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The Sims™ Vacation

EXPANSION PACK



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MACINTOSH® INSTALL GUIDE

REQUIRES THE SIMS™ TO PLAY

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing *The Sims Vacation*™. This Install Guide will assist you with installing and running the game on your system, as well as provide valuable trouble-shooting and support information.

Please take time to ensure your system meets the minimum configuration requirements. It is essential that your system meets these requirements in order for *The Sims Vacation*™ to function properly.

INSTALLING THE GAME

NOTE: You must have *The Sims* installed on your computer in order to run *The Sims Vacation*.

To install *The Sims Vacation*:

1. Insert *The Sims Vacation* CD into your CD-ROM. Double-click the "Vacation Installer."
2. Follow the step-by-step installation instructions. The installer will automatically install new *Vacation* files and data to your existing *Sims* application. (PLEASE NOTE: Once you install *Vacation*, your *Sims* will permanently be *Vacation*. The only way to return to the original *Sims* life is to reinstall *The Sims*.)

NOTE: After you install *Vacation*, the *Vacation* CD is the only CD you need to insert into your CD drive in order to play *The Sims*. Even if you install *Livin' Large*, or *House Party* or *Hot Date* Expansion Packs, the *Vacation* CD is the CD you use to play *The Sims*.

INSTALLING WITH OTHER EXPANSION PACKS

NOTE: If you have *Livin' Large*, *House Party* or *Hot Date*, we strongly recommend you install *Livin' Large*, *House Party* or *Hot Date* before installing *Vacation*. If you purchase *Livin' Large*, *House Party* or *Hot Date* after installing *Vacation*, we strongly recommend uninstalling *Vacation* and *The Sims*, then reinstalling *The Sims*, *Livin' Large*, *House Party*, *Hot Date* and *Vacation* (in that order).

Vacation, *Hot Date*, *House Party* and *Livin' Large* are great fun separately, but together they're even better! When installing *Vacation* with *Livin' Large*, *House Party* or *Hot Date*, here is something to be aware of:

Once you install *Vacation*, you will always need the *Vacation* CD in your drive to play the game. Even if you install *Livin' Large*, *House Party* or *Hot Date*, or see game screens that say *Livin' Large*, *House Party* or *Hot Date* the game requires the *Vacation* CD to play.

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION

If you have a connection to the Internet on your computer, you can electronically register your product.

This is made available to you at the end of the installation.

If you would like to electronically register *The Sims Vacation* after you have installed it, please visit: <http://www.aspyr.com/register.php>

STARTING THE GAME

To start *The Sims Vacation*:

1. Insert *The Sims Vacation* CD into your CD-ROM drive. Double-click "The Sims Vacation" application on your hard drive (upon installation *Vacation* will be an addition to *The Sims* game files).

NOTE: Please see *The Sims* manual for gameplay instructions.

WHAT'S NEW

Please refer to *The Sims* manual for instructions on how to play the game. Even if you think you already know all there is to know about relationships, family and vacation fun, there are some Sim basics that can help improve even the most experienced traveler. So keep that manual handy as you go on vacation, Sim style!

Here is what's new for your Sims in *The Sims Vacation*.

■ New Vacation Island

Take a break from that rigorous work schedule and take your Sim families on vacation to the fun-filled Vacation Island. Meet other tourists and compete in the island games for prizes. Send postcards and bring home gifts and souvenirs. Will your family come back relaxed, well rested and tightly knit or will the kids fight and drive their parents crazy?

Each Neighborhood has its own Vacation Island. Just pick up the phone and call a courtesy shuttle. When you get to the island, visit one of the lots that Maxis™ has made for you. If you want to get creative with all of the new objects, select VACATION ISLAND from the neighborhood screen and build your own vacation lot.

■ Hotels

To spend the night on Vacation Island, simply check into a front desk on one of the lots. Only one adult Sim from the family needs to check in. The key will work with beds anywhere on the island. You can check out if you would rather stay in a tent or igloo or keep your key and you will automatically be charged for each day you keep it past 11:00 AM. Sims can also rent tents and igloos on a per use basis.

■ Souvenirs and Curio Cabinets

Sims can bring home souvenirs that they find or win on vacation. Buy them a new curio cabinet so they can display their mementos and share their memories. Use the metal detector, fishing pier or carnival games to get souvenirs. Families that stay on the island for several days and display outstanding mood and attitude are eligible for Super Souvenirs. See your Vacation Director for details.

■ New Interests

Sims have six new interests: exercise, food, parties, style, Hollywood, technology and romance. You can now check their interest levels by using the interests button in the control panel.

■ Gifts and Postcards

Sims can now buy and select gifts to offer other Sims. Simply buy gifts on vacation at a tourist trap stand and the gift will appear in the new gift inventory. Any gift in your inventory can be given to another Sim. Try buying a postcard at a vacation store. Just mail it to a friend using the vacation mailbox to maintain long distance relationships!

■ Over 125 New Objects

We've created a variety of new objects that make it possible to build hotels, stores, campsites, carnivals and more. The possibilities are endless. Some of the objects – the hotel front desk, for example – have their own worker bees that come with them. This type of object is not available at home.

■ New Floors and Walls

New floors and walls in *The Sims Vacation* help enhance your island area. These new walls and floors come in "sets" that match the new objects, so you can create hardy Alpine wood lodges or sleek beach resorts. Make your Sim houses and resorts more authentic, more comfortable or just plain more fun with floors and walls that your Sims will love. *The Sims Vacation* allows an almost limitless number of floors and walls.

■ New Characters

Vacation offers even more characters to add to the vacation theme. A few of these characters are there purely to help you enjoy your stay. Wandering entertainers help keep kids – and their parents – in a good mood. Friendly sales and hotel staff will assist you in making happy memories. Plus don't forget to ask the Vacation Director questions if you need guidance.

■ New Build Mode Tools

Vacation has added three new tools for those who dream of being landscape architects. The

grass tool enables you to place lush grass areas perfect for picnics. On snow lots, the grass tool allows for placing snow or dirt on lots. On beach lots the grass tool allows placing sand or grass. The water tool lets you create a beautiful beach next to your boardwalk.

■ New Sorts in Buy Mode

Objects, objects and more objects! There is a new way to shop in *Vacation*. With all of the new objects, we decided to make finding them easier. For example, click on the decorative category to access sub categories for paintings, sculptures, rugs, etc. The categories you have in your *Vacation* buy mode are slightly different from the categories at home to reflect the unique items you can buy on *Vacation Island*.

■ Best of the thesims.com

As a bonus, the best objects and skins available from www.thesims.com are included in *Vacation*. The Triple Bull Dartboard, Nouveau Nites Party Pack, *the House Party Potty Pack*, Mistletoe and more are now available to you with this expansion pack.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Part of the unique fun of *The Sims* is watching the characters interact in new and surprising ways. *Vacation* has added more than 40 new ways for your Sims to interact and change their lifetime and daily relationships. If you meet someone new, give him or her a kiss on the hand. When you run into an old friend, check out the flying hug for new excitement. If you are a parent, you may need to scold children that aren't behaving while on vacation.

DATING

While dating is the focus of *Hot Date*, Sims can also date in *The Sims Vacation*. Simply call up a friend on the phone and ask them to join you on vacation. What you do on the island is up to you.

DEVIANT CHILDREN

For some children, the freedom afforded on *Vacation Island* can really go to their heads. Parents will need to manage children properly or risk antisocial behavior erupting. The

Vacation Island staff frowns upon such outbursts.

NEW VACATION ISLAND AREA

A new *Vacation Island* is included in *Vacation*. Take your entire family to a new location. Or go alone and meet new Sims or invite a date.

MULTIPLE NEIGHBORHOODS

Previous expansion packs have offered new neighborhoods. Each neighborhood has its own vacation area that you can build on. This feature enables you to create many more houses and downtown areas for your favorite Sims.

HELP SYSTEM

The help system detects when you're in an area of the game where further description may be helpful (including key commands and basic strategy). When the help system icon appears, you can either click to get more info or ignore it. Each message will be triggered until it is viewed. Once viewed, most messages will never appear again.

Activating the Help System

- The first few times you enter a house, you will be asked if you want to use the help system. If you click YES, the help system will be activated until each message has been displayed once. If you choose not to activate the help system, the dialogs will stop appearing. Eventually, the help system will be turned off.
- Once the help system is on, each time a help message is triggered, a question-mark icon will appear at the upper right-hand corner of the screen. Click it to expand it to a dialog screen.

Help System on Demand

- If you need help, click the question-mark icon in the control panel to bring up a list of topics. Then click on a topic to get the help information.

If you choose not to activate the help system, the dialogs will stop appearing. Eventually, the help system will be turned off.

Once the Help System is on, each time a help message is triggered, a question-mark icon will appear at the upper right-hand corner of the screen. Click it to expand it to a dialog. If you need help, click the question-mark icon in the control panel to bring up a list of topics. Then click on a topic to get the help information.

HOT KEYS

 or  – Pause

 +  – Pauses the game and allows you access to the MacOS Finder

 – Normal Speed

 – High Speed

 – Ultra Speed

 – Switch character

 – Toggle between first and second stories

 – Select second story

 – Select first story

 – Live Mode & Extend control panel

 – Buy Mode & Toggle between function and room sort

 – Build Mode

 – Camera Mode

 – Options Mode

 – Zoom In

 – Zoom Out

 – Rotate world left

 – Rotate world right

 – Cancels a pie menu

 – Cancels the tutorial (When in the tutorial)

 – Rotate object left (When object is in Hand Tool)

 – Rotate object right (When object is in Hand Tool)

 – Displays next page of items in buy or build mode catalogs

 – Displays previous page of items in buy or build mode catalogs

 +  – Click on face in family gallery – Edit bio

 +  – Copy text in text fields

 +  – Cut text in text fields

 +  – Paste text in text fields

 +  – Redo in text fields

 +  – Undo in text fields

 – Toggles anti-aliasing

 – Toggles shadows

 +  – Saves the game

 +  – Quits the game

 – Version

Buy mode:

 + Click – Buy and place multiple objects

Pool tool:

Click – Place pool tile

 + Click – Delete pool tile

Wall tool:

Click + Drag – Place wall or fence tile

 + Click + Drag – Delete wall or fence tile

 + Click – Place a rectangle wall or fence

Wallpaper tool:

Click – Paint wall tile

 + Click – Paint multiple wall tiles

 + Click – Unpaint wall tile

 +  + Click – Unpaint multiple wall tiles

Floor tool:

Click – Place one floor tile

Click + Drag – Place multiple floor tiles

 + Click – Place floor tiles in an entire room

 + Click – Delete one floor tile

 + Click + Drag – Delete multiple floor tiles

 +  + Click – Delete floor of entire room

Door tool:

Click – To place a door on a wall

 + Click on a door – Delete a door

Window tool:

Click – To place a window on a wall

 + Click on a window – Delete a window

SCROLLING...LET ME COUNT THE WAYS

If the edge scrolling option in the options panel is checked, or in other words “on”, you can move your mouse to the edge of the game screen and the screen will scroll in that direction.

Or you can control-click and drag the mouse in the direction you want to scroll.

You can also use the cursor keys to scroll.

Hold down the OPTION key and you can move the game world.

If you use the SPACEBAR to select a Sim, the game will scroll to that Sim.

Double clicking on a Sim in the family gallery will center the game on that Sim.

Control-clicking on a Sim in the family gallery will center on and track or follow that Sim until another scrolling method overrides the tracking.

Control-clicking on a Sim in the relationships panel will center on that Sim if that Sim is on the lot.

SELECTING A SIM

You can click on the face of a character in the family gallery section of the control panel to select them. Or you can use the space bar to cycle through and select Sims in the family gallery. And last but not least, you can control-click on the Sim in the world to select him or her.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

You should read through the manual and the read me file on the CD before contacting Aspyr Technical Support.

Please ensure that your computer meets the minimum system requirements that are listed on the bottom of the box. Our Technical Support representatives will not be able to help customers whose computers do not meet these requirements. So that we can better help you, please have the following information ready:

- Complete product title
- Exact error message reported (if any) and a brief description of the problem
- Your computer's processor type and speed
- Amount of RAM
- Make and model of your video card
- Speed of your CD-ROM or DVD-ROM
- Operating System

NOTE: Please do not contact Technical Support for hints/codes/cheats, only technical issues. Internet/email support is handled in English only.

INTERNET:

<http://www.aspyr.com/support>

Our support section of the Web has the most up-to-date information available, including patches that can be downloaded free of charge. By selecting the game you are inquiring about, you can view the Top Solutions for the game to date.

One of the best ways for you to help us is through the use of our ONLINE SUPPORT FORM, which is a link available on our Web site's Support Page.

EMAIL:

support@aspyr.com

You can also email our Technical Support representatives directly at the address provided above. Please ensure that you include all of the bulleted information asked above for the computer you are running the program from. A response may take anywhere from 24-72 hours, depending on the volume of messages we receive and the nature of your problem. During the first few weeks of a game release and during the holiday season the response time may take a little longer.

PHONE:

(512) 708.8100

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Contact a Technical Support Representative at the number provided above, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time), Monday through Friday, except holidays. When calling, please make sure you are in front of your computer with the power on and have all the bulleted information asked above.

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