

## ALL THINGS DISNEY

Useful tips, tricks, and what nots

**QUICK LINKS:** I do recommend reading the ENTIRE document to ensure the most magical time!

[My Disney Experience App](#)

[Disney MagicMobile Service](#)

[Magic Bands](#)

[Dining Reservations](#)

[Online Check in](#)

[Disney Extra Magic Hours](#)

[Disney Dining Calculator](#)

[Mobile Ordering](#)

[Rider Switch](#)

[Maps](#)

[Safety](#)

[Strollers](#)

[Transportation within the parks](#)

[Child Care](#)

[Disney's Genie + /Lightning Lane](#)

[Memory Maker](#)

[Packing](#)

[Rain](#)

[Tips](#)

[Garden Grocer](#)

[Character Dining](#)

[Unique Experiences](#)

[Don't Forget!](#)

[Park Hopper](#)

[Star Wars Land](#)

[Restaurant Recommendations](#)

### MY DISNEY EXPERIENCE & PLAY APP:

1. As soon as you book, set up your Account on [www.mydisneyexperience.com](http://www.mydisneyexperience.com) using your reservation number. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!!
  - a. Tickets, room reservations & dining reservations will be linked to your account
  - b. Disney is no longer issuing complimentary magic bands. They will have World Cards that you can pick up the hotel upon check in or you can purchase magic bands from the website.
  - c. Make dining reservations up to 60 days in advance
  - d. FastPass + is currently suspended/not available until further notice
2. Download the My Disney Experience app to change itinerary selections in real time
  - a. Familiarize yourself with this prior to travel
  - b. You will use this app throughout your vacation to alter fastpasses, dining reservations, and more!
  - c. PLEASE NOTE: this app uses a LOT of battery so make sure you take a small remote charger so you can charge your phone in your purse.
  - d. This app also shows wait times throughout the park!
3. Download the Disney Play App. It has games and fun for the kids to play now, but also has special games that are GPS supported so while you wait in line you have an all new interactive experience including "Playset Party" at the ride Toy Story Mania or "Off to Neverland" at Peter Pan's Flight and "Rocket Race" at Space Mountain, and "Andy's Board game Blast" at Slink Dog Dash. There is also trivia, rewards, challenges, and even allows you to celebrate Disney songs within the app to feature official playlists that are inspired by the theme parks, attractions, and characters! More to come as well!

### DISNEY MAGICMOBILE APP

Available now on iPhone and Apple Watch and coming soon to other smart devices, Disney MagicMobile service is a fun, easy-to-use new way for guests to experience The Most Magical Place

on Earth. The service is offered in addition to other options such as the MagicBand, the colorful, all-in-one bracelet, which will continue to be available and introduced in even more colors, designs and limited-edition fan favorites into the future.

Here are a few helpful tips to get started with Disney MagicMobile service:

- **Create A Customized Digital Pass:** Guests can create a Disney MagicMobile pass through the My Disney Experience app and add it to the Wallet app on iPhone or the digital wallet on other smart devices. Guests can customize their pass by choosing from several Disney-themed designs that animate upon use.
- For added ease, they may also store multiple passes on a single device, a great option for families.
- **Easily Enter the Parks and More:** Guests can simply hold their iPhone, Apple Watch, or other smart device near an access point when entering the parks or using other available features, just like they do with a MagicBand. With Express Mode on iPhone and Apple Watch, guests do not even need to wake or unlock their Apple device, or open up the app, to use their Disney MagicMobile pass. As a reminder, valid park admission and a park reservation are required for park entry and must be linked to an account.
- **Discover Other App Enhancements:** We've also added a new feature in the My Disney Experience app that allows guests to automatically link their Disney PhotoPass attraction photos and videos to their profile through a smartphone. Just confirm the settings in advance of riding at participating attractions. The My Disney Experience app also enables Disney Resort hotel guests to unlock their room door using our current digital room key feature.
- Guests may use Disney MagicMobile service, a MagicBand or a card interchangeably for added flexibility. Disney Resort hotel guests can purchase MagicBands at a special, pre-arrival price. Guests can also pick up a Key to the World card at their convenience at the front desk.

\*Please note Disney MagicMobile service requires iOS 14.4 or later and watchOS 7.3 or later.

## MAGIC BANDS:

Starting in 2021, Disney is no longer issuing complimentary magic bands. You may pick up your world card at the front desk in lieu of the magic bands. You may purchase magic bands on [mydisneyexperience.com](http://mydisneyexperience.com) if you prefer or use the MagicMobile listed above.

## DINING RESERVATIONS

Can be made up to 60 days in advance. 6 am online or by calling Disney Dining at 7 am on the 60th day.

Dining experiences do fill up VERY quickly. However no worries! If you can't get the restaurants you want, keep checking back and don't hesitate to call Disney Dining is 407-939-1947. Generally people make multiple reservations so cancelations are frequent so you can usually get what you want if you stay flexible.

Dining character experiences are made via this way as well. Again keep checking back even on the day of as people cancel. If there is a specific one you want, you can also ask at the hotel upon check in and they may be able to arrange it for you. (MORE INFO BELOW)

Click here or see below for [restaurant recommendations](#)

Click here or see below for [character dining experiences](#)

You can now order food on your app as well! [Click here](#) for details.

## FASTPASSES

Currently suspended/unavailable until further notice.

**[RIDE RECOMMENDATIONS:](#)** click here or see below for my personal recommendations

[Go to top](#)

## STAR WAR'S GALAXY EDGE is open!

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/destinations/hollywood-studios/star-wars-galaxys-edge>

Rise of the Resistance: At this time, Guests are required to join the virtual queue to experience Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance. A standby queue is not available. The virtual queue is limited and subject to availability.

Here's how to use the virtual queue:

- First, make sure you have the [My Disney Experience app](#)—with notifications enabled so you receive important updates about the virtual queue, including callback details and daily distribution times.
- As availability allows, Guests will have an opportunity to join the virtual queue at daily distribution times, which are subject to change. For distribution times, [view details about experiencing Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge.](#)
- To join, sign into your Disney account at one of the distribution times and select "Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance Virtual Queue" on the app home screen. You will then be able to view the current status and next steps for joining the virtual queue. The app will indicate when there is no availability for a specific distribution time. Some Guests may join backup groups.
- As long as your Disney account is linked to your group's park tickets, and everyone has a valid ticket or annual pass and a Disney Park Pass Reservation for Disney's Hollywood Studios, you can enroll everyone in the virtual queue at the same time\*. In order to give as many Guests as possible the opportunity to join the Resistance, each Guest can enter the virtual queue no more than once per day.
- You'll receive a notification via the My Disney Experience app if your group is called to return. You'll have up to an hour from the time of the notification to go to the entrance of Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance.
- Please note that joining the virtual queue does not guarantee the ability to experience *Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance*.

If you have any questions or need assistance, Cast Members at Guest Experience Team locations throughout the park are available to assist.

Traveling w/adults? Adult favorite rides:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Avatar Flight of Passage</li><li>○ Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run</li><li>○ Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance</li><li>○ Space Mountain</li><li>○ Rock 'n' Roller Coaster</li><li>○ Splash Mountain</li><li>○ Expedition Everest – Legend of the Forbidden Mountain</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Test Track</li><li>○ Big Thunder Mountain Railroad</li><li>○ Twilight Zone Tower of Terror</li><li>○ Slinky Dog Dash</li><li>○ Seven Dwarfs Mine Train</li><li>○ Toy Story Mania – find the kid in you and test your sharpshooter skills</li><li>○ Soarin'</li></ul> |
|--|--|

- Upcoming – Tron Lightcycle Run

## ONLINE CHECK IN: To expedite your check in process:

Check in online (via My Disney Experience account) for your resort up to 60 days prior to arrival on My Disney Experience Website so you can avoid the front desk altogether!

Disney can even email/text you when your room is ready!

## DISNEY EXTRA MAGIC HOURS:

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/calendars/#>

- Also will be able to see on the app

## DINING/MEAL PLANS

Currently suspended/unavailable until further notice

## MOBILE FOOD ORDERING

Disney allows you to preorder and prepay for your food at participating Counter Service restaurants. Upon arrival at the restaurant, guests using Mobile Order can then bypass the ordering queue and go straight to a designated Pick Up Counter to get their food. Just open up the My Disney experience app, under the My plans, select Order Food. Then select your restaurant and check out the menu and build your order. 😊

[Go to top](#)

Once you customize and purchase and arrive at the restaurant, simply open your My Disney Experience app and touch the screen option that announces your arrival. The order will enter into preparation once you hit the “I’m Here” option upon your arrival at the restaurant. You’ll receive a notification on where to pick up your order once the screen displays your order is ready. A nice feature is you aren’t tied to a specific time to pick up your meal. 😊 A time saver for sure!

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/guest-services/mobile-food-orders/>

## Participating Counter Service Restaurants (subject to change)

### MAGIC KINGDOM

Aloha Isle  
Casey’s Corner  
Cosmic Ray’s Starlight Cafe  
DOLE Whip  
Pecos Bill Tall Tale Inn and Cafe  
Pinocchio Village Haus  
Columbia Harbour House  
Tomorrowland Terrace (*Open seasonally*)  
The Lunching Pad

### ANIMAL KINGDOM

Harambe Market  
Pizzafari

Satu’li Canteen  
Flame Tree Barbecue  
Restaurantosaurus

### EPCOT

Electric Umbrella  
Liberty Inn

### HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

ABC Commissary  
Backlot Express  
Blue Milk  
Catalina Eddie’s  
Fairfax Fare  
Milk Stand – Galaxy’s Edge

Ronto Roasters – Galaxy’s Edge  
Docking Bay 7 – Galaxy’s Edge  
PizzeRizzo  
Rosie’s All-American Cafe  
Woody’s Lunch Box

The Artist’s Palette @ Saratoga Springs  
Landscape of Flavors @ Art of Animation  
Riverside Mille Food Court @Port Orleans Riverside  
Gasparilla Island Grill @Grand Floridian  
Spyglass Grill at Caribbean Beach Resort  
Centertown Market at Caribbean Beach Resort  
Contempo Café at Disney’s Contemporary Resort  
End Zone Foot Court @ All Star Sports Resort  
Everything POP Shopping & Dining @ Pop Century Resort  
Intermission Food Court, All Star Music Resort  
Roaring Fork @ Wilderness Lodge  
Sassagoula Floatworks & Foot Factory @Port Orleans Resort French Quarter  
World Premier Food Court @ All Star Movies

## DISNEY SPRINGS

D-Luxe Burger  
The Polite Pig also offers online ordering; however, it is available via politepig.com, and not the My Disney Experience Mobile Order process

## DISNEY WORLD RESORTS

Capt. Cook’s @ Polynesian Village Resort

## RIDER SWITCH:

Adults can ride big rides even if the kids won't. Disney has a system called Rider Switch that will allow the older members of your family to ride while the too-little-to-ride members wait. You simply tell the Cast Member at any ride that has a height requirement that you'd like to do a Rider Switch.

[Go to top](#)

They'll give you a Rider Switch pass (which works like a FastPass) so that after you ride, you can hand it to the other half of your party and they can ride right away without waiting in line. Another perk: if you have a child that wants to ride and one that doesn't, the child that wants to ride can actually go twice - once with each parent.

## MAPS:

FLIO is a useful app for getting you around airports. It connects you to the airport's Wi-Fi, and has general useful information.

Below is a link to a map of the entire Walt Disney World property. The map includes all the Disney Theme Parks, Resorts, Water Parks, & Disney Springs. You can scroll in and out of the map to get as much, or as little, detail as you wish. This will give you a good idea as to where things are in proximity to one another. Just remember, you're never going to be close to everything! (also maps are available on the apps)

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/maps/>

Below are links to maps of each of the 4 Theme Parks:

Disney's Magic Kingdom - <http://www.wdwinfo.com/maps/MK.htm>  
Disney's Epcot - <http://www.wdwinfo.com/maps/epcot.htm>  
Disney's Hollywood Studios - <http://www.wdwinfo.com/maps/disney-hollywood-studios-map.htm>  
Disney's Animal Kingdom - <http://www.wdwinfo.com/maps/AK.htm>

Download the My Disney Experience app on your smartphone. It will be your best friend while you are in Disney! Plus, it has a great feature that lists the wait times for EVERY ride, which is very useful.

## SAFETY

Make a copy, or take a picture with your phone, of your ID, important documents, and any credit cards you may bring with you. This is to ensure that you have the telephone numbers and other information needed to report a lost or stolen card.

Each morning take a picture of your child/children. This is in case you get separated or lost from one another. You then have a photograph with what they look like and what they are wearing that day.

## STROLLERS:

I recommend bringing your own so it doesn't look like everyone else's.

However Single-day and multi-day stroller rentals are available at all Disney Theme Parks. Look for the stroller symbol on each Disney Theme Park Guidemap, available at the Park entrances. Strollers cannot be pre-rented from the park.

You can also rent from outside companies such as <https://www.orlandostrollerrentals.com/> (Beach Bum Vacation does not endorse this company specifically, but overall this company does get good reviews online.)

## TRANSPORTATION WITHIN DISNEY

You can take a bus, boat or monorail from any resort to any theme park, but to get from resort to resort you have to go to the Transportation & Ticket Center and transfer there.

[Go to top](#)

The Resort Monorail makes the following stops:

- Magic Kingdom Theme Park
- Disney's Contemporary Resort
- Transportation and Ticket Center (TTC)
- Disney's Polynesian Village Resort
- Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa

The Epcot Monorail and the Express Monorail originate at the TTC and offer express round-trip service to Epcot & Magic Kingdom Theme Park.

The Walt Disney World Monorail System operates from 30 minutes prior to earliest park opening until one hour after latest park closing. Keep in mind that certain destinations are not direct; you may be required to take a connecting mode of transportation to reach your destination.

## PARK HOPPER

Guests who purchased a ticket or annual pass with the Park Hopper benefits will be able to visit more than one park per day, with some new modifications as part of our ongoing focus on health and safety. These modifications are designed to help us continue managing attendance in a way that fosters physical distancing.

- We will set specific Park Hopper hours during which this option are available. Park Hopper hours will start at 2 PM each day and end at the park's scheduled close time. Guests are now able to check the [Park Hours calendar](#) and the My Disney Experience app for the most up-to-date Park Hopper hours, as they could start earlier at a later date, depending on the day and park.
- With the updated Park Hopper experience, Guests must make a Disney Park Pass reservation for the first park they plan to visit AND enter that first park prior to visiting another. At this time, a park reservation is not required after the first park, however, reservation requirements are subject to change.
- Reservations for [dining experiences](#), [Droid Depot](#), [Savi's Workshop](#) and other pre-booked experiences do not guarantee access to a park, and Park Hopper availability may change daily. We recommend Guests book in-park dining and other experiences at the park where they have a Disney Park Pass reservation. Guests can make dining reservations or add their party to the [walk-up](#) list at select table-service restaurants via the My Disney Experience app after they enter the second park, subject to availability.

Please note that the ability to visit another park will be subject to the park's capacity limitations. In the event that the Park Hopper option is unavailable at a theme park, Guests will be notified in real time via a push notification from the My Disney Experience app.

## CHILD CARE/BABY CARE CENTERS

There are childcare centers near the entrance of each park for younger kids should they need to rest or just need a quiet place to decompress. Also, Baby Care Centers can be found in all Disney Theme Parks and offer private rooms with rocking chairs for nursing mothers, diaper-changing rooms and rooms with highchairs. Diapers, formula, and teethingers are available for purchase. Look for the pacifier symbol on each Disney Theme Park Guidemap, available at the Park entrances.

## DISNEY'S GENIE +/LIGHTNING LANE

Lightning Lane entrances will be introduced at a wide variety of attractions and entertainment experiences, available through 2 options, which can be combined. Disney Genie+ Lightning Lane Selections and Individual Lightning Lane Selections.

### Disney Genie+ Lightning Lane Selections

When you take your day to the next level by purchasing Disney Genie+ service, you can select arrival windows for Lightning Lane entrances that are available at more than 40 attractions and entertainment across all 4 theme parks, one at a time throughout the day.

Disney Genie+ service will be available for \$15 per Guest per day.

## How to Purchase

- **Before Your Visit:**  
Available as an add-on to a ticket or vacation package for the duration of visit.
- **Same Day of Visit:**  
Available for single-day use for existing ticket holders or Annual Passholders. Purchase via Disney Genie service in the My Disney Experience app.

## Individual Lightning Lane Selections

For some of our most highly demanded attractions will offer Lightning Lane entry as an "à la carte" purchase. This option will be available for all Guests—with or without Disney Genie+ service—and lets you choose a time to arrive at up to 2 attractions each day (booked one at a time).

### Price

Pricing and availability will vary by date, attraction and park. Be sure to check the My Disney Experience app on the day of your visit for current prices and attraction availability.

### How to Purchase

Purchase via Disney Genie service in the My Disney Experience mobile app on the same day of your visit.

[Go to top](#)

**DISNEY'S MEMORY MAKER:** Great way to get an unlimited number of family photos without 1 person missing in the picture. I highly recommend it. I loved having all the family pics that I normally would not have gotten. I think of the cost like a family photo sitting fee. 😊 If interested, I can add it on to your package.

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/memory-maker/>

There are Disney photographers around the park to take family pictures, Walt Disney World also has 3 locations with a studio backdrop: Marketplace @ Disney Springs, Sir Mickey's @ Magic Kingdom Park, and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa. They offer the opportunity to capture photos in front of a standard backdrop or Disney themed virtual backdrops.

## PACKING

If you are flying to Orlando, pack in your carry-on a bathing suit and one outfit per person. Depending on when you arrive at Disney, it may take a few hours until your room is ready. This way you can still go swimming if you want, or change your clothes after the plane ride. The resort can hold your luggage until your room is available.

For the younger girls, if they are going to do Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique in the Magic Kingdom or Disney Springs, bring a Princess dress instead of purchasing it at Disney. Again, it's more expensive to buy it there than at local stores. Even if they aren't participating in the boutique, I know from experience that little girls like to dress up as their favorite princess and walk around the parks in them. This also goes for any buccaneers or Jedi's out there!

Don't forget your sunscreen, and then don't forget to reapply if you are sweating in the summer.

If you want, purchase hand-held spray fans to help keep cool during the hot & humid summer months. They're \$20 if you buy them there.

Don't forget to bring sweatshirts or sweat jackets for cool evenings in the fall and winter. Sweatshirts in the parks are expensive! – check the weather first.

Bring a portable cell phone charger. The Disney App will eat up your battery.

## **RAIN RAIN GO AWAY**

Buy rain ponchos **before** you leave to bring with you. There can be brief, but drenching thunderstorms that you don't want to be caught in. Plus, the parks don't close in the event of rain, though some individual rides may. Rain ponchos at the park are VERY expensive!

### **TIPS:**

DO NOT go into attractions with long running times without taking kids for a bathroom break first!

If a wait time is 15 minutes or less I recommend NOT using fastpasses. Maybe even 20 minutes or less depending on the ride as sometimes the smaller times are not entirely accurate and even faster than it states.

Buy Disney-themed souvenirs ahead of time for your kids (from Target, Amazon, Dollar Tree, etc.) and package them up for your trip. If you want, in the middle of the night, leave a souvenir by each kid's bed (kind of like the concept of a Disney tooth-fairy) with a note from Mickey Mouse, or another Disney character, telling them to have a wonderful day at the Magic Kingdom, or whatever park you're visiting that day. It adds a little Disney magic. Hopefully, your child won't feel the need to buy souvenirs that day because they got a gift from Mickey himself, AND you don't spend a fortune on Disney souvenirs!

[Go to top](#)

You may find using gift cards instead of cash much easier. You can get your kids a gift card of their own and set a spending limit for souvenirs. Keep the card number/receipt because if it is lost, it can be reported to Disney and they will check the account. You then can be given a new card with the remaining balance. Better than losing cash or losing your credit cards! – Many schools offer a fund raising program called Scrip – great way to purchase gift cards for Disney and raise money for your school!

There are now places to charge your cell phone in several of the parks.

Once you have used your 3 fastpasses online, you can book more fastpasses on your app or at kiosks at the park.

The average day is 7 miles of walking! Be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

Disney allows you to visit all their resorts for free, just to hang out and see what the property looks like, though you can't use the pool. This is a great way to spend an afternoon when you don't have tickets, and especially during the holidays when everything is decorated. You can enjoy a meal while you are there too.

If you can, do not buy overpriced bottled water in the parks. Invest in a refillable water bottle or have a case of water delivered to your room on the first day of your arrival. Garden Grocer (<https://www.gardengrocer.com/>),

**GARDEN GROCER:** (<https://www.gardengrocer.com/>),

Great way to order food/alcohol/drinks/diapers, etc. to be delivered to your room so you don't have to pack!

[Go to top](#)

## CHARACTER DINING

FANTASTIC WAY TO GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTERS

Below is a list of the Character Dining restaurants along with the Disney friends that appear at each dining establishment. Except for Cinderella's Royal Table, all the restaurants are buffet style dining. **Please note that character appearances are subject to change without notice and some may not be available due to COVID restrictions.**

1900 Park Fare in Disney's Grand Floridian - Mary Poppins, Alice in Wonderland, The Mad Hatter, Tigger, and Winnie the Pooh appear at this restaurant for breakfast. At dinner, Cinderella, Prince Charming, and their friends join in on the fun.

Epcot International Festival of the Holidays – Candlelight Processional Dining Packages:

The popular Candlelight Processional features a celebrity narrator, 50-piece orchestra and glorious massed choir—but this enchanting seasonal spectacular tends to fill up quickly! By reserving a Candlelight Processional Dining Package, you'll be able to indulge in a leisurely holiday meal with loved ones, plus have peace of mind knowing that seating is guaranteed at this highly sought-after Christmastime event.

Candlelight Processional Dining Packages are available for breakfast, lunch and dinner—each meal includes an appetizer, entrée and dessert or one full buffet (where applicable), along with a non-alcoholic beverage. Simply select a restaurant, savor the sumptuous cuisine, then take your seat—the sights and sounds of this joy-filled family tradition are sure to lift spirits!

Akershus Royal Banquet Hall in Norway at Epcot - Dine in a medieval castle as Disney Princesses and Friends mingle with Guests to give autographs and pose for pictures. There are appearances by Snow White, Cinderella, Belle, Princess Aurora, Ariel, & Mary Poppins. At lunch and dinner, there is a "Taste of Norway" buffet that features Scandinavian seafood, imported cheeses, cured & sliced meats, and a large selection of salads and fruits. Then, choose from a rotating menu of hot entrees.

Cape May Cafe at Disney's Beach Club Resort - Minnie and some of her friends, such as Donald Duck & Goofy, have gathered at the Cape May Café to start the day with a Beach Bash Breakfast! They are all dressed up in their beachy best. Characters appear at breakfast only.

Chef Mickey's at Disney's Contemporary Resort - Join Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald, Pluto, & Goofy for some supercalifragilistic fun! This is the creme de la creme of the Character Dining experiences.

Cinderella's Royal Table at Disney's Magic Kingdom - Cinderella, of course! And, Disney princess friends. Tiaras and glittering gowns are optional, but young Guests are encouraged to dress up for the occasion. The dining room is small and intimate with tapestries, soaring ceilings, warm wood trim and leaded glass windows overlooking Fantasyland. A souvenir picture will be taken of your party in the restaurant lobby. This photo will be added to your My Disney Experience account and can be downloaded if you have Memory Maker or purchased through PhotoPass.

[Go to top](#)

The Crystal Palace in the Magic Kingdom, between Main Street and Adventureland - Winnie the Pooh, and a few of his pals, including Tigger, Eeyore and Piglet. This is the only character meal where Winnie the Pooh and friends are found.

Disney on Broadway Concert Series Dining Package Create delicious memories with a well-seasoned smorgasbord of food and song under the stars. Here's an offer hungry Disney music aficionados can't refuse! Delight in an amazing meal at a select Epcot restaurant—along with guaranteed seating at the *Disney on Broadway* Concert Series. Guests can enjoy fabulous breakfast, lunch or dinner options before attending a showcase of iconic *Disney on Broadway* songs later that evening. From fork to final bows, you won't miss a toe-tapping minute! Check back later for details about *Disney on Broadway* Dining Packages at the 2020 Epcot International Festival of the Arts.

Disney's Perfectly Princess Tea Young princesses and princes are regaled with music, dancing, storytelling and more at this unforgettable, courtly tea. "Rose Petal," a magical rose from Aurora's garden, has come alive to host the party, leading a special princess parade, storytelling and sing-alongs. At this stately celebration, Princess Aurora herself may also make an appearance, so be sure to bring your cameras and autograph books! Encouraged to dress as their favorite Disney Princess, young royals sip apple juice "tea" and feast on fruit, an assortment of sandwiches—some heart-cut—and Princess Cake. Meanwhile, all adult Guests can enjoy our signature blended and perfectly steeped tea, and dine upon a selection of cheeses, grapes, lavosh, and tea sandwiches that may include egg salad and curry chicken salad.

Fantasmic! Dining Package Reserve your VIP spot at this dazzling nighttime spectacular, along with a delightful dining package. Whether you prefer the casual ambiance of Mama Melrose's Ristorante Italiano, the bustling lunch scene at Hollywood & Vine or the fine dining vibe of The Hollywood Brown Derby, you'll be sure to savor a mouthwatering meal before the stunning musical extravaganza known as Fantasmic! takes you away with its colorful waterworks, fantastical fireworks and a host of Disney Characters. Here's what's included in each Fantasmic! Dining Package:

One entrée, dessert and nonalcoholic beverage at select full-service restaurants or one full buffet (where applicable)  
One voucher for guaranteed seating at Fantasmic! in a reserved area

The Garden Grill in Disney's Epcot Future World at the top level of the Land Pavillion - Chip 'n' Dale and other favorite Disney characters visit here. While dining the entire restaurant rotates giving you a constantly changing view. The scenery is part of the Living with the Land attraction which is located below.

Good morning Breakfast w/Goofy & His Pals Treat your senses to an appetizing assortment of traditional breakfast favorites as you yuk it up with Goofy!  
During the Good Morning Breakfast with Goofy and His Pals, you can take your pick from a tasty buffet or watch our chefs work their magic at the omelet station. Each breakfast includes your choice of juice, soft drink, coffee or tea.

[Go to top](#)

The Good Morning Breakfast with Goofy and His Pals takes place on Thursdays and Saturdays—and Tuesdays during school break periods—from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM, and includes a complimentary download of digital photos!

Hollywood & Vine in Disney's Hollywood Studios - Disney Junior favorites from Doc McStuffins, Sofia the First, Jake and the Neverland Pirates, & Handy Manny make this a fun and interactive dining experience.

Mickey's Backyard BBQ at The Campsites at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort - Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Goofy and Chip 'n" Dale make this music-filled hoedown a rootin' tootin' good time.

[Go to top](#)

### Rivers of Light Dining Package

A Showstopping Delight

Savor a mouthwatering meal and score premium seats to the riveting Rivers of Light show! Pick your pleasure! Enjoy a delicious feast at participating restaurants in Disney's Animal Kingdom park and experience the beauty of the captivating nighttime display, Rivers of Light—a dazzling light and water show celebrating the magic of nature.

Included in Each Rivers of Light Dining Package:

A meal from one of 2 participating restaurants, plus a non-alcoholic beverage  
Premium seating for Rivers of Light show

### Signature Celebration Package @ Cinderella's Royal Table

An Unforgettable Fête

Light up the night with a regal feast, majestic sweets and the Happily Ever After fireworks spectacular.

Beginning this August, royal fans of all ages are invited to the first-ever Signature Celebration Package at Cinderella's Royal Table, a premium event comprised of 3 unique experiences—Character Dining inside Cinderella Castle, priority fireworks viewing and a delightful dessert

party—in addition to several sensational surprises. It's an extraordinary finale to your Magic Kingdom park visit and a great way to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions too!

Your evening begins with a sumptuous dinner at Cinderella's Royal Table, where you'll be personally welcomed by Cinderella and Prince Charming. Attendees will receive keepsake menus as well as a complimentary glass of sparkling wine or specialty beverage. You'll then indulge in a scrumptious starter such as the charcuterie platter and choose your main course from a delicious menu with options including the braised pork chop and cauliflower, beef or fish of the day.

[Go to top](#)

Little ones will love the kid-friendly menu options—plus some of your favorite Disney Princesses will stop by while you dine.

With a beautiful box of Cinderella-inspired confections to take along, next you'll head to the West Plaza Garden priority viewing area to watch Happily Ever After, a grand fireworks extravaganza sure to warm hearts as popular Disney songs help bring some of your best-loved tales to life.

After the show, send taste buds soaring at the After Fireworks Dessert Party, where you'll sample some pretty delish dishes, including Cinderella-themed desserts, chocolate-dipped strawberries, hand-scooped ice cream, cookies, cupcakes and more—it's the pièce de résistance to an incredible Disney parks day!

#### Story Book Dining at Artist Point w/Snow White

Meet Snow White, Dopey and Grumpy every evening while dining in a rustic setting, inspired by the Disney film Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs!

Enter the Enchanted Forest to the sounds of delightful music that help bring a storybook fantasy to life.

And if you dare, meet The Queen—and even pose for a photo with her!

Characters and entertainment are subject to change without notice.

#### Trattoria al Forno

Simply Delizioso

Take your taste buds on a tour of Italy with a tempting array of regional specialties and crowd-pleasing classics. Showcasing an artisanal menu, this warm 'n' cozy trattoria celebrates the diversity of Italian cuisine with authentic ingredients and recipes hailing from Milan to Rome. And since all great meals must come to an end... why not cap yours off with something magnificent? Treat your senses to a delightful assortment of Italian desserts and seasonal sweets.

#### Italian Wines Galore

Pair your meal with an authentic wine. Trattoria al Forno's extensive wine list has the proud distinction of being 100% Italian. All featured wines—over 60 offerings by the bottle and more than 25 wines by the glass—come from historic wine regions, including Tuscany, Veneto and Piedmont. Aficionados of Chiantis, super Tuscans, Prosecco, Pinot Grigio and Moscato can count on being well provided for here.

Signature cocktails and Italian beers and sodas round out the drink menu, offering something to please every palate. Saluti!

Tusker House at Disney's Animal Kingdom - Join Safari Donald Duck and friends at this colorful Harambe marketplace eatery for a wild Character Dining experience regardless of time of day—from breakfast and lunch to the family-style dinner buffet—all brimming with African flavor.

Wonderland Tea Party at 1900 Park Fare

Pint-sized partygoers can join familiar Characters from Alice in Wonderland for an hour-long “unbirthday party.”

Party Time Adventures

Guests of honor will sip a special “tea” that tastes remarkably like apple juice, decorate cupcakes, make a take-home craft—and have photos taken with their merry hosts.

Location: 1900 Park Fare at Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa

[Go to top](#)

Woody’s Roundup

This new event — taking place on July 4, 5, and 6, 2019 — will present games, crafts, BBQ, and Toy Story pals!

Disney’s Contemporary Resort will feature “a larger-than-life recreation playset of Woody’s Roundup—a rustic, wild western town. Once inside, pal around with Woody, Jessie, Bullseye and Buzz Lightyear. Jam along as Mr. Microphone plays some of Woody’s favorite tunes.”

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES: (PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LIST. CHECK MY DISNEY EXPERIENCE AND WEBSITE TO FIND MORE – SOME EXPERIENCES ARE CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS)**

**CALVACADES!!** Disney Character Calvacades – see your favorite Disney Characters as they set out on the parade route in the parks

[Go to top](#)

**STAR WARS: GALAXY’S EDGE, AN ALL NEW LAND:** Variety of rides, entertainment, shops. Immerse yourself into a Galaxy Far, Far Away

**PIRATE ADVENTURE CRUISE:** fun for kids 4 to 12 years old. They go on a “pirate ship” with other kids looking for treasure. It’s 90 minutes long so you can go have a quiet breakfast!  
<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/events-tours/pirate-adventure-cruises/>

**PHINEAS AND FERB: AGENT P’S WORLD SHOWCASE ADVENTURE.** It’s a lot of fun and an ingenious way of getting young kids to enjoy the “countries” of Epcot.  
<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/attractions/epcot/agent-p-world-showcase-adventure/>

**The Jedi Training:** Trials of the Temple is a lot of fun. Kids between the ages of 4 and 12, don a brown robe and pledge the Jedi Oath under the tutelage of a Jedi Master. I recommend getting to Hollywood Studios prior to the park opening so you can register to participate in the show. If you’re not there early, you will most likely not be able to participate as it fills up very quickly. Here’s the link for more information:

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/entertainment/hollywood-studios/star-wars-jedi-training/>

**The Pirates League** is also fun. Captain Jack is looking for some new recruits, so head to Adventureland in the Magic Kingdom Park for the ultimate pirate transformation experience. Beard, mustache, fake teeth, photo and medallion included. Each Guest checks in at the pirate's lair and gets an official pirate name. Swashbucklers can test their pirate prowess on the streets of Adventureland where they search for clues and discover treasures. There's also Pirates Of The Caribbean: The Legend of Captain Jack Sparrow in Hollywood Studios.

### **Disney's Boardwalk**

Be sure to experience the timeless charm of Disney's BoardWalk, a quarter-mile promenade of dining, unique shops, and fun nightlife. Stroll along the water's edge, play afternoon midway games and discover evening street performers. Evoking turn-of-the-century boardwalks in such coastal towns as Coney Island and Atlantic City, Disney's BoardWalk is a short walk to Epcot and an easy boat ride to Disney's Hollywood Studios. I recommend eating in Epcot one night and then walking over to the BoardWalk to catch one of the street performers. They are a lot of fun and engage the kids.

There is random entertainment everywhere. As you're going through the parks, you might spot some things happening randomly that are worth stopping to watch. These things may seem to pop up randomly but they are actually on a schedule.

### **DON'T FORGET!**

Do not forget the trip is supposed to be fun for the family. Sometimes, your planned schedule needs to be tossed away and enjoy the magic as it happens. Have a general idea of what you want to do but don't plan every minute. Go with the flow. Wander. Discover. Enjoy your family time together!

Disney is so much more than the rides! There's parades, fireworks, scavenger hunts, shows, shopping, special events, behind-the-scenes tours, water parks, sporting events, movies, character experiences, dance parties, sing-alongs...the list goes on. Just remember this when you are planning your days at Disney.

You will suffer from Disney withdrawal! Planning for your magical Disney vacation takes a lot of time and effort, so when you finally go on your trip and come home, you may sink into a bit of a Disney depression. My solution for curing a Disney depression?

Contact me to start planning your next trip!:)

[Go to top](#)

### **STAR WARS GALAXY'S EDGE- WHAT TO DO**

Star Wars Galaxy's Edge opened in the fall 2019. You enter the land of Batuu and have your own intergalactic experience! Batuu has always existed in Star Wars films, but it was never shown. The creators chose this land so that you can create your own immersive experience in the galaxy!

Millennium Falcon: Smuggler's Run does accept fastpasses, but they can be difficult to get. Regardless arrive when the park opens and go straight to the rides for the best chance to get on them and enjoy the wonder of Batuu. I would even recommend arriving before the park opens.

Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance, is the banner attraction and has 4 ride systems, 2 ships, and a battalion of Stormtroopers and multiple Kylo Ren encounters! It's unlike any other attraction that exists – completely immersive!

Other than the rides, guests are encouraged to explore the very authentic land of Batuu and interact with the locals as they all have their own stories.

Food is of course an always important part of traveling so be sure to check out the local restaurants from Kat Saka's Kettle popcorn stand, tasting blue milk at The Milk Stand, drinks at Oga's Cantina which even has its own droid, wraps and snacks at Ronto Roasters, and unique offerings at the Docking Bay.

## **RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS – some restaurants may be unavailable due to COVID restrictions.**

If you are traveling in the fall, visiting Epcot to enjoy the Food & Wine Festival is a lot of fun – great way to try unique dishes and drinks!

**ABC Commissary**- Located in Hollywood Studios, this is a nice quick-service restaurant with traditional fast food to healthy salads. The atmosphere is pleasant and there is seating available outside too.

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/hollywood-studios/abc-commissary/>

**Be Our Guest**- Located in the Magic Kingdom's Fantasyland, it's themed after Disney's Beauty & The Beast. It is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, but, try and go for dinner when the food and atmosphere are best. I had an amazing meal here and highly recommend it. The service was impeccable too. Plus, you can meet Beast in his Den and have pictures taken with him. If you go for breakfast or lunch no reservation is required. Though, you may wait a long time for a table. It's also a modified quick-service restaurant for breakfast and lunch. That is, you order your meal at the counter, but it is served to you at your table by a cast member. Also, Beast is not here at those times.

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/magic-kingdom/be-our-guest-restaurant/>

**California Grill**- Located in the Contemporary Resort. It's on the top floor and has great views of the Magic Kingdom. This is one of my favorite restaurants in all of Disney. Plus you can watch the fireworks in the Magic Kingdom from just outside the restaurant. It takes two dining points.

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/contemporary-resort/california-grill/>

**Cape May Cafe**- Located in the Beach Club Resort, this is a character dining restaurant. Minnie, Donald, Goofy, and their friends make an appearance here. If you can't get into Chef Mickey for a character meal, this would be my second choice. All the character restaurants are buffet style and have a very good selection. This restaurant has its characters join guests for breakfast only. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/beach-club-resort/cape-may-cafe/>

**Chef Mickey**- Located in the Contemporary Resort. This is the creme de la creme of the character meals. Mickey, Minnie, Donald, Goofy, and Pluto make an appearance here. It's always insanely busy and just plain insane! But, your kids will love it and the buffet is delicious. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/contemporary-resort/chef-mickeys/>

**Crystal Palace**- Located in the Magic Kingdom, right off of Main Street, near the entrance of the Theme Park. This is yet another character restaurant. Winnie the Pooh and friends are at this one. It might be a good idea to try and get lunch resys here while you are at the Magic Kingdom. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/magic-kingdom/crystal-palace/>

**Dahli** – Located on the top floor of The Coronado Springs Resort. Inspired by the short film “Destino”, which depicts a moral falling in love with Chronos, the Greek god of time. Based on Salvador Dali’s storyboards, the food is Spanish cuisine in honor of Dali’s Spanish home town. Where the food ends, the view begins – it has sweeping view to the outside and one can even view Star Wars Galaxy Edge from a distance! Recommended drink: Gran Gin Toni

**Docking Bay 7 Food & Cargo:** inside Hangar Bay Star Wars Land

**Hollywood Brown Derby-** Located in Hollywood Studios. I once had an amazingly decadent lunch here. I highly recommend it. The creme brulee is to die for! It takes two dining points.

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/hollywood-studios/hollywood-brown-derby/>

**Kat Saka’s Kettle:** Eclectic Food Stall for sweet, savory popcorn snack

**Le Cellier Steak House-** This steakhouse is located in "Canada" in Epcot. It is a very popular restaurant. I had a great meal here two years ago, part of the reason was because the service was so wonderful. Regardless, I highly recommend it. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/epcot/le-cellier-steakhouse/>

**Milk Stand:** Sip on the blue or green milk that Luke Skywalker famously drank.

**Monsieur Paul-** This is located in "France." It's a wonderful restaurant with white linens and real French servers. While it's a great Date Night restaurant, don't be afraid to take kids. There are very few restaurants that are strictly for adults. When I ate here the table next to us was a family of four. The desserts are AMAZING!! <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/epcot/monsieur-paul/>

**Oga’s Cantina:** Star Wars Land, Galactic Dining

**Restaurant Marrakesh-** Located in, you guessed it, "Morocco" in Epcot! They have belly dancers that perform during your meal. Enough said! Plus, kids can participate in the show. Just know that it is more the atmosphere than the food that I liked.

The food is perfectly fine, just not great. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/epcot/restaurant-marrakesh/>

**Ronto Roasters:** Sink your teeth into a delicious grilled sausage and roasted pork wrap

**Sci-Fi Dine-In Cafe-** Located in Hollywood Studios. Typical burgers, ribs and fries kind of food. But what makes it so unique is you sit in an actual car while you eat and can watch brief scenes from kitschy, 50's horror movies...just like at a drive-in. Again, while the food is good, you really go for the experience.

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/hollywood-studios/sci-fi-dine-in-theater>

[Go to top](#)

**50's Prime Time Cafe-** Located in Hollywood Studios. Like the Sci-Fi Dine-In Cafe, the food is good, but you really go for the experience, where the waitresses are called 'Mom' and the atmosphere is set up like a 1950's house. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/hollywood-studios/50s-prime-time-cafe/>

**Sanaa-** Located in the Animal Kingdom Villas Resort. A beautiful dining room with great, unique food with an African flair. If you go when it is still light out you can see the animals roaming around just outside the restaurant. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/animal-kingdom-villas-kidani/sanaa/>

**Teppan Edo-** This restaurant is located in "Japan" in Epcot. It's a typical hibachi-style meal, but it's good clean food. Plus, kids think the table-side cooking is fun because it is! You could eat dinner here at around 7:30 PM and then go to the 9:00 PM IllumiNations fireworks show, which is just out on the lagoon. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/epcot/teppan-edo/>

**Tortuga Tavern**- Located across from the Pirates of the Caribbean ride in the Magic Kingdom. It's a great quick-service BBQ restaurant. They do not take reservations, no quick-service restaurants do. It's only open for lunch. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/magic-kingdom/tortuga-tavern/>

**Tusker House**- Yet another buffet character meal...but with a twist. Located in the Animal Kingdom Theme Park, Donald Duck and friends are all dressed up as if they are going on a Safari. The food here is great with a lot of authentic African dishes...or as African as Disney can get :) I definitely would recommend it for lunch. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/animal-kingdom/tusker-house-restaurant/>

**Wolfgang Puck Grand Cafe**- Located in Disney Springs, this loud, energetic restaurant is everything you'd expect from a Wolfgang Puck establishment! The personal pizzas are delicious, as is the sushi. There's also amazing crab cakes, meat & pasta dishes, soups & salads, and, of course, the requisite kid's menu. It's a great restaurant to go to when no one can agree on what they want to eat. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/disney-springs/wolfgang-puck-grand-cafe/>

**Woody's Lunch Box** - Andy's taken his lunch box and turned it into a backyard walk up window serving tasty eats & treats - only at Toy Story Land at Hollywood Studios. During your upcoming [Toy Story Land](#) adventures, be sure to drop by this food stop for a toy-riffic meal. Dishing out all sorts of tasty treats for "honorary toys," Woody's Lunch Box features classic American fare, old-fashioned soda floats and other *Toy Story*-themed specialties. Quick Service & Mobile Orders (MOBILE ORDERS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)  
<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/hollywood-studios/woodys-lunchbox/>

**DISNEY SPRINGS RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS:** <https://www.disneysprings.com/dining/>

**The Boathouse:** Offering waterfront dining they offer a diverse menu for both adults and children with a nice wine menu to pair <https://www.disneysprings.com/dining/the-boathouse/>

**House of Blues:** Head on down to dine on beloved Southern dishes such as New Orleans jambalaya and gumbo, Memphis-style baby back ribs and Delta fried chicken. The menu also offers signature recipes such as Voodoo Shrimp and Carolina Mess, as well as a wide range of burgers, sandwiches and salads. As you savor the flavors alongside a heaping helping of music from the South, be sure to check out the paintings and sculptures by over 60 Delta-region artists!

Plus, don't miss the daily drink specials from 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Join us Saturdays and Sundays for a bountiful buffet of brunch favorites and live music from the Brown Bag Brass Band from 10 am - 1 pm  
<https://www.disneysprings.com/dining/house-of-blues-restaurant-and-bar/>

**Jaleo by Jose Andres:** Spanish Cuisine including tapas and authentic paella created by award winning Jose Andres <https://www.disneysprings.com/dining/jaleo-by-jose-andres/>

[Go to top](#)

**Ghirardelli Soda Fountain & Chocolate Shop:** Since 1852 it's chocolate is known for its exceptional flavor! <https://www.disneysprings.com/dining/ghirardelli-ice-cream-chocolate-shop/>

**Morimoto Asia:** Fusion of Asian influences including ala carte choices for families of all ages and sushi. For older guests, there is the "hidden" VIP entrance for guests for late night eats and libations with live music Thursday - Saturday <https://www.disneysprings.com/dining/morimoto-asia/>

**Raglan Road Irish Pub**- This is another favorite restaurant! It's located in Disney Springs. The food is great and the atmosphere is lively. There is live music 7 nights a week. They have Irish dancers that get up on stage and perform every hour on the hour from 4:00 to 9:00 PM. They pull kids up on stage too. Anyway, live and learn!  
<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/disney-springs/raglan-road-irish-pub-and-restaurant/>

**T-Rex:** For those that want to get up close and personal w/dinosaurs! <https://www.disneysprings.com/dining/t-rex/>

## ROMANTIC NIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Victoria & Albert's @ Grand Floridian's (Contemporary American, 13 yr recipient of AAA Five Diamond award and has wine pairings as well, it is a 6 course prix fixe menu) - this is adults only - They have a chef's table too that overlooks the kitchen if you like

La Luce – Pizzas and Family Style Italian @ Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, inspired by Napa Valley chef Donna Scala

Bull & Bear Steakhouse at Waldorf Astoria Orlando

Capa Steakhouse & Bar (Steakhouse that serves FL seafood and Spanish influenced tapas and of course steak J) at Four Seasons Resort, Orlando (named among the best 100 wine restaurants in the US by Wine Enthusiast magazine) – on 17<sup>th</sup> floor

Narcoosee's (American/seafood) – Grand Floridian, has view of the castle

Citricos (Mediterranean) – Grand Floridian (has award winning wine list sold by the ounce, glass, or bottle)

Jiko – the Cooking Place (African) – Animal Kingdom Lodge

Babysitting Services: (subject to change)

### **In-Room Babysitting**

Independent childcare provider Kid's Nite Out offers one-to-one babysitting in the comfort of your Walt Disney World Resort hotel room for an additional cost. Arts and crafts, reading and playing games are among the fun-filled activities for children 6 months to 12 years of age.

### **In-Park Assistance**

You can also reserve a childcare specialist to accompany you and your family during your visit to the parks, providing a helping hand where needed.

### **Reservations**

To contact Kid's Nite Out, please call (407) 828-0920, 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, 7 days a week. Guests under 18 years of age must have parent or guardian permission to call.

[Go to top](#)