

# “it’s a small world” Holiday Becomes a Winter Wonderland for Holidays at the Disneyland Resort – Fun Facts

ANAHEIM, Calif.— For many guests at the Disneyland Resort, a visit during the holidays means a must-do voyage through the heartwarming [“it’s a small world” Holiday](#). Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> season, “it’s a small world” Holiday is transformed from the classic attraction into a winter wonderland that depicts children of the world dressed in seasonal costumes and happily singing a mix of holiday songs, along with the “It’s a Small World (After All)” theme. The story of the attraction changes from a charming party with dolls, toys and decorations representing children of many nations, all joining in a song of unity, to a celebration of holidays across the globe.

Disney FastPass is available for this beloved attraction, making it easier than ever to embark on the happiest cruise that ever sailed. Guests will enjoy “it’s a small world” Holiday from Nov. 9, 2018, through Jan. 6, 2019.

## Fun Facts:

- New this year, guests will journey through a “gingerbread” archway as they enter Europe. Adorable gingerbread men and oversized candy canes adorn the arch.
- Jolly decorators use **50,000 lights** on the façade of “it’s a small world” Holiday, and an additional **350,000 mini-lights** in the trees, hedges and animal topiaries surrounding the attraction in whimsical Fantasyland. Thousands of additional lights decorate the shops and food kiosks around the attraction, bringing the total to more than **400,000 lights** adding sparkle and wintry ambiance to the plaza around “it’s a small world”
- The warm holiday atmosphere of the plaza area is further enhanced with colorful garland, festive poinsettias and beautiful, international holiday wreaths.
- After dark, the smiling clock at the front of “it’s a small world,” decked out in a Santa hat, reveals a sparkling projection. Multiple times each night, the brightly light façade of the attraction is transformed into an enormous clockwork mechanism with advanced **3D-projection technology**. The gears and springs pull back to reveal a world of holiday wonders hidden behind the whimsical clock.
- Guests on “The Merriest Attraction on Earth” sail through **10 scenes** inspired by places around the world, such as **Europe, Asia and Africa**, each representing unique cultural holiday traditions celebrated in these regions.
- Among the holiday special effects inside the attraction are scents of **fresh pine** from a glistening winter forest and **peppermint** from tantalizing candy canes in the European scenes. In the South Seas scene, hundreds of iridescent bubbles float through the air.
- Nearly **150 giant candles** decorate the Christmas Tree and surrounding areas in the European scene. Once a common tradition in Western European countries, the lighting of candles has inspired the string lights seen on modern Christmas trees today.
- The attractions’ finale features a **14-foot snowman** made of glimmering crystal snowflakes that shine

with thousands of luminous light. The snowman stands atop a 10-foot-wide snowflake and holds a beautiful "icicle" sign that spells out "Happy Holidays" in colors that change as guests drift along. The snowman joined this festive attraction in 2011, bringing an extra sprinkle of holiday pixie dust with him.

- The **iconic music** of "it's a small world," written by the legendary Sherman Brothers, is one of the attraction's signature elements throughout the regular season. During "it's a small world" Holiday, guests may still hear this classic tune woven in between the joyous caroling of holiday favorites **"Jingle Bells"** and **"Deck the Halls."**
- Many **languages** of the world can be heard serenading guests, with cheerful tunes in English, French, Italian, Spanish and Scandinavian languages. Festive signs and banners throughout the attraction spread holiday greetings in such dialects as French Canadian, Dutch, Asante and Hawaiian.
- The Disneyland Resort has its own team of holiday "elves" who help create the magic of "it's a small world" Holiday each year. It takes a talented and dedicated team of nearly three dozen cast members **35 days** to install the glittering façade and nearly **18 days** to decorate the holiday attraction's dazzling interior.
- Throughout the regular year, nearly all of the **holiday props and scenic elements** are actually stored inside the attraction. A merry reminder: Do not open until the holiday season begins!

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