon Lagoon offers a whopper of a surf pool. Both have wonderful children’s areas with smaller versions of the adult attractions. There are even areas for the adolescent set and cabanas for rent.

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