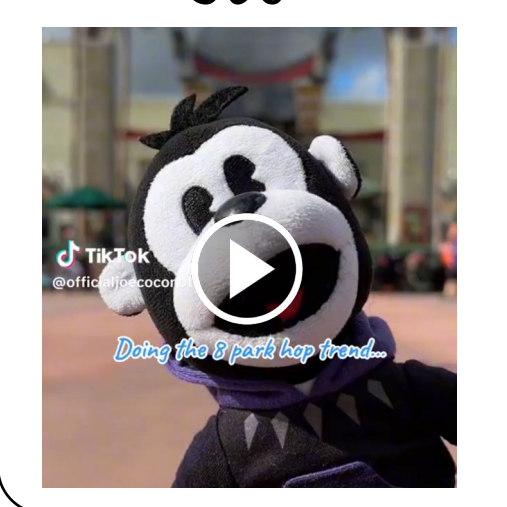




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**Hey Now humans.**

Tokyo Disney was so much fun! I felt so at home with Duffy and friends and the food was amazing! Mickey shaped chicken nuggets tasted so good paired with the Mickey shaped Churros. This was some fine dining in my books! Make sure to follow me on Instagram and TikTok to see what you missed. -Joe

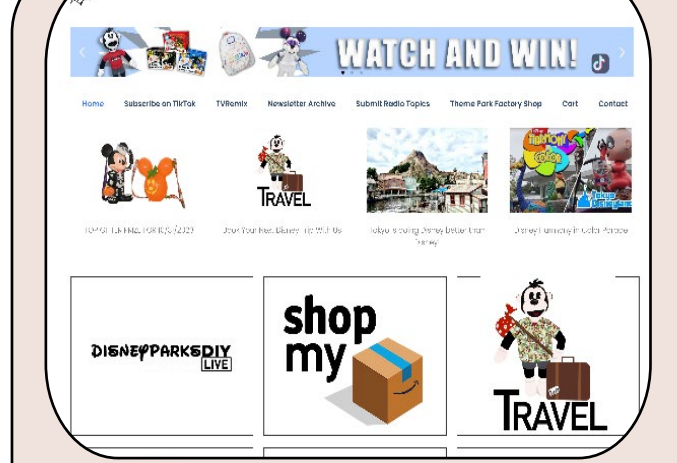


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**What's up next around the "World"**

**TOKYO FANTASY SPRINGS EXPANSION**

**Grand Opening June 6, 2024!!**

Fantasy Springs will be the park's eighth port, which is DisneySea's version of themed lands. There will be **three themed lands** and a **new luxury hotel** in this new expansion - Frozen Kingdom, Peter Pan's Never Land, Rapunzel's Forest and the Tokyo DisneySea Fantasy Springs Hotel (which Disney says will be integrated into the park with multiple dining venues and the finest accommodation experience at Tokyo Disney.)

The new **Peter Pan's Never Land** in Fantasy Springs will include two unique attractions, both featuring Tinker Bell. Guests can help Tinker Bell deliver packages across Pixie Hollow in Fairy Tinker Bell's Busy Buggies and join Peter Pan and Tinker Bell in a 3-D quest to save John from Captain Hook & his pirates in Peter Pan's Never Land Adventure.

**Rapunzel's Forest** in Fantasy Springs will be home to a new attraction called Rapunzel's Lantern Festival, which Disney describes as Rapunzel's "best day ever" as she falls in love with Flynn Rider on a romantic boat ride to the annual lantern festival.

**Frozen Kingdom** in Fantasy Springs will boast its new attraction, Anna and Elsa's Frozen Journey. This dark boat ride will feature the same storyline and familiar songs from the first "Frozen" film.

Check [here](#) for some more information & food offerings in the new park!

**HERE'S WHAT'S NOTABLE IN NOVEMBER IN THE U.S.**

- November 3, 2023 starts **NEW** and **EXTENDED** regular park operating hours, most notably at Magic Kingdom. Check the calendar [HERE](#) for all park operating updates!!
- November 6, 2023 Disney's Blizzard Beach water park will reopen! Welcome Back! Typhoon Lagoon will also close for its scheduled months-long refurbishment. Womp Womp.
- November 7, 2023 a new stage show "Frozen Holiday Surprise" premieres every evening. Transforming Cinderella's Castle into a shimmering crystallized palace.
- November 8, 2023 is the unofficial date for opening/visiting/purchasing gingerbread at the gingerbread houses.
- November 9, 2023 is the first of many Mickey's Very Merry Christmas parties on select nights. Information and event tickets can be purchased [HERE](#). Get yours before they all sell out!!
- November 11, 2023 **NEW!!!** Disney Hollywood Studios Holiday Party - Jollywood Nights begins on select nights and you can find tickets and more information [HERE](#). Scoop up the tickets before it's too late!

**Where is Joe?**

...waiting to catch a glimpse of Woody and Bulseye at the gate of Toyville Trolley Park.

.....considering hopping a flight to the Amazon, Brazil or Congo for some jungle action.

...imagining recipes for Captain Nemo's Bio-Lab--boiled pizza rolls, bananas puree, boiled and pureed banana pizza rolls....

Remember to post your IG pics using [#joecoconut](#) and it might just show up in the next newsletter.

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**Upcoming Show Schedule:**

**November 19th 12:00PM**  
 "The Book Club" Chapters 21-25

**November 26th 12:00PM**  
 "The Book Club" Chapters 26-30

**Great Eats**

The food in Tokyo Disney was delicious, and not just because it was shaped like Mickey Mouse!

Just click your favorite & check it out!

**Where's Joe Coconut Reveal Video**

Did you find Joe Coconut this month? Here's where Joe has been hiding at Disneyland, Tokyo Disneyland, and Tokyo DisneySea

**Konnichiwa!**

This month there is a lot of Tokyo to unpack. The whirlwind began here on US soil. Our travelers touched six Disney Parks in twenty four hours : Animal Kingdom, EPCOT, Hollywood Studios and Magic Kingdom in Florida. The very next day it was off to Disneyland and California Adventure in Anaheim. Finally, the next afternoon, it was off to Tokyo Disneyland and DisneySea.

There were SO many highlights, it was truly difficult to narrow it down to just a few!! But enjoy these gems from the Land of the Rising Sun!

...See you next time or should I say (believe it or not) Bai Bai...See you next time.

This is a great overview of the trip!

Be still my cold, dark heart. I miss our Splash Mountain so much. Hurry up Tiana!!

Absolutely Stunning!!! Enjoy this one!

Why can't we have nice things?!!!

Who else can't even walk and chew gum at the same time? Check out this amazing display of talent!

Soaring... The "G" stands for 'Get in line'

**Haaaaaay! Grab a chair. Pop a squat. Let's Chat!**

**Keena's Korner**

We have heard bits and pieces from Royce about how dedicated the guests are in Tokyo Disney Sea and Disneyland, but what if we were like that in WDW? It is much more acceptable in WDW for adults to get dolled up for the special events and parties, like the Mickey's Not So Scary Halloween party, but it's just uncommon to see adults walking around in head-to-toe professional-looking character attire every day. I sought out Yoey's and Nick's thoughts because they saw it first hand while visiting Tokyo with Royce.

**Keena:** What was the craziest or most touching display of dedication you saw in the parks in Tokyo?  
**Yoey:** ....oh, the whole culture! For example, for fireworks, they sat so organized and neatly, almost like in rows, to be sure they were not impeding on anyone's experience, so much respect for each other. There were no kids standing on walls or up on shoulders. The kids were so well-behaved. We saw one guest dressed as Belle who was unbelievable. They thought she was the real one and then realized she had her cell phone. LOL. She was willing to take pics with kids and adults also.  
**Nick:** They dressed to the nines there! We couldn't tell if they were a real character or a guest. They were all willing to take pics with kids and we couldn't give back. I wondered if the kids were confused like we were. LOL.

**Keena:** What is it about the culture and atmosphere that normalizes positivity?  
**Yoey:** They are just respectable people. The cast members go over and beyond. They are just happy to be there. When I asked for water, a CM totally understood my English and walked 3-4 minutes with me to get water. The people were so friendly. Everyone was happy to be there. One interesting thing was that alcoholic beverages were not freely available. We found them in table service restaurants, but there were no Rose and Crown-type places to sit and relax with a drink. We just didn't see misbehavior from people who had been drinking.  
**Nick:** It's their culture--don't know if it comes from their schooling or what, but they go there all the time rather than as a special vacation so maybe it's the price point difference. Every one followed the rules. Everything was so clean. No smoking zones were respected. The golden rule was evident.

**Keena:** What would it take for us to change our ways in our parks?  
**Yoey:** Different training?, Different ownership? More perks? Our cast members do go over and beyond also, but Tokyo was next level. It starts with management. The prices we have now, don't equal the quality we get. If guests walked around here in full character costumes, it would be just for attention and all about ME, not for the genuine love of Disney. The fandom was second to none and characters were walking freely everywhere. They spoke English. LOL. I said, "Hey, Mad Hatter!" and he turned around and said, "How how ya doin'?"  
**Nick:** That's a "Mickey how ya doin'?" that we can address in the parks. People don't realize the level it would take to change our ways in the US.

**Keena:** Did you see anyone get rude or angry toward a cast member or their family members?  
**Yoey:** Never. Occasionally a kid crying, never anyone arguing. Never anyone being disrespectful to a CM. Everyone was there with a great time including all the workers.

**Nick:** Never... unless it was in Japanese. LOL. Wherever there was long line, people were just waiting patiently. The environment was so pleasant, no humidity and high temps to deal with. I would totally go back just to spend time in the city. Generally, families would need 2-3 days in the parks.

**THERE IT IS!** Maybe we should take lessons in courteous and kind behavior from the people of Japan. I bet if we practiced what they preached our parks would shake up a little. It starts with a few. Why not sprinkle some pixie dust next time you are in the parks, or heck, why not just do something kind for someone in your own neighborhood?

**#KeenaVerified**

**Featured Merch :**

Straight outta the jungle errr... the backpack, like this cutie pie who is so well-behaved on field trips, would like to go on adventures with YOU! He is beginning to be recognized in the parks and likes to meet new people. He never complains and will stay snugly and quietly in your backpack until you let him out to socialize. He has been known to jump onto construction equipment or try to hang out with his friends at Animal Kingdom, but he is as cool as a cucumber. His favorite place to be is at WDW, but he loves to travel and see new places. Click the link to add your Joe to the cart!  
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