

Disney With Kids: The Only 3 Tips You Need

Taking the kids to Disney World is a milestone for most families, a rite of passage for any parent. It represents a trip they've wanted, a trip you've wanted, or a trip you think you're supposed to take.

These are the only three tips you need when taking your kids to Disney World, and you would do well to proceed with caution and open your ears. These are not judgments—these are firmly held beliefs based on years of experience and several children.

1. Your Kids Should Not Convince You to Go to Disney World

If you, as an adult with a job and money which is paying for this (incredibly expensive) trip, do not want to go to Disney World—DON'T GO! Why would you? In what universe are you letting your kids call the shots so much that they can spend thousands of dollars of YOUR money on something you don't even want? Think of how crazy that is.

That's worse than your husband buying you a new washer/dryer for your birthday—at least you can make him do the laundry with that. It's not fun if you're not enjoying it and you don't have the bandwidth to plan properly for your child who is enjoying.

Everyone is losing here.

And by the way, this has nothing to do with Disney visitors not wanting you there. If you want to come, come. Let's bump into each other in line, share a couple anecdotes and move on. Or, maybe your kids are cosplaying STar Wars NPCs and they look awesome. Let's celebrate!

BUT...

If you don't do something else that works for the whole family when you have no desire to go to Disney World, you will hate your kids and yourself. There is nothing worse than going broke and cursing every second of it.

2. Kids Need a Nap

You must, MUST, by all means, take your kids back for a nap midday. Frankly, everyone needs a nap. You're going to have a great time in the park around or after dinner time, but you should not drag your kids through the mid-afternoon sun just because you need to get to everything.

That's insane. That's it. That's the tip.

3. Your Kids Won't Melt

It rains in Florida. It rains a lot in Florida, but have you noticed how it never seems to rain for that long? If you see the storm coming on, take cover, and let everyone else leave.

Also, feel free to walk your kids to a more advantageous spot in a rainstorm. They won't melt. I'm not saying you should let them swim in the pool that inevitably forms near the Lunching Pad in a downpour or play with metal rods in a lightning storm, but it's ok if you walk somewhere, follow your touring plan, and go on with your day.

Clothes dry. I promise.

If the family is that fragile, though, buy ponchos. Great investment.

Now You Can Take Your Kids to Disney World

This is it! The list of the only three things you need to know to take your kids to Disney World. Could we cover a LOT more information? Sure, but these are the essentials. If you do this, the rest of the trip will go swimmingly (not over by the Lunching Pad in a lightning storm.)

Agree or disagree? Happy to have the conversation! Disney is fun. Let's keep it that way!