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Double the Pleasure

Disney World Orlando's latest expansion

BY KIMBERLY BUTTON

WHO WOULD HAVE thought it? At Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla., corks are now popping for the first time at Magic Kingdom, the resort's original theme park. An ongoing expansion project is nearly doubling the size of the New Fantasyland and has already brought a slew of improvements and changes, including alcohol on the menu.

French wines and beer (Kronenbourg 1664) now complement the cuisine at the **Be Our Guest** restaurant inside the new Beast's Castle in the *Beauty and the Beast* themed area.



The Beast at the expanded Magic Kingdom

Iconic rooms from the animated classic come to life at the 550-seat restaurant, which transforms from quick-service during the day to an elegant table-service facility at night. Think 20-foot ceilings, majestic chandeliers, a nearly 7-foot rotating music box, and 18-foot windows with views of falling "snow." The French-inspired menu pays homage to a 1400s castle feast with dishes such as salmon with a leek fondue and saffron potatoes.

Fantasyland's expansion also introduces two firsts for any Disney park. **Enchanted Tales With Belle** now offers an interactive experience with *Beauty and the Beast* characters — an experience made even more special with innovative technology that magically transforms a mirror on a seemingly solid wall into an open portal through which guests encounter the princess.

In Storybook Circus, the reimagined **Dumbo the Flying Elephant ride** has doubled in size, with two squadrons of pachyderms rotating side by side. Disney's new wait-time technology helps the park better accommodate the crowds at this popular attraction. You're given a pager and invited to relax with the family in a fanciful, air-conditioned circus-themed tent with an indoor playground for the kiddos. When your family's turn to ride rolls around, you get beeped.

Lots of changes, lots to toast with that French wine or beer. 407-934-7639; disneyworld.com



Weekapaug Inn

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SLEEP After a \$20 million face-lift, the 31-room **Weekapaug Inn** in Weekapaug, R.I., has reopened, with sweeping views of Quonochontaug Pond, and the Atlantic Ocean just beyond. The sister property to the iconic Ocean House in Watch Hill, R.I., closed in 2007. From \$147. 888-813-7862. weekapauginn.com
→ You can again overnight at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on Hawaii's Big Island. Its **Namakanipalo Campground** (with 10 rustic cabins) and **Volcano House Hotel** closed in 2009, but the refurbished campground recently reopened and the renovated 33-room hotel should be operating soon, perhaps by spring. Cabins from \$55. 866-536-7972. hawaiiivolcanoohouse.com
→ Two hours north of São Paulo, escape into the mountains of Brazil at the **Botanique Hotel & Spa** near the resort town of Campos do Jordão. The hotel's 17 villas and suites are surrounded by 700 acres of forests and botanical gardens. From \$1200 (meals and gratuities included). botanique.com.br



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