

# Matt & Pam's Fairy Tale Wedding

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## An Update...

Hi Everyone! As you already may know, we are planning a wedding at Walt Disney World. We have set a date for Sunday, September 5, 2004 at Disney's Wedding Pavilion. We are also planning to have events going on for the whole weekend of our wedding.

We have packed this newsletter with hotel descriptions, prices and other helpful tips to help make the trip to Florida for our wedding as easy and fun as possible.

As much as we would like to share our wedding with all of you, we know that it may not be possible for you to get there. We do assure you that it will be a wonderful time for all if you do choose to join us!

Maybe it would be a perfect time for that family vacation!

Take a look through the newsletter. With our wedding falling in Disney's "Value Season", rates for accommodations are much more reasonable.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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## The Wedding Party

Bride	Pamela Barnan
Groom	Matthew Palmer
Maid of Honor	Rachel Meyers
Best Man	Adam Bawd

## Our TENTATIVE Itinerary – this may change!

Saturday, September 4, 2004 – Wedding Rehearsal - time to be announced

Saturday, September 4, 2004 – Welcome Party Dinner at O'hana at Disney's Polynesian Resort (time to be announced)

Sunday, September 5, 2004 – 2:30 pm – Wedding at Disney's Wedding Pavilion with Reception immediately following at Disney's Boardwalk Resort and a special showing of Illuminations: Reflections of Earth and Catered Dessert Party to make a spectacular end to our evening

Monday, September 6, 2004 – Farewell Breakfast at Boma at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge (time to be announced)

\*\*Note: The bride and groom will be hosting the farewell breakfast.

You will each be receiving a "Save the Date" letter direct from Disney in January. That mailing will also include discounted park ticket and discounted resort accommodation information. We recommend that everyone try to stay on-site. We have chosen three resorts in varying price ranges. We will be receiving a special discount for our guests so that it is more affordable to stay on Disney property than an off-site location. The reservation information will be included in the Disney packet. We will be providing direct transportation for you from your resort, to the ceremony, reception, and dessert party and back to your resort. If you choose to stay off-site, this transportation option will not be available. The resorts we have chosen are:

## Disney Resort Descriptions and Discounted Rate Details



### Disney's Pop Century Resort

Discounted Rate: \$69/night

The Pop Century Resort is Disney's newest value accommodation resort. It is located near the Disney MGM-Studios at Osceola Parkway and Victory Way and encompasses 177 acres. The resort has 5,760 rooms, 20 (4 story) buildings, 6 pools and 8 courtyards.



The Pop Century Resort spans 20th century cultures, the way people lived, played and communicated. It is similar to the All Star Resorts with large oversized icons. Silhouettes illustrating dances of the decade adorn the front of each building and the roofs are lined with catch-phrases of the time.

### Disney's All Star Movies Resort

Discounted Rate: \$69/night



All Star Movies is the third and final hotel in the All Star Complex, which opened in 1999. It is a 1,920 room resort featuring the following movie themed buildings: 101 Dalmatians, Toy Story, Fantasia (original and 2000), The Mighty Ducks and Herbie: The Love Bug.

The buildings have exterior and interior theming to match their names - such as a 40-foot-tall Pongo and 35-foot-tall Perdita in 101 Dalmatians and a 35 foot tall Buzz Lightyear and 25 foot tall Woody in the Toy Story area.

The rooms are 260 square feet in size - the smallest (and least expensive) of all rooms on the Disney property.

Your room may overlook the parking lot, the courtyard, or the pool area. All rooms open to the exterior hallways.



# Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge Resort

Discounted Rate = \$179/night

Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge is the resort hotel adjacent to Disney's Animal Kingdom which opened April 16, 2001. This resort recreates the feel of a South African wildlife reserve lodge. Rooms follow the Kraal African village design, a semicircle concept, offering a view of close to 100 grazing animals and 130 birds on the property and in the private Savannahs.

Like Disney other resorts, Animal Kingdom Lodge has a distinctive theme carried throughout its architecture, landscape and interior designs. As you drive up to the resort, all you see is a small gathering of huts. The incredible size of the resort is hidden from the front, so it will be like driving up to a small safari village.

The Lodge is 6 stories tall. You enter the expansive lobby on the 3rd floor of the resort. There is a huge picture window which looks out upon 30 acres of land. From here, you can walk out onto an elevated viewing area (Arusha Rock) and enjoy the roaming animals. All three Savannahs are special areas built specifically for the resort and are separate from Disney's Animal Kingdom. There are over 100 Sand Live Oak trees and 35,000 shrubs in the savannahs. Seeds for many of the plants were supplied from Africa.



# Disney's Contemporary Resort

Discounted Rate = \$165/night

The Contemporary Resort is one of the two original Walt Disney World hotels. It is located between Bay Lake and the Seven Seas Lagoon on the monorail loop that services the Magic Kingdom. It consists of a large A-frame section (the Tower) and two wings (called Garden Wings). The fourth floor of the Tower is known as the Grand Canyon Concourse where you will find a variety of shops and restaurants as well as the monorail station. The Contemporary offers many recreation options and also houses large convention facilities.

As one of the Monorail hotels, the Contemporary Resort is very well located. The Magic Kingdom is only a short monorail ride (or walk) away and getting to Epcot simply requires transfer from one monorail to another one. Also, the rooms at the Contemporary Resort are among the largest at Walt Disney World. There are several dining options within the resort itself and a wide variety of recreational activities are offered.



## “Frequently Asked Questions”

Q. Will I need to buy a ticket for the Magic Kingdom to come to the wedding?

A. No, you will not need to buy any tickets to attend our wedding ceremony and reception. The wedding is taking place in the resort/hotel area of Walt Disney World, not inside any of the parks.

Q. Can I stay at a different hotel at Walt Disney World, other than those that are listed in this newsletter?

A: Yes, you can stay at a resort other than the ones chosen. However, please ensure that Disney knows that you are with the Barman/Palmer wedding. It is very important for you to make your reservations through the group reservations office since they are handling all of our reservations. This will ensure that you get the right rate and so that we know where everyone is staying.

Q: Are children allowed at the Wedding?

A: YES! Children will be allowed at all of the events we have planned, even the ceremony and the reception. You may also take advantage of the babysitting services offered by your resort if you would like. This way the parents can enjoy themselves and feel comfortable with the fact that the children are at the same location!

Q: How long should we stay?

A: That really depends on how much you want to do at Walt Disney World. To attend the wedding, you really only have to be there Saturday and Sunday. We planned the wedding over Labor Day Weekend so our guests could stay for the long weekend and go home on Monday.

Q: How will I get from the airport to my hotel?

A: There are two options that we recommend:

**1. Mears Shuttle:** approx. \$29/adult/roundtrip and \$21/Child Ages 4-11. The vehicle is either a van or bus and will take passengers to the Walt Disney World resort hotels. You can visit their website at <http://www.mearstransportation.com>. The Mears phone number is: (407) 423-5566. Be sure to make your return reservations at least 24 hours in advance!

**2. Tiffany Town Car:** 1-888-838-2161 or <http://www.tiffanytowncar.com>.

The entire town car belongs to you and your party; no others are transported with you. The Town Cars can accommodate a family of 4 and their luggage, vans can accommodate more. The driver will hold a sign with your party's name on it at the baggage claim at the airport and will get your bags for you off of the carousel and take them to the car for you, as well as help you with your bags once you arrive at your Disney Resort. Disney resorts are \$80 - \$90 round trip via town car, depending on specific hotel. Van rates from the airport to Disney resorts are \$95 roundtrip.

**\*\*\*Don't forget:** Disney provides for bus transportation from all of their resorts to the theme parks, water parks, and Downtown Disney every 15 minutes. Also, a specially chartered bus will be taking all of our guests from their Disney Resort to the wedding ceremony, reception and dessert party.

Q: Is there a good golf course nearby?

A: If you are a golfer – you are in for a treat. Disney World has been recognized three times as a Gold Medal Resort by "Golf Magazine," the Walt Disney World® Resort offers tour-caliber golf on five championship courses and one nine-hole course. Rates vary with specials for play starting after 3:00 p.m. If you stay on property Disney will provide taxi service to and from the course, just ask the bell or valet desk. Resort Guests can reserve tee times up to 90 days in advance, and day guests can reserve up to 30 days in advance by calling (407) WDW-GOLF (939-4653)†. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

# What Not to Miss

## Magic Kingdom

**1. Fantasyland: Mickey's PhilharMagic – Brand New in 2003** - Disney magic meets Disney music in a new 3-D film spectacular debuting in 2003 at Magic Kingdom in Walt Disney World Resort. "Mickey's PhilharMagic" will star Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and other favorite Disney characters animated in a way they've never before been seen: grand, glorious, in-your-face three dimensions.

Set in the PhilharMagic Concert Hall, which replaces "Legend of the Lion King" in Fantasyland, the eye-popping 3-D experience will unfold on one of the largest screens ever created for a 3-D film, a 150-foot-wide canvas. Complete with in-theater effects, the attraction will immerse guests in the richly animated world of the Disney characters.

**2. Tomorrowland: Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin** - Become one of Buzz Lightyear's Junior Space Rangers and enter into battle with the evil Emperor Zurg! This is a great interactive ride that is fun for the whole family. Located in Tomorrowland, the entrance to Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin is opposite the Tomorrowland Transit Authority. To save the universe and become a Space Ranger you must collect points. Throughout the ride, locate the orange colored Emperor Zurg insignias (lightning bolt-type Z's), target them with your laser cannons and fire! You'll know if you successfully hit the target by your score on the dashboard.

**3. Adventureland: Pirates of the Caribbean** - Wind your way through a cave with the sounds of cannon fire off in the distance. Board 15 passenger boats, go down a small drop and find yourself in the midst of the port of a Caribbean city under attack by a pirate frigate. Around the riverbend, into the town, you find a rowdy group of pirates in search of gold and adventure. Pirates chasing women, women chasing pirates, pirates in jail, and a final scene with drunken pirates surrounded by gold treasure! The eight and a half minute ride is over way too quickly! There's lots to see with 125 Audio-Animatronics® figures including 65 pirates & villagers and 60 animals and birds. Remember, dead men tell no tales!

**4. Liberty Square – Haunted Mansion** - On a graveyard hill is the ominous Haunted Mansion with the liveliest collection of ghosts ever assembled for all to see as they travel through the ancient rooms aboard "doom-buggies." There are 999 resident haunts in old Madam Leota's mansion, and there's always room for just one more!

**5. Frontierland – Splash Mountain** - Based on the 1946 Walt Disney film, "Song of the South", this ride features the antics of Brer Fox and Brer Bear's attempts to catch the wily Brer Rabbit as he looks for his laughing place. Over 100 Audio-animatronic figures entertain you as your log boat winds its way through caves, swamps and bayous, and down three minor drops before climaxing with a 52 foot plunge through the briar patch after Brer Rabbit outfoxes Brer Fox.

# Epcot

1. **Mission: Space** - This attraction offers guests a one-of-a-kind experience. It features a ride that simulates space flight 20 to 30 years in the future. The idea is to give all the illusion and sensation of real space travel -- lifting off, leaving the confines of earth, feeling weightlessness and visiting another planet. It has been said that the lift off is very realistic to what astronauts experience. This attraction is sure to be a highlight of your trip!
2. **Test Track** – Test Track is a mile-long, heart-pounding adventure that takes guests through hairpin twists and turns. The high-speed attraction mimics an actual proving ground where vehicles are put through their adrenaline-pumping paces -- testing brakes, acceleration, incline and climate control -- all in the name of safety. Riders in test vehicles get a firsthand look at how GM cars and trucks are tested before being brought to market.

Powered by three onboard computers, which together have more processing power than the Space Shuttle, each test vehicle steers passengers through more than five minutes of tire-squealing road tests. The rigorous testing schedule includes an engine-roaring, three-story ascent; a wildly out-of-control skid; and a 50 degree banked curve at 65 mph.

3. **Journey Into Imagination with Figment** - Journey Into Imagination with Figment invites guests to an open house at the Imagination Institute led by Dr. Nigel Channing, who plans to show how the five senses can influence a person's imagination. Future World guests traveling through the colorful, energetic attraction stop for Dr. Channing's demonstrations in laboratories to discover how the human senses are being studied to help "capture and control" the imagination. The stops are interrupted, however, by the free-thinking Figment, a mischievous dragon who tries to show the ever-practical Dr. Channing and his guests that the imagination works best, not when it's controlled, but rather, when it's set free.
4. **Illuminations: Reflections of Earth** - Dancing flames, cascading fountains and eye-popping fireworks synchronized to a dramatic musical score light the skies and decorate the lagoon of Epcot's World Showcase during "IllumiNations : Reflections of Earth."

It begins with a cosmic event that leads to a ballet of fire and "chaos" signifying the origins of the planet. That mayhem transforms into a sea of floating pyrotechnic stars on World Showcase Lagoon, setting the stage for the appearance of the show's centerpiece, Earth Globe.

The dramatically spinning Earth Globe, a 28-foot diameter sphere, becomes a three-story video screen projecting vivid pictorial images that celebrate both human diversity and the unified spirit of humankind.

Covered with video screens in the shape of the continents, the twinkling, steel-ribbed Earth Globe rotates on a 350-ton floating island that houses six computer processors, 258 strobe lights and an infrared guidance system. Using more than 180,000 Light Emitting Diodes, the electronic pictures depict primal seas and forest, the development of famous cultural landmarks and diverse visages of the people around the world.

A dazzling visual mix of leaping fountains of water, fire and fireworks is choreographed to a symphonic score crafted by British television and Hollywood motion-picture composer Gavin Greenaway. This powerful composition blends the melodies and rhythms of many regional cultures with an uplifting, unifying theme. The inspiring performance concludes with the Earth Globe opening up like a lotus flower. From its heart emerges a giant fire torch rising 40 feet into the air. Nineteen additional torches ringing the lagoon combine with a confetti of fireworks creating color-rich reflections across the rippling waters.

The 13-minute show requires 67 computers in 40 locations, hundreds of special lighting fixtures, four fountain barges pumping 5,000 gallons per minute, a 150,000-pound inferno barge with 37 nozzles shooting propane flames into the air, and lasers delivering a kaleidoscope of colors.

Some 2,800 shells are exploded during the nightly display -- more than twice the number used in previous productions. Fireworks are launched from 750 mortar tubes and 56 firing modules at 34 locations.

# Disney MGM Studios

1. **Rock-n-Roller Coaster Starring Aerosmith** - The extreme coaster is teamed with the exciting sound of America's premier rock band, Aerosmith, creating a high-speed thrill ride that will literally rock 'n' roll guests. Guests aboard each "limo" will encounter nearly five Gs as they transition from launch to loop at the ride's first inversion. By comparison, astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle experience three Gs at liftoff.

The attraction begins with a tour of the fictional G-Force Records, where guests will encounter Aerosmith finishing up a studio recording session. After being invited by the band to see them in concert, guests will then climb aboard a 24-passenger "stretch limo" and swiftly accelerate into the Hollywood night. The enclosed experience will remain dimly lit while Southern California landmarks illuminate different twists and turns throughout the ride -- 365 days a year, rain or shine.

2. **Twilight Zone Tower of Terror** - At the end of the street looms the imposing Twilight Zone Tower of Terror, rising 13 stories high (naturally). This ride opened in 1994, and takes you on an eerie journey through a deserted Hollywood Hotel where you visit the lobby, the library and the boiler room. The adventure culminates with a 13-story drop in a runaway 1917 caged service elevator! In 1996, the ride was enhanced to add a SECOND drop, and in 1999 the ride was enhanced again. Now you NEVER know how many death-defying, high-speed plunges you'll take on each drop!
3. **Walt Disney: One Man's Dream** – "Walt Disney: One Man's Dream" takes 21st-century visitors to Walt Disney World Resort on an emotional journey that starts with Disney's birth in 1901 and ends with the company's vision for the future. The interactive gallery and new film is located on Mickey Avenue at the Disney-MGM Studios. And in one of the attraction's most exciting features, Walt Disney himself talks about the most meaningful and emotional moments of his life through a rare collection of audio interviews, many heard publicly for the first time, which are triggered when guests approach the various sections of the gallery. The attraction includes a short film of Walt Disney's life that explores the extraordinary hardships he overcame to achieve what he did in his lifetime.
4. **Who Wants to Be Millionaire - Play It!** – If you are a fan of the hit ABC television show then your going to love this version. In the soundstages an exact replica of the NY set has been built except that instead of 300 or so seats there are 656 seats. Every single person in the 656 seat theater has a keypad in front of them and all will compete in the "fastest finger competition" to determine the hot-seat contestant. The contestant will then answer questions worth up to 1 million points. Depending on the number of points you accumulate while in the hot seat you will be awarded a prize. Disney has left all three life-lines in tact with just minor adjustments. The 50/50 and Audience Poll will work like they do on the ABC television show but Phone-A-Friend needed some tweaking if not for efficiency for economy due to the large number of international guests who would have to place overseas calls. Instead of asking our friendly AT&T operators to connect any amount of international calls to time zones that might warrant an expletive remark from a groggy and ill warned compatriot abroad the problem has been skirted by having to Phone-A-Complete Stranger. If that lifeline is chosen a phone call will be patched through to the tour route above the soundstages for the Backstage Pass tour group watching overhead. One of the tour group members will be arbitrarily handed the phone and they will be in the hot seat along side the contestant on the stage floor.
5. **Fantasmic!** - Fantasmic takes place in Hollywood Hills Amphitheater located near "The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror" and "Beauty and the beast-live on stage". Watch Sorcerer Mickey battle Disney Villains in this sensational laser and light show. Due to the loudness of some parts, this may be too intense for children and some adults. At the end of the show, Disney characters emerge from behind the mountain on a decorated ferryboat.

# Disney's Animal Kingdom

- 1. It's Tough to Be a Bug** - Inside the base of the Tree of Life is the theatre that houses the 3D showing of "It's Tough to be a Bug". Guests follow winding paths around the Tree of Life where you can take your time and enjoy trying to spot the 325 creatures. Upon entering the "Tree", guests are given 3D "bug" glasses that should not be put on until you are seated in the inside theatre. Hosted by Flik, guests are made honorary bugs and get a taste of what it's like to be a bug and how they get no respect.
- 2. Kilimanjaro Safaris** - Entering the safari loading area through a long canopied queue, guests will encounter videos on the overhead televisions about the serious problem of poaching. This is the set-up for the exciting adventure that you are about to embark on. At the loading area, you'll board 32-passenger safari trucks that whisk you off to begin your African safari adventure. The tour traverses a 100-acre savannah, during which your tour guide directs your attention to some of the 34 different species of birds and animals found throughout the game preserve. Some of these include antelopes, black rhinos, white rhinos, warthogs, ostrich, giraffes, zebras, elephants, crocodiles, hippos, baboons, white-bearded wildebeests and lions. This is a wonderful opportunity to see herds of free-roaming animals in a "natural habitat". Don't be surprised if some animals come right up to the truck.
- 3. Kali River Rapids**- Those looking for respite on a hot day will certainly find it at the Kali River Rapids. When you see the numerous signs that indicate that you WILL get wet, believe them! Just be sure to soak in the sights of the well-themed and interesting queue before you get soaked yourself.

A circular, slowly rotating boat dock leads you to the awaiting rafts. Each round raft seats 12 around the perimeter with a space in the center with a plastic cover to protect anything that you don't want to get wet. Your 4 ½-minute adventure along the Chakranadi River ("river in a circle"), begins with a steep 90-foot climb through jasmine and ginger-scented mists, continues on through the river's main channel and bumps and careens past a waterfall. You'll float through a thick, lush jungle and hear the calls of the wildlife within. As you bounce along the churning waters past the bamboo thicket, you'll hear the chainsaws and smell the smoke as a precursor of the carnage that lies ahead. The lush, vivid greenery of the rainforest is reduced to blackened stumps as you dart past a logging truck perched precariously over the bank. Your wild journey has one drop and before you know it, you're back through the forest.

# Pleasure Island

Anyone who thinks that the *Walt Disney World* Resort is not for adults has never been to Downtown Disney Pleasure Island. Disney's answer to adult entertainment, Downtown Disney Pleasure Island is fun, hip, and has lots of options for everyone in your group. It is an adult setting in a tasteful manner. Where else can you live it up in a safe environment, celebrate New Year's Eve every night and stay out dancing and playing until 2 a.m.? The best part...there is a club for everyone! Downtown Disney Pleasure Island has eight various clubs. Most are musical in venue, a couple are geared more towards a relaxed entertaining atmosphere.

- **BET SoundStage™ Club** - Inspired by the musical programming from the BET Cable Network, this club offers hip hop and R&B tunes for your dancing enjoyment. You can watch yourself on the club's video walls or relax on the waterfront terrace. Ages 21 and older only.
- **Motions** - Hip Hop and Up-Beat dance music, playing the most recent sounds of today with a live DJ. This club also has a large video screen which shines its way onto the dance floor. If dancing isn't your thing, you can always make your way upstairs and watch the dance floor from above.
- **Mannequins Dance Palace** The hippest and most crowded club at Downtown Disney Pleasure Island is Mannequins Dance Palace. It has been voted the #1 dance club in the U.S., which makes it a favorite locale for locals as well. Mannequins features hot contemporary dance music, an impressive lighting and sound system as well as a revolving dance floor. Expect this place to be loud and hopping. (There is usually a line to get in!) Ages 21 and older only.
- **8TRAX** Boogie to '70s disco music, experience lava lamps, bell bottoms and all the groovy things that make this club a fun blast from the past! Every Thursday, the club fast forwards a decade and plays the best of the 80s.
- **The Comedy Warehouse** The Who What and Warehouse players entertain the crowd with fast and furious improvisational comedy. Keeping in Disney style, you can expect the humor here to be clean and appropriate for almost all ages. You can expect improvisational, stand-up acts and some entertaining skits from the normal crew. More well known comedians may take the stage on occasion, when they do, expect to pay a cover charge. There are five shows nightly and it can become crowded.
- **Rock 'N Roll Beach Club** You'll want to rock 'n' roll all night with the live band and crazy DJs in this tropical-themed dance club. Expect to hear both classic oldies as well as a few more contemporary rock songs.
- **The Adventurers Club** The Adventurers Club is pure fun and entertainment! It is themed as a "stuffy" 1920s Gentleman's Club. What you will find here is a funny group of actors that will interact with the guests throughout their various sketches. The actors will perform at various times in the many different themed rooms of the club, such as the Mask Room, the Library, etc. Be sure to pick up a schedule when you walk in so that you know where the next performance will be. Pay close attention to the artwork and decor, after all, this is Disney! This is a non-smoking club.