

Disneyland and disney world



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Disneyland and Disney World Have you met Mickey Mouse or Minnie Mouse?

If you have, you've probably been to Disneyland or Disney World. These popular theme parks are based on Walt Disney cartoons and motion pictures.

You can see Mickey, Minnie, and all the other cartoon residents of these

fantasy kingdoms. You can enjoy rides and other attractions, too. WHAT IS

DISNEYLAND LIKE? Disneyland was the first Disney theme park. It opened in

Anaheim, California, in 1955. Disneyland was created by cartoonist Walt

Disney. He invented Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy, and many other

cartoon characters. Walt Disney died in 1966. The company he founded runs

the theme parks. Walt Disney wanted rides at Disneyland to be like stepping

into a fantasy world. You can ride around and around in a giant teacup at the

Mad Tea Party. It's borrowed from the Mad Hatter's party in Alice in

Wonderland. You can fly through the air on the Dumbo the Flying Elephant

ride. You can glide in a boat and watch pirates fight in the Pirates of the

Caribbean attraction. You can ride an old-time train around the park. You can

stroll down Main Street, an old-time town display. You can also stay at

Disneyland hotels. WHAT IS DISNEY WORLD LIKE? Disney World opened near

Orlando, Florida, in 1971. It has four different theme parks. The Magic

Kingdom came first. It has many of the same rides and attractions as

Disneyland. The spires of Cinderella's castle soar above the Magic Kingdom.

You and your family might enjoy Epcot, a Disney World theme park that

features countries and cultures of the world. It also has some science

exhibits. At Epcot, you can "visit" such countries as China, England, France,

Morocco, Japan, and Mexico. You can eat the foods of these countries or buy

gifts made there. The other two theme parks at Disney World are Disney-

MGM Studios and Disney's Animal Kingdom Park. At Disney-MGM Studios,

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you can enjoy rides and shows based on Hollywood movies. At Animal Kingdom, you can take a safari ride to see elephants, giraffes, hippos, rhinos, and lions. There are also two Disney water parks: Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon. Both parks have water slides and other water adventures. You can stay at one of almost 20 theme resorts owned by the Walt Disney Company near Orlando. The Grand Floridian is a very fancy resort. The Caribbean Beach resort looks like a tropical beach. You can even stay at a Disney campground. Boats, buses, and a monorail connect all the Disney World theme parks. **DISNEY'S OTHER WORLDS** The Walt Disney Company opened Tokyo Disneyland in Tokyo, Japan, in 1983. It opened Euro Disney (later renamed Disneyland Paris) outside of Paris, France, in 1992. You can meet Mickey and Minnie at these parks, too!