

Disney Studio 365: Makeover Magic at Disneyland

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The latest addition to the Disney makeover lineup is Disney Studio 365 in Downtown Disney at Disneyland Resort. I took my three granddaughters there recently to see how it compares to other makeovers, like Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique, and because it is their favorite thing to do while at Disney parks.

Disney Studio 365 is right at the entrance to the Grand Californian Hotel on Downtown Disney's main drag, and so is easy to find. It is where both boys and girls are given the Super Rock Star treatment. All over the walls are photos and flat screen televisions showing Disney super stars Hannah Montana and the Jonas Brothers, and memorabilia of these stars are displayed behind glass on the walls as well.

We reserved three weeks in advance, which I recommend, because those without reservations were turned away the day we were there. Call 714-781-STYLE (714-781-7895).

There are several packages to choose from. We picked "Color Cue" for all three girls, which includes hairstyle with choice of two color streaks, glitter, make up, and face gems for \$29.95 plus tax and optional tip. One benefit of Disneyland is, I got the 20% Premium Annual Pass discount, which is not offered at Walt Disney World. For [photos, prices, and information](#), go to www.artofdisney parks.com, click on Park Treasures, then Studio 365 under "What's New."

First, the girls picked out their two color streaks, which are vinyl hair falls with locking combs. Then they get in their salon chairs and the makeover begins. While getting beautified, a "reporter" with a clipboard comes over and "interviews" the "rock star" and gets the star's autograph. Questions asked include favorite color, movie, and TV show.

The stylist takes her time and does a great job with the star's hair and make up. When completed, the staff says, "Lights, camera, action!" and turn the star's chair around so she can see the results in the mirror. It is guaranteed to get a big smile from the star.

Then it is time for the star's "photo shoot," which is five different, super star poses in front of a blue screen using a microphone and guitar as props. Six different backgrounds are added to each pose and include neon checkerboards, paparazzi, and floral/stars. A word of caution, Marieanna had on a blue top and the background superimposed on it as

well as the blue screen, making her look like Randall Boggs from Monsters, Inc!

Last, you "finalize your contract," which means, pay up! The girls are then given their interview sheet and a glitzy shopping bag filled with their comb, brush, and makeup palette in a wallet compact, such as a rock star might have.

Since we have done the other makeovers at both resorts, how does this experience compare? I think Pirate's League at Walt Disney World is still the best for theming, enthusiasm, and uniqueness. However, for the price, Studio 365 beats Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique (also at Walt Disney World), since it relatively the same experience for less cost. Also, it was less hectic and more child-focused here. That being said, all are a lot of fun and, I believe, one of the best bangs for the buck at Disney resorts since the children get so much during it and have nice hair for a few days!

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