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1.0 Introduction -----

Hello everyone, and welcome to my Final Fantasy IX boss guide! I got the game on Monday, November 23rd, and needless to say I love it to death! It is one of my favorite role-playing games of all time already, and it is definitely a great playing experience. I loved the Japanese version, as well, so I hope I will be able to provide you, the reader, with a lot of quality information about this game!

Final Fantasy IX is definitely one of my favorite PSX role-playing games, and it definitely does the series justice following the rather stupid and boring (in my opinion, of course) Final Fantasy VIII. Sure, FF8 was okay, but it had a LOT, and I mean a LOT, of bad points. Final Fantasy IX has corrected on most of those, although I still prefer VII over either FFVIII or FFIIX.

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1.2 Revision History -----
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v1.1 (November 28, 2000): I hope I have fixed all of the appearance errors. I got some of the Disc 2 bosses done, I separated the bosses into discs now, it looks better. I also added ASCII art to the top, enjoy!

v1.0 (November 24, 2000): Boss guide completed through end of Disc 1.

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2.0 Boss Guide -----
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DISC 1

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STEINER BOSS FIGHT

HP: 169, 167, 162

AP: N/A

Weak Vs.: N/A

Steal Items: Leather Hat, Silk Shirt

Spoils: None

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In the first battle, just have Zidane and Blank attack every round, while Cinna steals. You should not have to worry about healing or anything. In the second battle, Steiner is accompanied by two people. It does not matter though, because you have Marcus and Vivi in your party now to compensate. Have Marcus and Zidane attack every round, while Vivi uses fire magic. The two guards should not be worried about, just focus on Steiner. In the third battle, just keep on attacking him until he realizes that there really is a Bomb behind him. The idiot cannot figure it out for a while!

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PRISON CAGE BOSS FIGHT

HP: 513, 533

AP: 3

Weak Vs.: Fire

Steal Items: Leather Wrist, Broadsword

Spoils: Phoenix Down, Eye Drops, Goblin Card (random)

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I had a lot of problems with this battle until I figured out what to do. Here is what you do: see how Zidane goes into Trance? Have him use his strongest attack, while Vivi uses fire. This makes the battle go by quicker, and you should knock him out before Garnet dies. The second time around, Vivi is trapped. Vivi will attack the monster with Fire magic, so just do attacks and heal Vivi with potions and you should do fine.

BAKU BOSS FIGHT

HP: 202

AP: N/A

Weak Vs.: N/A

Steal Items: Hi-Potion, Iron Sword

Spoils: None

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Baku is not intent on killing Zidane, but the game will end if you don't watch your HP and take Potions when needed. Baku will trip and fall during half of his attacks. But don't think him a fool, because Baku is really trying to get Zidane to steal some helpful items from him. If you can steal the Iron Sword for Steiner to use, your party will have it much easier in the Boss fight to come! So alternate attacks with attempts at thievery. After obtaining the Iron Sword, continue to attack until Baku calls it quits.

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PLANT BRAIN BOSS FIGHT

HP: 916

AP: 5

Weak Vs.: Fire

Steal Items: Iron Helm

Spoils: Phoenix Down, Potion

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This guy is actually pretty simple, as Blank can take out a good chunk of HP each round. Just have Blank and Zidane attack and Vivi heal with potions as needed (or attack with Fire magic, Plant Brain is weak against that) and you should do okay. You should worry about the Pollen attack, which causes darkness, use Eyedrops to cure this if you need to, but you should kill the sucka before he gets to know too much. =)

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BLACK WALTZ #1 AND SEALION BOSS FIGHT

HP: Black Waltz #1: 229, Sealion: 472

AP: 5

Weak Vs.: Fire (both), Ice (Black Waltz #1)

Steal Items: Black Waltz #1: Silk Shirt, Remedy, Sealion: Ether, Mythril Dagger

Spoils: Hi-Potion, Phoenix Down, Fang Card, Skeleton Card

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I really did not have too much problems with this boss at all. Just make sure to use Potions whenever you get down to around 100 HP or so, because a Blizzard spell could very well take off 100 HP from you, and then you will have to start this over again. I would kill the Black Waltz first, as he does not have as much HP as the Sea Lion. I think you can take out the Black Waltz with 4 or 5 hits of your sword if you have the Mage Masher equipped, so make sure to have it equipped before entering this battle, as I told you before. If Zidane goes into trance during this battle, it is pretty much over because he can use Tidal Flame which kills both bosses pretty much instantly. Like I said, this isn't that tough, just heal and keep your HP up and you should do fine.

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BLACK WALTZ #2 BOSS FIGHT

HP: 1030

AP: 5

Weak Vs.: Wind

Steal Items: Steepled Hat, Leather Plate

Spoils: Ether, Zagnol Card (random)

This battle is not that tough as long as you know what you are doing. Do not use magic on him unless you want him to attack back with magic. Here is what I would do: Have dagger cast Protect on all 4 members, if possible, while Steiner uses the Thunder sword magic attack, and Zidane steals and attacks. You can steal a Steepled Hat and Leather Plate from this boss, which is actually pretty good. Have Vivi be the healer of the party with Potions and stuff, although I just went ahead and used magic, his counter-magic attack is not that horrible. His goal is to kidnap the princess, so I assume that he will not kill her, instead he tries to kill the other guys in the party, and then kidnap her when they are dead. I do not know though since I did not have much problems with this boss, at all.

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BLACK WALTZ #3 BOSS FIGHT

HP: 1128

AP: N/A

Weak Vs.: Wind

Steal Items: Steepled Hat, Linen Cuirass, Silver Gloves

Spoils: None

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This battle is actually quite easy. Vivi goes into trance automatically to start the battle, which means he can now cast two magic spells in a row. And this one does not have a strong counter attack, which means you can cast two Fire spells in a row without having to worry too much. Have Steiner use Sword Magic spells frequently. Waltz No.3's one main defense seems to be its ability to float in the air. Once it rises off the deck, regular physical attacks miss every time. This puts Zidane at something of a disadvantage throughout the entire battle. Therefore, have him steal and cure the others with Potions when needed. I have him steal automatically, because you can get three good items from this boss, and at the end of the fight the boss just runs away and breaks down, so you do not win anything for defeating him.

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GIZAMALUKE BOSS FIGHT

HP: 3175

AP: 5

Weak Vs.: Thunder, Wind

Steal Items: Ice Staff, Magus Hat, Elixir

Spoils: Tent, Mythril Sword Card (Random)

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I found out a nice little trick in order to beat this guy more quickly. The move I hate most that he uses is Crash, but I found a way to counter it. I found a way to make the dude Blind, all you have to do is hit him with Zidane's Soul Blade ability, which is learned via the Ogre. Of course, you can learn it and then equip another weapon. This dude can also silence Vivi, which is a pain in the neck. Just have Vivi use magic when he can, while Steiner uses Sword Magic or Sword Tech if Vivi is silenced, and have Zidane steal some stuff then attack. Have Quina use blue magic, I just have it end up being the healer though, feeding the party potions as they need it. It is not that tough to beat once you have blinded it. If you do not blind it, it is a bit tougher to beat.

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GENERAL BEATRIX BOSS FIGHT

HP: 3630

AP: ???

Weak Vs.: Nothing

Steal Items: Chain Plate, Mythril Sword, Phoenix Down

Spoils: N/A

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Despite what other people may say, this is not that tough of a battle if you know what you are doing. You have Zidane, Freya, Quina, and Vivi in your party. Have Quina be the healer of the party, have Zidane attack and/or steal, have Freya jump or use Lancer every round, and have Vivi cast Thundara, Fira, or Blizzarra every round, that causes a lot of damage. I would have Vivi heal party with potions as needed, Quina can actually attack on occasion, and make sure you keep the party healed at all times, and you should do fine. I had a lot of potions, and kept on loading everyone with potions, she barely even touched me after that. After doing enough damage, she says something like "You will never defeat me!" then casts Shock Break on the party, ending the battle with everyone is at 1 HP.

DISC 2

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BLACK WALTZ NO. 3 BOSS FIGHT

HP: 3000

AP: ???

Weak Vs.: Nothing

Steal Items: Nothing

Spoils: N/A

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The biggest problem I had with this battle was the fact that Vivi was not present for the battle. Not only does this mean that you do not get his valuable magic attacks, but it also means that Steiner must go ahead and use whatever attacks he has learned, without using Sword Magic. However, this battle was pretty easy for me. Have Marcus attack (or steal if you want, I have not had him steal yet, though), Dagger should either cure or attack (if she has the Multina Racket equipped, she can probably do more damage than Marcus can), and Steiner should either attack or use his strongest sword attack. This battle is not that tough.

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RALVURAHVA BOSS FIGHT

HP: 2200

AP: 0

Weak Vs.: Nothing

Steal Items: Bone Wrist, Mythril Fork

Spoils: None

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Remember I told you that it would be a good idea to equip Steiner and Dagger with the ability Antibody? Well, this is the reason why. If you have it equipped, the battle will be easier. If you do not have it equipped, well good luck. Here is what I did for a quick win. I had Steiner attack with his Sword Art attacks, I had Marcus steal the two items then attack, and I had Dagger be the curer in the party, while casting antidotes on Marcus if he gets poisoned. The boss likes to cast a lot of Poison magic attacks, but since you have Antibody equipped you should not have much trouble dealing with this. Just attack it and heal as normal and it should be defeated rather easily, then it just leaves without giving you anything. If you stole stuff with Marcus, though, you have gained something from the boss. Otherwise, you got nothing! =)

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