

ENGLISH DAYS

at WALT DISNEY World® Resort

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English Language Learning at *Walt Disney World® Resort* – Florida, USA

For the beginner to the advanced English language student, *English Days at Walt Disney World® Resort* is a “hands-on” place where experiences of sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and movements make the practice of English language unforgettable. *English Days at Walt Disney World® Resort* is an educationally sound experiential learning program, combining internationally recognized disciplines of English Language acquisition with fun! Authentic activities, designed to improve skills of Listening, Pronunciation, Conversation, Reading, and Writing take place in Disney’s Disney Value Resort classrooms and in each of the four Walt Disney World® Theme Parks. Whether in a classroom, on a high speed thrill ride, or on a tour that offers a behind the scenes peek at a *Magic Kingdom® Park* attraction, ESL instruction and *Disney Youth Education Series* programs take place in settings ideal for understanding and communicating in English. Our teachers are native English speakers, experienced in teaching English as a Second Language.

Academic Comment by our curriculum writer, Dr. Dilin Liu:

English Days at Walt Disney World® Resort is a two-week long intensive English program designed for school children of all ages from non English speaking countries. It offers a fun and effective English language learning experience. Using a combined content and experience-based approach and taught by experienced and energetic ESL teachers and guides, the program helps students learn and enhance their English skills, especially speaking and listening skills. The classes evolve around the famous *Disney Youth Educational Series - YES* program’s four lessons on arts, humanities, and sciences. In each lesson, students will first learn the vocabulary and expressions found in the *YES* lesson that it is tied to before they embark on a tour study of the lesson conducted in the Disney theme park on which the lesson is based. Through various fun activities, students learn to understand and use authentic English presented in the lesson. Then they will have the opportunity to apply what they learned from the lessons in their after class activities at various sites of the *Walt Disney World® Resort*. When the program is over, the students will all leave with enhanced English language skills, enriched knowledge in various academic subjects, and numerous fun memories thanks to the well-designed and fun curriculum, effective teaching approaches, and well-trained teaching staff.

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

Students attend **English Days at Walt Disney World® Resort** to practice and improve English language listening and speaking skills. Parents can expect that students will achieve an overall improvement in vocabulary, grammar usage, and confidence in conversation skills. “Custom English as a Second Language” curriculum is coordinated with all Disney activities, making every moment a natural learning experience. Instruction is organized and academically designed for excellence in English Language learning for non-native speakers.

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

The English Language Program for International Students at the *Walt Disney World® Resort* offers programs that are specially designed to thrill, inspire, showcase and empower young people. **English Days at Walt Disney World® Resort** is a fun, engaging two-week program where students learn conversational English through a unified curriculum of English course work, educational programs in the four *Walt Disney World®* Theme Parks, and constant interaction with native English speakers.

“We know the best way to learn any language is by being immersed in the culture. We already have so many well-established educational programs that we knew we could offer a unique way for students to learn English,” said Tim Hill, director of Special Programs for *Disney Destinations*.

Before each Theme Park experience, the students spend a day in the classroom learning vocabulary and conversation skills through role-playing. These activities prepare them for the following day’s adventure. They learn about the physics behind roller coasters at the *Magic Kingdom® Park*, the history of animation at *Disney-Hollywood Studios*, animal behavior at *Disney’s Animal Kingdom® Theme Park*, and the different cultures represented at *Epcot®*. Each Theme Park experience takes place in the morning giving the students the remainder of the day to explore and practice what they have learned. Upon completion of the course, students will experience a graduation ceremony complete with Mickey Mouse Ears, Illuminations Fireworks spectacular, and a private celebration at *Epcot®* with their new friends.

English Days at Walt Disney World® Resort combines fantastic sights, memorable sounds and thrilling experiences shared with English speaking friends from around the world. Students never feel like they are in school, but parents can be sure that their children are challenged every moment.

This program consists of

- 13 nights accommodation at Disney’s Disney Value Resort or POP Century Resorts or comparable Disney Resort within Walt Disney World® Resort, in Florida, USA.
- 10-days *Park Hopper®* Pass providing access to all 4 theme Parks, *Magic Kingdom®*, *Disney’s Animal Kingdom®*, *Disney-Hollywood Studios* and *Epcot®*
- Visits to *Disney’s Typhoon Lagoon Water Park®*, *Disney’s Blizzard Beach Water Park*, and *DisneyQuest® Indoor Interactive Theme Park*
- Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner included
- A minimum of 12 hours of interactive English language classes taught by degreed native English speaking teachers as well as 12 hours of *Disney Youth Education Series (YES)* programs
- Exclusive Disney **English Days** Workbook and Backpack
- Graduation Celebration – *Illuminations: Reflections of Earth* at *Epcot®*
- Graduation Certificate
- Transfer to and from Orlando International Airport (MCO)
- All transportation

ACCOMMODATION

The student will stay in one of the most famous VALUE hotels in the *Walt Disney World*® Resort. All students are accommodated in “doubles” (a large bedroom with two full size beds, private bathroom, television, telephone +)

SUPERVISION

1) CHAPERONE – THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS OR INTERNATIONAL AGENT

A Chaperone (adult who accompanies students from their home country) is responsible for the international students. Teachers and Guides will assist and facilitate. The Chaperone is being lodged in a shared, double room on site. He/she is also provided with the meals, access to the parks, etc. The Chaperone does not take the ESL classes.

2) GUIDE – *English Days* PROGRAM STAFF

3) TEACHER - *English Days* PROGRAM STAFF

Teachers are American Language Learning staff. They are Native Speakers of English. They have degrees in ESL or related language fields with overseas experience.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Classroom instruction by qualified teachers takes place in rooms at Disney’s Disney Value Resort. There are 4 levels of instruction. All of the International Students must already study English in their countries. Students may range in ability from beginning to advanced levels. Students must be motivated to practice what they have been studying. Placement testing is conducted on Class Day 3, and classes are grouped according to both age and one of 4 English levels: Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced. Every effort is made to mix various nationalities in each English class.

Disney provides all textbooks, teacher’s instruction manual, and materials in a well organized and creative package. There is little allowance for improvisation, ensuring that from class to class the program will be uniform in quality.

Qualified teachers facilitate communicative learning through a variety of interactive activities for the students in small groups and as individuals. In a typical lesson, students will see, hear, and say new vocabulary and conversational patterns with the goal of generating the new material confidently in natural conversation. While students do read and write as a part of their lessons, the emphasis is on conversational skills, usage, and confidence, leading to increased fluency. Additionally, the students will experience the American education philosophy, as teachers and staff encourage a fun, interactive atmosphere with stimulating activities, engaged listening, active participation, questions from students, and big smiles!

TRANSPORT – INCLUDED

Airport Arrival and Departure are by Disney’s Magical Express. While on Disney property, most of the time, the groups will use the usual Disney transport. On some occasions, due to timing or the hour of day, chartered buses pick up at the hotel.