

WEDDINGS, DEATHS AND LEGENDS: 5 SECRETS ABOUT DISNEYLAND YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

When you grow up in Los Angeles, there's an extraordinary amount of Disneyland lore that's passed from kid to kid; secrets we hoped were true, but even if they weren't, it was fun to think so! It's time to pull back the curtain on some of these legendary myths and get the real scoop.

Can you get married at Disneyland? Yes, it's true. If you ever fantasized about a storybook wedding in front of Sleeping Beauty's castle, your dream can now become a big, sparkly, over-the-top reality. Not only can you tie the knot there, but you can even make your entrance in the Crystal Coach. Disneyland also offers several other wedding venues at the resort.

Is there a secret basketball court inside the top of the Matterhorn? Well, technically, it's more like a half-court. But yes, it's there. Rumor had it that Walt installed the "sport" court to get around a Buena Park height ordinance that only made allowances for sporting venues. Great story, but totally FALSE. The Matterhorn was built way before the height ordinances were ever created. Maybe old Walt just liked to play pick-up games after riding the bobsleds.

Did Steve Martin ever work at Disneyland? Yes! He started out selling guidebooks and eventually worked his way up to Merlin's Magic Shop, where he learned magic tricks and joke telling... two obviously worthless talents that did not influence his career whatsoever!

Has anyone ever been killed on a Disneyland ride? Yes, indeed. At least nine people have died on Disneyland attractions since it opened in 1955. Two of the most notable deaths were on the Matterhorn. Keep your seatbelts on people, and don't try to stand up during the ride. However, one of the most shocking and gruesome deaths was in 1974 on the "America Sings" ride. America Sings was a giant rotating theater where an outer ring turned to allow the audience to view different animatronic performances. A hostess for the ride, Deborah Gail Stone, came too close to the section between the rotating wall and the stationary wall during a performance and was crushed between them. Let's move on to a happier topic...

Does Disneyland have a secret club? Yes! Located in New Orleans Square, just a short stroll away from the sea of Bermuda shorts and Mickey ears is an elegant restaurant known by insiders as Club 33. Upon entering you'll be greeted by waiters dressed in tuxedos with immaculate white gloves. In addition to the gourmet menu Club 33 also serves cocktails, and until recently, it was the only place in the park where they served alcohol. After dinner, guests are invited out on the veranda where they are treated to a spectacular view of the fireworks. So can you call up and make a reservation? Afraid not. Like most exclusive clubs, the only way to gain access is to be invited.

Super Special Bonus Secret: Is it true that Walt Disney's cryogenically frozen head is being stored somewhere inside the Haunted Mansion ride? Uh, no. That's totally ridiculous. Who would just freeze their head? Everybody knows his whole body is frozen and stored directly under the Pirates of the Caribbean ride until science can catch up and bring him back to life. Okay, I may have made that last one up, but all the other ones are true!