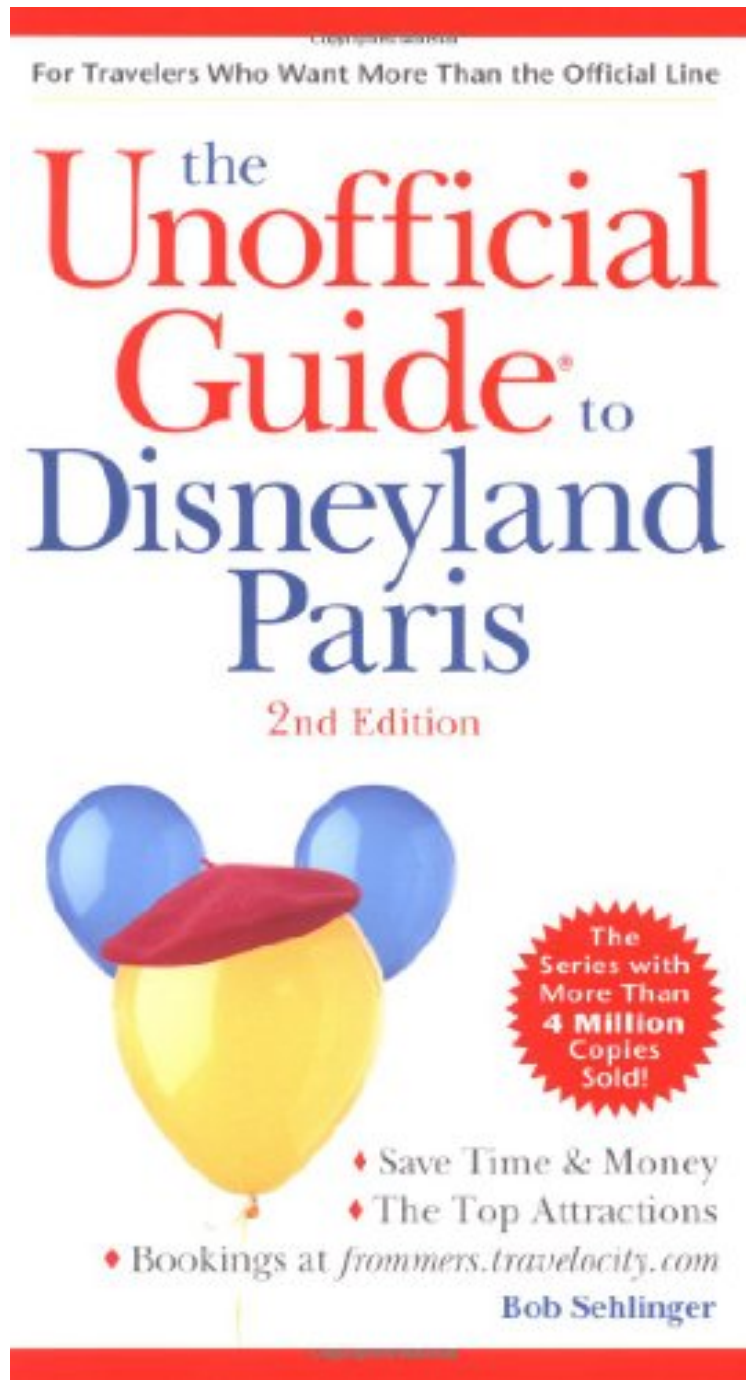


The Unofficial Guide to Disneyland Paris (Unofficial Guides)

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Bob Sehlinger : The Unofficial Guide to Disneyland Paris (Unofficial Guides) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Unofficial Guide to Disneyland Paris (Unofficial Guides):

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Good for hotels, but almost no help with fast food
By a mom from Greater Boston
We went to Disneyland Paris the last week of June, and I bought this book to help plan our trip. We visit WDW yearly, and I still refer to a slightly older copy of the Unofficial Guide to WDW to help plan our trips. (I also borrow the latest from the library to see if there are any big changes.)
The Paris version of the guidebook was very useful in selecting a hotel, but it was lacking some basic information. For example,
1) Fast food restaurants -- After the hotel, this is the most important information for me. The full service restaurants are listed and reviewed, but the fast food restaurants are hardly mentioned. The book does include a list of five fast food restaurants that are overlooked by the crowds and serve decent food, but little else. The books about the US parks list all the fast food restaurants, describe what they serve, and give a quality and value rating for each.
Also, we expected that the fast food restaurants wouldn't open before 11 am, but were surprised that many of them closed at 7 pm even though the park was open until 9 pm. The guidebook makes no mention of this.
2) Full service restaurants - The guidebook notes that service is a little too fast. We found it to be slow (so slow that we gave up and left the Blue Lagoon).
3) Transportation from CDG to Disneyland - We found that the shuttle from the airport was quite expensive for a family of four (18 Euros for adults, 13 Euros for children), and we waited two hours before we finally got to the front of the line. It would have been helpful if they had given an estimated cost of taking a taxi (which we believe would have been comparably priced)
Another problem with the book is that much of the rest of the text was copied directly from the Unofficial Guidebooks for the US parks. It's understandable that the explanations about the characters, the rides, and the philosophy of the books would be the same, as would the descriptions of some of the rides. However, it would have helped to have some of the differences explicitly pointed out. The Disneyland California book has a page that compares the attractions that are shared with the other US parks.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful.
Very candid and very helpful!
By Drew McLellan
We're not Disney novices. Having been to both Walt Disney World and Disneyland at least once a year since 1971 -- we know Disney and the parks. But Disneyland Paris was a new experience for us and we wanted to make the most of it. Without exception -- this book told it like it is -- honest, not always flattering and always framed the park in relation to what the US based parks are like.
For example -- Space Mountain DLP is nothing like the WDW version. The book goes on to explain the differences and helps you decide if it's an attraction you want to ride.
After we'd experience an attraction -- we'd check our perception against the book's and they were always spot on. I'd recommend reading the book before your trip to map out how you're going to spend your day and then carry along with you for on the scene referencing.
Well worth the investment!
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
By Babs
Great little guide. Just what I expected.

Everything you need to know for a fabulous trip to Disneyland Paris. From tips for waiting in line with small children to detailed day-long itineraries, this guide is packed with useful information to guide you through your visit to this magical land.

From the Back Cover
From the publishers of The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World "A Tourist's Best Friend!"
Chicago Sun-Times "Indispensable" The New York Times
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The Top 10 Ways The Unofficial Guide to Disneyland Paris Can Help You Have the Perfect Trip:
Every attraction rated and ranked for each age group
How to take advantage of Disney's new Fastpass program
Advice on the best times of year and the best days of the week to go
Detailed information on getting to Disneyland Paris from Paris, including using the Metro
Pros and cons of staying in or outside Disneyland Paris
The Disneyland Paris resorts described in detail and rated and ranked for value and quality of rooms
Field-tested touring itineraries for adults and children
Ratings and reviews of all Disneyland Paris full-service restaurants, plus recommendations on where to dine outside the park when you crave a true taste of France
Proven strategies for planning the perfect Disneyland Paris vacation with small children
How to find and meet the Disney characters
Get the unbiased truth on hundreds of hotels, restaurants, attractions, and more in The Unofficial Guide to Disneyland Paris
the resource that helps you save money, save time, and make your trip the best it can be. An Unofficial Guide
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