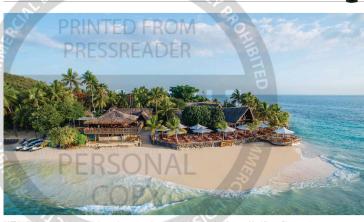
TRAVEL TRENDS



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SOFT SAND, slow swells and a gradual slope to deep water make a perfect children's beach at Castaway Island Resort, Fiji. (Courtey) Finding Fiji (and each other)

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MATAMANOA, Fiji (TNS)
"You're up early," said Dillon,
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table at Matamanoa Island
Resort in Fiji, piling his wet
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holes, fish in the shallows, and a horde of wave-tumbled sea shells and coral washed up from deeper water.

Did we feel left behind now that the kids were growing up? For a nanosecond, maybe. Do hold the shall be alone, no longer in charge of organizing these annual family trips, or planning the days. We could swim, climb to the summit, or read under an umbrella, as the moment dictated. Tamily trip, more than a decade ago, was a last-minute idea, patched together on a whim. But adventuring together proved such a rewarding way to stay connected that it gradually became a tradition.

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dens, visits to native villages, we stepped outside, bending an ear for the chirps and twitters overhead, and catching our breath as the sun peeked over the horizon. Sending gold and amber rays across the water, it illuminated each nearby island, one after water and the control of the contr

Wooing visitors to Star Wars land is easy. But shooing them?

tar Wars fans have spent years waiting for Disneyland to let them enter a galaxy far, far away.

How then does the Magic Kingdom get them to leave?

Disneyland's May 31 launch of Star Wars:
Galaxy's Edge will test the park's efforts to open a highly anticipated expansion without the crushing crowds, frustration and chaos that can accompany a new attraction.

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The much-hyped land is expected to attract such a throng that Disneyland engi-neers and landscapers have been working for months to accommodate more visi-tors by widening walkowsy and improving to maintain some order during the first three weeks after the 14-acre attraction open, Disneyland will require reservations for each visitor to enter the land, with col-ored wristbands used to distinguish which four-hour time window corresponds with each visitor.

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Once a time window expires, park employess dressed as *Stat Was* characters will
politely tell park-goes that they need to
leave the land to make way for new visitors.

Disneyland representatives say they
expect that most guests will abide by the
courteous directions to move on. But they
remain mum about what will happen if
guests ignore the requests.

Sind Kris Theller, vice president of the Disneyland Park. "Most guests are going to find
that they're ready to roll after four hours."

The new \$1 billion land was built in the
northwest corner of the park, replacing sevcral attractions in Frontierland, including
a petting zoo. It will have three entrances,
where employees can control the crowd
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The expansion is designed to resemble a remote outpost on the planet Batuu filled with space outlaws, smugglers and rebels battling the evil empire. The land features two rides, four eateries, one space-themed cantina and five retail shops.



STAR WARS: Galaxy's Edge opens May 31 at Disneyland in Anaheim, California, and August 29, at Disney's Hollywood Studios in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Oiney Parks This

Workers last week putting finishing touches on electrical and mechanical features, such as a robot that turns a spit at a barbecue eatery, as media members were allowed a glimpse of the new area. The buildings look aged and war-ravage, and the rocky hoodoos that dot the land-scape are meant to resemble the remnants of glant pertition frees. The root of space of glant pertition frees the stores and restructurants.

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effort to avoid the gridlock and social media backlash that have come with the opening of offer blockbuster attractions, such as the Wizarding World of Harry Deliver at the great State of the State of

the land is before deciding When to decem-more boarding groups.

Disneyland officials have not decided how long into the future they will require the virtual queuing system for the land, hinting that it may be deployed as long as the Star Wars land is in high demand. (Los Angeles Times/TNS)