Disneyland RESORT News

# Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa Celebrates Expansion

## New Wing and First West Coast Disney Vacation Club Villas Open to Guests Today

ANAHEIM, Calif. (Sept. 23, 2009) – Disneyland Resort today unveiled a stunning new addition to its Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa, including 203 new guest rooms and 50 two-bedroom equivalent Disney Vacation Club villas, the first Disney Vacation Club property on the West Coast. Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa immerses guests in the magic of the Disneyland Resort by capturing the spirit of early California through design and architecture. Many of the new vacation villas offer guests spectacular views into Disney's California Adventure Park.

"This expansion reinforces Disney's long-term commitment to investing in Anaheim's Resort District," said Ed Grier, president of Disneyland Resort. "Since opening in 2001, Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa continues to impress our guests with its timeless sophistication and exquisite service. The new villas and hotel rooms will give more guests the opportunity to enjoy the immersive vacation experience Disney is known for."

The 2.5-acre addition to Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa, which increases accommodations by more than 30 percent, is part of ongoing resort expansion work. Currently underway is a multiyear expansion of Disney's California Adventure Park, which will add new attractions, entertainment experiences and an entirely new 12-acre Cars Land. In addition, the resort's historic Disneyland Hotel also began a major three-year renovation last month.

"We are so fortunate to have a wonderful partner in the Disneyland Resort," said Anaheim Mayor Curt Pringle. "Disney's continued investment in Anaheim benefits the entire Resort District as well as the surrounding community. This grand addition to the city's only four-diamond hotel will encourage even more visitors to come to Anaheim and experience a vacation in our great City."

The Villas at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa mark the 10th property for Disney Vacation Club, Disney's innovative vacation-ownership program. As with all Disney Vacation Club properties, guests are able to experience the comforts of home, such as a fully equipped kitchen, living area, dining area, washer and dryer, whirlpool tub and other amenities, depending on the size of the accommodations. Guests can choose from four different room categories including a studio (sleeps 4), one-bedroom villa (sleeps up to 5), two-bedroom villa (sleeps up to 9) and the three-bedroom, two-story Grand Villa (sleeps up to 12).

"It is exciting to witness the incredible growth of Disney Vacation Club, because not only are we creating new accommodations here in Anaheim, we are creating new experiences," said Disney Vacation Club President Jim Lewis. "Now Disney Vacation Club is part of the place where it all started, a place known worldwide as the Happiest Place on Earth."

Other new amenities at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa include the Mariposa swimming pool, the Grizzly Game Arcade, a guest laundry facility, two gas barbeque grills, the Paradise View Terrace on the 6th floor

overlooking the Paradise Pier area of Disney's California Adventure Park, underground valet parking spaces and an expanded Pinocchio's Workshop – a licensed child activity center. The hotel now boasts 948 guest rooms, which includes 44 guest suites as well as 50 Disney Vacation Club two-bedroom equivalent vacation villas.

***Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa***

The only AAA Four-Diamond hotel in North Orange County, Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa is an architectural and artistic celebration of California's renowned Arts & Crafts style of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

One of three hotels at the Disneyland Resort, Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa is home to the nationally renowned and award-winning Napa Rose restaurant, where Wine Country cuisine tempts taste buds and expert sommeliers help guests make selections from one of the world's finest collections of California wines. The nearby Storytellers Café lets kids and adults alike enjoy a dining experience that only Disney can do, complete with an array of popular Disney characters. These dining experiences, coupled with a luxury spa, onsite shopping and other amenities, helped the hotel earn the No. 3 spot on *Travel & Leisure Family* magazine's list of the top family-friendly resort destinations.

***Disney Vacation Club***

Disney Vacation Club is a vacation-ownership program that helps families enjoy flexibility and savings on vacations for decades to come. By purchasing a real estate interest in a Disney Vacation Club resort, families enjoy memorable vacations at Disney destinations worldwide as well as more than 500 other popular Member Getaways vacation locations around the globe.

Disney Vacation Club, currently celebrating its milestone 18th anniversary, has grown to serve more than 420,000 individual members from approximately 100 countries and all 50 states. The expansion project marks the latest growth for Disney Vacation Club, which recently opened Kidani Village, part of the popular Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge at Walt Disney World Resort. Plus, plans are underway to open Disney's family-friendly mixed-use resort in Hawaii, which is scheduled to include 350 traditional hotel rooms and 481 Disney Vacation Club villas built on 21 acres of oceanfront property on the island of Oahu. For more information please visit www.disneyvacationclub.com.

**About the Disneyland Resort**

Situated on approximately 500 acres in Anaheim, Calif., the Disneyland Resort features two spectacular theme parks – Disneyland Park (the original Disney theme park) and Disney's California Adventure Park – plus the Downtown Disney District comprised of unique dining, entertainment and shopping experiences. The resort's three hotels are the 948-room Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa, the 970-room Disneyland Hotel and the 489-room Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel. With 20,000 cast members, the Disneyland Resort is Orange County's largest employer and a $3.7 billion annual contributor to the local economy. The resort has welcomed more than 550 million guests since opening on July 17, 1955. For detailed information about the Disneyland Resort, please visit www.disneyland.com.

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