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The Magic Of Magic Mountain

By John Nazareno

Magic Mountain is perhaps one of the most well known theme parks in the United States. The park

is located in Valencia California, which is North of Los Angeles. The park opened in the summer of 1971 just in time to attract the summer crowds of families that were off of work and school and looking to have some fun. In 1979 Six Flags purchased Magic Mountain, and so the park adopted the Six Flags Magic Mountain name that it has carried ever since. Even with a big chain like Six Flags, Magic Mountain remains one of its most well-known and visited theme parks.

Magic Mountain is not only visited often, it has been the backdrop for many movies. Magic Mountain was the fictional "Wally World" in the movie National Lampoon's Vacation, the theme park was also shown in the show Step by Step, and was a fictional theme park shown in the movie Encino Man. Being in so many movies and on television is a testament to the fact that the park is not only a great place to have a good time, but is such an ideal setting that it is good enough for television! The great thing is, it isn't just a set and all those excited people that you see aren't acting, the park provides a great experience for the whole family.

In April of 2006 Six Flags Magic Mountain will officially break the record for the most roller coasters in one park! For several years now, Six Flags Magic Mountain and Cedar point have been tied for the prestigious title, but when the new Tatsu roller coaster is completed Magic Mountain will have the title to itself, for now at least. If roller coasters are what bring you to Magic Mountain, it is worth noting that all of the roller coasters are not operating at all times. On the weekends and over holiday weekends you'll see the majority of the coasters operational, but if you are coming to the park for a particular ride, it's a good idea to call ahead and see if the ride you have been looking forward to will be operational on the day you plan to come. If you are just looking for a good time full of great roller coasters and rides for the whole family and you don't have any favorites or specifics, then you can come any time the park is open and expect to have a marvelous time. Some of the rides that have made Six Flags Magic Mountain a entertainment destination are Batman the Ride, Colossus, Déjà vu, Scream, Superman, Viper, Goliath, and X.

Not only can you have a marvelous time, you don't have the break the bank doing it. Sure, theme park admission is never cheap, but considering the amount and quality of entertainment you'll receive when

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you visit Six Flags Magic Mountain, the cost is more than worth it. Admission for adults is a reasonable \$59.99, \$29.99 for children, and admission for children two and under is free! It's true that you wouldn't want to pay these admission prices every day, but every once and again Magic Mountain is certainly worth these prices. Not only will you have the opportunity to ride all of the rides, but Magic Mountain also offers a variety of shows and entertainment that will make the price of admission even more of a bargain, not to mention entertainment that the whole family will find unforgettable. Because the theme park caters to the whole family, every member of the family will find something that they love at Magic Mountain. You'll find that there is often great music, fantastic rides, and delicious food to eat when you tire from your Magic Mountain entertainment.

If you'll be traveling to Magic Mountain you will definitely need to think about lodging. Not only is Magic Mountain relatively affordable, great restaurants as well as quality and affordable lodging also surround it. You'll have your choice of large chain restaurants and restaurants that cater just to the Magic Mountain area with food choices galore. Some great lodging choices in the area would be:

The Best Western Valencia Inn 27413 Wayne Mills Place Valencia, California 91355 (800) 944-7446

The Comfort Inn 31558 Castaic Road Castaic, California 91384 (661) 295-1100

The Comfort Suites 25380 The Old Road Stevenson Ranch, California 91381 (800) 228-5150

The Hilton Garden Inn Valencia Six Flags 27710 The Old Road Valencia, California 91355 (800) Hiltons (661) 254-8800

The Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites 27513 Wayne Mills Place Valencia, California 91355 (661) 284-2101 (800) Holiday

The Super 8 Motel-SYLMAR 14955 Roxford Street Sylmar, California 91342 (661) 260-1501 (800) 888-8220

These are not the only lodging opportunities in the area, but they are all great choices and near enough that you will not get lost going to and from the theme park. Luckily, the park is in a good area so even if you do get lost you don't have to worry about ending up in unsavory parts of town where you are afraid to ask for directions to either your hotel or Six Flags Magic Mountain. Because the theme park is such a destination, there are signs all over the area that will help lead you to Magic Mountain in the most efficient manner so that you don't have to use Internet directions or maps that may only confuse you.

Generally, Six Flags Magic Mountain is a great experience for families or anyone looking to have a good time. Although many say that old-fashioned fun is a thing of the past, it still exists when you visit this theme park. Simple fun is brought back with roller coasters, live entertainment, theme park food, and real interactions with friends and family. Whether you live nearby or you travel a great distance to Magic Mountain, you'll find the rides thrilling, and the time and money well spent no matter what your age may be and how many theme parks you may have visited in your life. Magic Mountain is one of the most well known Six Flags theme parks for a reason, and that reason is because it's outstanding!

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Magic Show Tips

By Preston Houer

For magic enthusiasts, what could be more fun than being able to organize a magic show of their own, right? However, it might not be an easy task to prepare for one magic show that will bewilder your friends and other speculators. Don't fret. Here are some tips and suggestions that might help one in prepping for one fun magic show that will make all the audience spellbound:

Prepare the Stage

A magic show will not be as exciting if it is done in a place where there's no stage. One must set up a stage that could consist of either a piano bench or a small table with a blanket or table cloth.

Drapes help a lot in seeing to it that the audience don't get a glimpse of your activities before performing a trick. Have a certain spot where all your tricks can be done.

Prepare the Props

A magician will have a hard time amazing his or her audience without the help of various magic props. Gather all the paraphernalias that will make the magic show successful beforehand to avoid scrambling around at the eleventh hour.

The usual props used by magicians include playing cards, hats, animals, a handkerchief, etc.

Prepare for the Tricks

What's a magic show without magic tricks? Practicing the tricks well before the magic show will make one magician less doubtful on whether his or her magic show will be a hit or not. Here are some rules that a magician should follow when doing a magic show:

1. Don't kiss and tell a trick.

Magic is made to amaze the audience. Telling how to do a trick will spoil that purpose. A trick that is told how to do will lose its mystery.

2. Trick only once.

When a trick is done for the first time, the audience will be very amazed. Doing it twice will make the

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audience predict what will happen and the risk of figuring the trick out is not impossible.

3. Practice like there's no tomorrow.

When one is not that comfortable with a certain trick, it is not advisable to perform it. Practicing in front of friends or other people before the show in front of an audience will help a lot in making the magic show successful.

4. Be or look confident.

Acting nervous will make you a laughingstock. When you are going to be the man of the show, it won't help to be stammering and trembling while performing the magic tricks. Practicing will help you in this arena.

Preston Hauer has been involved with the art of illusion and sleight of hand for over 30 years. Let Preston show you how to Have Fun With Magic. Visit His Site Today!

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