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DRAGON QUEST IX

Sentinels of the Starry Skies



AN ADVANCED GUIDE TO DRAGON QUEST

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SUMMARY

DRAGON QUEST IX

Welcome to the world of Dragon Quest IX: Sentinels of the Starry Skies – a world where our young Hero tumbles into a land fraught with danger, ripe with adventure and laden with opportunities to seek out legendary treasure and right the wrongs of a distant, mortal world, burdened with the weight of much tomfoolery and helplessness...

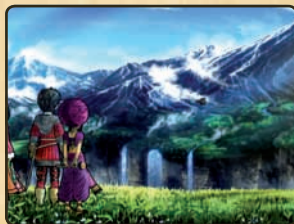
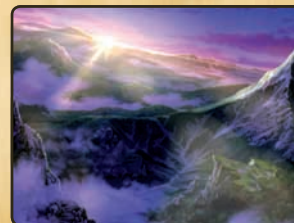
Dragon Quest IX is the latest creation in a long line of massively successful RPGs that have hooked fans in Japan for over 20 years.





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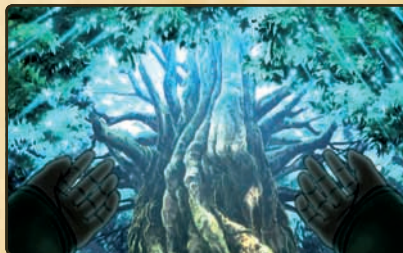


STORY INTRO



High up in the heavens lies the Observatory, home to the race of Guardians who rule the heavens and watch over the land of mortals. All await the day when the sacred fygg finally blossom on the Great World Tree Yggdrasil, marking the beginning of the

journey of the Celestians to the upper realms.



Our hero helps the mortals with numerous tasks to collect crystals of gratitude - known as "benevolence" - to feed the mighty Yggdrasil.

One fateful day an unknown force attacks the city and leaves our hero stranded in the world he once watched over, without wings and full of questions.



DISCOVER STORNWAY

Visit the local Weapon Shop and Armour Shop to get new equipment.



Check out the homes of Stornway's residents - you may find quests waiting for you.



The Quester's Rest - Stornway's incredible Inn



To the castle...



Your priest will assist you with salvation - and save your game.



In the Item Shop, you'll find useful items for your journey such as potions and herbs.



APUS MAJOR

The most senior and respected of all Celestians, a wise leader to them all.



AQUILA

Your Celestian mentor, as particular as he is powerful.



PAVO

This attractive Celestian opens the door to other worlds and knows about multiplayer mode.



YO

Your hero in the making
character of D



STELLA

Your stellar companion, easygoing and easy on her grammar.



ERINN

A famous innkeeper's mortal daughter.



PATTY

She runs the famous Quester's Rest tavern in Stornway - this is the place to be!



CAPT'N MAX MEDDLIN

A highly generous Mini Medal maniac.

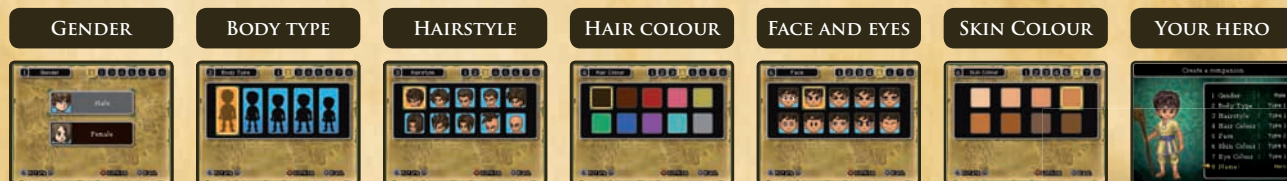


These are just some of the many colourful and unique characters you meet on your journey.



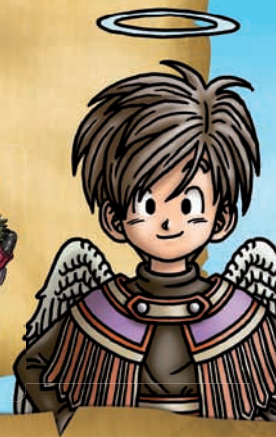
FULLY CREATE YOUR CHARACTER

Select from a plethora of options and create a hero to inspire legends...



WANT COMPANY?

You don't have to travel alone. Fully create a party of up to four people or recruit the most skilled adventurers in the tavern.



CUSTOMISE YOUR CHARACTER

Buy and acquire 1,000+ different clothes and weapons for you and your party to wear and display!



Every time you equip your character with a piece of clothing or a weapon, this will be reflected in the actual gameplay - you can choose an iron helmet or mighty bunny ears...it's entirely up to you!



VOCATIONS

You start as Minstrel but you can change the vocation of your hero later in the game.

WARRIOR

The strongest fighter - don't get in the way of his sword.



MAGE

Master of aggressive attacking spells.



PRIEST

He heals and supports your team when they are weakened in battle.



MARTIAL ARTIST

An elegant attacker.



THIEF

A vagabond with combat skills.



MINSTREL

Keeps the party's spirits up and adds some major fighting skills and extra spells to the mix.



There are six basic vocations, but more advanced ones to discover when you proceed in the game...

1,000+ WEAPONS / ITEMS

Discover both common and very rare items and weapons which can be worn by your hero and will help him on his journey.



TODAY'S SPECIAL BUNNY EARS



2X BUNNY TAIL



1X HAIRBAND



ALCHEMY

Mix existing items to create more powerful items and weapons to wear and show your friends.



BATTLE

With every win in the turn-based, dynamic battle system, your experience rises.

And when you level up, your attack and defence skills and number of spells are increased.



There are monsters with brute strength...



... some with tricky tactics...



...and some with powerful magic spells.

Whether you're looking for easy prey or a real challenge - be assured you will find your enemy.

BATTLE TACTICS

You can set individual battle tactics for your team to determine their general behaviour during battle - make them concentrate on healing or spend no MP - you decide!



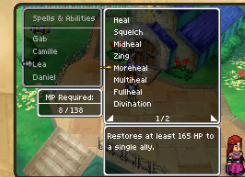
COUP DE GRÂCE



Your characters perform this powerful battle move occasionally. Every vocation has a different Coup de Grâce. When your whole party performs their move at the same time - something spectacular will happen!

SPELLS AND ABILITIES

With experience your party gains special spells and abilities to aid you in your journey.



TIP: Spells and Abilities stay with your character - even if he changes vocation!



MONSTERS OF DRAGON QUEST

There are many unique monsters from various monster families to be found and fought.



THE MIGHTY METAL SLIMES

Hard to catch - but once you manage to beat them you'll receive bucketloads of Experience Points.



SLIME:

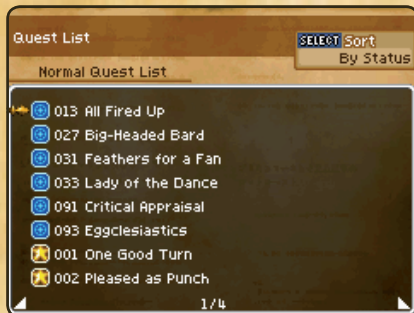
This cheerful blob is a familiar sight on Dragon Quest journeys, past and present. The slime doesn't present too much of a threat but some of his extended family can get more than a little challenging.



TIP: Known to drop treasure on a fairly regular basis.

HELP PEOPLE AND SOLVE QUESTS

Take on multiple quests at the same time and help people with their problems. Help various folk all over the world.



You'll be requested to take on a whole variety of side quests as you travel through foreign lands and visit towns and cities. These could range from collecting herbs or items to simply learning how to throw a valiant punch in the air to cheer someone up!



MULTIPLAYER

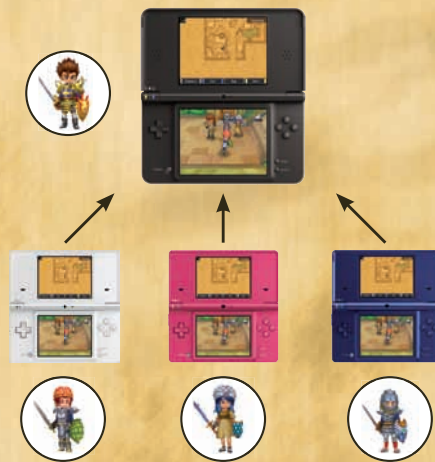


Enjoy a shared battle experience with the epic special multiplayer mode – where you can share your whole adventure with up to three friends.

Your friends are free to discover the world by themselves – if you're in trouble and need a hand in a hard battle then call for help and they will appear to fight at your side!



In need of a certain herb to alchemise? Simply tell your friends and start sharing.



Team up wirelessly with your real-life friends to create the strongest party ever!

CANVASSING MODE

Put your Nintendo DS in canvassing mode and check later who crossed your path during the day.



Receive and share rare treasure maps.
You'll acquire new maps as you pass people without even realising!



Get Erinn's business going - see who visited you as you encounter them as your guests in the tavern.

Put up your friends and favourite heroes in the first class suites.



TREASURE MAPS

Find and receive rare treasure maps to locate hidden dungeons and seek out rare items or fight unique monsters. Get your share! There's a virtually unlimited number of treasure maps available when you start sharing them with friends and by Canvassing.



DQVC - SHOP TIL YOU DROP!



Chat to Sellma at the Quester's Rest and set yourself up for online shopping! It's another way to get your hands on valuable goods with an ever-changing bargain list that's updated weekly.



You need to connect to the DQVC Shopping Channel via Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection.

MINI MEDALS COLLECTION

Find mysterious mini medals all over the world of Dragon Quest IX. Capt'n Meddlin is happy to swap them for unique equipment and items.



HISTORY OF DRAGON QUEST

The Dragon Quest Series has an impressive history - with its first title released over 24 years ago in 1986, and has since become legendary.



1986



1987



1988



1990



1992



1995



2000



2004

The Dragon Quest series became a huge phenomenon in Japan with over 50 million copies sold to date.



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