

PassPorter® Walt Disney World® 2004

Updates as of February 6, 2004

In the update chart below, we list every page in PassPorter Walt Disney World 2004 that needs an update or change based on our research. Whenever possible, we describe what information has changed right in the chart itself, along with the page number and the date of the change. If the updated information doesn't fit in the chart, we note the Web link so you can look it up online. To get the latest version of these updates, visit <http://www.passporter.com/wdw/bookupdates.htm>.

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2/5	vi, vii, 7	The All Ears Net (formerly WDWIG) web site is now located at http://www.allearsnet.com
2/5	7, 11	DisneyDollarless is now called The Magic for Less, and is located at http://www.themagicforless.com .
2/5	17	In fall 2003, Orlando International Airport opened a new food court in the center of the main terminal – it features Carvel, Chick-Fil-A, Fresh Attractions, Krispy Kreme, McDonald's, Nathan's, Sbarro, and Zyng's Noodlery (plus more than 200 species of tropical fish). We also noticed that two new full-service restaurants were coming to the terminal this summer – Romano's Macaroni Grill and a sports bar. A new Borders bookstore also opened in the terminal last year, and it stocks PassPorter guidebooks!
2/5	34	Some refillable mugs now cost as much as \$12/mug, such as those at Pop Century Resort. The word is that all mug prices are gradually being increased to \$12.
2/5	40	Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge Resort concierge guests have a new tour -- the Wanyama Sunset Safari! Three nights a week, up to 8 concierge-level guests of the hotel (adult only) can get up-close and personal with the animals and birds that roam the savannahs around the hotel. The tour is conducted in an open-air safari van, and is followed by a South African feast and wine pairing at Jiko. The three-hour tour starts at 4:00 pm on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays and is \$150/person (including dinner). Call 407-938-4755.



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2/5	48	The playground on the Parrot Cay island at Caribbean Beach Resort has moved. It is now on the beach, across from the main pool.
2/5	66	Concierge rooms at the Grand Floridian Resort are now housed in Sugar Loaf Key (not Sago Key), in addition to the main building.
2/5	75-78	After a two-year wait, Pop Century, Disney's newest value-priced resort has finally opened! We visited this resort in late January, and have fully updated the resort description that appears on pages 75-78 of PassPorter Walt Disney World 2004 to reflect what we've learned. You can view and download a free, fully updated version of those four pages at http://www.passporter.com/wdw/popcentury.htm . And for extra fun, we've even created a special Pop Century Scavenger Hunt that's included at the same page.
2/5	85	Port Orleans French Quarter is re-opening on March 21, 2004.
2/5	99	The Dolphin Resort is home to two new restaurants: Fresh and bluezoo. See our reviews of these later in this update chart.
2/5	104	The Courtyard by Marriott is now a Holiday Inn (web site: http://www.holidayinnwdw.com). The change occurred on December 28, 2003. Holiday Inn plans to redecorate the lobby and the guest rooms sometime in 2004. The Holiday Inn's phone number is 407-828-8888.
2/5	133	For an updated description and review of Mickey's PhilharMagic, visit http://www.passporter.com/articles/philharmagic.htm .



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2/5	135	The new Stitch attraction will actually be called "Stitch's Great Escape." The story line introduces us to Experiment 626 (Stitch), back before he was sent to Earth. The attraction's guests will be recruited to provide extra "security" for this troublesome prisoner. Naturally, Stitch escapes, to spread playful havoc.
2/5	143	Spaceship Earth—The Global Neighborhood post-show area still mentions AT&T, despite the lapsed sponsorship. About a third of the hands-on exhibits have closed, though.
2/5	143	The Wonders of Life is currently closed for rehab. Potted shrubs block the entrance. The pavilion is expected to re-open seasonally, and it sounds like the Pure & Simple cafe and shops will close permanently.
2/5	145	At The Living Seas, a colorful new sculpture display featuring the cast of Finding Nemo now graces the entrance plaza at The Living Seas. Although we didn't witness it, this area is also hosts a character meet-and-greet featuring everyone's reef-y friends. For the first time Epcot's ever-present seagulls don't seem out of place, even when they're not squawking, "Mine, mine, mine...." Inside the Living Seas, Nemo and friends have taken over the tropical reef exhibit in delightful style, with Nemo-themed interpretive signs and tanks full of the real creatures that inspired the motion picture. Alas, beyond this little cove, the rest of the "seas" continues as if Nemo had never been hatched.
2/5	145	Food Rocks at The Land is now permanently closed (to make way for Soarin' in 2005).



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2/5	150	The Land is geared-up for the arrival of Soarin' (presented by Nestle) in 2005, which was officially announced late in 2003. Construction cranes and the attraction's steel framework can be seen rising between Imagination Pavilion and The Land. Food Rocks has rolled off into oblivion to make way for the entrance to the new attraction.
2/5	154	(map) "Backstage Pass" is actually "The Making of The Haunted Mansion Movie," and is located in Sound Stage 4, to the immediate left of Walt Disney: One Man's Dream.
2/5	159	"Backstage Pass" is actually "The Making of The Haunted Mansion Movie." The attraction lasts 17 minutes and includes a film and a guided tour of the movie's ballroom set, complete with sound and lighting effects. Scare factor: brief darkness. No photography allowed. Wheelchair accessible, film is closed-captioned.
2/5	159	The Studios Backlot Tour will be closed until April 2004, presumably to accommodate construction for the new Auto Stunt Show attraction opening in 2005.
2/5	159	New York Street - Construction fencing blocks views of the ground floors of many New York Street facades while rehab work continues. Meantime, at the far end of the street you can see the new sets for the auto stunt show rising in the distance. Even the old Back Lot Theater (former home of The Hunchback of Notre Dame) is getting a new front. Inside, the theater has become a warehouse for the temporarily-orphaned Osborne lights.



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2/5	159	The Magic of Disney Animation continues, despite the closing of the Walt Disney Feature Animation studios earlier in January. Visitors can view the permanently-empty animators' desks where Lilo and Stitch and Brother Bear came to life. The closing of the studio didn't eliminate the presence of animators at the attraction, though. A real, live animator still gives lessons as part of the attraction. The attraction starts in the Drawn to Animation Theater, for a nine-minute presentation featuring a live animator and a filmed Mushu (from Mulan). Following a brief question-and-answer session with another tour guide, guests can walk through the animation studio display area at their own pace. Finally, guests can enter the Animation Academy, where 38 Mickey-styled animation easels await, and a live Disney animator conducts classes in how to draw one of a variety of Disney characters. Guests can repeat this section as often as they wish, to learn to draw the various characters. No photography. Animation Academy can be accessed through the Animation Gallery shop.
2/5	188	Admission to DisneyQuest is NOT included as an option on the Park Hopper Plus passes.
2/5	209	Coral Reef restaurant's hours are noon-3:00 pm and 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm.
2/5	209	The Electric Umbrella quick-service restaurant has a revamped menu, including a passable Reuben sandwich and a club sandwich on Foccacia bread, to go along with the burgers and chicken strips. Hours are from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.



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2/5	211	Read our review of our most recent meal at Nine Dragons at http://www.passporter.com/articles/ninedragons.htm . We were so impressed by the meal that we've increased our ratings to a 7 (Jennifer) and an 8 (Dave).
2/5	221	The Earl of Sandwich shop has yet to open. We managed to peek through the windows and discovered little more than an empty space and a stack of blueprints. We hope this shop does open, but things aren't looking very hopeful at the moment.
2/5	223	We also ate at Planet Hollywood for the first time in a long time. Although some of the Hollywood memorabilia and video clips have been updated, some other parts of the restaurant are showing their age. Our meals were satisfying, but nothing particularly special – no change to the “5” ratings from both Jennifer and Dave.
2/5	229	Fresh is a new buffet restaurant serving breakfast and lunch at the Dolphin Resort. We dined at Fresh in December, and were totally delighted with the quality and variety of the foods offered. As the name implies, everything is freshly-prepared, with an emphasis on light and fresh flavors. That doesn't mean the food is wimpy – far from it. Everything we sampled was full-flavored and full-bodied. You'll find a wide range of cuisines represented, with the biggest emphasis on Mediterranean and Middle Eastern. The chefs stand right behind the counter, cooking and encouraging guests to try everything. Like Boma at Animal Kingdom Lodge, Fresh offers high quality, adventuresome dining without neglecting the tastes of less worldly eaters. Jennifer's Rating: Dave's Rating: 7



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2/5	229	bluezoo, an seafood restaurant under the direction of celebrity chef Todd English, opened in January at the Dolphin Resort. The menu is inventive and upscale (price range similar to Flying Fish Cafe at the BoardWalk Resort), and the decor dark, suave and sophisticated. Open only for dinner, the restaurant and busy bar were noisy (a convention was in town), and service was still coming up to speed when we visited in January 2004 soon after the grand opening. The comparison with Flying Fish Cafe is apt – the offerings are similarly inventive and are as expertly prepared, but with a very different touch that to us seemed more “urban sophisticate” and a bit less “Disney-accessible.” Jennifer’s rating: 7; Dave’s Rating: 8. Priority Seating recommended. Business Casual attire, no children’s menu(!)
2/5	232	The caption on the photo incorrectly identifies the princess as Cinderella; that’s actually Princess Aurora from Sleeping Beauty.

