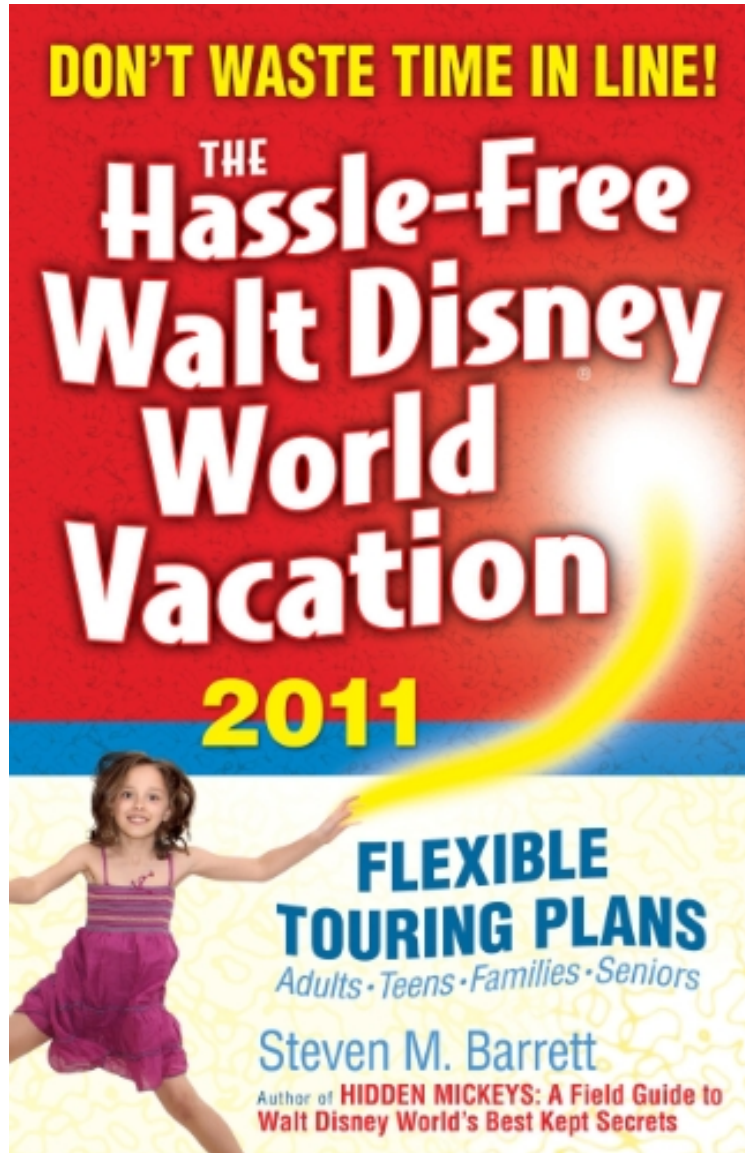


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Steven Barrett : The Hassle-Free Walt Disney World Vacation, 2011 Edition before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hassle-Free Walt Disney World Vacation, 2011 Edition:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy M SextonAs described.24 of 25 people found the following review helpful. Don't use this to Plan Your VacationBy A CustomerThere are a LOT of very good Official and Unofficial Guides to Walt Disney World - this is not one of them.First off the author, Steven Barrett, confesses he

is "a rabid WDW aficionado. [He]has yet to find a ride or attraction at WDW that [he] didn't enjoy..." This was my first tip off that the forthcoming information was going to be biased. For this kind of 'guidance' I should have stuck with "The Official Guide" by Birnbaum. Secondly there is nothing 'special' or different about this book when compared to "The Unofficial Guide" In fact, "The Hassle-free Vacation" is seriously lacking in key areas of information: For example: WHERE to stay is covered in only 5 pages. A brief synopsis of each On Resort property is listed (you can get more complete information off the Walt Disney Web site) and only one paragraph is listed about Off Property hotels. (You're given the names and phone numbers of a few hotels plus the Orlando/Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau phone number. HOW TO GET AROUND the resort is less than one page long with the recommendation that you rent a private car. If you are staying on the Disney property and plan to use their bus services you are told routinely to 'check your Transportation Guide'. What I DID like about this book are the following: A nice breakdown and brief description of each attraction in each park. (Keeping in mind that Steve likes everything. His touring plans, btw, seem to be very similar to the Unofficial Guide - I haven't compared them side by side/line by line, but generally appear to reinforce each other) Also, I liked the listing of full-service restaurants and the maps of each 'world'. Bottom line: This book is good for people who just want to know a little bit about what to expect from the attractions at WDW. It is NOT a tool for planning your vacation. Those people who are nit-picky planners who want to research every aspect of their vacation (like me) will find the Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World the best source; The Unofficial Guide is also good for people like me who mentally start their vacation while planning it. (Don't let it's enormous size intimidate you.) This book WILL NOT HELP YOU figure out How Long to Stay, Where To Stay, How to Get the Most Bang for Your Buck, How to Save Money when Booking or Planning your Vacation, Which Park Ticket Option to Buy or What Special shows/events/attractions are available but not widely publicized. For me this book was a waste of money - much of the same information could be found in guide maps and brochures available within the hotels and parks. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Wow! Very Complete Guide By Finney I happened upon this book when buying another one for our Disney trip. I'm very happy I bought it. This book is very complete -- detailing all the various parks, hotels, restaurants, dining plans, shows, etc. We're taking our first trip to Disney World and this book is exactly what I was looking for.

You've waited months, perhaps years, for your trip to Walt Disney World. Don't waste time in line once you're finally there. Barrett's flexible touring plans-customized to the interests of (1) adults and teens, (2) families with younger children, and (3) seniors and others who don't enjoy thrill rides-will keep you ahead of the crowds. And thanks to his planning and packing suggestions, you'll hit the ground ready for all the fun Disney World has to offer. Barrett's insider tips on scores of little-known things to do at WDW make this book appealing to both first-time visitors and Disney veterans. An all-new How well do you know Walt Disney World? photo quiz adds to the fun, while an extensive index makes look-ups easy. Whether you're after the locations and reservations' numbers for character meals, rundowns on the theme-park attractions, or special things to do with that special someone, you'll find it at your fingertips. Color photos add magic this fully updated tenth edition.

I really like the touring plans because they include some of the live entertainment as well as time to rest. (Jason Dziegielewski, The Geek's Library, DisneyGeek.com, September 16, 2010) Includes fabulous tips. [such as] where to duck in to avoid bottlenecks. A great addition to your trip planning arsenal. (Ray Harkness, Grumpy's Hollow Grumptastic s, September 29, 2010) Insider tips on scores of little-known things to do make this book appealing to both first-time visitors and Disney veterans. (Read A2Z, November 2010) Provides plenty of useful information, advice, and opinions. Where Barrett really adds value is with his tips throughout the book. (Werner Weiss, Yesterland.com, November 30, 2010) Great advice, helpful tips. The Hassle-Free Walt Disney World Vacation is definitely a book that lives up to its title. (disZine, 18 October 2010) I found tours and free activities that I did not even know existed in the parks.--Jessica Clawson, Walt Writers.com, March 25, 2011 Has proved an invaluable guide, especially with the flexible touring plans Barrett's done all the organizing while giving options for personalizing. --Beverly Burmeier, Going on Adventures.com, June 6, 2011 From the Author No doubt about it, Walt Disney World is one of the most entertaining places anywhere. Yes, I admit it, I'm a rabid WDW aficionado. I have yet to find a ride or attraction at WDW that I didn't enjoy, and I've experienced all of them many times. I began trekking to this mecca of tourism years ago on vacations once or twice yearly. Now I live nearby and can explore the wonders of Walt Disney World Resort whenever I have the time (that is, as often as I can manage it). Early on, I noticed an anomaly as I wandered the parks. Despite the worldwide appeal of WDW, some visitors weren't enjoying themselves! Many of these folks had planned their monster vacation months ahead of time and weathered their kids' salivating impatience for weeks, only to arrive at WDW and quickly wither in the crowds, the heat, and the ubiquitous long lines. On a boat ride from the Magic Kingdom to Fort Wilderness, a man uttered a complaint that I've often heard at WDW: "This is supposed to be a vacation? I've been here five days, and I'm more tired than when I left home. I don't feel like I've had a vacation at all!" I wondered: What could people do to enhance their WDW experience? Some of the answers are obvious and have been mentioned in other guidebooks. Some of the advice is not so obvious and is mentioned only in

this book. What I've tried to accomplish in these pages is to give both first-time visitors and seasoned WDW pros the nuts and bolts tips and information for a hassle-free Walt Disney World vacation. This new 2011 edition contains updated touring plans, descriptions and ratings of new -- and established -- attractions, and a general update on Walt Disney World Resort that is current as we go to press. If you follow my recommendations and touring plans, you will be as prepared as possible for a successful voyage to WDW. Enjoy!

From the Back Cover
U.S. Travel "A wait of more than 15-20 minutes is too long!" -- Steven M. Barrett, author of *The Hassle-Free Walt Disney World Vacation*
Have a magical vacation at Walt Disney World Resort theme parks -- even on the most crowded days. Steve's customized touring plans will keep you fresh, happy, and out of long lines. Steve, who lives just a few minutes' drive from Walt Disney World, has personally field-tested every step in this book, not just once or twice but as often as once a week for two decades. In this book, he refines and updates those plans for your 2011 visit. The result -- The BEST WDW touring plans anywhere! You will find:

- Flexible, detailed touring plans customized to the specific interests of adults and teens, families with younger children, and seniors
- Insider tips
- Least crowded bathrooms
- Best resting places
- Attractions with minimal waits
- Shady spots for viewing parades
- What to bring ... where to eat
- How to have the most fun with the least stress

Plus: "Hidden Mickeys" At-a-glance guide to Character Meals Tips for taking great photos At-a-glance ratings of over 80 WDW sit-down restaurants Brief descriptions of each attraction Over 100 offbeat, fun activities for repeat visitors to enjoy All-new 2011 photo quiz

Read this on your way to Orlando. Be a Disney pro when you arrive!