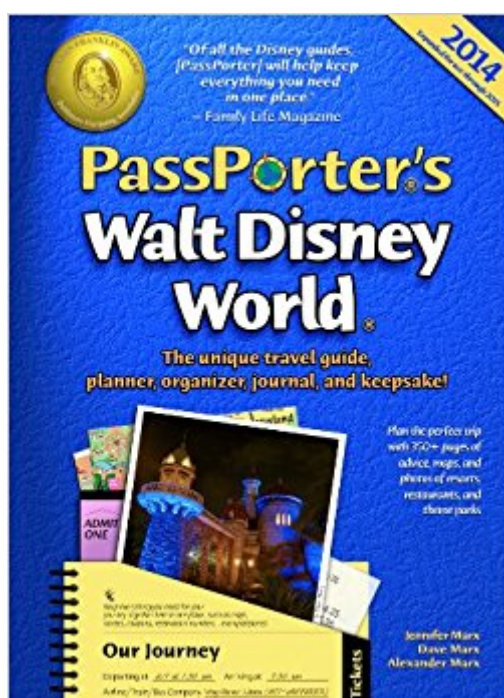


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# PassPorter's Walt Disney World 2014: The Unique Travel Guide, Planner, Organizer, Journal, And Keepsake!



## Synopsis

With four major theme parks and 22 hotels, Disney World can be daunting &#151; this indispensable travel planner simplifies the process. The authors have been honing their advice, expanding their coverage, upgrading the book's features, and delighting readers for over 15 years. Each park gets in-depth coverage, complete with full-color fold-out maps and a description of every ride and attraction along with extensive profiles of Disney-owned resort hotels featuring detailed maps, color photos, room layouts and the park's 300+ dining options. With this handy guide, you can create vacation itineraries before you go and keep Disney maps, brochures, passes, and receipts inside the pocket while you're there along with recoding memories and expenses on the back to review when you return home! Another feature is the author's nine-year-old son Alexander rating attractions with his "A-OK!" for kids accompanied by age-appropriateness rankings from his parents, giving adults a heads up on what attractions are suited for kids. So when the magic of Walt Disney World beckons, pick up a copy of the award-winning PassPorter's Walt Disney World 2014 and discover the world's #1 vacation destination through the eyes of seasoned fans, and be organized and better budgeted than you ever dreamed possible.

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I wanted to love this book, but I didn't. To be fair I've been to Disney before and I've also purchased other Disney related travel books. I'm obsessed with reading up on tips and tricks and I purchase a new book every year. I decided I wanted to read something different this time around so I choose the PassPorter. Let me start by saying it's not a bad book in any sense of the word. I just feel like the information provided is very basic and one sided. There are other books out there that give me far more information and have helped determined where I stay in the future, where I plan to eat and what I plan to do once I'm at the parks. One thing I give props for is the estimated time they tell you it takes to travel from point to point in the park. On our first trip I planned our days to the minute and that information would be really useful to someone going for their first time. I do like the idea of using it as a "scrapbook" and keeping all those papers and dining reservations in one area. Overall it's not a bad book, but not the one I'd recommend first when people ask.

I bought this book because I wanted to learn more about WDW before I went to it. The book came in EXCELLENT condition [I thought I had bought it used, but apparently not!] The front inside cover contains a map of Florida and the Orlando area [it doesn't show Orlando International Airport on the

map]. On the inside of the cover it has a 2-year calendar of 2014 and 2015 with all US holidays highlighted. [It doesn't specify what the holidays are, but hey I didn't buy a calendar, I bought a PassPorter, LOL! Below that it has a "What To Do" chart of all important things that need to be done such as arranging transportation, reserving rooms, etc. Then, on the other side of the inside cover [it's a fold out, more on that later] it has an area where you can write your name [and the name of everyone in your party], the celebration, and other important info such as the resort/hotel that you will be staying at, telephone, e-mail address, etc. The back cover has a map of Walt Disney World Property and all the resorts on property and a few points of interest. It also has an area where you can write the name of your family and the celebration and your vacation dates, which when you fold up will help protect the inside pages and make for easy identification of the book. Inside the cover it has a list of important phone numbers, including a bunch for WDW, Orlando International Airport, and a bunch of others. It has room at below all of the numbers provided to write your own important numbers. Behind the inside flap is an area for important reminders and important addresses, which is a very nice touch! It also has an elastic band to help keep the PassPorter closed which I really like! Inside the book has so much information that I haven't actually managed to finish reading it yet, and there is just WAY too much to list every single thing the book offers, so I'll just tell you a few key points that I really like about the book:-It offers room layouts for most [if not all] resort rooms.-It gives an average meal cost at all of the "eateries" for each meal, breakfast, lunch, and dinner [and sometimes snacks too!]-It has a neat chart that not only shows crowd levels, but also shows price ranges for the resorts, avg. HIGH temperature, and avg. rainfall. It also tells you when Value/Peak/Regular/Fall/Holiday season is on the chart.-It has a few different worksheets throughout the book to help you plan your trip, such as one for travel.-It has a packing list, and highlights items that you might need on a daily basis throughout your trip [it also includes to pack any medications which I appreciate because knowing me, I would get to WDW only to realize I forgot "such-and-such" an important medication thousands of miles away at home, ha-ha-It has a chart which compares all of the DISNEY resorts-It gives very thorough information on all of the resorts, and an estimate for the different prices you can expect to pay during different times of the year, and maps of the resorts.-IT HAS FOLD OUT MAPS [Of Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios, and Animal Kingdom]-The PassPorter Pockets are so AWESOME! I can't wait to use them on my trip! It has 10 "Day" pockets and 1 "blank" one to create as you like. It also has stickers for labeling the pockets as you want to, which is really cool, and it has a few blank ones so you can create your own! [I'm still kind of scratching my head at the ones that you're supposed to fold over the edge of pages]The only bad/weird things that I've found so far is that they mention DISboards

website in the beginning of their book but they don't include it in their website list at the end of their book? Weird, whatever. Also, when I was first "opening" the pages, they tended to stick together which was no big deal except for that it REALLY messed up a page about some of the information on the Magic Kingdom; so if I'm not really careful, it might fall out after some really good wear-in :(But other than that, I LOVE the fact that it's spiral bound, but I am considering getting the "Deluxe Edition" for my next PassPorter just so that way I can print pages off as I want to and add them easier. [For example it gives 10 days for PassPocket adventuring but I plan on staying 14, so I can just go online order more and put them in the Deluxe Edition a lot easier than the spiral bound, lol]Overall, I really like this book and recommend it for anyone that wants a travel guide that they can actually use on their trip! Plus it'll be a timeless keepsake that you can look back on for years to come to fondly remember all of your magical memories :)

We planned a fairly last minute trip to Disney (three weeks notice) This book was extremely helpful in guiding us through the process of deciding on a resort, using transportation, scheduling fast passes, descriptions/reviews of restaurants, and choosing which rides and attractions to visit. I referenced several websites as well, but still found this book extremely well organized and informative and was glad to have it as an additional resource. It also came in handy as reading material on our 18 hour road trip from Michigan to Florida. I have two teens who are pretty adventurous and a nine year old who is very timid. The ride descriptions in the book were extremely helpful so that I could choose which rides would be appropriate for my nine year old. She loved everything she did and we were able to avoid some of the attractions that would have been too much for her. The book also serves as a memory book with places to write in details of the trip and pockets for collecting important items like tickets/receipts, etc. I did find that some of the info was not quite up to date regarding the Fast Pass system, but that is not really the fault of the authors as Disney was making changes to the Fast Pass system even during the week that we were there. Be sure to read updated info re: Fast Pass + from another source, but otherwise the book was spot on and a great tool. I would highly recommend this purchase!

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