

Pictured from left to right are — aw, you know who they are, don't you?

## Keys to the kingdom of



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In all sizes — not just the pint-sized variety, thanks, in part, to some attractive vacation prices. Right now, during the airline wars, you can get round trip air fare for less than \$200, although you'd have to be lucky to get a seat during spring break or Easter season.

**YOU CAN** combine Walt Disney World with a cruise for \$500 plus air fare; \$500 also will buy you round-trip air and six nights, per-person double occupancy, in the Sheraton World.

Ask your travel agency about American Express packages, advertised as low as \$139 plus air. Or ask your agent to call CP Air Holidays in Canada toll-free at 1-800-387-2703 for a package available through June 25, or from Aug. 31 to Sept. 30, air fare, a car and hotel for a week for \$449 Canadian, which is about \$327 in U.S. dollars. That's weekend rate from Windsor, per person based on double occupancy. It is \$409 from Toronto. Subtract \$30 from either fare if you fly midweek.

**YOU NEED** a friend to help you get your time and money's worth amid the fun and games at WDW. Steve Birnbaum's official guide to Walt Disney World, updated yearly, may be the best \$8.95 you spend. Buy it in a bookstore before you leave home and plan ahead. It will help you decide where to stay, eat and play, and includes literary suggestions based on the length of your stay.

If you have just one day, you can see either the Magic Kingdom or EPCOT, at \$26 a ticket, not both. The minimum time for a really good look at this wonderful, crazy vacation kingdom is three days. Three-, four- or five-day adult passes, \$66, \$78 and \$88 respectively,

let you go back and forth from the Magic Kingdom to EPCOT Center at will.

If you arrive at WDW in the afternoon, do an overview of the property. Ride the monorail around Bay Lake and Seven Seas Lagoon for a quick skyline view of the Magic Kingdom, change trains at the Transportation Center and spend the evening doing a quick once-over of EPCOT. The lines are shorter later in the day, so you might want to see the Living Seas or Spaceship Earth, which have the longest waits earlier in the day.

**WALK TO** the right around the lagoon on World Showcase Plaza and join the young noisy crowd at the Rose and Crown Pub. If Skyline is on (weekends, holidays and summer) grab a seat early for the war between good and evil — multi-colored light planes in battle with the dragon boats.

Don't miss the Renaissance Street Players in the United Kingdom area. They will be playing their own crazy version of Romeo and Juliette on the street, and 10-1 odds you'll be part of the show.

It's probably too late in the day to reserve dinner at the best World Showcase restaurants. Guests at Walt Disney World hotels can reserve well in advance, but otherwise you must do it after the park opens each day.

**WHEN YOU** come back to EPCOT in the morning, go straight to the computerized reservation booth, called World Key Terminal, where you can scan the menu and reserve for lunch or dinner. The French pavilion is popular because of the three famous chefs who take turns running it.

My personal favorites are the spicy Szechuan chicken at Nine Dragons Restaurant in China; the Middle Eastern food at Restaurant Marrakesh in Morocco; the Fettucine Alfredo at L'Orignal; the Alfredo di Roma Ristorante in Italy. These places are often managed by famous restaurant people. Alfredo's is run by Alfredo's of Rome, the originator of Fettucine Alfredo.

The other great dining experience is the Coral Reef, where you can eat seafood and look through huge plate

glass windows to the underwater life of the Living Seas.

**DON'T MISS:** Captain EO, a 3-D movie starring Michael Jackson; you might not like it, but the technology is worth the time.

Living Seas, which opened last year. There's not another aquarium adventure like it. Journey into Imagination: where the 3-D is so believable you will jump back when the kid on the screen spouts water at you.

Of course, you need a day with Mickey Mouse. As you approach the Magic Kingdom, either on the monorail or on the ferry, you will see a huge balloon head of Mickey Mouse flying above Cinderella's Castle and Space Mountain. The 15th Birthday Parade, which celebrates Walt Disney World's anniversary through 1987, will go past in a glory of

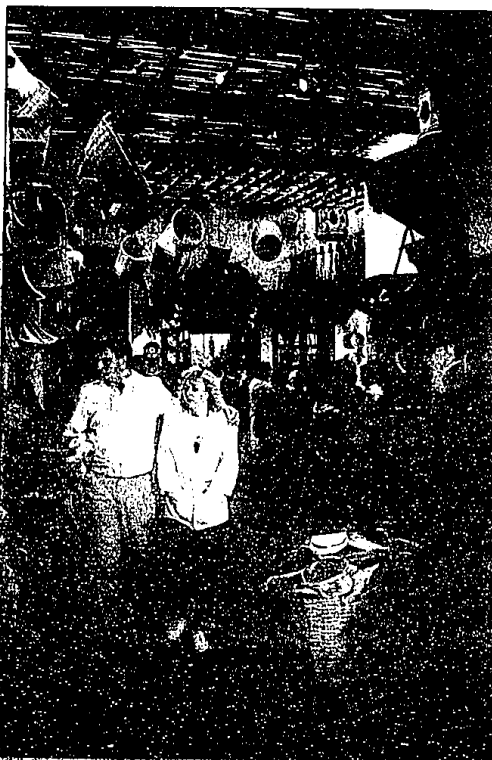
light and sound at 3 p.m. Holidays and summers, you will certainly end the day watching the Main Street Electrical Parade with its dozens of floats and 100 performers surrounded by a million twinkling lights.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** like the Electrical Parade, the fireworks, laserphonic show and Skyline are scheduled only during holidays, weekends and summers, or whenever the parks are open until midnight.

Then it's lights, lights, lights. Everything is lights, unless you ride the Space Mountain coaster in the Magic Kingdom. Then it's dark, dark, dark as you climb slowly up, up to the top of the roller coaster incline and drop like a stone, screaming all the way. Yeah! The kid in you never had it so good.



EPCOT's British area features this English pub and dining room.



## You can stay where you play

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Where you stay determines how you play at Walt Disney World.

What's your pleasure? Modern digs at the Contemporary Resort Hotel? The laid-back atmosphere of Polynesian Village Resort? Or tent and trailers of Fort Wilderness Campground Resort?

All of these accommodations are located around Bay Lake or Seven Seas Lagoon at one end of the 42-square-mile property at Walt Disney World, where bus, ferry and monorail converge on the parking lots and the Transportation Center.



Early evening on Main Street at the Magic Kingdom at Disney World.

There is a whole other world at the other end of WDW, five miles from the Magic Kingdom and 2.5 miles from Epcot, in the direction of Buena Vista Lagoon. Five kinds of villas, a conference center, and the hotel-shop-restaurant complex of WDW Shopping Village are here.

The villas offer a great way to have your own home in a private wooded setting and still be just a few minutes from the resort life of Lake Buena Vista or the exciting fun of the Magic Kingdom and EPCOT.

Book well ahead for the Treehouse Villas. These octagonal two-bedroom stilt houses, with great decks amid the trees cost \$199 per night and sleep six. There are several kinds of villas, ranging from \$115 for the one-bedroom Vacation Villas, which sleep four, to \$195 for the two-bedroom units at Vacation, Treehouse or Fairway Villas, which all sleep six. Rates are per villa, not per person.

Of course, you don't have to stay in WDW. If you want luxury I highly recommend the Hyatt Grand Cypress, just half a mile outside the Disney border.

There are hundreds of hotels along the highways approaching WDW and in clusters throughout the area. Most are OK. Many provide regular bus service to Disney World, but be sure you know the transportation situation before you check in. Also check out condominiums and time-share rentals.

For information on accommodations: Call the Orlando Central Reservation Center toll free at 1-800-828-8229 for hotels outside Disney World. Contact Tourism Development, Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce, Box 1234, Orlando 32803 or call (407) 476-1234 for apartments, condos and bed-and-breakfast accommodations.

For Walt Disney World reservations call (800) 231-0000. Rates: Contemporary from \$110; Polynesian from \$130; Disney Inn from \$105. Ft. Wilderness trailers \$100 for four, \$120 for six; campsites \$22-35.