

# TRIPS

## Look Away, Get Away!



fireworks over EPCOT CENTER at night

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Lake Buena Vista, Fla. -- A Nordic voyage through the stormy world of trolls and Vikings to the scenic wonders of modern Norway, Florida's grandest new resort hotel and anew fun-filled Mickey Mouse land in the Magic Kingdom will open this summer at Walt Disney World.

Scheduled to premiere in early summer are "Mickey's Birthdayland," the Grand Floridian Beach Resort and "Norway, Gateway to Scandinavia," 11th nation in Epcot Center's World Showcase.

Also new this year are All-America Parade and "America the Musical" shows every day in the Magic Kingdom and nightly "IllumiNations" in Epcot Center filling the sky with dazzling fireworks, dancing lasers and spectacular lighting effects across the World Showcase courtyards.

"Norway," located between Mexico and China, features a thrilling river ride through the Maelstrom, a turbulent Viking river voyage, plus a fascinating visit to Norwegian villages. There's an ancient stave church, 14th century Akershus Castle and cottage shops of Beigen and Alesund surrounding a cobbled courtyard. Roaring falls gush down rocks beside the castle.

Inside, visitors discover the kind of adventure that has made Disney Imagineers famous -- scenes of legend and reality -- enchanted forests and stormy rivers filled with fierce trolls and spectacular fjordland scenery real enough to intrigue veteran world travelers.

Voyaging aboard a dragon-proofed Viking boat, the visitors follow twisting streams and rocky gorges past icy peaks and growling polar bears. At the brink of a waterfall overlooking Akershus Castle, a river troll reverses the boat's course as it slides down into a midnight storm on the North Sea. Blown past a giant rain-swept oil platform, the tiny wooden vessel finally reaches safe harbor. Guests disembark in a seaside village to view a panoramic motion picture depicting the people of today's Norway and their beautiful land.

This newest World Showcase pavilion also features rustic Akershus Restaurant with authentic koldtbord menu beneath brick arches and timber-vaulted ceilings. Surrounding the courtyard are a charming bakery with Scandinavian desserts plus shops filled with folk arts and crafts from farms, towns and cities across the rugged land of the Norsemen.

Also opening in June, the Grand Floridian Beach Resort is set to challenge the world's greatest hotels in the tradition of Florida's golden age of Victorian resorts when the carriage trade came south for warm sun and southern hospitality. Its architecture is intricate and magnificent.

On the shores of the Seven Seas Lagoon, it is truly an international class hotel planned for unmatched service, comfort and uniquely varied dining and recreation. It has a special character inspired by the most romantic age of all, but with special Disney touches. Breakfast with Mary Poppins and her antique Cadillac limousines and high tea on the verandah in the afternoon.

The Grand Floridian's six major structures of white siding, gabled balconies and red-topped turrets are a reflection of Queen Victoria's age with a relaxed touch of South Sea colonies.

The main lobby is surrounded by six floors of hand-carved balconies, birdcage elevators from Spain, marble from Italy and three magnificent stained-glass skylights. Just outside the front door, sleek monorail trains link the new resort to other famous Disney hotels, the Magic Kingdom and Epcot Center. It's the first new hotel on the monorail line since 1971.

## Ride The Rails!

Join Discovery Place for a springtime train excursion on June 4-5 to exciting Charleston, SC, with its abundant variety of dining and entertainment opportunities during the annual Spoleto arts festival.

The "Discovery Express" is scheduled to leave Charlotte on June 4, at 7:30 a.m. and travel through the Carolina's blossoming countryside. Museum staff members will host each train car to explain about the route and bits of railroad history. The train will consist of classic cars from different eras and include recording cars, open-windowed coaches, air conditioned coaches and a concession car offering snacks and souvenirs.

An added attraction to the trip will include a stop at the restored depot in Columbia, SC, where participants will be treated to brunch at the California Dreamin' restaurant. Following brunch at this well acclaimed restaurant, riders will again board the train in route to the small, railroad town of Branchville, SC. Can-Can girls, gun-fights, live music and a tour of the railroad museum await visitors in Branchville.

The "Discovery Express" will then arrive in Charleston at approximately 5:00 p.m. Saturday. This will provide, participants plenty of time to prepare for an evening of exciting activities at the Spoleto arts festival. The return trip will depart Charleston on Sunday, June 5, at 9:30 a.m. and will arrive in Charlotte about 6:30 p.m.

This once in a lifetime train excursion costs \$130.00 for museum members and \$149.00 for non-members. Hotel accommodations are separate and start at \$42.80 per person. All reserved rooms are in hotels located in the center of the city's historic district. For more information about this exciting trip or a registration form, call 704-372-8281 during normal Discovery Place hours.

## Rachel, Rachel!

CHARLOTTE -- WBTV News has recently won several major awards. Among them is the RTNDAC (Radio-Television News Directors Association of the Carolinas) Best Newscast in the Carolinas Award. This is the fourth consecutive year WBTV has won this most prestigious award in Carolinas news competition. The RTNDAC Award will be presented at their annual meeting in Asheville, June 3 - 5.

Channel 3 also received AP's First Place Award in the category of General News for its coverage of the PTL story; and a tie for UPI's Best Newscast in North Carolina Award.

In addition, the Vanguard Award, a national award that recognizes issues of concern to women, was given to WBTV News for a three-part series by reporter Rachel Bagley and photographer Doug Stacker, entitled "Women of Strength, Women of Love."

## Shalom, Y'all!

Speizman Galleries, Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211. Photographs from a Kenya trip by Allen B. Saxe and round the world photos by Jerry Howard, will be on view June 5-30. Opening reception June 5 from 2-4 p.m. and is open to all. Sponsored by the Visual Arts Committee of the Foundation. Galleries open during Shalom Park operating hours. Some of the work is available for purchase. Phone 704-366-5007.

### INTERNATIONAL BLACK WRITER'S CONFERENCE

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Deadline: June 15th

Our Annual Poetry Contest will be open to all. Entry fee: \$3 per poem; 30 lines or less, 5 poem limit, 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. The winner will be announced July 18 with press party at the Afro-American Cultural Center. The winning poem will be published in IBWC's 1988 Anthology to be published in 1989.

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