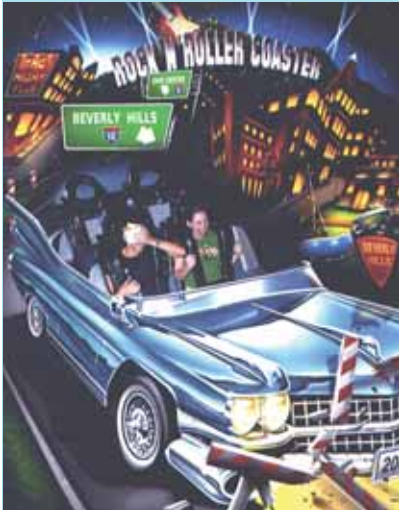


Kid's Eye View

Breanna's Daily Disney Diary

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Day 1

Wow! It was a scorcher, I thought to myself as I walked off the plane and realized quickly how intense the Florida heat really was! But the heat leads my mind to think of another word, a word that I had been thinking about since what seemed like forever: VACATION! I found out that my mom and I would be staying at Disney's Beach Club Resort. It turned out to be a very nice, welcoming, and pretty hotel, but the coolest part was that Epcot was in our backyard. Of course as soon as we got to our hotel we headed straight to Epcot.

Now, when I was little, my grandma, and grandpa and my mom and I went to Disney World, and in Epcot, all I could say was, "Epcot - BORING!" But now that I'm older and I have learned about various cultures in school, boring was the very last thing that I was thinking. It was UNBELIEVABLY AMAZING!

Culture and ethnicity flowed through the air. You find yourself going from "country to country" and buying food and souvenirs from all over the globe. I highly recommend the fabulous restaurant in "China" called Nine Dragons. It was one of the best Chinese restaurants that I've ever eaten at in my life and I should know, because I've been to a whole lot of them! My mom and I also got to experience some attractions at Epcot, and our favorite one was Soarin', a ride where you get a chance to "fly", and see nature and different parts of the world literally from a bird's eye view.

After we experienced Epcot, we went to MGM Studios, where there are

exceptionally great rides and my advice to you is go on my two favorite: the Tower of Terror & the Rockin' Roller Coaster! Also, don't miss the show Fantasmic. Fantasmic is a light show and as my mom put it, like "a movie on water." The last park on the agenda was Disney's beloved Magic Kingdom, where all the magic of Disney takes place. Enjoy classic rides like the Dumbo ride or It's a Small World, but be sure not to skip Space Mountain-my personal favorite ride in the park. So don't miss the Magic Kingdom where, in the lives of many, dreams really, do come true!

Day 2

We left for the cruise. Hooray! When my mom and I stepped on to the ship, I thought to myself "Wow, this is so beautiful!" Well, it just so happens that I had about five seconds to think before I heard "The Mannis family has arrived!" It turns out that every family gets their own personal introduction so that everyone that is around knows that you have arrived. Wow, that's pretty cool!

After we checked out our cute but compact room (where at the end of each night, we found a different animal made out of the towel and I am not going to tell you what animals they are because it's much better to be surprised), we had lunch at the Beach Blanket Buffet, and after that, we had a tour of the ship. At first I didn't want to go, but I decided I should so my very "directionally challenged" mother and I would really know our surroundings. For me, the tour helped a lot, but for her, let's just say it didn't do much.

That night we had dinner at a place called Animator's Palate, which was my favorite restaurant on the ship. The thing that is very unique about Animator's Palate is that there are pictures all over the walls of scenes in Disney movies that are black and white in the beginning of your dinner, and slowly color is added to them, so by the end of your dinner, the whole room is lit up with color. After dinner we saw a fabulous show called "Hercules The Muse-ical". It was the story of how Hercules went from a nothing to a hero. The last thing that I did before I hit the hay for the night was go to the Oceaneer Lab, which is a place for kids ages 8-12 to hang out. In there, I met some really nice girls that I hung out with for the rest of the trip

Day 3

We made port in the Bahamas. For some of the day my mom and I just relaxed and hung out on the boat, but eventually we had a buffet brunch, and then went out and shopped on land, where I bought a necklace and a pair of earrings which are, right now, my favorite pieces of jewelry that I own. After my mom and I got back on the boat, she had dinner with the cruise director at Palo, which is a restaurant for ages 18 and older. My mom said it was fabulous, so I really wished that I could have been able to go. But while she was having dinner at Palo, I had dinner at a buffet with the kids from the Oceaneer Lab. When our dinners were done, my mom and I saw "The Golden Mickeys" which was an award show for the characters in Disney movies. There was a red carpet and everything. It was so cool! After "The Golden Mickeys" I roamed the ship until 1 o'clock am with one of my friends from the Oceaneer Lab.

Day 4

On this wonderful last full day we stopped at Castaway Cay, Disney's own private island. When we got on land, my mom and I went on a banana boat ride in the ocean. I had been on a banana boat ride at camp but my mom had never been on one. We had lots of fun even though, we tipped over and everything! After the banana boat ride, we



went snorkeling. The small fish must have been "back in school" because all we seemed to find were the big fish. We then went to lunch at Cookie's BBQ. My mom and I especially enjoyed the salmon entree and their chocolate chip cookies. Next, my mom had a cabana massage at the nearby adult's-only private beach called Serenity Bay while I sat on a tube in the water and just relaxed. When we got back on the ship we had our final dinner at the French themed restaurant, Triton's, followed by the spectacular production "Disney Dreams". This was my favorite of the three shows. The message to the audience of ALL ages was; if you just believe in your dreams, you can go far!

Day 5

Goodbye Disney Wonder! Yes, that's right, today everyone unfortunately had to leave. The good thing though, is that I left with new friends, joy in my heart, and memories in my head. So I want to say, "Thank you Disney Wonder, for making my first cruise an unforgettable experience!" It truly was MAGICAL!

