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*Discover Pandora —  
The World of Avatar*

Walt Disney Imagineer **Joe Rohde**  
surveys the mystical land.





## In this Issue

Looking for something new to see and do at Walt Disney World® Resort this summer? Well, look no further. This issue is chock full of options.

Come join us as we journey deep into Pandora—*The World of Avatar*, new at Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park. Discover a brand-new Magic Kingdom® fireworks spectacular. And get up close to African Elephants during a revealing new experience.

You'll even uncover great shopping (and discounts) at *Disney Springs™*, chart a course for fun with special *Disney Cruise Line* days at sea and more.

### A FEW REMINDERS

Be sure to check out the new mobile-friendly Passholder website, take advantage of the Passholder-exclusive Theme Park entry lanes, and, if your pass is expiring on or before October 1, renew and you'll receive a 13-month pass.

Hope to see ya real soon,

*Your Passholder  
Program Friends*



## A World Beyond Belief Is Here

Welcome to Pandora—  
*The World of Avatar*

We've been waiting for this day. The chance to finally discover a land beyond anything we ever dreamed possible. At last, *Pandora—The World of Avatar* is welcoming explorers to a place beyond belief.

As Walt Disney Imagineer Joe Rohde states, "You want to enter a place with an open mind and an open heart so that you can really get new experiences. And a place like Pandora, which is so completely new, is a great place for that to happen."

Beginning May 27 at Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park, the Na'vi people, in partnership with Alpha Centauri Expeditions (ACE), welcome

you to this distant world. A world where mountains defy gravity. Where nature comes to life in a brilliant glow while a mystical river flows. And where you can fly on the back of a banshee during an aerial rite of passage.

Your journey unfolds in the Valley of Mo'ara, where the land is an adventure unto itself. Here, you'll hike under mysterious floating mountains while discovering the totems, cuisine and native symbols of the Na'vi culture. And as you take in the flora and fauna, be sure to keep your eyes open for woodsprites and stingbats. Then as the sun sets, get ready for a forest alive with bioluminescence that'll amaze even the most well traveled.

Even then, your adventure is just getting started.

### THE CENTERPIECE OF PANDORA

Climb aboard the back of a mountain banshee—one of Pandora's largest predators—on *Avatar Flight of*

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*"It's a dreamlike experience to set foot on a planet that both feels like home and like somewhere you've never been."* **JOE ROHDE**

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Passage—and fly through thrilling passages, soar through ancient arches and dive under mountains and over rivers like nothing you've seen on Earth. This spectacular attraction gives you a bird's-eye view of the beauty and grandeur of the world of Pandora.

### A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EXCURSION

Experience the true harmony of nature, Na'vi and humans together, as you board a *Na'vi River Journey* reed boat and sail down a mystical Pandoran river. As the rainforest's canopy glows with life around you, you'll discover plants and exotic creatures as the Na'vi Shaman of Songs summons you further.





# A Truly Otherworldly Experience

More to explore on Pandora

In addition to floating mountains, glowing rainforests and amazing creatures, you'll find Na'vi merchandise, drinks, dining and more in this magical world.

## WINDTRADERS

This nature-based shop is dedicated to items that celebrate the flora, fauna and culture of Pandora. Natural items from across Pandora can be seen in the interior design with large root structures used to display various items. Here, you can find traditional Na'vi items, animal toys, science kits and ACE tour company merchandise.

In the Valley of Mo'ara. Owned and operated by ACE, this Quick-Service restaurant features a beautiful museum-quality dining room focused on Na'vi art and cultural items.



Grilled Beef Bowl at Satu'li Canteen

*"This is a place to explore. You just don't know what's going to happen."* **JOE ROHDE**

## PONGU PONGU

From the Na'vi word meaning "Party Party," this small drink location has been transformed from an eccentric building into a refreshing place to stop and wet your whistle. Filled with Pandoran treasures and relics, Pongu Pongu promises to become a favorite destination for both locals and visitors.

## SATU'LI CANTEEN

This large Quonset hut structure is the main dining establishment for travelers

## COLORS OF MO'ARA

ACE has set up this cart and kiosk on the east side of the valley, offering assorted items available for purchase and the chance to be painted in Na'vi clan markings.

So prepare to experience a world beyond belief, and be among the first to visit Pandora—*The World of Avatar*, opening May 27 at Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park.

Learn more at [visitpandora.com](http://visitpandora.com) and take the enclosed field guide with you when you embark on your journey. Irayo ("thanks").



# Experience a Fantastical New Finale to Your *Magic Kingdom*® Day

New fireworks show lights up  
the night like never before

Throughout the years, we've watched Disney Characters embark on journeys filled with adventure, fun, friendship and love. And while they may face adversity along the way, they overcome it by facing their fears, fighting for their destiny and, finally, realizing their dreams.

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*...gather around Cinderella Castle for this amazing experience that features more lasers, lights and projections than ever before.*

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These journeys and many more are the inspiration for Happily Ever After—the newest, most spectacular fireworks show in *Magic Kingdom* history.

So after a full day of enchantment, gather around Cinderella Castle for this amazing experience that features more lasers, lights and projections than ever before. Then, as contemporary versions of popular Disney songs fill the air, witness the many transformations of the castle as it becomes more than a backdrop for the stories that unfold... but a part of them as well. And you get to become part of an unforgettable adventure that captures the heart, humor and emotions of beloved Disney animated movies including *The Lion*



Animation work in progress

*King, Aladdin, Moana, Frozen* and many more!

There's just never been a happier ending to a day in *Magic Kingdom* Park than Happily Ever After.



## Enchantment All Around

The show doesn't just fill the castle and sky with magic, it fills the hub all around you as well.





# THE MUSIC OF PIXAR LIVE!

A SYMPHONY OF CHARACTERS

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## Pixar Magic Like You've Never Heard or Seen Before

Limited-time summer event brings Pixar music  
to Disney's Hollywood Studios®

Relive some of your favorite Pixar cinematic moments through the music that helped bring them to life during The Music of Pixar LIVE!, debuting May 26 at Disney's Hollywood Studios®.

Featuring an amazing orchestra, this limited-time music series will delight fans of all ages with songs from *Toy Story*, *Up*, *Finding Nemo*, *Monsters, Inc.* and more. And each awe-inspiring performance will be accompanied by a collection of animated clips, fun surprises and even a few laughs.

Ever wonder how Pixar creates its animated hits? The Music of Pixar LIVE! also includes interviews with the filmmakers and composers who

brought the films to the big screen, while behind-the-scenes footage captures what goes into scoring a movie, how stories are developed and a look at the animation process itself.

*Featuring an amazing orchestra, this limited-time music series will delight fans of all ages...*

Don't miss this blockbuster music event, showing each evening for a limited time this summer, only at Theatre of the Stars at Disney's Hollywood Studios®.

## A World of Fun

Discover the wonder of Epcot® this summer

There's so much to experience at Epcot®, we went ahead and put together this handy guide featuring some of our favorite attractions paired with delightful dining locations across the Park.

Take flight over some of the most breathtaking marvels the planet has to offer on the new *Soarin' Around the World* attraction. Once you've safely landed, join Chip 'n Dale and their Disney pals at Garden Grill Restaurant



Design a virtual vehicle at Test Track®

and enjoy an ever-changing array of sights and all-you-care-to-enjoy tastes.

Race over to Test Track Presented by Chevrolet® and have high-octane fun designing a virtual concept vehicle. After taking your creation for a spin, refuel under the colorful canopies at Electric Umbrella and sink your teeth into all kinds of classic fare.

You can even journey over to Norway for a new adventure as you sail through the wintry world of Arendelle on *Frozen Ever After*. Then warm up with

authentic German cuisine and lively entertainment at Biergarten Restaurant in Germany. Don't worry; you can work off all that schnitzel on the dance floor.

So get out and explore all the exciting attractions, entertainment and dining opportunities Epcot® has to offer. And while you're at it, don't forget to use your Passholder discount!

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### SAVOR THE SAVINGS

Through September 30, you can enjoy your 20% Passholder dining discount on food and nonalcoholic beverages at any of the Epcot® eateries mentioned here as part of the 45th anniversary celebration of Walt Disney World® Resort.



NEW! Frozen Ever After



## Find Some Space in Those Autograph Books

Prepare for some exciting, new Character Experiences

One of the “funnest” things about visiting *Walt Disney World*® Resort is all the great Characters you have the chance to meet. Well, grab those cameras and autograph books, because now you can come see some brand-new faces in familiar places. And they just can’t wait to meet YOU.



### FIND THE DROID YOU WERE LOOKING FOR

Prove your loyalty to the Resistance when you step into the brand-new Character Encounter, BB-8 Astromech on Duty, at *Star Wars*™ Launch Bay at *Disney’s Hollywood Studios*®.

And while you’re at *Disney’s Hollywood Studios*®, don’t forget to visit the Echo Lake district to get a warm hug from Olaf, then stop by Commissary Lane for some face time with Mickey and Minnie.

### CHECK UP ON DOC McSTUFFINS

The Doc is in! Head to *Rafiki’s Planet Watch*® at *Disney’s Animal Kingdom*® Theme Park to meet everyone’s favorite pet vet.

## Caring for our Elephants is a Pretty Big Deal

New elephant experience debuts at *Disney’s Animal Kingdom*® Theme Park

African elephants are immensely majestic creatures. Not to mention immensely immense. In fact, they’re the largest land animals on Earth. And you and your family (even kids as young as 4) can get closer than ever to these precious pachyderms at *Walt Disney World*® Resort during *Caring for Giants*, part of the Enchanting Extras Collection, at *Disney’s Animal Kingdom* Theme Park.

During this 60-minute experience, you’ll meet dedicated animal specialists who provide for the care and wellness of our treasured elephant herd, and spend time watching the elephants from a private new viewing area on the *Kilimanjaro Safaris*® savanna.

African cultural representatives will also be on hand to share stories of

*Walt Disney World* conservation efforts dedicated to the preservation of elephant populations throughout their homeland.

...you’ll meet dedicated animal specialists who provide for the care and wellness of our treasured elephant herd...

### SEE THE ELEPHANTS AND SAVE

As a Passholder, you can enjoy the experience and save 15% on the regular price of \$30 per person. To book, call **407-WDW-PLAY (939-7529)**. For more information, visit [DisneyWorld.com/enchantingextras](https://www.disneyworld.com/enchantingextras).





# Eat Up, Get Down, Go Wild

Enjoy an evening of excitement at a *Disney Resort* hotel

With the variety of dining and entertainment experiences each features, *Walt Disney World® Resort* hotels aren't just great places to stay; they're great places to play as well.

Take *Disney's Port Orleans Resort—Riverside*. Here, not only can you savor the flavor of some tasty New Orleans cooking for dinner at



Dine at Sanaa

Boatwrights Dining Hall, you can also swing by River Roost Lounge afterward (Wednesday–Saturday nights) to catch the wacky piano playing and sing-along stylings of Yehaa Bob Jackson.

Over at *Disney's Wilderness Lodge*, you can enjoy a rootin', tootin' good time and hearty western fare at Whispering Canyon Cafe. Or head to

Artist Point and take in the stunning views, exceptional menu and Pacific Northwest wine list. Cap off the night by heading outside to watch the *Electrical Water Pageant*—a colorful, playful water parade.

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At *Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge*, experience the art of African cooking with Indian flavors at Sanaa. And when the sun sets, grab some night vision goggles and feast your eyes on four lush savannas teeming with exotic African wildlife.

With over 25 *Disney Resort* hotels to explore, these are just a few of the amazing options you have to choose from.

## DELECTABLE PASSHOLDER SAVINGS

In celebration of the 45th anniversary of *Walt Disney World Resort*, you can enjoy a 20% discount on food and nonalcoholic beverages at any of the restaurants mentioned here!

For a full list of 45th anniversary dining discounts, visit [DisneyWorld.com/45dining](http://DisneyWorld.com/45dining).



## Cozy Up to the Newest Disney Vacation Club® Resort

Introducing *Copper Creek Villas & Cabins at Disney's Wilderness Lodge*

Surrounded by the majesty of nature and just around the river bend from *Magic Kingdom® Park*, *Copper Creek Villas & Cabins at Disney's Wilderness Lodge* offers a brand-new frontier for magical vacations.

Today's Pacific Northwest lifestyle is the inspiration for this gem's nature-inspired beauty. But the serenity and tranquil atmosphere are just part of its charm. You'll also discover contemporary comforts accented with relics from the storied railroad past and natural resources of the region. And when you stay here, you can take advantage of the great dining and recreation available at *Disney's Wilderness Lodge* as well. Finally, enjoy the ultimate in flexibility as this *Disney Vacation Club* Resort offers five different room types that sleep 4–12

Guests. Some even feature full kitchens and living rooms.

So prepare to get away from it all... while staying in the middle of it all... at *Copper Creek Villas & Cabins at Disney's Wilderness Lodge*, opening this July at *Walt Disney World® Resort*. Not offered in all states.

## DISNEY VACATION CLUB MEMBERSHIP

As a *Disney Vacation Club* Member, you can enjoy amazing amenities in deluxe accommodations at one of 14 uniquely themed *Disney Resort* hotels for years to come.

Learn more at [DisneyCopperCreek.com](http://DisneyCopperCreek.com).

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For a complete list of the Passholder savings featured below, visit [DisneyWorld.com/PassPerks](https://DisneyWorld.com/PassPerks).



## Passholder Savings

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# A Bit of What's New, a Taste of What's Next

Have you heard the latest?

Just a few things to keep in mind as you're planning your next *Walt Disney World*® visit.

## NEW PASSHOLDER WEBSITE

Remember to give the new mobile-friendly, easy-to-use Passholder website a whirl. It's the best place to explore your discounts, benefits and more, whether you're at home or on the go! Be sure to check the "New News" section for important information, product updates and last-minute offers.

## HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR DISCOUNTS

Getting your Passholder dining and merchandise discounts throughout the Theme Parks and *Disney Resort* hotels is easy. Just present your annual pass

card and a valid photo ID at the time of purchase.

## EPCOT® INTERNATIONAL FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars! Because starting August 31, you can come savor this fan-favorite celebration of global foods, beverages, music and more. Only at *Epcot*®.

Visit [DisneyWorld.com/Passholder](https://disneyworld.com/passholder) for more.



Rivers of Light

## Keep the Magic Going

Upgrade your pass for the ultimate summer

We're ushering in a season of exciting additions here at *Walt Disney World*® Resort, and we don't want you to miss out! So take a peek at what's new this summer and upgrade your pass to experience it all.

Starting May 27 at *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Theme Park, you'll be able to visit *Pandora—The World of Avatar* and be absolutely awed by its floating mountains, bioluminescent forests and amazing attractions (see cover story). After you've come back to Earth, get swept away by *Rivers of Light*, the nighttime show that celebrates the beauty of all living things with an inspiring display of water, color, music and light.

At *Magic Kingdom*® Park, thrill to two new nighttime shows that magically transform Cinderella Castle. First it's *Once Upon A Time*, where dazzling

projections immerse you in a world of Disney scenes, Characters, music and moments. Then stick around for *Happily Ever After*—the new fireworks spectacular that captures the heart, humor and heroism of many of your favorite Disney animated movies.

...get swept away by *Rivers of Light*, the nighttime show that celebrates the beauty of all living things...

Don't miss any of the magic this summer. Stop by any *Walt Disney World* ticket window to upgrade your pass or visit [DisneyWorld.com/Passholder](https://disneyworld.com/passholder) for more information.







## Chart a Course for an Epic Disney Cruise Line Adventure

Special days at sea make for an extra-special cruise vacation

### NEW MARVEL DAY AT SEA

During this one-day, action-packed extravaganza, your entire family can enjoy a heroic deck party with fireworks, encounters with many of your favorite Marvel Super Heroes and Super Villains—including Captain America, Iron Man, Thor, Spider-Man and, for the first-time ever as part of a *Disney Cruise Line* vacation experience, Black Panther and Loki. Plus catch a new stage show featuring Doctor Strange, watch a Marvel Studios movie marathon and more.

Be among the first ever to enjoy this new experience aboard *Disney Magic* on seven select sailings out of New York City, October–November, 2017, and on eight select sailings from Miami, January–April 2018.

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### STAR WARS™ DAY AT SEA

Boasting a galaxy of fun for the whole family, this one-day event of galactic proportions features a deck party with *Star Wars* Characters, music, dancing, fireworks, Character Greeting opportunities with heroes and villains

from across the saga, *Star Wars* films shown on board and even a version of Jedi Training Academy.

Get on board as this popular experience returns the power of the Force to *Disney Fantasy* for 15 select sailings out of Port Canaveral, January–April 2018.

### EVERY DAY AT SEA

No matter which special sailing you choose, the remainder of your fantastical *Disney Cruise Line* voyage will be filled with Broadway-style shows, exciting kids' clubs and incredible adult-exclusive spaces. Most itineraries even include a stop at our private island, Disney Castaway Cay.

To learn more, visit [disneycruise.com/marvel](http://disneycruise.com/marvel) and [disneycruise.com/starwars](http://disneycruise.com/starwars).



## Exclusive Offerings

Both of these exciting events feature themed food and beverage items, exclusive merchandise and special offerings you won't find anywhere else.





## Close to Home in the Middle of the Magic

Treat yourself to a summer break at a Disney Deluxe Resort hotel

Summertime is the perfect time to take a break and unwind with a stay at *Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts*—just two of our incredibly themed Deluxe and Deluxe Villa Resort hotels. Both of these waterfront sensations offer delectable dining and entertainment within walking distance.

Just imagine a day spent relaxing by the pool, cruising around Crescent Lake in a powerboat, pedaling around *Disney's BoardWalk Entertainment District* on a Surrey bike and even watching Disney Movies Under the Stars. Or a night set alight with glimpses of two fireworks spectacles: *IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth at Epcot®* and *Star Wars™: A Galactic Spectacular at Disney's Hollywood Studios®*. It's all possible.

Of course, that doesn't even begin to cover everything you can experience in this lively area. We didn't even mention the vibrant nightlife scene, three-acre

water wonderland with sand-bottom pool or Character Dining Experiences. You'll just have to discover those for yourself!

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*...take a break and unwind with a stay at **Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts**...*

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No matter which *Disney Resort* hotel you choose, you'll find that each boasts its own collection of unique and immersive experiences with an added touch of Disney magic. Discover what a summer "staycation" can be for you and your family at *Walt Disney World® Resort*.

For more information or to book a discounted room night, visit [DisneyWorld.com/SpecialRates](http://DisneyWorld.com/SpecialRates) or call **407-560-PASS (7277)**.

## Celebrate Summer with Special Walt Disney World Resort Hotel Offers

Passholders, enjoy great summer rates at select *Disney Resort* hotels

Remember, as a Guest of a select *Disney Resort* hotel, you can take advantage of benefits like early access to *Disney FastPass+* planning\*, complimentary transportation throughout *Walt Disney World® Resort* and more time in a Theme Park each day to enjoy select attractions with *Extra Magic Hours* (valid Theme Park admission and Resort ID required).

With *Pandora—The World of Avatar* coming May 27 to *Disney's Animal Kingdom®* Theme Park and new attractions and fireworks throughout *Walt Disney World Resort* to experience...there's more than ever to enjoy during your stay!

For reservations, visit [DisneyWorld.com/SpecialRates](http://DisneyWorld.com/SpecialRates) or call **407-560-PASS (7277)**.

\*Valid Theme Park admission and online registration required. *Disney FastPass+* attractions and entertainment experiences, the number of selections you can make and arrival windows are limited.



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