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THE MAGIC NEVER ENDS IN DISNEY

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Whether you're a first-time Disney-goer or a devoted fan of the famous mouse, you're sure to discover something new at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fl. This year marks the 50-year celebration of the famed theme park, and no matter how often you go, you'll find yourself captivated by the magic of the place where "dreams come true."

THE HAPPIEST CELEBRATION ON EARTH

Beginning May 5, 2005, an 18-month tribute to Walt Disney's dream of Disneyland in Southern California—the flagship park—will begin. The "Happiest Celebration on Earth" will launch the premiere of exciting new shows and attractions at Disneyland Resort, California; Walt Disney World Resort in Florida; Tokyo Disney Resort in Japan; and Disneyland Resort Paris. The celebration will also launch the opening of Hong Kong Disneyland.

Included in the launch is the new attraction at Epcot, "Soarin." This high-tech attraction will transport guests on a breathtaking flight above the rich California landscape. The thrilling new attraction is based on the hit Anaheim show "Soarin' Over California"—notably one of the most technologically advanced attraction at Disney's California Adventure park. "Soarin'" will lift 87 guests 40 feet high in the air inside a projection screen dome. Guests will view the Golden State from all sides as their flying theater seats take them high above the virtual landscape. Visitors will fly over the Golden Gate Bridge, the Redwood forests, Napa Valley, Palm Springs, Yosemite and San Diego. To make the experience even more "like being there," this high-tech attraction allows guests to feel the sweeping winds and smell the sweet aroma of orange blossoms and fragrant pine trees as they make their journey across the state of California. As the flight ends, guests will be treated to an aerial view of Disneyland itself.

In the Magic Kingdom, during the

"Happiest Celebration on Earth," Cinderella Castle will become a celebration of Disney magic across the globe. Gold filigree will adorn its turrets and banners, ribbons and tapestries will breeze from balconies, giving the castle an aura of glitter that signifies the splendor of magic that Walt Disney himself dreamed of 50 years ago. Golden icons from classic Disney films will sparkle across the castle and a magical palate of ever-changing stained glass above the castle's archway will shine with a breathtaking view of the five Disney castles from around the world

The best of the movie industry's stunt masters will perform the "Lights, Motors, Action! Extreme Stunt Show" at Disney-MGM Studios. This live show will thrill 5,000 guests in a custom-built grandstand as cars, motorcycles and watercraft careen across a re-created European village, giving them a behind-the-scenes look at movie mayhem.

Lucky The Dinosaur—the first-ever free-roaming Audio-Animatronics creation—makes his debut at Disney's Animal Kingdom this year. For a limited time Lucky—who was previewed at Disney's



California Adventure, and can laugh, sneeze, bray and hiccup—will roam Dinoland U.S.A., visiting with guests and signing autographs. Lucky was named one of 2003's top inventions by Time magazine and represents the forward movement of Disney's



pioneering in Audio-Animatronics technology.

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

There are more than 20 themed, Disney-owned and operated resorts to choose from when visiting Walt Disney World in Orlando. There's a resort to fit every taste and budget. All of the resorts offer guests special advantages of staying within the Disney property. The convenient transportation is a great perk and guests can charge theme park purchases to their guestroom account. Each resort offers its own specific magical flavor—from the luxurious Grand Floridian Resort and Spa to the newest, hip Pop Century Resort.

If you're looking for a home to rent while visiting Orlando, check out All-Star Vacation Homes. The properties are located within four miles of Walt Disney World and offer families a wide variety of options. Each home is fully furnished and has a fully equipped kitchen. Some homes feature private pools and Jacuzzis. Some homes have resort amenities such as a clubhouse movie theatre, basketball/tennis/volleyball courts, Jacuzzi, pools, convenience store, fitness center & game room. Renting a home while visiting the Disney parks is a great way to experience the magic while still being able to enjoy the comforts of home. The space in these homes offer Mom and Dad privacy for those evenings when the kids are exhausted from their exciting day at The Magic Kingdom.

Be sure to take in the nightly shows at the parks while in Orlando. The magic doesn't end when the sun goes down!

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