

ultimate Guide to Art of Animation



Art of Animation is a fun and vibrant resort that highlights popular animated movies from Disney and Pixar. With larger than life characters throughout the property, fans of Cars, Finding Nemo, The Lion King, and The Little Mermaid will find themselves immersed in each story. One of the larger resorts on property, this resort offers something for everyone and is even dog friendly!

Location & Layout

Art of Animation is located in the Wide World of Sports Resort Area. It shares Hourglass Lake with Pop Century and is the last stop on the Skyliner route. There is a jogging trail which surrounds both resorts and lake and is the best way to see the details that went into the theme of the property.

The resort is divided into four distinct sections with each section themed after a different movie. Spanning over 1 mile, you'll definitely get in some extra steps as you explore the property. The Little Mermaid and Cars sections are located at either end with Finding Nemo directly in the center next to The Lion King section.

Animation Hall which is also located in the center of the property houses the lobby, Landscapes of Flavor quick serve restaurant, Ink & Paint gift shop, and Pixel Play arcade.



Room Options

The Little Mermaid section features standard hotel rooms while the rest of the hotel offers family suites. These suites are a great option for larger families as they can sleep up to six people or for guests wanting a little more space. The suites feature two full bathrooms, a primary bedroom, dining table which converts into a double bed, pull out couch, and kitchenette. You may select the type of room and which section you'd prefer to stay in during the booking process.



Dining

Landscape of Flavors is a food court style quick service restaurant featuring 5 different stations and several themed dining areas. Here you can find typical American cuisine for breakfast, lunch, dinner, as well as sweet treats and beverages.

If looking for a quick drink or snack, you can also visit the Drop Off Pool Bar located near the Big Blue Pool. Here you'll find a variety of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, frozen treats, light meals, and snacks.

When staying at a Disney resort one thing to consider is purchasing the 16 oz. insulated refillable mugs. There are several designs available at all resort restaurants and snack stands. These mugs allow unlimited refills of fountain drinks, coffee, or tea during your stay. Beverage stations can be found throughout all resort properties and you do not need to be a guest at that resort to use the refill station. Mug beverage stations are not available in the parks or at Disney Springs.

Pro Tip - coffee tends to linger in these cups if not properly washed, to avoid this show the cashier your mug and request a paper cup for coffee instead.

Pools

Art of Animation is home to three pools including the biggest pool on Disney property! The Big Blue Pool is located in the Finding Nemo section and is one of a kind! This zero-entry pool was made for fun and let's you swim along with your favorite characters from the movie. If swimming isn't for you, there's also the Schoolyard Sprayground nearby. Don't miss the poolside games and contests that run throughout the day!



If you are looking for a more relaxing pool experience, head to the Cozy Cone Pool located in the Cars section. Here you can relax in the shade of a cone shaped cabana or one of the loungers that surrounds the pool. These cabanas are claimed on a first come first serve basis and while many become available throughout the day, I recommend grabbing one early if this is a must for your family. While the pool is surrounded by fun theming it is a much more relaxed atmosphere. If you're looking for games and fun, head to the Big Blue Pool instead.

You can find the Flippin' Fins Pool in The Little Mermaid section of the resort. Relax poolside as you are surrounded by Sebastian and the Under the Sea Orchestra. There are many lounge chairs and seating should never be a problem at this pool. It has a similar vibe as the Cozy Cone and there are no games or contests at this spot. Be sure to check out all the characters surrounding this area but watch out for Ursula!

As with all Disney resort pools, towels and lifejackets are available so save the space in your suitcase and leave those at home.



Transportation



One perk of staying at Art of Animation is access to the Skyliner which will bring you to Epcot, Hollywood Studios, and other resorts along the route. The Skyliner is a popular way to get to the parks so be sure to head to the station early if you plan to rope drop as lines can form quickly early in the morning.

If going to Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, Disney Springs or any other resort there are several busses that run continuously throughout the day. There is only one bus stop for the entire resort so it can get crowded at peak times. Wait times will be posted at the station.

If you are pressed for time or want to travel in style, Minnie Vans are also available. These vans are available through Lyft and will bring you anywhere on Disney property for a fee. Every vehicle offers two car seats, device chargers, and are typically playing a Disney movie on the built-in screens.

Activities



Art of Animation has an endless amount of activities to fill those rest days! One popular spot is the Righteous Reef Playground. Here you'll play along with Squirt and friends from Finding Nemo.

A great way to explore the resort is by participating in a Scavenger Hunt. Clue sheets are given out at the front desk and can be returned for a small prize. If you're looking to explore other resorts, there is also a Skyliner Scavenger Hunt which will bring you to all the resorts on the route.

Pro Tip - pair this with a dessert or drink crawl and make a day of it!

Every night you'll find campfire activities at Pride Rock in the Lion King Section including a bonfire and s'more making. This area also offers Movies under the Stars. You'll find the weekly schedule on the activity board in the lobby.

If you're looking for a little competition head to the Pixel Arcade where you'll find classic arcade games and activities. Throughout the resort you'll also find large yard games like Connect Four, Checkers, and Jenga. You may even get to play with your favorite character!

Check the activity board found around the resort for updated schedules and seasonal activities!