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## The Travel Tip Box

Every issue, I will share one really useful, practical and cool travel tip – one that will make your life easier as you make your way across the region, state or even another country.

**Air cellular phones make your life easier if you need to stay connected to the Internet.** Travelers and nomads who need to stay to connect to friends, family or even the office (yes, even on vacation), should consider an investment in what's called an "air phone" wireless device and service. This device enables Internet access anywhere cellular service is available. If you frequently travel to the beach or mountainous areas, wireless access becomes a challenge to find. With the "air phone" you don't have to find anything but a few bars. Service costs vary from service providers. You can find out more by visiting any electronics store, including Best Buy or Fry's.

## Welcome!

Welcome to my newsletter *Passages*. As a travel agent for World Less Traveled, I wanted to start an informational resource that would go beyond the usual promo that either arrives in your snail-mail or e-mail in-box. I feel it's very important to provide resources – information, travel tips and tricks, and insider secrets – to make your vacation and adventures the best experiences possible. I intend to go above and beyond to provide a useful and practical tool for you to reference to help determine your next destination, uncover the hidden secrets and treasures, and design a vacation that doesn't leave you wishing you had never gone.

I also want to have an opportunity to get to know each other. I encourage feedback from you. I would love to hear your secret travel tips, ideas for new destinations, or just comments on your trip; therefore, I am also writing a blog and starting a travel group called *Travel Guiders* in January. You will be invited, welcomed and encouraged to participate online or in person. We know you have travel secrets to share and wisdom to impart on the best destinations, places to stay, and areas to explore. We're excited to get started. If you would like to contact me directly, please send an e-mail to Elisa Taylor at [etaylor@worldlesstraveled.com](mailto:etaylor@worldlesstraveled.com)

In the meantime, I hope you will enjoy this newsletter.

## Disney Rewards Volunteers with a FREE Day at the Park!

*I am a Disney fan! I have made a career out of uncovering the hidden secrets to a great Disney park adventure. If you have a Disney trip in your future just know you will never find another travel agent as dedicated to discovering the inner works of the greatest theme parks on Earth – from the tricks to getting on rides faster to the off-track eateries where the food could be described as gourmet. If it's about Disney! I am the expert. So in light of this revelation, I thought I would debut our feature story on what else? A special opportunity you can take advantage of at the Disney Parks. Enjoy! ~ Elisa*



"The greatest moments in life are not concerned with selfish achievements," Walt Disney once said, "but rather with the things we do for other people." Disney Parks' new volunteer program "Give a Day. Get a Disney Day" is a reflection of its founder's philosophy.

Hoping to inspire families to volunteer in their own communities in 2010, the company is offering a full one-day admission to Walt Disney World or Disneyland Theme Park in exchange for a day of volunteerism

in a participating organization. "We want to inspire one million volunteers – people who will invest time and energy to make their own communities and neighborhoods a better place," said Jay Rasulo, chairman of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts.

"Give a Day. Get a Disney Day" fits perfectly with our long history of supporting and participating in volunteer efforts, notes Bob Iger, president and CEO of the Walt Disney Company. In 1983, the VoluntEARS program was created to provide opportunities for Disney cast members to contribute their time and talent to improving their communities. To date, VoluntEARS members have worked in over 40 countries and donated more than 5.5 million hours of service to children, environment preservation and support of arts and culture.

To facilitate this first-of-its-kind program, Disney is working with HandsOn Network, part of Points of Light Institute. With its 250 volunteer action centers and connection to more than 70,000 nonprofit agencies, HandsOn is the nation's largest volunteer organization.

"We are thrilled by this unprecedented effort by Disney Parks," said Michelle Nunn, CEO of Points of Light. "Give a Day. Get a Disney Day" has the potential to reach so many families and instill the volunteer spirit in a new generation."

Disney encourages guests to sign up beginning January 1, 2010, for eligible volunteer opportunities in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada. Until that time, guests can learn more about how to participate at [www.DisneyParks.com](http://www.DisneyParks.com) (for United States and Puerto Rico) and [www.DisneyParks.ca](http://www.DisneyParks.ca) (for Canada).

The program consists of three steps: Sign Up, Volunteer and Redeem. On the sites, participants will be able to search for an activity of their choice, selecting from over 70,000 nonprofit, school and community-based organizations—all of which rely on volunteer efforts to accomplish their missions. Many of the projects provide the opportunity for families to work together. Once the volunteer activity is completed, it will be verified by HandsOn Network and an online certificate will be issued. Certificates must be redeemed by December 15, 2010. If guests are unable to visit one of the parks themselves, they will be able to donate their tickets to a charity designated by Disney.

Last year, Disney launched the "What Will You Celebrate?" campaign and guests have been celebrating all kinds of special moments in the Disney parks this year—everything from birthdays and anniversaries to reunions and graduations. "In 2010," says Jay Rasulo, "we want to recognize and add one more reason for celebration: the contributions that people make to their communities every day."