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December 2023



Ending 2023 with

a Special Occasion!

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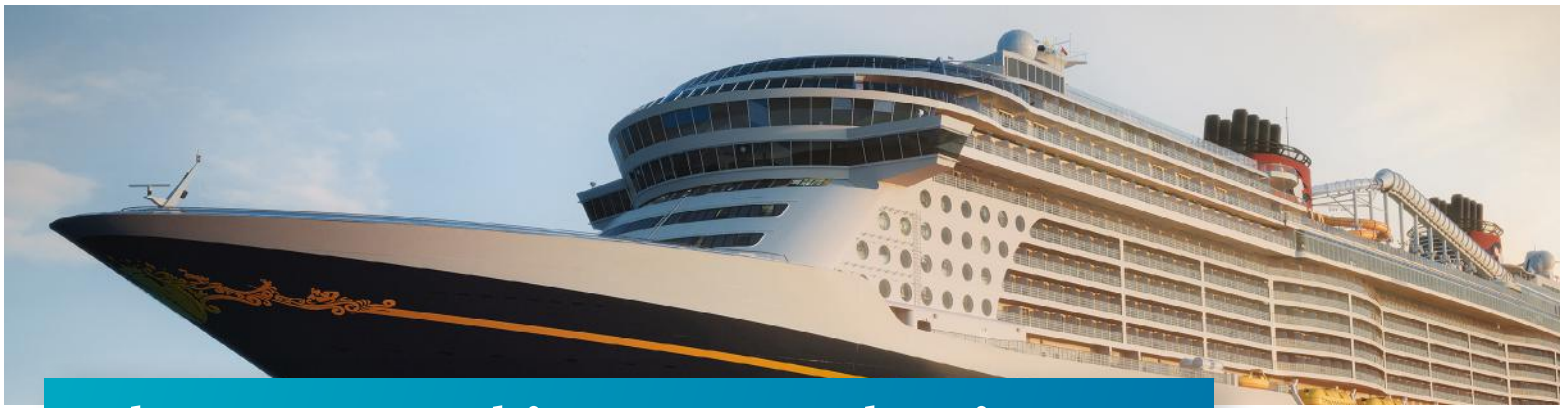
The hosts of our Spill the D podcast are now married! See more inside.

FREE Dining is Back!

Walt Disney World has released the details of this fan favorite offer.

Royal Carribean Offer

Earn up to \$100 of onboard credit when you book a Royal Caribbean Cruise by January 18th.



What I am Looking Forward to in 2024



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Message from Our Owner

If there was ever a time to vacation, 2024 would be the year. From an increase in international travel, new experiences at Walt Disney World, and the arrival of new ships to both the Royal Caribbean and Disney Cruise Line fleet, there are a plethora of ways to either take time to relax or push forward for adventure. Of all the new things coming our way in the new year, I've narrowed down my list of the top four changes or additions that I am looking forward to most.

New Ships!

Setting sail later this month, Royal Caribbean's newest ship, the Icon of the Seas, will be the largest ship at sea. It will host six record-

breaking water slides, the largest onboard pool at sea, and the much anticipated aquadome theater. Later in the year, Disney Cruise Line will introduce the Disney Treasure whose theme will be centered on adventure, featuring Disney the Tale of Moana, the AquaMouse, the Skipper Society and the new Haunted Mansion themed bar. Both of these ships are set to impress and I'm excited to hear from our client's about their onboard experience.

Tiana's Bayou Adventure

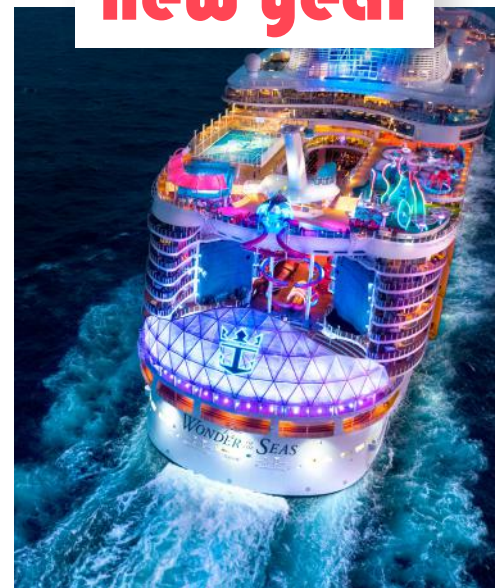
I long waited for Disney to announce that they would dedicate an attraction to Tiana and we will finally get to experience that this year. Although I have fond memories of riding Splash Mountain as a kid, the switch to Tiana's Bayou Adventure is a great way to bring Tiana to the parks and a natural extension of the existing infrastructure in Frontierland.

Ticket Updates at Walt Disney World + Free Dining Offers

The last half decade has brought significant changes to Walt Disney World tickets and how guests enter the parks. In

2024 we are excitingly going back to basics. Two efforts to enhance the guest experience include all day park hopping and the elimination of park pass reservations for certain tickets. In addition to these ticket changes, Walt Disney World has brought back the guest favorite free dining offer. Starting with arrivals on July 1st, guests who are Disney+ subscribers will be able to take advantage of the free dining package offer. Details can be found in the news section below.

Cheers to the
new year





Creating Unforgettable Family Memories

The Workman Family

Planned by: [Carla Williams](#)

Traveling internationally can be confusing, especially when traveling across the international date line, that is why I'm so glad we had Carla to help us with our Collette tour of Japan. Carla was so helpful in finding the perfect tour for our belated honeymoon that covered all the places on our wishlist. It will be an experience we'll never forget and we have to thank Carla for being so responsive making our trip so easy. 14 out of 10 can't recommend enough!

Latest Travel News

New "The Little Mermaid" Show Coming to Disney's Hollywood Studios

"The Little Mermaid – A Musical Adventure," a fully reimagined theatrical production inspired by the Walt Disney Animation Studios classic "The Little Mermaid," will debut in the newly refreshed Animation Courtyard theater in fall 2024.

As part of Disney's continued investment in the park's experience, Disney Live Entertainment has been dreaming up innovative ways to bring new life to the beloved story of Ariel's journey to be part of the human world. When it opens, the show will feature stunning new set pieces, cutting-edge effects, and a bold new design that captures Ariel's imagination and emotions through her unique view of the world around her.

Save Up to 35% on Rooms at Select Disney Resort Hotels When You Stay 5 Nights or Longer

Save up to 35% on rooms at select Disney Resort hotels when you stay 5 consecutive nights or longer—or save up to 30% on shorter stays. This offer is valid for stays most nights from July 8 to October 3, 2024. Other savings may be available for stays from March 25 to July 7, 2024. When you stay in the magic at a Disney Resort hotel, you can enjoy the same legendary detail, storytelling and service found in the theme parks—along with an array of benefits.



Even More Disneyland Resort Entertainment Returns in Early 2024

Calling all dreamers! Earlier this month, Disney announced that even more treasured Disneyland Resort entertainment offerings are scheduled to return in early 2024 – adding to the robust slate of shows and performances guests can experience throughout the year.

The “Magic Happens” parade will once again bring moments of magic from Walt Disney Animation Studios and Pixar Animation Studios films to life at Disneyland Park, beginning Feb. 2.

Disneyland Park will present two nighttime spectaculars for a limited time in early 2024, before “Together Forever – A Pixar Nighttime Spectacular” returns April 26 as part of the resort-wide Pixar Fest.

- The energetic “Mickey’s Mix Magic” performs Jan. 8-March 21 and April 15-25, enhanced with fireworks on select evenings.
- “Wondrous Journeys” returns for a special presentation in the spring, performing nightly with fireworks, March 22-April 14.

From these returning favorites to character encounters, live music and more, a guest could spend a full day and night enjoying entertainment across the resort. Additional offerings coming in 2024 include the all-new “Better Together – A Pixar Pals Celebration!” parade at Disney California Adventure Park debuting on April 26 and the return of “Fantasmic!” at Disneyland Park on May 24.

Free Dining is Back!

Disney+ Subscribers: Enjoy a FREE dining plan when you purchase a nondiscounted 4-night, 4-day Walt Disney Travel Company package that includes a room at a select Disney Resort hotel and a theme park ticket with a Park Hopper option—for arrivals most nights from July 1 to September 30, 2024. The dining plan included in this special offer depends on the Disney Resort hotel you selected. The Disney Dining Plan is included when you choose a stay at a Disney Deluxe or Disney Deluxe Villa Resort hotel. The Disney Quick-Service Dining Plan is included when you choose a stay at a Disney Moderate or Disney Value Resort hotel.



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Recapping Disney Dining Experiences of 2023

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brand new

for me ...”

2024 is upon us and as we enter a new year I always like to look back at the previous year and relive the highlights as we get excited for what's to come! This year I really enjoyed getting to check out a lot of dining experiences throughout Walt Disney World. Some of these Disney dining experiences were brand new for me and others were favorite spots I enjoy frequenting time and time again! Today I thought it would be fun to share my top 5 dining experience on Disney property in 2023!



1. Roundup Rodeo - To start off the first Disney restaurant that comes to mind is Roundup Rodeo Barbecue located in Toy Story Land inside Disney's Hollywood Studios. This restaurant was brand new to Disney World in 2023 and just opened back in March. I went with some friends on the restaurant's second day of operation and the excitement of a new Disney restaurant was incredible to experience. Roundup Rodeo is a family style restaurant that serves up homestyle comfort food and of course incredible barbecue!

2. Olivia's - I had to include one of my go-to spots on property, Olivia's at Disney's Old Key West Resort. This restaurant will always be my choice when someone asks for a hidden gem dining spot in Disney. I love southern comfort food as well as seafood and Olivia's menu is the perfect mix of both! Disney's Old Key West Resort is such a treasure and a great spot to walk around and explore before or after your meal. You can even take a boat from the resort straight down to Disney Springs. Grabbing dinner and then walking around Disney Springs makes for a perfect Disney evening!



delicious!

3. Boma - Boma at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge is a buffet style restaurant that serves both breakfast and dinner. I love that the buffet here has such a wide spread of classic offerings as well as some traditional African inspired dishes that fit the resort's theme. This past year I went here with my friends to celebrate their move to Florida and the restaurant was the perfect backdrop for getting to celebrate a special milestone!

4. Grand Floridian Cafe

- Grand Floridian Cafe will always make my list! As the name suggests this restaurant is located at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort and Spa. I try to order something new every time I go and I have always loved my meal. My favorite item to get recently has been their fried chicken. I highly recommend making a reservation here during a Magic Kingdom park day. You can easily get to the Grand Floridian from Magic Kingdom via the monorail or the resort boat transportation. It can make for a nice relaxing break from the hustle of the theme park in the middle of your day.

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5. Steakhouse 71 -

Steakhouse 71 is located at Disney's Contemporary Resort and is probably the dining spot I visited the most in 2023. The menu has something for everyone, I've gone here with my family, my friends, anyone I have ever dined here with has always loved their meal! This is another great spot in the Magic Kingdom Resort area so it makes for a great break from the park. I love to grab dinner and then take the walkway from Contemporary straight over to Magic Kingdom to catch the fireworks.

Happy New Year and cheers to another year of Disney dining!



Magical Meg
407&Beyond Partner

yummmmm!



Frozen Cocktails at Olivia's



Fried Chicken at Grand Floridian Cafe



Seafood Dinner at Steakhouse 71



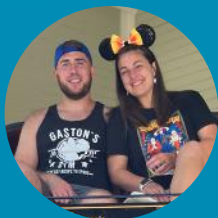
SPILL THE D!

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Ep. 149 Ric's Perfect Day at Magic Kingdom

December was full of fun on the Spill the D podcast! Starting with Episode 147 "Things Worth Splurging on at Walt Disney World, Ric and Gina give their ideas for ways to make your next vacation 'extra special'. The following week, the crew debates the best and worst attractions at Epcot and some may surprise you! To wrap up December, Ric and Gina both take an episode to discuss their 'perfect days' at Disney's Magic Kingdom. Spill the D podcast is ready for an exciting January!



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Bruce and Meg with the Newlyweds



Burkhart Christmas Vacation



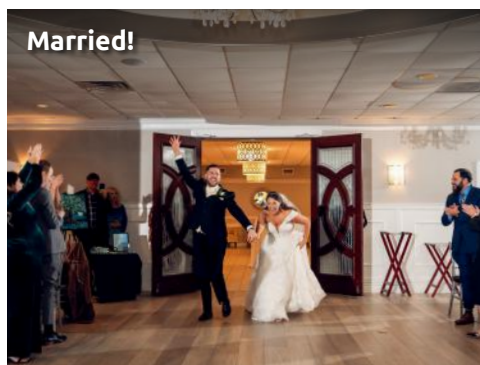
Wilderness Lodge Beauty



A Christmas Wedding



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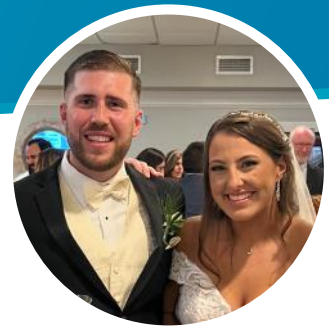


Burkharts ready for Slinky Dog!



Conversation with

Ric & Gina Landis



Gina & Ric

Official Podcasters
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You guys have some big news to share, what is new and exciting with the both of you?

Nothing much... We just got married!! As of December 2, 2023 we are officially Mr. and Mrs. Landis!

Where did you guys first meet? And what is your first shared Disney experience?

We met at East Stroudsburg University while playing on the men's and women's rugby teams. We had our first shared Disney experience pretty early in our relationship when we took a road trip with our best friends to Walt Disney World!

You guys recently joined the team at the 407&Beyond Universal Orlando FAM, what were a few of your favorite parts of the trip?

My favorite part about the Universal Orlando FAM trip was getting to finally experience The Wizarding World of Harry Potter! We got to eat so many fun Harry Potter inspired treats, battle death eaters, and I am pretty sure we rode Escape from Gringotts at least 10 times. - [Gina](#)

My favorite part of the trip was the time we spent bonding with the group while bowling, everyone was very welcoming and friendly. I also really enjoyed doing halloween horror nights with the group and experiencing that for the first time since halloween is my favorite holiday! - [Ric](#)

What have you enjoyed most about being the official podcast of 407&Beyond?

We absolutely love the community that 407 & Beyond provides. Every member of the 407 teams is so different but works together perfectly and has a shared motivation to grow every day. We have made so many lifelong friendships and are honored to be a member of the 407 community.

What first got you into podcasting?

Following my Disney College Program, I was looking for a way to keep Disney in my life and share all of my otherwise useless knowledge about Walt Disney World with people. Thus, Spill the D was born! It has grown and changed so much over the last 3 years and we have loved just about every second of it!





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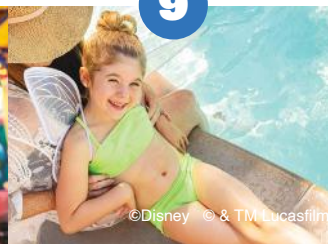
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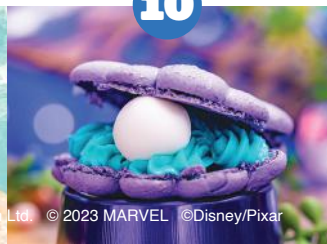
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