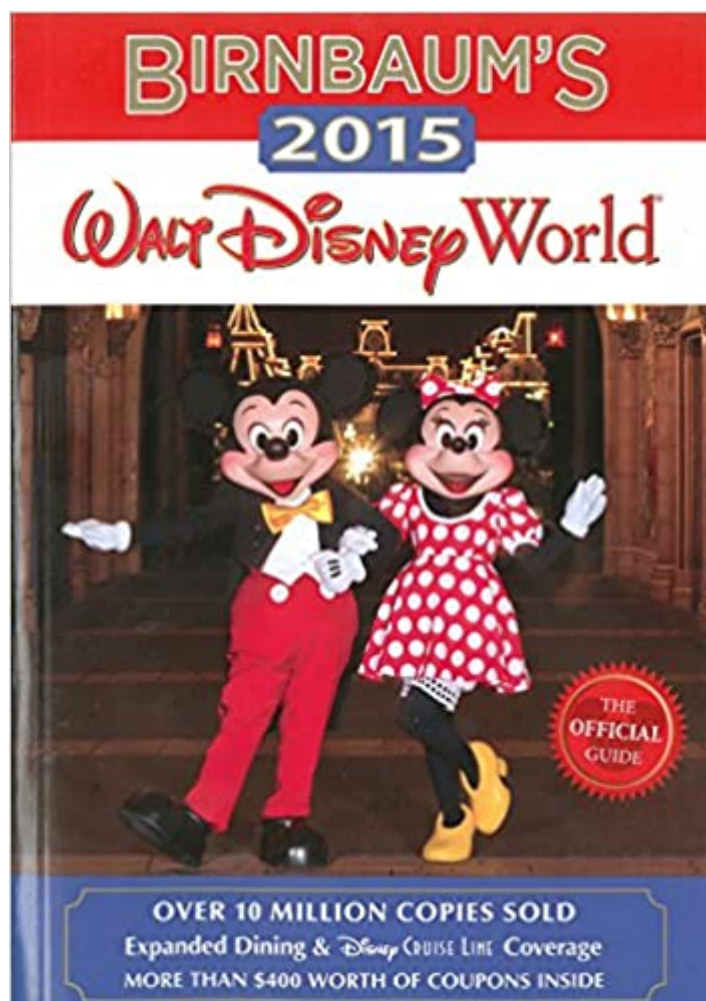


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# Birnbaum's 2015 Walt Disney World: The Official Guide (Birnbaum Guides)



## Synopsis

Birnbaum's Walt Disney World has been re-imagined! It boasts a bold new look and variety of added features, including a complete restaurant roundup with expanded details on all the dining options in Disney World, as well as a new chapter dedicated to Disney Cruise Line. We'll guide guests as they choose a Disney cruise ship and potentially pair a sailing with a stay at a Walt Disney World resort: the ultimate Disney land-and-sea adventure! And as always, since ours is the only guidebook that's official, this book includes the most accurate information on prices, changes, and new attractions for 2015.

- A Walt Disney World visit requires more advance preparation than ever. Our Getting Ready to Go chapter offers insight into Disney's new MagicBand program and will help guests plan their vacation like a pro.
- The 2015 Birnbaum Guide features bigger and bolder charts and maps, and lots of color photos-making the Birnbaum vacation planner a solid souvenir.
- Thorough descriptions of all theme park shows and attractions will help vacationers get the most bang for their buck. And money-saving tips will help stretch those precious vacation dollars.
- As Disney and The Force join forces, we've got the scoop on new rides, shows, and character greetings from the Star Wars realm.
- We deliver the details on the newest shows and attractions throughout Walt Disney World, including the new Seven Dwarfs Mine Train coaster and other newcomers in the Magic Kingdom's Fantasyland.
- Our expanded Good Meals, Great Times chapter includes coverage of WDW restaurants, lounges, the Disney Dining Plan, Epcot Food & Wine Festival, special dining opportunities, and more.
- The handy new Trip Tracker is the perfect place to jot down Disney Dining confirmation numbers, Fastpass assignments, and other important info.
- Downtown Disney is morphing into the massive and immersive Disney Springs. We'll share the scoop as this dining, shopping, and entertainment enclave more than doubles in size.
- There are Hidden Mickeys all over Walt Disney World. We will direct guests to some of our theme park favorites.
- More hot tips and valuable coupons than ever before!

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## Customer Reviews

I am a total WDW addict and go every year. And yet no matter how many times I have been there, I can't do everything. That is why I buy a Birnbaum's every year. I actually read it cover to cover (yes I am a big geek) and always manage to learn something new, or find something new I want to try. It's not just about learning what is new this year, you get to learn all the little details you may have missed on previous trips. There are events that I only learned about a year or two ago, and they have them several times a week. The Wishes dessert party was a great addition to one of my trips.

When my three children were younger and we were planning our first Disney World trip, a travel agent suggest Birnbaum's Disney World. I bought the book and it became my Disney encyclopedia. I read the book, cover to cover, and took the book along with me on our vacation so I could refresh my memory, the night before, about the park we would be visiting that day. While others were standing in lines, we were navigating the parks, as per instruction, and had hardly any wait time. Birnbaum's helped us have the best and most informative Disney World vacation we would ever have imagined. Now its 2015, and we are once again traveling to Disney World, with our grandchildren. This will be our 4th Birnbaum Disney vacation. I bought this book again, because, it is worth it's weight in gold! I read thru the book and then passed it along to my son and daughter in law and she is now experiencing the same excitement that I did, when I first read it. This book gives you all the information needed for each area of Disney World, such as ride info, restaurants, including which things are great if you are traveling with small children. If you need to know it, it is in this book. Anyone interested in traveling to Disney World needs to read this Birnbaum's Walt Disney World. It is a must have!

As kids we made several different trips to Disney World. Each trip included two things; our Triple A Trip Tick and a copy of the most up to date Birnbaum book. My father read through it religiously for each trip and while he would never admit, we think he did it as his way of getting excited with still

being able to be subtle about it. So... needless to say after 15 years without Disney World in my life, what is the first thing I did even before I booked? Ordered this book (it's a family trip and my Mother told me my Father did as well). The information really is useful, particularly for those who have never visited the resort. It goes over each attraction, hotel, restaurant and special event in "Readers Digest" sort of way. Giving you a great overall view of what to expect and what exactly everything is. Those who have been to Walt Disney World can easily skip out on this book as you are probably well aware of the information. But for those who are looking for some excitement and build up to your trip, don't hesitate to bring back those happy memories.

This is the best guide book ever. I'm sure I'm just partial because I enjoy Disney World so much but, this guide book makes everything so much easier. From approximate weather, crowd size, new exhibits/attractions... knowing which hotels are the most affordable and where they are located in location to your favorite Park (Epcot, Magic Kingdom, Downtown Disney). Best places to eat, where to find the best coffee, where to locate the characters for the kids to see... it just goes on and on. Always worth getting (I even get one if I'm not going)

While this book is a great resource for getting your family excited about a Walt Disney World vacation, it's not a true travel guide. Despite the name, this book is actually published by Disney, and it's effectively a book-sized travel brochure for the theme parks, rich with photography and drawings of Disney characters. It contains great descriptions of all the attractions and activities, but the main downside is that it stops short of providing actual advice: if you read carefully, you'll note that - in line with the philosophy that "nothing bad ever happens in Walt Disney World" - there are few to no negative observations or critical comparisons in this book. That makes it a poor guide for choosing between multiple reservations for dinner, for example, or for picking between similar sounding resort options for your lodging. I still recommend this book, but it's important to pair it with at least one other book offering independent advice; you'll likely find yourself using that book more as you plan your trip than this one. Give the Birnbaum's to your kids and let them read it cover to cover to get excited about your trip - then use another book yourself like the Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World to fill in the gaps, raise your awareness of caveats and hidden pitfalls, and make any tough planning decisions. If you only buy one guidebook, make it a different one - the Unofficial Guide is a bit overwhelming in the amount of information it offers, but otherwise is a much better choice with more objective coverage than the official Birnbaum's for most planning purposes.

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