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Scarlett Stahl visits Hong Kong Disneyland

Our good friend Scarlett Stahl recently took a special birthday trip to Hong Kong Disneyland and has offered to share her account with us. Happy belated birthday to Scarlett and Happy Hong Kong Halloween to all of our readers!





Photo:Scarlett Stahl

Club 33 with my friends

Where would I want to go on my birthday? Why Disneyland, of course, and why go to just one Disneyland, when you could go to two different ones? I celebrated September 30 at Club 33 in the California Disneyland, compliments of a good friend, who is a member. I had a glass of champagne with an elegant lunch and allowed myself to purchase a birthday gift of a Club 33 umbrella. Two of my best friends accompanied me on this celebration, Carol Burgen and Kay Fox.

Four days later, Carol and I were on a plane for the second Disneyland... the one in Hong Kong!! Best of all, the Park was decorated for Halloween, one of my favorite holidays. It is a small park in comparison to the others, which I have visited before. There isn't any Haunted Mansion or Pirates of the Caribbean, but there is a Small World with a large Chinese themed area. Those three are my favorite rides.



We stayed in Kowloon, which is a part of Hong Kong, for almost a week. We took day trips to outlying areas, such as Macao, before spending the last day and night at Hong Kong Disneyland on Lantau Island. Lantau is the same island that plays home to the airport. Prior to our stay at the Hong Kong Disneyland resort, we took tours of both the Disneyland Hotel and the Hollywood Hotel. Most impressive at the Disneyland Hotel were beautiful chandeliers, which featured Cinderella's glass slippers hidden amongst the crystals.



The Hong Kong Disneyland Hotel



Photo:Scarlett Stahl

Lovely crystal chandeliers.

When my friend and I returned to the resort, we opted to stay at the Hollywood Hotel. It's not as glamorous in appearance as the Disneyland Hotel but was extremely comfortable and more affordable, while it still had the magical Disney touch. Our door key featured Mickey as the Sorcerer and could be kept to be used as a luggage tag later on, which made a nice souvenir.



The lobby of the Hollywood Hotel





A room with a view.



The Hollywood Hotel Pool



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Celebrating in the Air



Photo: Scarlett Stahl

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The Key



Going there for a day and a half a day gave us time to do our shopping and freed us for more of the rides, shows and parades on the one full day and night, when we were in the Park. And one day and night really was enough to see the Park as it was small, while the weather was very warm and humid.



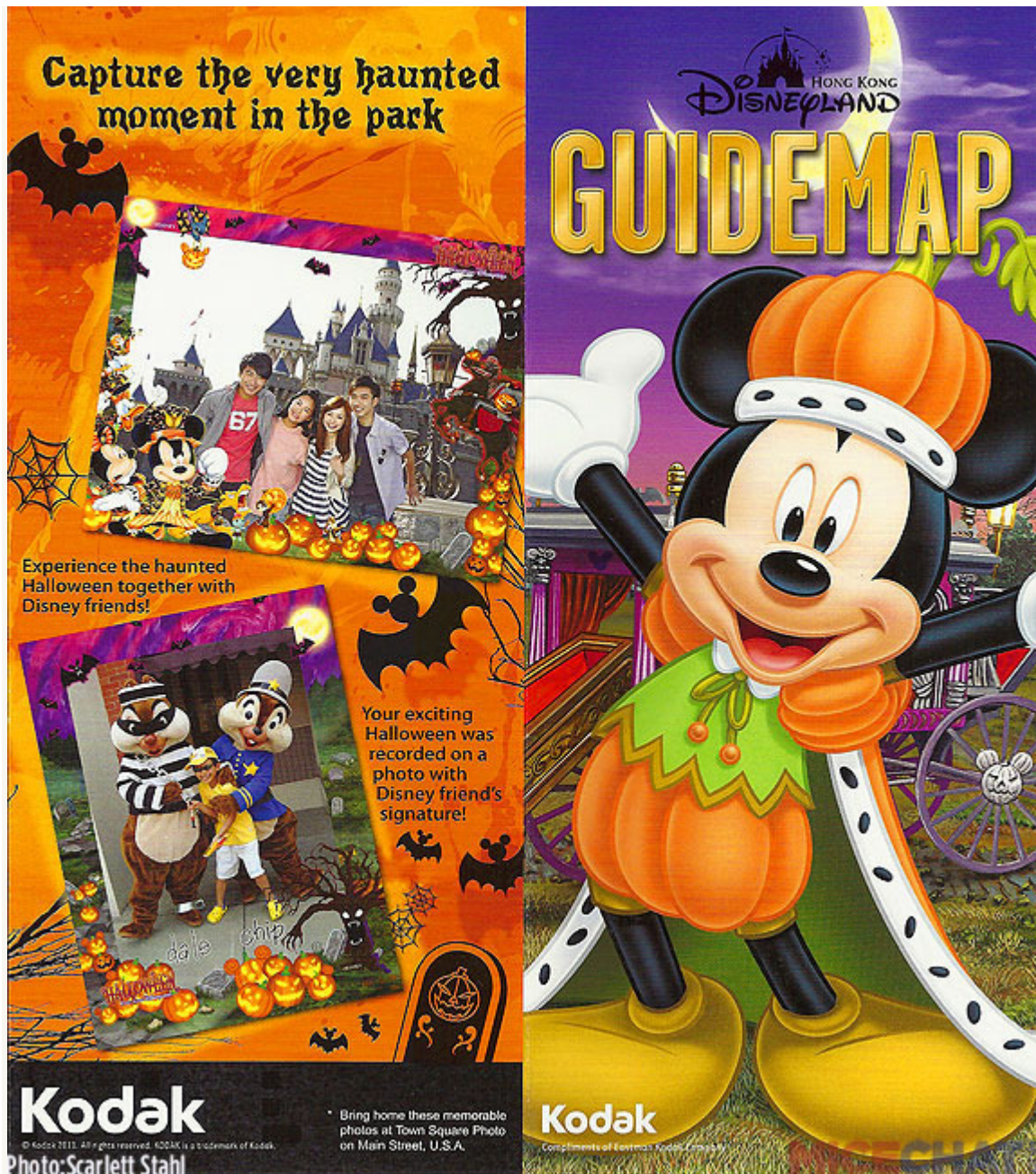
There was a metro, or subway, that went from the center of Hong Kong to the Hong Kong Disneyland Resort. Additionally, there were buses from that area to the Hotels. One could also take a short cab ride from the hotels to the airport or metro was available with a transfer.

In the central location between the transportation area and the Park was an extraordinary fountain featuring a sculpture of Monstro, the Whale, from Pinocchio, with Mickey surfing on the water from his spout!!!



Photo:Scarlett Stahl

Everyone was polite and most spoke English. All the employees in the Park were handing out stickers, featuring Disney characters in Halloween costumes.



The Park looked much like our California Disneyland, but decorated for Halloween and had similar rides, just not as many of them. The rides and shows included the following:

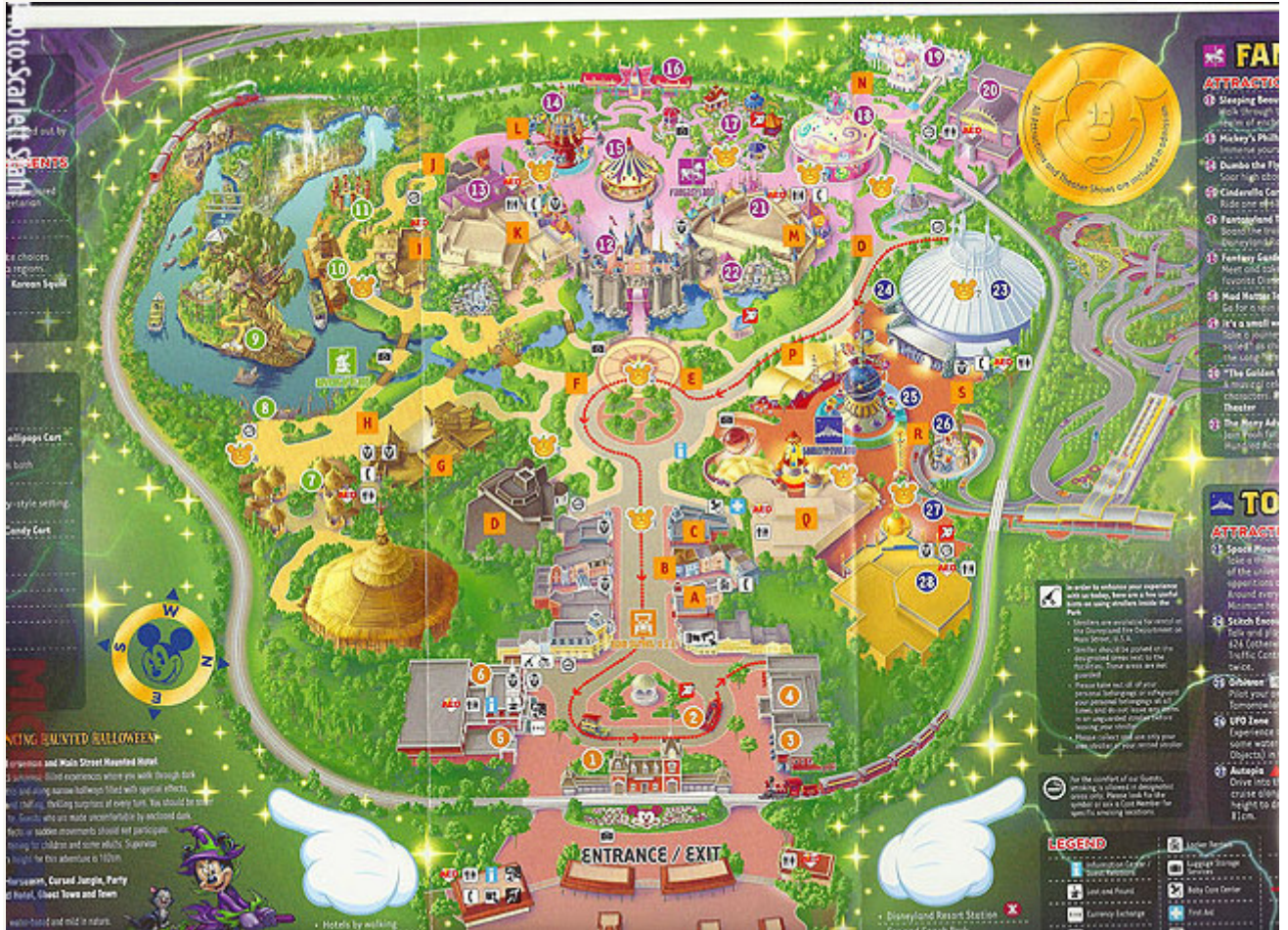
Adventureland:

- Festival of the Lion King
- Rafts to Tarzan's Tree House
- Tarzan's Tree House
- Jungle River Cruise

- o Liki Tikis



Liki Tikis



Main Street USA:

- Hong Kong Disneyland Railroad
- Main Street Vehicles
- Animation Academy
- Art of Animation
- City Hall

ADVENTURELAND

ATTRACTIONS

- "Festival of the Lion King"**   Witness a colorful pageant of music and dance inspired by and celebrating Disney's animated classic "The Lion King". Presented in Theater in the Wild.
- Rafts to Tarzan's Treehouse**  Cross the Rivers of Adventure for experiences and activities on Tarzan Island and Tarzan's Treehouse.
- Tarzan's Treehouse**  Climb to high adventure in the treetop home of Tarzan. Conduct experiments and play musical instruments in an interactive playhouse at the base of the tree.
- Jungle River Cruise**   Journey with your intrepid skipper along the mysterious Rivers of Adventure.

- Liki Tiki**  Sway to the beat of jungle rhythms pounded out by these "leaky" tiki poles.

RESTAURANTS & REFRESHMENTS

- Tahitian Terrace**  A taste of South Asia - offering freshly prepared specialty noodle soup and Indian vegetarian dishes.
- Snacks, Frozen Lollipops Cart**   **River View Cafe**  Features both set menu and a la carte choices inspired by Southeast Asia and China regions.
- Safari Snacks - Egg Puff, Fish Balls, Korean Squid** 

SHOPS


- **Professor Porter's Trading Post**
Next to Tahitian Terrace Restaurant

MAIN STREET, U.S.A.

ATTRACTIONS

- Hong Kong Disneyland Railroad**  Take a grand tour of Hong Kong Disneyland aboard an excursion-style train, featuring a stop in Fantasyland.
- Main Street Vehicles**  Cruise up or down Main Street, U.S.A.
- Animation Academy**   Learn to draw your favorite Disney characters.
- Art of Animation**  A celebration of Disney and Disney-Pixar animation, featuring the spinning Toy Story Zootrope.
- Magic Access Member Service Center**  Information of Magic Access. Guests can upgrade their tickets to Magic Access.
- City Hall**     Guest Relations and information.

RESTAURANTS & REFRESHMENTS

- Market House Bakery**  Features delicious pastries. Hosted by Maxim's.

- Mickey Muffie, Turkey Leg, Frozen Lollipops Cart**  
- Main Street Corner Cafe**  This table served restaurant offers both international and Asian fare.
- Plaza Inn**  Serves Cantonese cuisine in a family-style setting. Hosted by Maxim's.
- Popcorn, Frozen Lollipops, Cotton Candy Cart**  
- Coffee Cart** 

SHOPS

- **Emporium**
→ **Main Street Sweets**
→ **Center Street Boutique**
→ **Town Square Photo**
Presented by Kodak®
- **Midtown Jewelry**
Presented by Chow Sang Sang
- **Crystal Arts**
Presented by Amibros Brothers

THE FOLLOWING HAUNTED HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE EVERY THU - SUN FROM SEP 22 - OCT 31; SEP 15, SEP 16, OCT 4 & OCT 31

-  **GHOST TOWN**
-  **GLow IN THE PARK PARADE FEATURING THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN**
-  **MAIN STREET HAUNTED HOTEL**    
-  **REVENGE OF THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN**   
-  **CURSED JUNGLE**
-  **TRICK OR TREAT SPOOKTACULAR**
-  **SPACE MOUNTAIN - GHOST GALAXY**
-  **PARTY ZONE**
-  **BOO-TIQUE**

TIPS FOR EXPERIENCING HAUNTED HALLOWEEN

Revenge of the Headless Horseman and Main Street Haunted Hotel

These attractions are scary and suspense-filled experiences where you walk through dark spaces, rooms, corridors, tunnels and along narrow hallways filled with special effects, illusions, sudden movements and chilling, startling surprises at every turn. You should be in good health to participate. Guests who are made uncomfortable by enclosed dark spaces, loud sounds, strobe effects or sudden movements should not participate. These attractions may be frightening for children and some adults. Supervise children at all times. Minimum height for this adventure is 102cm.

Revenge of the Headless Horseman, Cursed Jungle, Party Zone, Main Street Haunted Hotel, Ghost Town and Town Square Tunnel

The fog in these attractions is water-based and mild in nature. However, exposure to the fog may result allergic symptoms or asthma-like effects in some people. If guests experience such symptoms, please leave the exposure area as soon as possible and seek assistance from any Cast Member or at the First Aid Center.

- Hotels by walking
- Disneyland Resort Pier

Photo: Scarlett Stahl

Fantasyland:



Behind Sleeping Beauty's Castle



it's a small world

- Sleeping Beauty Castle
- Mickey's PhilharMagic
- Dumbo the Flying Elephant
- Cinderella Carousel
- Fantasyland Train Station
- Fantasy Gardens
- Mad Hatter Tea Cups
- It's a Small World
- The Golden Mickeys
- The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh
- Snow White Grotto



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MICROSTATION

DISNEY'S HAUNTED HALLOWEEN

EVENT DATES: SUN FROM SEP 22 - OCT 22
SEP 26, SEP 26, SEP 27 & OCT 27



GLOW IN THE PARK PARADE FEATURING THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN

PARTY ZONE - Tomorrowland

SPACE MOUNTAIN - GHOST GILLYT - Tomorrowland

BOO-TROOP - Tomorrowland



REVENGE OF THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN - Adventureland



CURSED JUNGLE - Adventureland

GHOST TOWN - Main Street, U.S.A.

MAIN STREET HAUNTED HOTEL - Main Street, U.S.A.

TRICK OR TREAT SPOOKTACULAR - Fantasyland

TIPS & INFORMATION

FOR SHOW AND ATTRACTION TIMES, PICK UP A TIMES GUIDE

Guest Relations

The awesome center for Hong Kong Disneyland. Guest Relations is located inside City Hall in Town Square. Here, you can have your questions answered, arrange priority seating for selected restaurants, exchange currency and leave messages.

Lost and Found

Located at Guest Relations in City Hall in Town Square.

Priority Seating

Available at selected restaurants. Priority Seating allows you to be seated with a minimal wait and can be arranged either at City Hall or at the restaurant.

Banking

Cash dispensing machines (ATM) are located inside Hong Kong Disneyland at City Hall and outside the park at Guest Services building. Presented by Standard Chartered Bank.

Credit Cards / Debit Card

VISA In recognition of Visa's sponsorship of the Hong Kong Disneyland Resort, we are proud to accept Visa. We also accept other payment methods such as cash (HKD, RMB) and other major credit cards for all purchases.

Currency Exchange

Both HK Dollars and Renminbi payment are accepted on purchases at most Hong Kong Disneyland shops and restaurants. Foreign currencies and travelers checks can be exchanged for HK dollars at Guest Relations in City Hall and the Guest Relations Building (located outside the Park next to the Main Entrance). Services provided by Traveler's Currency Exchange Limited.

Wheelchairs

Rentals available at the Disneyland Fire Department next to City Hall in Town Square. Guests requiring ambulatory assistance may rent wheelchairs. For additional information, please consult the Guidebook for Guests with Disabilities, available at Guest Relations in City Hall.

Strollers

Rentals available at the Disneyland Fire Department next to City Hall in Town Square.

Lockers

Located on the north side of Center Street, midway up Main Street, U.S.A.

First Aid

Located at the Plaza end of Main Street near the Main Street Corner Cafe and next to the Baby Care Center.

Baby Care Center

Located at the Plaza end of Main Street next to the Main Street Corner Cafe. Formula, warming bottles, diaper-changing facilities, feeding rooms and a limited selection of baby food is available. Lost Children is also at this location.

Smoking

For the comfort of our guests, smoking is allowed in designated areas only. Please look for the smoking symbol for specific smoking locations or ask a Cast Member.

Reentry Policy

If you plan to leave the park today, please have your hand stamped as you exit. To re-enter the park, you must present your valid ticket as well as your hand stamp.

Parent / Guardian Switch

If a child does not want to experience the attraction, does not meet the boarding requirements or cannot experience the attraction for other reasons, his/her parent / guardian / chaperone may take turns experiencing the attraction. See a Cast Member at the attraction for additional information.

Package Express

Located at the Guest Services building just outside the exit to Hong Kong Disneyland. Packages may be picked up after purchase or delivered to the Disneyland or Disney's Hollywood Hotel. See a Merchandise Cast Member for complete details on this service.

CCTV

The Hong Kong Disneyland Park area is under video (CCTV) surveillance. Images captured may be shared with law enforcement agencies for safety and security purposes.

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- Direct Entrance to All Attractions
- Reserved Seating for Theatrical Shows

Disney's Supreme Tour HK\$ 3,200

3 consecutive hours for up to 6 Guests Direct Entrance to all Attractions Reserved Seating for Theatrical Shows Designated Viewing Area for "Halloween in the Park Parade"

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Tomorrowland:

- Space Mountain
- Stitch Encounter
- Orbitron
- UFO Zone
- Autopia
- Buzz Lightyear Astro Blasters

WHEN LEAVING HONG KONG DISNEYLAND RESORT

By Disneyland Resort Line

Trains from Disneyland Resort Station travel to Sunny Bay Station, which connects to the Tung Chung Line.

By road

Public franchised buses, minitaxi and taxis are available at the Disneyland Resort Public Transport Interchange.

Hotel Guests

Resort Shuttles provide free transportation between Hong Kong Disneyland Hotel or Disney's Hollywood Hotel and the Disneyland Resort Public Transport Interchange. Hong Kong Disneyland is also accessible to Hotel Guests via the Park Promenade.



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I admit I concentrated more on the parades and the Halloween themed attractions as well as the shows. The Golden Mickeys Show was spectacular and lavish, like a Broadway musical. There was even a

muscular acrobatic Tarzan, swinging from ropes. The ball-gowned Belle sang and danced with the Beast. The show simulates the Academy Awards.



The Golden Mickeys

The Festival of the Lion King was great, as at Disney's Animal Kingdom, but this one was improved with a rotating set. We didn't see the third and last show, called Stitch Encounter, but it didn't appear to be a real show but rather a character meeting. This is only my guess, however.

The day parade was Flights of Fantasy and celebrated Hong Kong Disneyland's Fifth Anniversary. Most of the Disney characters and Princesses were featured on the floats. My favorite float was Stitch, as the Cast Members put on a show for the crowd.



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The night parade called Glow in the Park parade was truly spectacular, with a lot of Jack Skellington and Nightmare Before Christmas characters and floats, accompanied by the Headless Horseman, zombies, and ghouls. I admit it got a little creepy after dark, particularly when they dimmed the lights. Some zombies even came out and danced along Main St. I told myself, as Dorothy did in the Wizard of Oz, that we weren't in Kansas anymore.



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There was a really pretty restaurant called Royal Banquet Hall in Fantasyland, which looked like it would be a fine restaurant, instead of the fast food restaurant that it really was. It had lovely large sculptures of Cinderella dancing with her Prince, while there was another of Sleeping Beauty with her Prince and a third of Belle with her Beast. There were a variety of food choices, such as Chinese food in one area, Japanese food in another, then English and also American, all in this one restaurant! As I had Chinese the day before, I settled for a really good cheeseburger. After all this was Disneyland.



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Besides the Halloween scary night parade, there were several Halloween themed attractions. The Cursed Jungle ride seemed like an ordinary Jungle Cruise except there was a pool of water that caught fire towards the end. We took the English version of that ride, while another version was in a local dialect and the third Cantonese. To be honest, while there, I was told three different dialects to say Thank you in Chinese. After the third different version was suggested to me, I decided to stick with English as I didn't want to offend anyone. In the same area were the Liki Tikis, which were jungle poles in a circle with drums playing in the background. There were some unique photos ops there with shrunken skulls, etc.



A Haunted Hotel walk-through attraction was located near Main St and looked like an ordinary one story nondescript building on the outside, while I was expecting something like the Haunted Mansion. Additionally it was so dark in there that you really couldn't see anything and it was hard to find your path through it without bumping into things. Costumed figures would jump out and grab you. A little of that went a long way and I bailed out before the end. I preferred the Revenge of the Headless Horseman, which appeared to be an old fashioned carnival show with two headed ladies, etc. At first there were pictures of pretty ladies like in the Haunted Mansion elevator and then later on you saw only the bottom half as the heads had disappeared. Of course, costumed figures still jumped out at you but you could see them and you didn't bump into things.

There was a graveyard filling Town Square and another one in the hub in front of the Castle with a giant gnarly old tree. Some of the guests, especially at night, had costumes and painted faces. The Castle looked beautiful with illuminations, followed by pretty fireworks. According to the Guide book, the

Halloween attractions and parade were only on Sunday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; even though the Park was open on the other days.



The gnarly old tree.



The area at night.



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Boo to YOU!



As for merchandise, the Jewelry Shop is not owned by Disney but leased to another company. There were some nice sterling silver charms that came in a pair of two, such as the face of Cinderella with her coach for \$100. These appeared to be among the less expensive items offered as most everything else was much more expensive. The Emporium seemed to have the same type of merchandise as in the other Parks, such as shirts, both Halloween themed and regular, etc. There were the Mickey and Minnie plush figures dressed for Halloween with Hong Kong Disneyland printed on their feet and even a smaller version that could be attached to back packs, but there was no designation that they were from Hong Kong Disneyland, other than their price tags. However you could add a little Panda purchased separately to one of them to remind you of Hong Kong Disneyland.

If you enjoy pin trading, the Cast Members have their lanyards with pins available for trading.



Photo: Scarlett Stahl

Fun Nightmare Before Christmas shirt

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Halloween Mickey and Minnie keyring plush.



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Men's Hong Kong Disneyland Polo



Men's plaid shirt with patches

After visiting Hong Kong Disneyland, I look forward to visiting Shanghai Disneyland. It is rumored to open in 2016 and to be three times larger than its Hong Kong sister.