

## Disneyland Paris – Claire Scott

One of the most exciting places I like to go to is Disneyland Paris.

I recently went with my husband and 2 year old son. We travelled to Ashford and when checking in for the Eurostar, my son received a gift pack which kept him occupied for the duration of the journey.



Arriving at Disney station, our luggage was taken directly to the hotel, enabling us to walk straight into the Disneyland Park. As it was October, the park had a Halloween theme. It was also not very busy and we found we did not have to queue longer than 15 minutes for the rides.

Our first day was spent on the rides and meeting the characters who really took the time out to say hello to my son and were very friendly. We left the park at around 6pm and walked through the Disney Village looking through the shops and had

dinner. We were staying at the Disney Hotel, Sequoia Lodge, which has a National Park theme and just a 15 minute walk (or free shuttle bus ride) from Magic Kingdom. On arrival at Sequoia Lodge we picked up our baggage and were shown to our comfortable room.

After a good night's sleep we went down for our continental breakfast. As this was a Disney Hotel we had one of the Disney characters, Goofy, on hand allowing photos to be taken. We then spent the day at Walt Disney Studios and found the Playhouse Disney show excellent. My favourite part of the day was the Stars and Cars parade which had all the Disney Pixar characters driving past. My husband also enjoyed The Twilight Zone, Tower of Terror (going on it 4 times) and the Rock 'n' Roller Coaster. We spent the evening at the hotel and the pool.



Day 3 was back to Disneyland Park. We watched all the parades which my son absolutely loved, although when Captain Hook came up to him this left him less than impressed! "It's a Small World" and "Buzz Lightyear Laser Blast" were definitely his favourite rides, which he would have stayed on permanently, but when he met Minnie Mouse he cried when he had to say goodbye.

Our last day, we checked out of our hotel and left the luggage to be taken back to the station, which gave us the rest of the day to be in both parks and get as many autographs as possible. This was also my son's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday so we treated him to a

character breakfast at Cafe Mickey in Disney Village. We watched the Halloween parade (which my son found scary but funny). After a long day we arrived at the station collected our luggage and after a short delay made our way back to Ashford.

This was an excellent magical trip for all the family and although my son is still only young he still talks about it all the time. I will never forget his face when he first saw the Magical Kingdom.



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