The DFB Guide to Disney World Dining:

101 Guide



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01
WELCOME



WELCOME

CONGRATULATIONS! You're going to Disney World (or, at least, you're thinking about it). Well, **EATING at Disney World is an adventure all its own**, and **it's something you need to plan for carefully.** There are hundreds of dining locations and thousands of items you could try. Reservations for some places can fill up months in advance, and a huge portion of your budget will go to food. So...where do you even begin? HERE, of course! We've been dining at Disney World for over 30 years, so we've got all kinds of tricks YOU need to know. In this guide, we'll be giving you the 101 on Disney dining – complete with restaurant recommendations and more. Welcome – your Disney dining adventure begins now.

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HOW THIS GUIDE WORKS

Before you dive into this guide, let us explain a bit about what you're reading.

Our DFB Guide to Walt Disney World Dining consists of a few different books (your purchase gives you access to all of these):

- **101 Guide**: That's the book you're reading right now! This will give you a breakdown of all the basics you need to know for dining at Disney World (our top recommendations for restaurants in each park, how to book hard-to-get reservations, how to save money while dining at Disney World, and more).
- **Park-Specific Guides:** We then have books dedicated to EACH of the Disney World theme parks (Magic Kingdom, EPCOT, Hollywood Studios, and Animal Kingdom). Within these, you'll find details about EVERY SINGLE restaurant at each of the parks.
- **Hotels Guide:** We also have a book dedicated entirely to ALL of the restaurants at Disney World's hotels.
- **Disney Springs Guide:** This is a book dedicated to all of the restaurants in Disney Springs (a shopping and dining district that is FREE to access – no park ticket required).
- **Water Parks**: Finally, we have a book dedicated to the restaurants at Disney World's water parks.

Search through these guides as needed, and screenshot things you don't want to forget.

Keep in mind: Prices, menu items, experiences, and other details mentioned in this book could change at any time. Always double-check any specific details you want to confirm before your visit.

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WHY DINING IN DISNEY WORLD IS DIFFERENT



DINING IN DISNEY WORLD IS... DIFFERENT!

Dining in Disney World is very different from what you'll experience in a typical theme park. Instead of just the usual quick bites and snacks, you've got a whole smorgasbord of options, each with its own quirks and Disney flair.

Even if you've been to Disneyland or other Disney parks, Disney World has its own vacation culture that includes a different approach to dining.

Here's why dining at Disney World is a whole other experience:

ADVANCE PLANNING

There are some iconic dining spots in Disney World (like Cinderella's Royal Table) that are mega-popular, and booking a table at these hot spots requires some strategic planning. Trying to just "wing it" won't fly at places like these – you'll need reservations if you want to snag a spot!

Reservations are highly recommended for all Table Service restaurants and often need to be made well in advance.

Advance Dining Reservations are generally available 60 days in advance. You'll find that some popular spots will FILL UP quickly even at that 60-day mark. We'll talk more about snagging in-demand reservations later in this book.

Even if you'll just be eating at the Quick Service restaurants, you can benefit from a little strategy. Sure, you *could* just wing it by walking up and ordering, but long lines and unfamiliar options might leave you with a lackluster lunch. Using tools like Mobile Order and knowing the recommended/iconic items at each spot can make a BIG difference in your Disney World experience, helping you avoid the hangry scramble.









BUDGETING YOUR TIME

You'll need to think about your vacation priorities as you plan out each day. Securing 3 Table Service reservations each day (for breakfast, lunch, and dinner) might seem like a good idea until you realize that you'll end up spending most of your vacation inside restaurants and NOT experiencing your favorite rides. Some restaurants can take a huge chunk of time out of your day, which could throw off your plans.

To find that sweet spot in balancing your dining time vs. your ride time, we suggest having a maximum of 1 Table Service reservation per day. Your group might appreciate a Table Service meal at lunch so they can sit down, have a table in air conditioning, and take a breather from the constant go-go-go. Or perhaps dinner is a bigger priority, so you can have a relaxing evening meal as a capstone to each vacation day.

TRANSPORTATION

Once you figure out your ideal meal times and dining styles, then you'll want to map out WHERE you're going to eat. Disney World is huge – knowing where you will be and what's nearby can save you hours of transportation time. If not, you might book a Table Service reservation on the opposite side of property, not realizing just how long it'll take you to get there.

TRANSPORTATION

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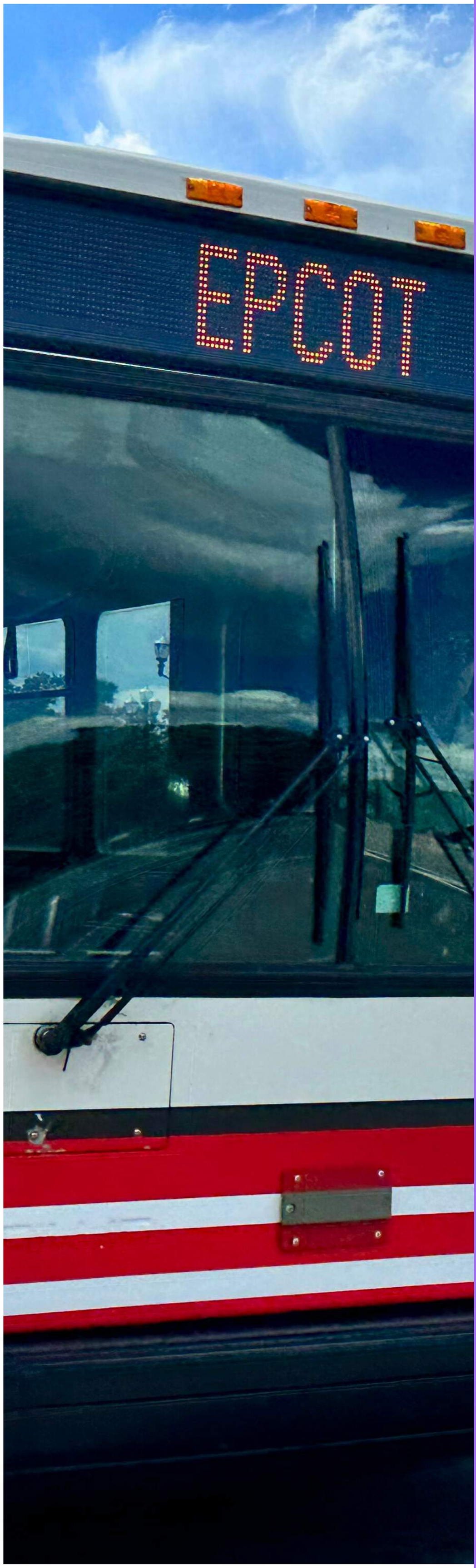
For example, let's say you're staying at Coronado Springs Resort (one of Disney's Moderate Resorts). You spent the afternoon at your hotel, and now you have dinner reservations at Via Napoli (in EPCOT's Italy Pavilion). You'll need to budget time to:

1. Wait for the bus (this resort is big and there are multiple internal stops before you head out to the parks),
2. Ride to EPCOT (another 15 minutes or so),
3. Go through security, and
4. Walk from the entrance of EPCOT to the back of World Showcase to the Italy Pavilion (a walk is typically about 10 minutes).

Plus, you'll want to consider things like strollers, ECVs, wheelchairs, or any other special circumstances your travel party might have.

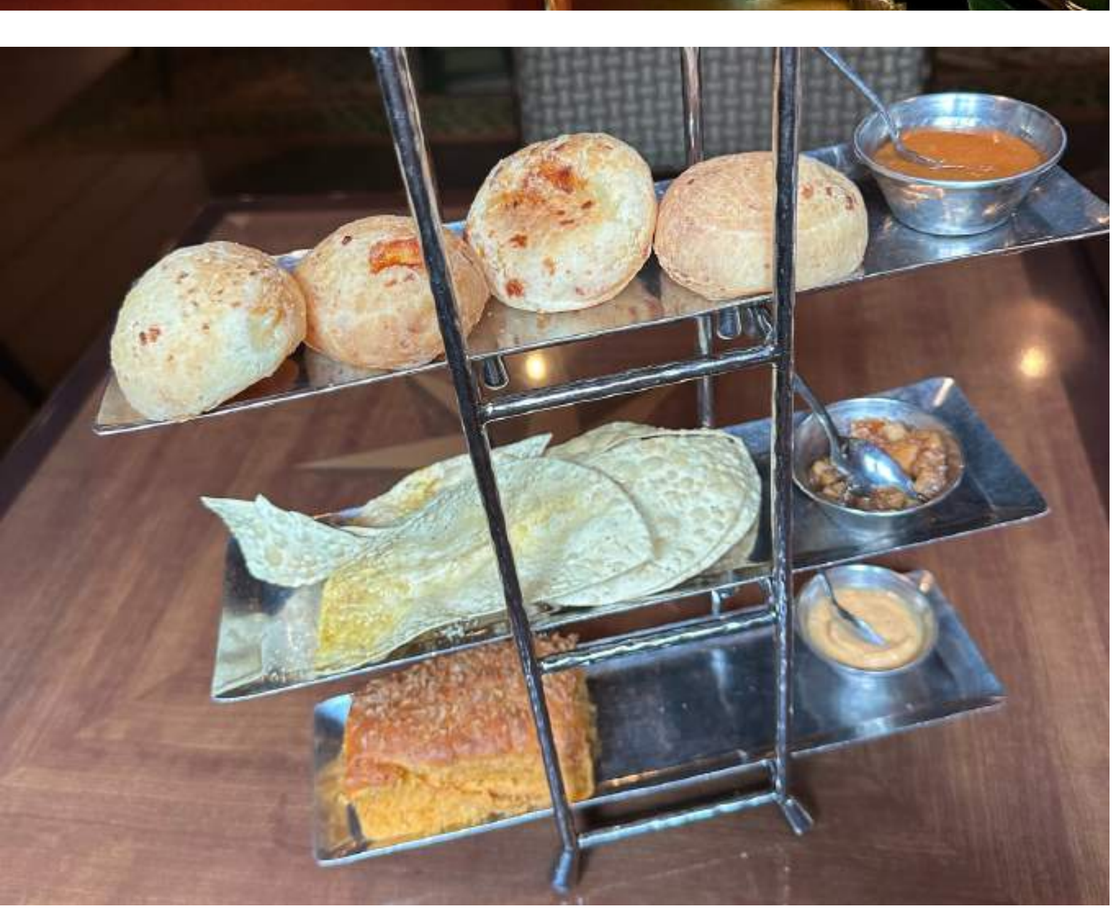
Even when transportation runs smoothly, you'll need to plan for at least 45-60 minutes to get from where you are to where your reservations are (unless you're already in the park or resort where you're eating). For best practice, we suggest allowing at least a full hour, so you can arrive with enough time to check in and make any special requests with the Cast Member.

We have a whole chapter in this guidebook dedicated to transportation considerations, so be sure to check that out!











BUDGETING YOUR MONEY

The food at Disney World can be seriously pricey, so it's worth making sure you're getting the best bang for your buck. When you're shelling out this kind of cash, doing some research and planning will help you spend both your time and money wisely. That way, you can make choices that fit your family's goals and expectations for an unforgettable vacation.

DISNEY DINING IS AN EXPERIENCE

You might think that food at Disney World (especially the "fast food") will be what you've come to expect from other theme parks – chicken, burgers, and fries. That certainly exists. However, your dining experience does not have to consist of only that. Even at Quick Service (a.k.a. fast food) spots, you can find unique items if you know where to look.

Beyond the food, it's the ambiance that makes Disney dining so unique. You're not just sitting in a restaurant; you're in the middle of an elaborate story. All around you, you'll find beautiful details and hidden easter eggs. You can dine in a car in a retro dine-in theater, watch a dinner show while stuffing your face with fried chicken, go INSIDE the Beast's Castle, and SO much more.

Dining at Disney World can truly be an adventure!

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KEY DEFINITIONS & ABBREVIATIONS



DEFINITIONS & ABBREVIATIONS

There are a lot of unique Disney World words and acronyms you might run into as you plan your meals. You may first encounter things like “WDW,” which stands for Walt Disney World. Pretty easy to guess that one. But what happens when you have to make an **ADR** for a **TS** restaurant or ask a **CM** to speak with a chef? Well, you’ll soon be an expert in Disney-speak. Shall we dig in?!







BASIC PARK ACROYNMS

- WDW = Walt Disney World
- MK = Magic Kingdom
- EP = EPCOT is often not shortened, but it’s possible you’ll see it shortened like this
- DHS = Disney’s Hollywood Studios
- DAK = Disney’s Animal Kingdom

CAST MEMBER OR “CM”

Disney refers to its employees as Cast Members or CMs for short, because Walt always said his parks were a “show,” and everyone who worked in them was “on stage.” The chef, hostess, waitstaff, etc. at Disney restaurants are all Cast Members.

ROPE DROP

"Rope drop" refers to when a theme park or attraction officially opens for the day, and visitors are allowed to enter. It's often associated with the early morning hours when visitors arrive BEFORE the park opens to be some of the first folks in and get a head start on the popular rides.

LIGHTNING LANES

"Lightning Lanes" are a paid service at Disney’s theme parks that allows you to skip the regular standby lines for attractions. There are different options available: Lightning Lane Multi Pass, Single Pass, and Premier Pass. **Click here to learn more**.

TABLE SERVICE OR “TS”

Table Service (TS) refers to a restaurant in which you are seated by a host and served by waitstaff. These sit-down meals can run the gamut from over-the-top Disney-themed venues to simple restaurants that don’t scream “Disney” even though they are located in Disney World. Since you’ll have a server, it's customary to leave a gratuity; factor that into your budget.

BUFFET

Buffet meals are considered Table Service dining, even though you’ll go up to a cafeteria-type line to get your own food. A server brings your drinks and processes your check at the end of the meal. Sometimes these are described as all-you-care-to-enjoy menus.

FAMILY-STLE

Family-style meals are also considered Table Service dining. You can expect a server to bring a platters of food for the whole group to share. A server brings your drinks and processes your check at the end of the meal.







CHARACTER MEALS

Character meals are restaurants where you can interact with Disney characters while you eat. Most often, character meals are served as buffets or family-style. Usually, you’ll be seated at your table, and the characters will rotate through the restaurant, signing autographs and taking photos with diners.

SIGNATURE DINING

Some Disney restaurants are considered “Signature Dining” locations, which means they're not only expensive but also exquisite. These are the places with a dress code, and they can be great for celebrating special occasions. Yes, you can find multi-course, fine dining meal options in a theme park resort!











LOUNGES

Disney World lounges are typically (but not always) attached to Table Service restaurants, but the lounges generally do NOT require reservations.

They are often small spots that many may visit just for a drink or appetizer before a bigger meal. However, if you order some of the heartier food items or are okay with eating tapas-style, some spots can be good for a full meal.

Sometimes lounges serve food items from the Table Service restaurant they're attached to, so they can also serve as a way to enjoy some of the Table Service restaurant's eats without a reservation.

Check for walk-up waitlist availability at these locations via the My Disney Experience app, or simply approach the Cast Members at the front and ask if a spot is available.

Kids are generally allowed, with some exceptions, such as Trader Sam's Grog Grotto after 8 PM. But some lounges may be boring for kids as they are geared more toward adults.

MY DISNEY EXPERIENCE

My Disney Experience is an online vacation planning tool for Disney World guests. It can be downloaded to your phone from your app store. Create an account for yourself (and the members of your party) and set up a profile, then link your existing tickets and/or hotel reservations. With this app, you'll be able to place mobile orders for food, buy Lightning Lanes, check ride wait times, make dining reservations, and much more!

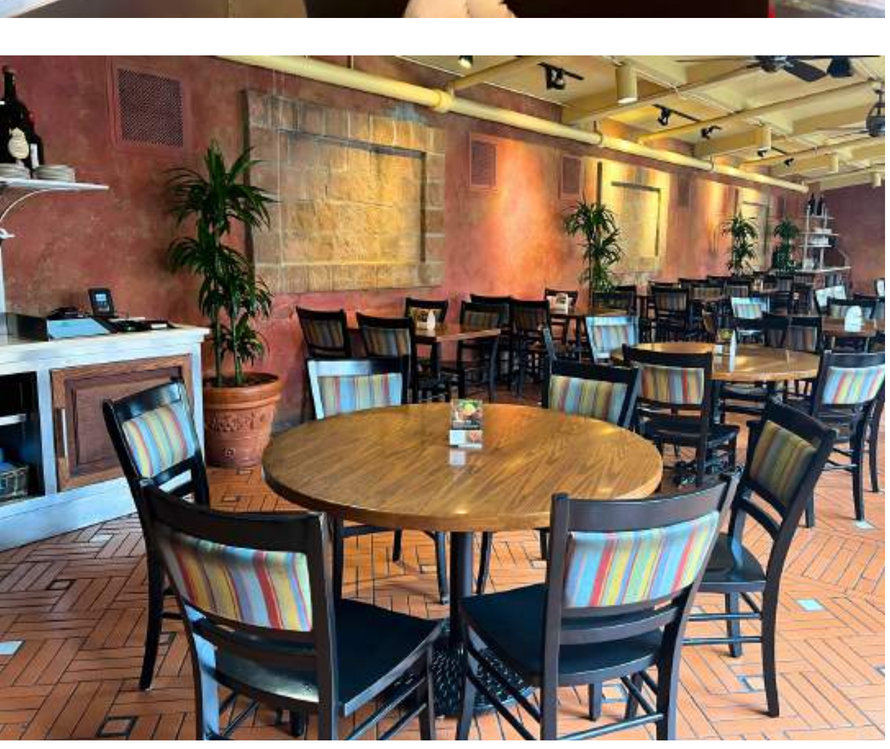
This app is KEY to your Disney World experience, so go ahead and download it RIGHT NOW.











QUICK SERVICE

The terms "Counter Service," "Fast Casual," or "Quick Service" are used interchangeably in Disney World to describe restaurants that function similarly to fast food restaurants. You'll wait in line to order your food (or use Mobile Order) and then receive your meal, either on a tray or, in rare situations, it may be brought out to you.

There are a variety of different Quick Service eateries ranging from typical burgers and fries spots to places that serve African food, and higher-end "real silverware" options.

Typically, Quick Service restaurants provide a faster and more affordable dining option in Disney World.

Sometimes these locations are fairly small and serve a limited menu. At other times, they're much larger, with more seating and menu options; it just depends.

ADVANCE DINING RESERVATIONS OR "ADRS"

Advance Dining Reservations, or ADRS, are restaurant reservations. While similar to a reservation that you would make at a hometown restaurant, it is not a guaranteed seating time. We recommend arriving 10-15 minutes early to check in and have your confirmation number handy. Expect to wait 10-20 minutes after your ADR time to be seated. ADRs are strongly recommended for most Table Service restaurants at Disney World, even during the off-season.



MOBILE ORDER

Located within the My Disney Experience app, Mobile Order allows you to pre-order and pre-pay for your food at participating Quick Service restaurants throughout Disney World. Upon arrival at the restaurant, you'll bypass the ordering queue and go straight to a designated Pick-Up Counter to get your food. This feature can help save you time during your busy park day.

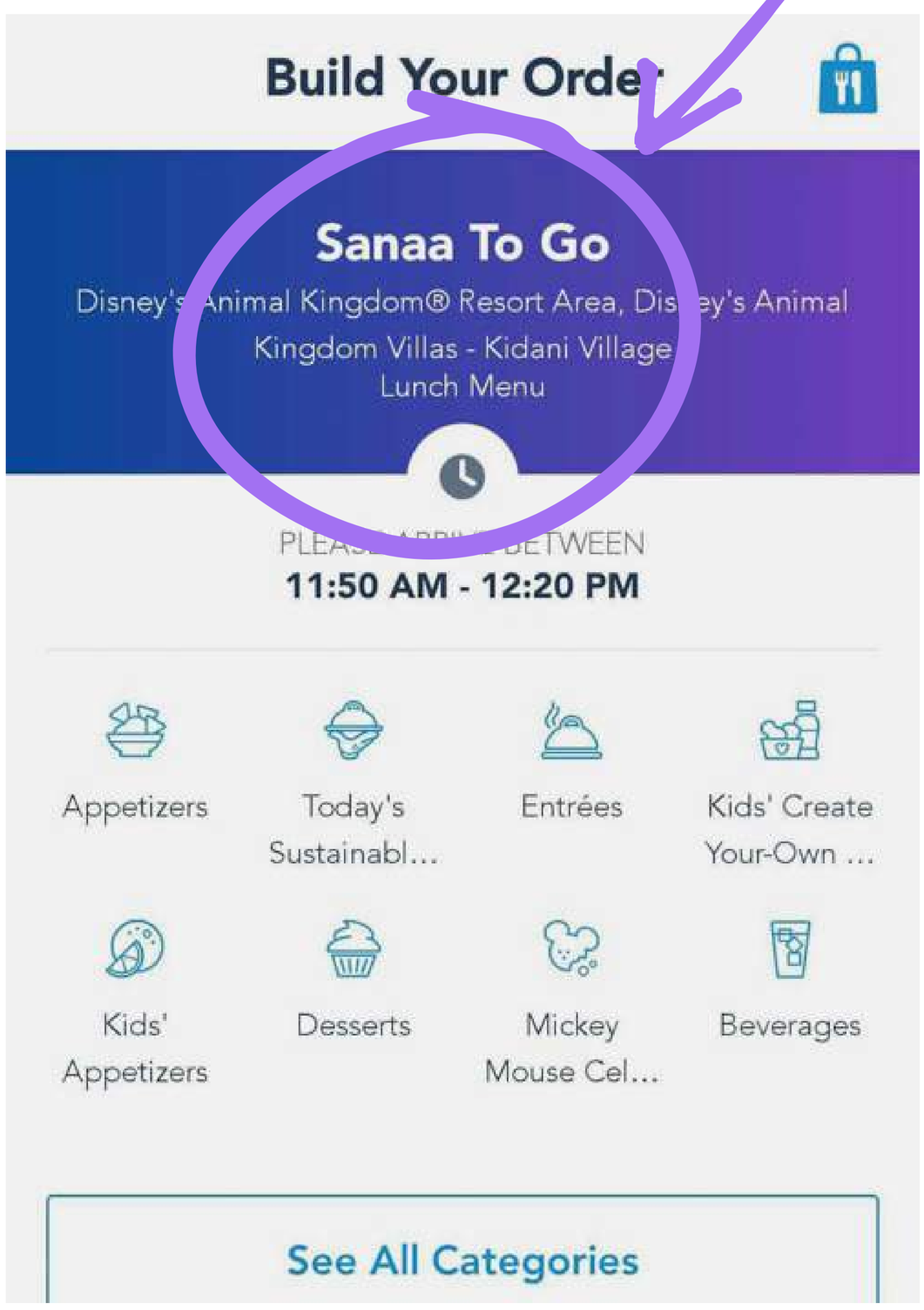
MOBILE DINE CHECK-IN

Another feature in the My Disney Experience app, this service allows you to check in for your Table Service reservation (at participating locations) without needing to speak with a Cast Member at the check-in desk.

When your check-in window arrives, you may receive a push notification prompting you to check in through the app! You'll be able to confirm your arrival time and party information, and will answer prompts regarding special concerns you may have (like dietary restrictions). You'll be able to review your Check-In Summary and provide your phone number to get a text message when your table is ready.

MOBILE ORDER TABLE SERVICE TO-GO

Some Table Service restaurants offer a To-Go service, which allows you to take your favorite dishes with you and enjoy them wherever you'd like, without a reservation or the time commitment of a regular sit-down meal. Please note that only a select few restaurants offer this. **Click here to view the current list**, but know that it's subject to change.





WALK-UP WAITLIST

The Mobile Dine Walk-up Waitlist feature on the My Disney Experience app allows you to check if a Table Service restaurant has available seating for walk-up guests.

You can search for a specific restaurant to see if there is any walk-up waitlist availability and what the estimated wait is. To join the list, you may be prompted to move closer to the restaurant, depending on your current location.

A limited number of lounges may also offer availability via a Walk-up Waitlist, so check to see what's available when you visit.





DISNEY DINING PLAN OR "DDP"

The Disney Dining Plan is Disney's version of an "all-inclusive" vacation experience, where you can essentially pre-pay for your meals and snacks before your trip. This is a Disney vacation package add-on. We have an entire chapter in this book dedicated to the Disney Dining Plan, where you can learn more. **We also have a full page focused on the Dining Plan** and a **Disney Dining Plan-specific book**. It is a complex topic that requires a significant amount of planning effort to ensure you're getting the most out of the money you're spending.



PLANT-BASED

"Plant-based" items at Disney World are made with plant foods like grains, nuts, vegetables, and fruit, and without animal meat, dairy, eggs, or honey. Look for a little green leaf next to a Disney World food item or see if it is marked as "plant-based."

HOTEL REFILLABLE MUG

Disney World hotels offer 16 oz. insulated Refillable Mugs that offer free refills of coffee, Coca-Cola products, and other select beverages, including iced tea and hot chocolate, at the self-serve beverage dispensers throughout your vacation.

Refillable mugs are available for a one-time flat price (currently $22.99, subject to change) for the duration of your resort stay, up to 14 days.

These are included for every person in a hotel room on a Disney Dining Plan, but others must purchase them outright.

You'll find them at Disney hotels in the primary Quick Service location. The mugs can be filled at ANY participating hotel beverage station, even if you aren't staying there.

You WON'T find refill stations in the Disney parks, though.

The hotels' Quick Service restaurants and pool bars are the most common places to get refills. There are also 24-hour beverage refill locations available at certain hotels.

Large hotels that are spread out require longer walks to the locations that provide free refills. Consider how long you'll have to walk before deciding if a Refillable Mug is right for you.

Each self-service Refillable Mug location features a mug wash station. There's a little sink right next to the soda dispensers that you can use to wash out your mug. This comes in very handy when switching between your favorite drinks.





DISNEY VACATION CLUB OR "DVC"

Disney Vacation Club – commonly referred to as DVC – offers members the opportunity to lock in their "future vacations at today's purchase price." It's often thought of as Disney's version of a timeshare, but DVC members aren't "locked in" to a particular Disney destination. Instead, members use a vacation points system.



ANNUAL PASSHOLDERS OR "AP"

Those who visit Disney World on a fairly frequent basis might purchase an Annual Pass to the parks and become an "Annual Passholder." There are various passes available at different price points, each with its own eligibility requirements and perks. Depending on the length of your trip, an AP might be a solid choice for you.

IN-ROOM DINING (ROOM SERVICE)

If you want food delivered to your Disney hotel room, ask about in-room dining or room service. This is very limited in Disney World these days. It's generally only offered at the Grand Floridian Resort (subject to change).

Even where in-room dining isn't available, you may be able to place a Mobile Order at a Quick Service restaurant or Table Service To-Go Order at a Table Service restaurant (if available at your hotel), pick it up, and take it back to your room to enjoy!

"ON PROPERTY" VERSUS "OFF PROPERTY"

Disney World is about 40 square miles. Once you drive under the iconic entrance sign, you're there. Anything located within the boundaries of the Disney World property (including its theme parks, hotels, water parks, Disney Springs, etc.) is "on property."

If you're looking for a Target, though, you'll have to drive past the Disney World gates and leave the "Disney bubble" behind to get there. If it's a McDonald's you're after, though, one of those is located "on property" near Animal Kingdom!

While Disney owns and operates many aspects of the property, there are some areas, such as the Four Seasons Resort, that Disney does not own or operate.







PARK PASS/THEME PARK RESERVATIONS

A Park Pass is essentially your reservation to enter a theme park. It is a requirement for *some* tickets and is an ADDITIONAL step you'll need to take after purchasing your ticket.

PARK HOPPING

Want to tackle multiple Disney World theme parks in one day? Hoping to have breakfast in Magic Kingdom, lunch in EPCOT, and dinner in Hollywood Studios? You can do it *if* you buy a ticket with Park Hopping abilities, giving you the ability to visit multiple Disney theme parks in one day. These tickets will cost you MORE than a standard 1-park per day ticket, so keep that in mind. Annual Passholders have Park Hopping built into their tickets.



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TOP RECOMMENDATIONS

DFB TOP PICKS

There are a LOT of restaurants in Disney World. Planning where to go might seem a bit overwhelming at first.

What spots are considered to be “the best?” What restaurants have food options that are best for your family’s tastes, dietary needs, etc.? What snacks should you get when in Magic Kingdom or EPCOT?

Take a deep breath. We’re here to HELP! On the next few pages, you’ll find lists of our top recommendations for each of the parks, Disney Springs, and more.

But first, let’s start with an important disclaimer. These lists reflect our top picks in each of the designated locations, but just because we love a particular snack or restaurant doesn’t necessarily mean it’ll be your favorite. Your tastes and needs may be totally different! And just because we don’t include a spot or snack doesn’t mean it isn’t worth trying.

However, hopefully, these lists can serve as jumping-off points for you, providing some ideas of the restaurants and menu items we love here at DFB that you *might* love too!

Please note that menu items are subject to change without notice.



DFB TOP PICKS: MAGIC KINGDOM



BEST TABLE SERVICE

1. **Liberty Tree Tavern**
2. **Skipper Canteen**
3. **Cinderella's Royal Table**
4. **Plaza Restaurant**



BEST QUICK SERVICE

1. **Columbia Harbour House**
2. **Sleepy Hollow**
3. **Casey's Corner**
4. **Pecos Bill Tall Tale Inn & Cafe**



BEST FOR BIG GROUPS

TS **Crystal Palace**

QS **Cosmic Ray's Starlight Cafe**



BEST DRINKS

1. **LeFou's Brew**
   Gaston's Tavern
2. **Frozen Mint Julep Lemonade**
   Casey's Corner
3. **Asteroid Shake or Cold Brew Float with Caramel Soft Serve**
   Auntie Gravity's
4. **Drinks from The Beak and Barrel**
   Watch for this spot to be popular once it opens in 2025!



BEST QUICK BREAKFAST

1. **Warm Cinnamon Roll**
   Gaston's Tavern
2. **Waffle with Nutella, Bananas, Berries, and Whipped Cream**
   Sleepy Hollow
3. **Cheshire Cat Tail**
   Cheshire Cafe
4. **Sticky Bubble Bread**
   Lunching Pad
5. **Bacon-Pecan-Caramel Cinnamon Roll**
   Westward Ho
6. **Bagel Sandwich**
   The Friar's Nook



BEST QUICK LUNCH/DINNER

1. **Waffle With Sweet and Spicy Maple Chicken**
   Sleepy Hollow
2. **Steamed Tamale**
   Pecos Bill Tall Tale Inn and Cafe
3. **Lobster Roll or Trio Platter**
   Columbia Harbour House
4. **Ham & Gruyère Sandwich**
   Gaston's Tavern



BEST SWEET SNACKS

1. **DOLE Whip**
   Aloha Isle
2. **Peanut Butter Cookie Pie**
   Main Street Confectionery
3. **The Grey Stuff Cupcake, Creme Brulee Croissant, or Cinnamon Roll & extra icing**
   Duis Aute Irure Dolor
4. **All-American Sundae**
   Plaza Ice Cream Parlor
5. **Boston Cream Pie**
   Columbia Harbour House
6. **Tropical Serenade**
   Aloha Isle



BEST SAVORY SNACKS

1. **Cheeseburger Spring Rolls or other spring rolls of your choice**
   Adventureland Spring Roll Cart
2. **Hushpuppies**
   Columbia Harbour House
3. **Candied Bacon Skewer**
   Westward Ho
4. **Ham and Gruyere Sandwich**
   Gaston's Tavern
5. **Mac and Cheese Hand Pie**
   Friar's Nook
6. **Tomato Soup + Garlic Breadsticks**
   Pinocchio Village Haus

DFB TOP PICKS: EPCOT



BEST TABLE SERVICE

1. **Garden Grill Restaurant**
2. **Le Cellier Steakhouse**
3. **Rose & Crown Dining Room**
4. **Takumi-Tei**
5. **Via Napoli Ristorante e Pizzeria**



BEST QUICK SERVICE

1. **Les Halles Boulangerie-Patisserie**
2. **Regal Eagle Smokehouse**
3. **Sunshine Seasons**



BEST FOR BIG GROUPS

TS **Biergarten**

QS **Connections Eatery or Sunshine Seasons**



BEST DRINKS

See our Drinking Around the World Chapter in this 101 Guide for our FULL list of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drink picks!



BEST QUICK BREAKFAST

1. **Pastries, quiche, & more**
   Les Halles Boulangerie-Patisserie
2. **School Bread**
   Kringla Bakeri Og Kafe
3. **For something heartier: Starbucks breakfast sandwich**
   Connections Cafe



BEST QUICK LUNCH/DINNER

1. **Hand-breaded Chicken Sandwich or French Bistro Burger**
   Connections Eatery
2. **Sliced Texas Beef Brisket Sandwich or BBQ Burger**
   Regal Eagle Smokehouse
3. **Quiche Lorraine, Jambon Beurre, Soup in a Bread Bowl or Croque Monsieur**
   Les Halles Boulangerie-Patisserie
3. **Fish & Chips**
   Yorkshire County Fish Shop
4. **Oak-Grilled Chicken**
   Sunshine Seasons



BEST SWEET SNACKS

1. **Most things from**
   Karamell Kuche
2. **Gelato, Brioche Ice Cream Sandwich, or Ice Cream Martini**
   L'Artisan des Glaces
3. **Pretzel Bread Pudding**
   Sommerfest
4. **Kakigōri**
   Kabuki Cafe
5. **Red Berries or Other Sweet Crêpe**
   Crêpes À Emporter



BEST SAVORY SNACKS

1. **Poutine**
   Refreshment Port
2. **Cream of Brie Galette**
   Crêpes À Emporter
3. **Guacamole**
   Choza de Margarita
4. **Chips and Queso**
   La Cava del Tequila
5. **Pretzel Nuggets**
   Block & Hans

DFB TOP PICKS: HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS



BEST TABLE SERVICE

1. **Hollywood Brown Derby**
2. **50's Prime Time Café**
3. **Roundup Rodeo BBQ**
4. **The Hollywood Brown Derby Lounge**



BEST QUICK SERVICE

1. **Ronto Roasters**
2. **Woody's Lunch Box**
3. **ABC Commissary**
4. **Backlot Express**



BEST FOR BIG GROUPS

TS **Roundup Rodeo BBQ (Honorable mention: Hollywood & Vine)**

QS **ABC Commissary or Backlot Express**



BEST DRINKS

1. **Blue or Green Milk**
   The Milk Stand
2. **Cold Brew Black Caf**
   Kat Saka's Kettle
3. **Fuzzy Tauntaun**
   Oga's Cantina
4. **Peanut Butter & Jelly Milkshake**
   50's Prime Time Cafe



BEST QUICK BREAKFAST

1. **Mickey Waffle Platter**
   Fairfax Fare
2. **Ronto Wrap, Morning Ronto Wrap, or Triple Suns Breakfast Wrap**
   Ronto Roasters
3. **Breakfast Bowl**
   Woody's Lunch Box



BEST QUICK LUNCH/DINNER

1. **Totchos, Grilled Three-Cheese Sandwich, or BBQ Brisket Melt**
   Woody's Lunch Box
2. **Ronto Wrap or Zuchii Wrap**
   Ronto Roasters (classic Ronto Wrap also at Docking Bay 7 after 3 PM)
3. **Pork Carnitas Tacos**
   ABC Commissary
4. **Buffalo Chicken Waffle Bowl or BBQ Beef Brisket Bowl**
   Fairfax Fare
5. **Chicken Tenders + Plastic Cheese**
   Backlot Express



BEST SWEET SNACKS

1. **Carrot Cake Whoopie Pie**
   Trolley Car Cafe
2. **Lunch Box Tart**
   Woody's Lunch Box
3. **Jack-Jack's Num Num Cookie**
   The Market or Neighborhood Bakery
4. **Terror Cookie**
   Tower of Terror Joffrey's
5. **Wookie Cookie**
   Backlot Express



BEST SAVORY SNACKS

1. **Bavarian Pretzel**
   BaseLine Tap House
2. **Bowls (With mashed potatoes & various meat options)**
   Fairfax Fare
3. **California Cheese and Charcuterie Plate**
   BaseLine Tap House
4. **Plant-based Soba Noodle Salad Bowl:**
   Fairfax Fare

DFB TOP PICKS: ANIMAL KINGDOM



BEST TABLE SERVICE

1. **Nomad Lounge**
2. **Yak & Yeti Restaurant**
3. **Tiffins**
4. **Tusker House Restaurant**



BEST QUICK SERVICE

1. **Satu'li Canteen**
2. **Flame Tree Barbecue**
3. **Yak & Yeti Local Food Cafes**
4. **Combo: Grab snacks at The Smiling Crocodile AND Eight Spoon Cafe**



BEST FOR BIG GROUPS

TS **Tusker House Restaurant**

QS **Flame Tree Barbecue and Satu'li Canteen**



BEST DRINKS

1. **African Margarita and Ngumu Jungle Juice**
   Dawa Bar
2. **Khumbu Icefall**
   Thirsty River Bar
3. **Night Blossom or Rum Blossom**
   Pongu Pongu
4. **Yak Attack**
   Yak & Yeti Restaurant or Quality Beverages
5. **Leaping Lizard and Sinaloa Sangria**
   Nomad Lounge



BEST QUICK BREAKFAST

1. **Pongu Lumpia**
   Pongu Pongu
2. **Breakfast Totchos**
   Kusafiri
3. **Slow-Roasted Pork Shoulder Hash, or Cinnamon French Toast**
   Satu'li Canteen



BEST QUICK LUNCH/DINNER

1. **Customizable Bowls or Cheeseburger Steamed Pods**
   Satu'li Canteen
2. **Baked Macaroni and Cheese with Pulled Pork**
   Flame Tree Barbecue
3. **Cheese Fries with Chili**
   Restaurantosaurus
4. **Chicken Fried Rice**
   Yak & Yeti Local Food Cafes
5. **Baked Macaroni & Cheese with Buffalo Chicken or Garlic Smoked Sausage**
   The Smiling Crocodile



BEST SWEET SNACKS

1. **Churros**
   Nomad Lounge
2. **DOLE Whip Floats, and Pineapple Crisp Sundae**
   Tamu Tamu Refreshments
3. **Mini Mango Pie**
   Yak & Yeti Local Food Cafes
4. **Ice Cream Cookie Sandwich**
   Dino-Bite Snacks
5. **Rafiki Wildberry and DOLE Whip Orange Float**
   Trilo-Bites
6. **Family Churro**
   Eight Spoon Cafe



BEST SAVORY SNACKS

1. **Cheeseburger Steamed Pods**
   Satu'li Canteen
2. **French Fries with Pulled Pork and Cheese**
   Flame Tree Barbecue
3. **Buffalo Chicken Chips**
   Trilo-Bites
4. **Seasoned Fries & Chicken Dumplings**
   Mr. Kamal's
5. **Na'vi-sized Pretzel**
   Pongu Pongu
6. **Corn with African spices**
   Harambe Fruit Market or Cart near Harambe Market

DFB TOP PICKS: DISNEY SPRINGS



BEST TABLE SERVICE

1. **Wine Bar George**
2. **Homecomin'**
3. **Raglan Road**
4. **Morimoto Asia**
5. **Jaleo**
6. **The BOATHOUSE**



BEST QUICK SERVICE

1. **Chicken Guy!**
2. **The Polite Pig**
3. **Pepe**
4. **D-Luxe Burger**



BEST FOR BIG GROUPS

TS **Homecomin'**
QS **D-Luxe Burger**



BEST DRINKS

1. **Frozcato with DOLE Whip**
   The Basket by Wine Bar George
2. **Seasonal gelato shake**
   D-Luxe Burger
3. **Peanut Butter Cold Brew**
   Gideon's Bakehouse
4. **Refillable Moonshine Bottle**
   Homecomin'
5. **Frozen Flight**
   Bamboo Bar
6. **Your Choice from**
   Jock Lindsey's Hangar Bar
7. **Around the World Tray**
   Coca-Cola Rooftop Bar
8. **La Cava Avocado**
   Frontera Cocina
9. **Seasonal DOLE Whip Sangria & Margaritas**
   Swirls on the Water



BEST QUICK BREAKFAST

1. **Giant donut or Grilled Cheeeeeese sandwich on a glazed donut & Cold brew/drink of choice**
   Everglazed
2. **Breakfast BLT**
   Earl of Sandwich
3. **Brunch**
   Look for brunch options at The BOATHOUSE, Homecomin', Wine Bar George, Raglan Road, & more.



BEST QUICK LUNCH/DINNER

1. **Chicken Tenders, Buffalo Mac 'n' Cheese Sandwich, or Mac Daddy Mac 'n' Cheese**
   Chicken Guy!
2. **Fish 'n' Chips + Irish Cheese & Bacon Dip**
   Cookes of Dublin
3. **Bacon and Blue Burger + fries + sauces + shake**
   D-Luxe Burger
4. **Holiday Turkey Sandwich**
   Earl of Sandwich
5. **Butcher Board for 2**
   Polite Pig



BEST SWEET SNACKS

1. **Massive cookie or cake slice**
   Gideon's Bakehouse
2. **Millionaire's Shortbread**
   The Basket
3. **Made-to-order S'mores**
   The Ganachery
4. **DOLE Whip Flight**
   Swirls on the Water
5. **Waffle Sundaes**
   Marketplace Snacks
6. **Cookie Crumble Hot Fudge Sundae**
   Ghirardelli
7. **Create-Your-Own Treat**
   Goofy's Candy Company
8. **Bread Pudding**
   House of Blues



BEST SAVORY SNACKS

1. **Ribs and/or Ramen**
   Morimoto Asia Street Food
2. **Patatas Bravas**
   Pepe
3. **Crispy Mac & Cheese Bites**
   The Basket
4. **Canadian Poutine or Buffalo Chicken Poutine**
   The Daily Poutine
5. **Tandoori Chicken Poutine**
   eet by Maneet Chauhaun

DFB TOP PICKS: DISNEY WORLD HOTELS



BEST TABLE SERVICE

1. **Sanaa**
2. **Steakhouse 71**
3. **Grand Floridian Cafe**
4. **Artist Point**
5. **Cake Bake Shop**
6. **Victoria & Albert's**
7. **Jiko**
8. **California Grill**



BEST QUICK SERVICE

1. **Gasparilla Island Grill**
2. **Capt. Cook's**
3. **The Mara**
4. **Primo Piatto**
5. **Roaring Fork**
6. **Contempo Cafe**
7. **BoardWalk Deli**



BEST FOR BIG GROUPS

TS **'Ohana, Sebastian's Bistro, Hoop-Dee-Doo, Boma, Whispering Canyon Cafe** (Ale & Compass breakfast buffet is also a good deal!)

QS **Trail's End Restaurant, Riverside Mill, Sassagoula Floatworks, Everything POP**



BEST DRINKS

1. **Lapu Lapu**
   Tambu Lounge
2. **Uh-Oa**
   Trader Sam's
3. **Pepper's Ghost**
   AbracadaBar
4. **The Voyager or Frozen Margarita with DOLE Whip Lime**
   Barefoot Pool Bar
5. **S'more Old Fashion**
   Territory Lounge
6. **Sangria Flight**
   Three Bridges
7. **French Rose**
   Topolino's Terrace
8. **Zebra Dome Cold Brew**
   Boma
9. **Pink Guava Colada**
   Banana Cabana



BEST QUICK BREAKFAST

1. **Baked goods + coffee**
   Le Petit Cafe
2. **Tonga Toast**
   Capt. Cook's
3. **Bagel Breakfast Sandwich of your choice**
   BoardWalk Deli
4. **Mickey Beignets**
   Scat Cat's Club - Cafe
5. **Mickey Waffle Platters**
   Various hotel Quick Service spots
6. **Loaded Totcho Bowls**
   Various hotel Quick Service spots



BEST QUICK LUNCH/DINNER

1. **Bowls, Flatbread, Butternut Squash Soup, & Zebra Domes**
   The Mara
2. **Pulled Pork Nachos**
   Capt. Cook's
3. **Jambalaya**
   Sassagoula Floatworks & Riverside Mill
4. **Bison Bacon Cheeseburger**
   Geyser Point To-Go
5. **House-Made Macaroni & Cheese**
   Gasparilla Island Grill
6. **'Ohana Noodles and Bread Pudding**
   Tambu Lounge



BEST SNACKS

1. **Zebra Domes**
   The Mara
2. **DOLE Whip**
   Pineapple Lanai
3. **Tie-Dye Cheesecake or Oatmeal Creme Pie**
   Everything POP
4. **Milkshakes/Sundaes**
   Beaches & Cream
5. **PB&J Croissant**
   Everything POP
6. **Cake Bake Shop Pastries + Chocolate Peanut Butter Mousse Pie**
   Cake Bake Shop
7. **Cookie Croissant**
   Contempo Cafe
8. **Baton Rouge Beignets**
   Scat Cat's Club - Cafe & Lounge
9. **Riviera Cookie Skillet**
   Bar Riva

DFB TOP PICKS: WATER PARKS



BEST QUICK SERVICE

Typhoon Lagoon
Leaning Palms
Honorable Mention: Typhoon Tilly's

Blizzard Beach
Lottawatta Lodge
Honorable Mention: Avalunch



BEST FOR BIG GROUPS

Typhoon Lagoon
Leaning Palms

Blizzard Beach
Lottawatta Lodge



BEST QUICK BREAKFAST

Options are limited. We'd recommend getting your breakfast ahead of time or stopping by the Joffrey's Coffee & Tea Company kiosks in the water parks.



BEST QUICK LUNCH/DINNER

1. **Fried Fish Platter or Land and Sea (fish & chicken strips)**
   Typhoon Tilly's at Typhoon Lagoon
2. **Pork Elote Nachos**
   Leaning Palms at Typhoon Lagoon
   Warming Hut at Blizzard Beach
3. **Healthier Option: Tropical Salad**
   Typhoon Tilly's or Leaning Palms at Typhoon Lagoon
4. **Bacon Macaroni & Cheese Hot Dog**
   Avalunch at Blizzard Beach
5. **White Cap Flatbread**
   Lottawatta Lodge at Blizzard Beach



BEST SWEET SNACKS

1. **Sand Pail Sundae**
   Happy Landings at Typhoon Lagoon
   I.C. Expeditions at Blizzard Beach
2. **Pineapple Upside Down Cone**
   Happy Landings at Typhoon Lagoon
3. **DOLE Whip creations**
   Snack Shack at Typhoon Lagoon
4. **Mini donuts by Joffrey's**
   Kiosks available at both Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon
5. **Mickey's Premium Ice Cream Bar**
   Various kiosks at both Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon
6. **DOLE Whip Orange Swirl Cone**
   Warming Hut at Blizzard Beach
7. **Apple Pie Churro or S'Mores Churro**
   I.C. Expeditions at Blizzard Beach



BEST SAVORY SNACKS

1. **Mickey-Shaped Pretzel**
   Various kiosks at both Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon
2. **Popcorn**
   Various kiosks at both Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon

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ALL ABOUT ADVANCE DINING RESERVATIONS



There are hundreds of dining opportunities in Disney World, and many of these are sit-down or “Table Service” restaurants. Even if you’re traveling during a less-crowded season, it’s recommended that you make Advance Dining Reservations (ADRs) for these Table Service meals. Here’s what you need to know about ADRs.

TIMING

- You can make a dining reservation at most Disney World Table Service restaurants up to **60 days in advance**.
- Disney World hotel guests may make reservations up to 60 days in advance **plus the length of their stay up to 10 days**. So, 60 days before the first day of your stay, you can make reservations for your entire trip – up to 10 days – even for dates that are more than 60 days out.

HOW TO BOOK

There are three ways you can book Advance Dining Reservations:

- By phone
- Through the Disney World website
- Through the My Disney Experience app

RESERVE BY PHONE

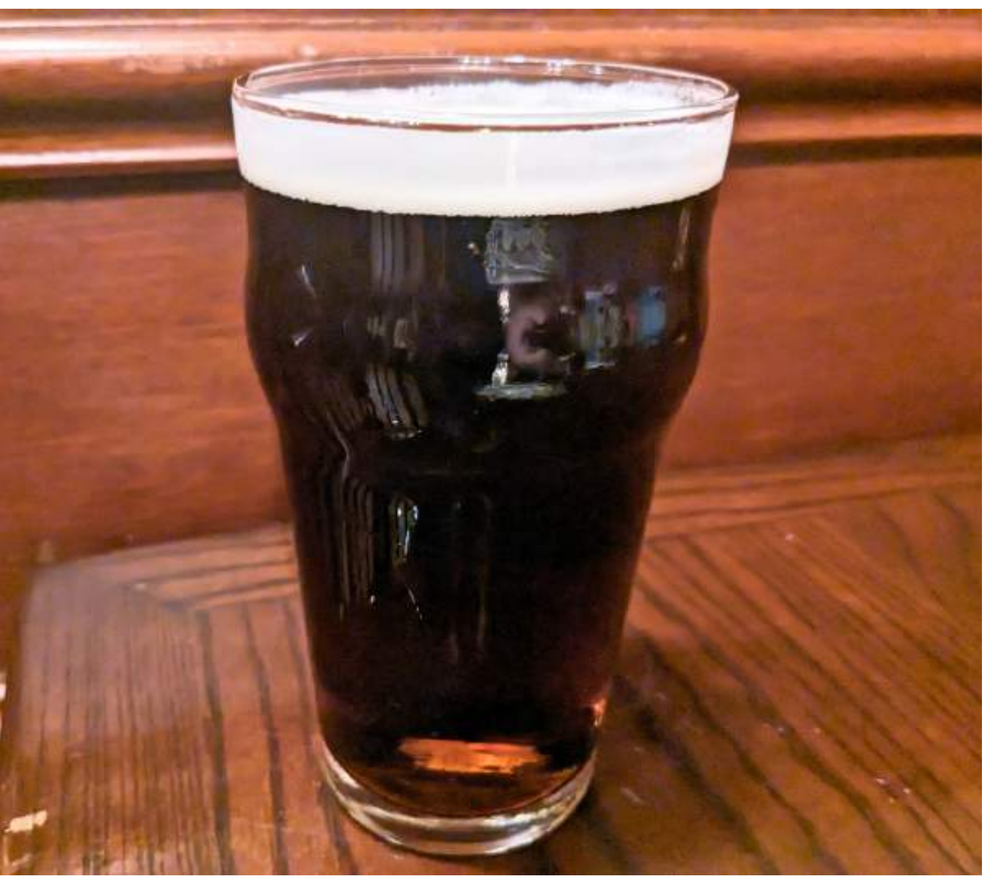
To reserve by phone, call 407-WDW-DINE (3463), answer a few voice-activated questions, and you’ll be transferred to a dining agent who will book your meals for you. The phone line typically opens at 7 AM ET each day.





BOOK ONLINE OR VIA THE MY DISNEY EXPERIENCE APP









Reservations typically open online at 6 AM ET, but we recommend trying to book as early as 5:45 AM.

To do so:

- Select “Make Reservations” on the website or “Check Dining Availability” on the app.
- Input your party size.
- Select your dining date. You can now generally select a range of dates to check.
- Select your preferred dining time range
- Select your dining destination (Do you want to dine at a theme park? A resort near that park? You’ll have the ability to select from a number of options!)
- Take a look at the options!
- Once you’ve found the spot you want, select your preferred time.
- Choose any optional Add-ons, like a Mickey Celebration Cake, and enter any Dietary or Accessibility Requests.
- Select “Continue.”
- Enter your Contact information and Credit Card information.
- Disney will send a confirmation via email, and the reservation will appear in your My Disney Experience account.

Over the years, **Disney has rolled out/tested some updates to make searching for reservations easier**, so stay tuned for more updates!

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Disney World Table Service locations require a credit card number for booking. Your card will not be charged at booking, but a fee of $10 per person will be charged if you fail to show up for the meal or don't cancel in advance. You can generally cancel up to 2 hours in advance for most dining experiences.

The Confirmation Numbers that you are assigned aren't usually necessary to have with you when you check in at the restaurant, but they can be a lifesaver if the Cast Member is having trouble finding your reservation. Take a screenshot of them or find another way to save them just in case!





NEED TO CANCEL?

Cancelation policies can vary depending on the specific restaurant. However, for most Disney-owned restaurants, you can generally cancel a dining reservation through the Disney website or the My Disney Experience app. Select the reservation you want to cancel and follow the prompts. You can also call 407-WDW-CNCL. If you are in Disney World, you may also visit any Guest Relations location or resort front desk.

REMEMBER: Your credit card will be charged a fee of $10 per person on the reservation if you don’t show up for the meal or fail to cancel at least 2 hours in advance for most dining experiences.

There are some important exceptions to this rule, though.

SPECIAL CANCELATION SITUATIONS

NO MODIFICATIONS

There are some restaurants & events, including dinner shows and select Character Meals, where reservations CANNOT be modified (you won't be able to change the time or add/remove guests) after the reservation is made:

The spots included in this are:

- Cinderella's Royal Table
- Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue
- Magic Kingdom Fireworks Dessert Parties: Pre-Party, Post-Party, Seats & Sweets, Not-So-Spooky Spectacular Dessert Party, and Christmastime Fireworks Dessert Party
- Rose & Crown Fireworks Dining Package
- Spice Road Table Fireworks Dining Package
- Celebration at the Top – Sip, Savor, Sparkle
- Top of the World Lounge–multiple products
- GEO-82 Fireworks Experience

For the experiences above, you can CANCEL these reservations and try to re-book for a new date or time, but you can't modify them directly. Re-booking with your desired change for a popular experience can be hard or nearly impossible, so be cautious.





SPECIAL CANCELATION SITUATIONS *CONTINUED*

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

Cancelation policies can vary depending on the restaurant, so please read their terms carefully!

Here's a quick look at some of the restaurants that require an EARLIER cancelation to avoid a fee and/or those that have higher cancelation fees.

RESTAURANT	CANCELATION FEE	CANCELATION DEADLINE TO AVOID FEE
Cinderella's Royal Table	FULL cost of the meal per person	Cancel at least 2 hours in advance
Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue	FULL cost of the experience per person	Cancel at least 1 DAY prior to reservation time
Sangria University	FULL cost of the experience per person	Cancel at least 1 DAY prior to reservation time
La Cava Experience	$50 per person	Cancel at least 1 DAY prior to reservation time
Monsieur Paul	$100 per person	Cancel at least 3 DAYS prior to reservation time
Victoria & Albert's	$100 per person	Cancel at least 5 DAYS prior to reservation time
Takumi-Tei	$100 per person	Cancel at least 2 DAYS prior to reservation time
Magic Kingdom Fireworks Dessert Parties	FULL cost of the experience per person	Cancel at least 1 DAY prior to reservation time
Rose & Crown or Spice Road Table Fireworks Dining Packages	FULL cost of the experience per person	Cancel at least 1 DAY prior to reservation time



RESERVATION TIPS & TRICKS

HELP SEARCHING

- You can search for restaurant availability for multiple dates within a range.
- You can also search by a specific time range or see ALL available times for the day.
- Look at a restaurant's "Availability Calendar," which displays available dates in a calendar view that makes planning easier.

OPENTABLE

Several Disney Springs restaurants are available to book on **OpenTable.com**, and if you make your reservations there, you might be able to get them earlier than Disney's 60-day-in-advance limit.

Also, if you're having trouble finding availability even within 60 days of your trip, see if OpenTable has availability. You may find available times on OpenTable.com for popular restaurants even when the Disney website does not show availability.

ADRS AND LIGHTNING LANES

Disney World offers PAID versions of a "skip the line" system for several Disney World attractions. With **Lightning Lane Multi Pass and Lightning Lane Single Pass**, you (generally) reserve a window of time to bypass the standby line and enter the ride's Lightning Lane.

You can make some of these selections ahead of your visit. Be aware of potential conflicts between your Advance Dining Reservations and Lightning Lane selections. Allow yourself enough time to get to/from restaurants and rides, so you aren't rushing around.

Also, note that there is a 3rd service called **Lightning Lane Premier Pass** that allows you to skip the standby lines without needing to reserve a time in advance.

For more information about Lightning Lanes, **click here**.

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HOW TO BOOK HARD TO GET RESERVATIONS

HOW TO BOOK HARD-TO-GET RESERVATIONS

In Disney World, not every restaurant and reservation is created equal, and not everyone has the same vacation goals. Some reservations are much trickier to secure than others, and we're going to walk you through which ones those are, some of the logic behind why they are so challenging to get, and some of our best tips and tricks to help you snag what you're looking for!

WHY ARE THEY HARD TO GET?

There are plenty of reasons why some reservations are tough to score.

Sometimes, it's because the restaurant is new, and everyone's itching to try it.

Other times, it's all about the popular characters they feature or the one-of-a-kind, unforgettable setting.

Limited seating also plays a role in smaller dining locations, making it harder to find open slots.

Often, it's a combination of these factors that keeps these reservations in such high demand.

For example, the Space 220 Lounge is one of the hardest reservations to secure in all of Disney World. Why? Well, partly because the theming is unique and thrilling, but also because the lounge offers so few tables. It also features a separate menu from the Space 220 restaurant, and individuals seeking more affordable options may prefer the lounge offerings over the prix-fixe menu in the restaurant.

Something else that's tricky? The time of day! A restaurant that you can easily book a lunch reservation for can become a challenge to snag for a dinner reservation, depending on whether it has a view of the fireworks!



OUR RANKINGS

To try to help you know which spots are the hardest to secure, we've come up with a ranking system (1-5) that you'll notice on each of our restaurant pages on locations that accept dining reservations.

1 2 3 4 5

It's fairly self-explanatory, but a **"5"** indicates a restaurant that's relatively **easy to secure** a reservation at. You'll likely find many day-of reservations there as well.

The hardest reservations to score are ranked level "1." These are the spots you'll need to book at the 60-day mark before your vacation. These often fill up quickly and can be difficult or nearly impossible to find as the trip approaches.

If the restaurants you have on your Disney World vacation bucket list are a lot of "1"s, then you'll definitely want to keep reading so you can start developing a list of reservation priorities and a booking strategy.



THE HARDEST RESERVATIONS TO SCORE *(GENERALLY)*

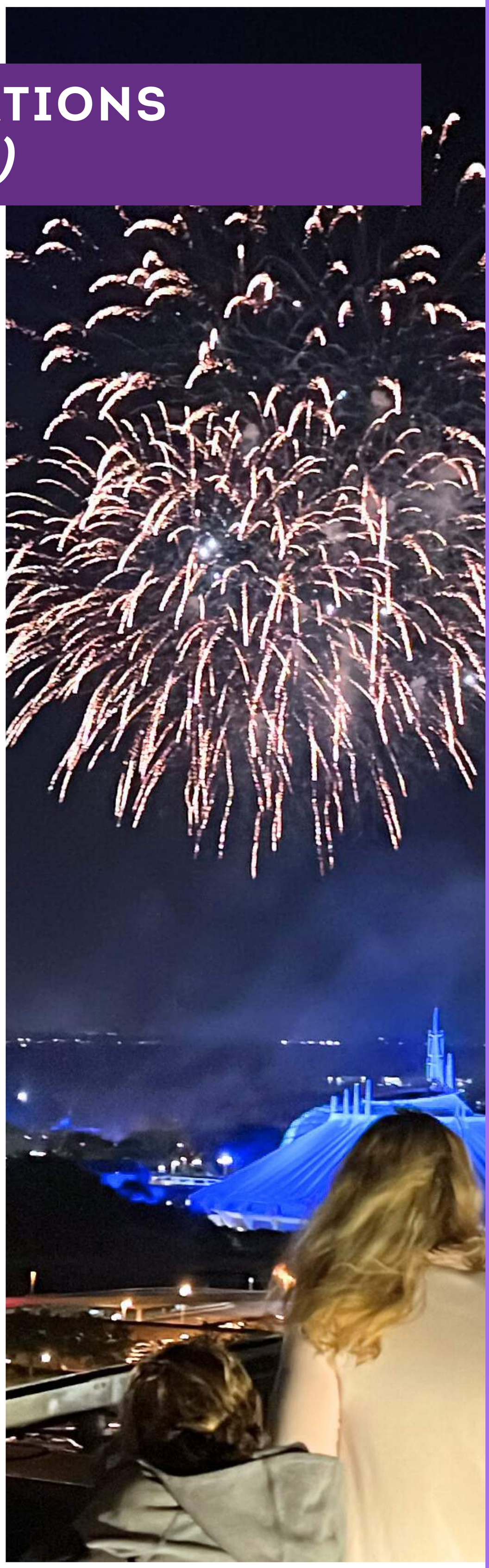
In general, these are the spots you can expect to be harder to book:

- **Character meals** (some are more popular than others, but as a general rule, we recommend booking these early)

- The dinner show **Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue** at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort

- **Certain signature dining locations** like California Grill in Disney's Contemporary Resort, Topolino's Terrace at Disney's Riviera Resort, and Victoria & Albert's in Disney's Grand Floridian Resort

- **Fireworks hot spots** where guests can watch the fireworks while they dine – these include Rose & Crown Dining Room, Spice Road Table, and La Hacienda de San Angel in EPCOT; 'Ohana in Disney's Polynesian Village Resort; and Narcoossee's in Disney's Grand Floridian Resort.



THE HARDEST RESERVATIONS TO SCORE–A LIST

Here is a list of *some* of the hardest reservations to grab in each part of Disney World, but bear in mind that this list isn't exhaustive and can change if Disney introduces new dining options:

Magic Kingdom:

- Cinderella's Royal Table

EPCOT:

- Space 220
- Space 220 Lounge
- GEO-82

Hollywood Studios:

- 50's Prime Time Cafe
- Roundup Rodeo BBQ

Animal Kingdom:

- Yak & Yeti Restaurant

Disney Springs:

- Chef Art Smith's Homecomin'

Disney World Hotels:

- The Cake Bake Shop
- Chef Mickey's
- Narcoossee's (especially near fireworks)
- Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue
- 'Ohana
- Topolino's Terrace (especially for the character breakfast)
- Victoria & Albert's
- Storybook Dining at Artist Point with Snow White





OUR TIPS & TRICKS

#1 BOOK EARLY

Our #1 tip is to book reservations as soon as possible. Either call 407-WDW-DINE (939-3463), book reservations through the Disney World website, or book through the My Disney Experience app exactly 60 days before you wish to dine at a particular restaurant. To determine the exact date, enter your dining date into a date calculator online that allows you to subtract days.

Note that Disney hotel guests can book for the entire length of their stay (up to 10 days) 60 days in advance of their arrival.

Get online or on the phone as early as possible in the morning. Phone lines typically open at 7 AM ET, and new reservation booking windows typically become available online at 6 AM ET or a little earlier.

#2 SEARCH FOR THE FULL LENGTH OF YOUR TRIP

The app and website allow you to search for reservations within a date range (up to 10 days) for open slots. You can also see an individual restaurant's Availability Calendar, which quickly shows you whether there's ANY availability for that spot on upcoming days. If you can potentially fit a reservation into a few different days, search within that date range to see if something pops up.

Disney hotel guests can book reservations for the entire length of their stay (up to 10 days) 60 days in advance. Everyone else is stuck only booking reservations 60 days in advance. So, hotel guests get a bit of an advantage and might be able to score some difficult reservations toward the end of their vacation, as they'll have early access to dates that non-hotel guests won't be able to book until later.







#3 CHECK ALL TIMES

When searching for a reservation, don't limit yourself to a specific time. Have the system show you ALL available times at the restaurant so you can see if any of them could possibly fit into your plans, even if it's a little earlier or later than you initially hoped to eat.

#4 CONSIDER ASKING A DISNEY TRAVEL AGENT FOR HELP

All these reservation decisions can be tricky, but you don't have to do it alone! Our friends at Small World Vacations can assist you with your planning strategy, provide personalized advice, and even contact Disney to help with some of your dining reservations. They can also book your hotel, park tickets, and other travel arrangements, taking away SO much of the trip planning stress. AND the best part is that all of their guidance is FREE. Yep, it's no cost to you AT ALL. So give them a call and let them help you with the Disney World trip of your dreams!

#5 KEEP CHECKING

If you're past the 60-day window and no reservations are available, continue to check online or call to request your reservation. Folks cancel trips and dining arrangements often, so you never know what you'll get. Remember that, thanks to Disney's 2-hour advance cancelation policy, there may be several cancelations made around 2 hours before a reservation time. This is admittedly last minute, but it's an option when all else fails.



#6 BE AWARE OF ALTERNATIVES

Some restaurants offer a **Walk-up waitlist.** If you don't have a reservation, check the My Disney Experience App to see if a waitlist is available.

Select restaurants have a connected lounge or bar (for example, California Grill has a bar, Topolino's Terrace has a lounge, Tambu Lounge is next to 'Ohana, etc.) that may allow you to eat *some* of the same dishes without a reservation. We've got an entire chapter in this 101 Guide dedicated to lounges, and how they're often one of Disney's best-kept secrets, so be sure to check that out!

Look for comparable alternatives and have backups. Check out our chart on the following page for some good alternatives when popular spots are all booked up.

#7 DON'T GIVE UP HOPE

Keep checking on the day of your trip/throughout your vacation. Remember, guests typically need to cancel at least 2 hours in advance to avoid being charged for their reservation if they aren't going to go to it, so you may see cancelations within that 2-hour window.

Guest Relations desks in the parks and hotels should be able to let you know if a particular restaurant has any openings that day.

Or simply head to the restaurant you're hoping to visit and ask at the podium if there are walk-up tables available.

Continue to check the My Disney Experience app – look for walk-up waitlist availability or any last-minute cancelations.

POPULAR RESTAURANTS & ALTERNATIVES

POPULAR SPOT		ALTERNATIVE
 **Le Cellier Steakhouse** *EPCOT - Canada Pavilion* Fancy steakhouse restaurant	VS	 **Yachtsman Steakhouse** *Yacht Club Resort* Can still get a good steak and a fancier environment just a few steps away from EPCOT
 **Chef Mickey's** *Contemporary Resort* **Topolino's Terrace** *Riviera Resort* Character meals with Mickey + friends	VS	 **Garden Grill** *EPCOT - World Nature* **Tusker House** *Animal Kingdom* You still get to enjoy a meal with Mickey and friends but these spots tend to fly under the radar
 **Cinderella's Royal Table** *Magic Kingdom* Meal inside the Castle - you get to meet Cinderella and other princesses	VS	 **Akershus Royal Banquet Hall** *EPCOT - Norway Pavilion* Not inside the Castle, but you can still enjoy a meal while meeting various Disney Princesses
 **Victoria & Albert's** *Grand Floridian Resort* **California Grill** *Contemporary Resort* Signature dining in an upscale setting	VS	 **Citrico's** *Grand Floridian Resort* **Jiko** *Animal Kingdom Lodge* **Tiffins** *Animal Kingdom* These spots also offer a fancy meal in a beautiful setting!
 **Fireworks Hot Spot at Magic Kingdom** You can get some fireworks views within Magic Kingdom by doing a fireworks dessert party, or eating at places like Cinderella's Royal Table, The Plaza Restaurant, or The Crystal Palace	VS	 **Go Outside the Park** Get the views without the reservation or crowds! • Watch the fireworks from the Polynesian Village Resort beach. • Watch the fireworks from the 4th floor observation area at the Contemporary • Try the Grand Floridian the boat dock
 **Fireworks Hot Spot at EPCOT** Places like Rose & Crown Dining Room or Spice Road Table can get popular for thier fireworks views	VS	 **La Hacienda de San Angel** *EPCOT - Mexico Pavilion* Quick Service restaurant, no reservation required, good view of the fireworks - but get there early!

POPULAR RESTAURANTS & ALTERNATIVES *CONTINUED*

POPULAR SPOT		ALTERNATIVE
 **Space 220** *EPCOT - World Discovery* Super popular experience where you get to "dine in space"	vs	 **Space 220 Lounge** *EPCOT - World Discovery* It's not an easy solution but if you get a walk-up spot for the bar, you could "go to space" without a reservation. Get to the restaurant before it opens to be one of the first in line.
 **Yak & Yeti Restaurant** *Animal Kingdom* Sit-down restaurant with a variety of tasty and unique pan-Asian eats	vs	 **Yak & Yeti Bar** *Animal Kingdom* See if there's a spot at the restaurant's bar – you may be able to order from the full restaurant menu without a reservation.
 **Chef Art Smith's Homecomin'** *Disney Springs* Incredibly popular spot serving Southern classics like fried chicken	vs	 **The Polite Pig** *Disney Springs* **Grand Floridian Cafe** *Grand Floridian Resort* The Polite Pig (Disney Springs) – the food is different (southern classics at Homecomin' vs barbecue at Polite Pig), but it might give you some of that same fill-you-up fried chicken feeling. Grand Floridian Cafe (Grand Floridian Resort) – a good match with their fried chicken and waffles and relaxing atmosphere.
 **Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue** *Fort Wilderness* Disney World's only true dinner show experience with lots of entertainment, fried chicken, and more	vs	 **It depends...** **Trail's End Restaurant** (right next to Hoop-Dee-Doo) – serves similar fried chicken that you can eat on the go (but no entertainment). For entertainment, consider spots at Disney Springs like **Raglan Road (Irish dancers), The Edison (live music), or House of Blues (live music).**

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CONSIDERATIONS FOR QUICK SERVICE DINING



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We've covered a lot about Table Service restaurants, but what about Quick Service spots? You might think that there isn't any planning needed for these "Fast Food" locations, but that's not quite the case in Disney World. Here are some important things you need to think about when planning to eat at a Quick Service restaurant in Disney World.

#1 HOURS OF OPERATION

Pay close attention to the hours of operation listed for Quick Service restaurants on the Disney World website or My Disney Experience app. **Some restaurants can close a LOT earlier than you might expect, or might not open as early as you'd expect.**

In Animal Kingdom, especially, you may find locations that close as early as 3 PM, making them bad choices for dinner!

#2 DINING TIME MATTERS

While many Quick Service locations are typically crowded during normal mealtimes, there are a few that tend to be less crowded than others.

Quick Service restaurants in the Disney hotels are often less crowded for lunch since many guests are in the parks at that time.

If you want to eat at a more popular Quick Service restaurant (like Pecos Bill Tall Tale Inn and Cafe in Magic Kingdom, Flame Tree Barbecue in Animal Kingdom, and Sunshine Seasons in EPCOT) or are simply visiting during a busy time/want to avoid crowds, **consider eating at off-hours (avoid 8-9 AM, noon-1:30 PM, and 6-7 PM if possible**).











#3 MOBILE ORDER TIPS

Mobile Order is a great tool to help you plan, order, and pay for your Quick Service meal without having to stand in line and place an order with a Cast Member. Using Mobile Order, however, has become the standard at many locations, so pick-up times can fill up quickly, and lines can form to collect your food.

To make the most of this service, try to place your Mobile Order WELL in advance of the time you want to eat. That'll give you the best chance of selecting a pick-up time that works best for you. If not, you might get very hungry around noon, only to realize that the next available pick-up time through Mobile Order isn't for several hours - resulting in a hangry mess.

Also, **consider making your pick-up time during off-hours** to avoid standing in line with other people trying to pick up their 12 PM lunch order.

#4: GRAB AND GO

While Quick Service restaurants offer the greatest variety of substantial options, you can certainly create a meal from snacks purchased at the kiosks throughout the parks, which often have shorter lines.

Consider picking up a Mickey pretzel, fresh fruit, popcorn, and hummus. You may find things like mini corn dogs and sandwiches at kiosks for a quick meal.

All Disney hotel food courts and some Quick Service locations also have a **"grab and go" section** with sandwiches, salads, fruit, and other easy-to-eat options.

At Disney Springs, you can grab something at the **Food Truck Park or one of the kiosks** and nosh as you walk.

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DISNEY DINING COSTS

HOW MUCH IS DISNEY FOOD GOING TO COST ME?

By now, you're probably thinking to yourself, "Wow. This Disney food sounds great. But HOW much is this all going to cost?!"

Food costs in Disney World are on par with those in some of the world's biggest and most expensive cities – think about dining in New York, London, and Paris, and you'll have a better idea of the kind of prices you're facing in the home of the Big Cheese.

Avoid sticker shock by looking at menus (and prices) before you arrive. Disney has hundreds of restaurants to choose from, and there's a pretty big variety of options and costs.

At some restaurants, the menus for certain meal times may differ and thus be priced differently. For example, lunch may offer different and more affordable entrees than dinner.

At others, the same menu may be served at both lunch and dinner and might be priced the same. Keep that in mind when planning – don't always expect lunch to be cheaper than dinner!

When you add enhancements to your meal, such as appetizers and desserts, or dine at popular spots like Character Meals, expect your budget to be on the higher end.



AVERAGE COSTS

Here's a peek at some average costs you can expect for various meals in disney world.

MEAL TYPE	AVERAGE PRICING
Quick Service Meal – Adult	**$11-$16** *Though you will find some items on the higher end around $26.*
Quick Service Meal – Child	**$7-$9** *Though you will find some entrees on the higher end around $14.*
Table Service Meal – Adult	**Appetizer: $11-18** *Though you will find more expensive items ranging up to $50 potentially.* **Entree: $26-$50** *Though you can find more expensive items closer to $67 or more.* **Dessert: $10-$14** *More expensive items closer to $29 are out there too.*
Table Service Meal – Child	**$13-$16** *Though you will find items on the higher end closer to $26. Note that oftentimes Table Service meals for children ages 3-9 include an entree, side, drink, and sometimes dessert.*
Buffet or Family-Style Meals – Adult *This includes sample prices from character meals and non-character meals.*	**$46-$62** *There's a range here and you'll find some meals priced upwards of $84.*
Buffet or Family-Style Meals – Child *This includes sample prices from character meals and non-character meals.*	**$30-$40** *You'll sometimes find more expensive options closer to $49.*
Snacks	**Popcorn – around $6** **Mickey Pretzel – around $8-9** **Mickey's Premium Ice Cream Bars – around $6.30**
Alcoholic Beverages	**$9-$18** *Though you will find much more expensive drinks closer to $27+.*
Bottled Water/Soft Drinks	**$4-6**
Juice/Milk	**$3-5**



TIPPING & GRATUITIES

Tipping is customary at Table Service restaurants (including buffet meals and lounges). While tipping practices vary slightly, **tipping around 18-20% of your pretax bill is customary**.

Some bills may indicate a recommended tip on the bottom of your receipt.

It's generally expected to tip at bars too. It's customary to tip a bartender $1 per beer or glass of wine and $2 per mixed drink.

In some situations, including when dining with a group of six or more, an **18% gratuity may be added to your check automatically**. Make sure you review your receipt carefully to check if a gratuity was already included.

QUICK SERVICE

Tipping is not customary at Quick Service restaurants.

WHAT ABOUT WITH THE DISNEY DINING PLAN?

The cost of **gratuities is not included in the Disney Dining Plan**. Although you are not paying cash for your meal, it is customary to tip your server as if you were. When you are presented with your bill, there will be an indication of what the cost would have been had you been paying out of pocket. This is the amount upon which it's customary to base your tip. All guests, including Disney Dining Plan users, should factor the cost of tips into their overall dining budget.

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SAVING MONEY ON DISNEY DINING







YES, YOU CAN FIND WAYS TO SAVE MONEY!

After looking at average meal costs and perhaps even calculating some overall costs for your own dining plans, you might be trying to figure out if there's ANY way to save money while dining at Disney World.

Don't stress! Yes, dining at Disney World *can* be expensive. But there ARE some great ways to save some serious cash.

Here are our top tips & tricks!

#1 BE REALISTIC

You're on vacation and might want to indulge, but if you're also trying to stick to a budget, it's good to be realistic about how much you *really* want to eat.

If your family doesn't tend to eat three full meals a day, then you don't have to change that when you're on vacation. Maybe your family tends to eat a large breakfast, a quick bite or snack for lunch, and then a moderate dinner. Or perhaps you tend to skip breakfast altogether and focus solely on lunch and dinner.

Not every meal at Disney needs to be an elaborate dining experience. Tailor your meals to your family and consider splitting items or finding snacks that will suit your crew's needs.







#2 LOOK FOR DISCOUNTS & LOYALTY PROGRAMS

Cast Members may ask you if you have anything that may qualify you for a discount. But if they don't prompt you, **be sure to always ask!**

These are some discounts that you might qualify for:

- **Annual Passholders** – Can usually save 10-20% at participating restaurants
- **Disney Vacation Club Members** – Can usually save 10-20% at participating restaurants
- **Disney VISA Cardholders** – Can usually save 10% at participating restaurants
- **Disney D23 Members** – Can usually save 10% at participating restaurants

There are also third-party loyalty programs for restaurants in Disney World. These can get you discounts or other perks. These include:

- **Landry's Select Club**: Yak & Yeti, Rainforest Cafe, and T-Rex
- **Levy Preferred:** Paddlefish
- **Earl of Sandwich Loyalty Club**
- **Sauce Squad** – Chicken Guy!

Some restaurants may have **mobile apps or loyalty programs** that can get you a free birthday treat or other perks. Look for apps and rewards programs for places like:

- Sprinkles Cupcakes
- Blaze Pizza
- Wetzel's Pretzels
- City Works Eatery & Pour House

Sign up for emails from **Patina Restaurant Group**, and you can get alerts about special offers for restaurants like The Edison and more. Or sign up for emails from **STK** to get alerts for that spot!



#3 ORDER A KIDS MEAL

At Quick Service restaurants, adults are welcome to order off the kids' menu. Whether you order at the counter or via Mobile Order, you can **take advantage of the kids' meals, which are typically much cheaper than the adult entrees.**

Many kids' meal options have a surprisingly substantial amount of food. So, if you aren't super hungry, don't normally eat huge portions, or are just looking for a lighter and more affordable option, see if a kids' meal will fit your needs!

#4 SPLIT A MEAL

Adult meal portion sizes are pretty large in Disney World. Often, they're large enough to be shared, depending on how hungry you are or what your regular eating habits are. Just like with the kids' menu items, it's something to consider if you don't need a particularly huge meal and have someone willing to split with you.

#5 TIME YOUR RESERVATIONS CAREFULLY

Sometimes, you can save a good chunk of money by having one meal function as two. Consider opting for a **big meal at brunch time,** which would be early enough to satisfy your breakfast needs but late enough to also fill you up for lunch.

If you really want to maximize the value of a meal, consider booking a buffet, such as Tusker House in Animal Kingdom or The Crystal Palace in Magic Kingdom, which serves breakfast and lunch. **Select a reservation time right near the end of breakfast (typically around 10:30 AM).** Then, you may enjoy the breakfast buffet and select options from the lunch buffet as the restaurant transitions from one meal type to the other (plus, you'll pay breakfast prices, which can often be cheaper than lunch).



#6 BRING YOUR OWN FOOD

We have an entire chapter dedicated to this tip later in this 101 Guide, so we'll only touch on it briefly now. Whether you just want to bring enough snack bars to meet your breakfast needs or want to bring in peanut butter and jelly sandwiches or other things that could serve as full meals, you can bring food into the parks, which can help you save a whole bunch of money.





#7 BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

Bringing a refillable water bottle is an easy way to save money in the parks, because buying water bottles in Disney World can get quite pricey. You can refill your water bottle throughout the day at water fountains and water bottle refill stations located throughout the parks, or ask for a free cup of water at many Quick Service locations.

#8 BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU BUY DRINKS

If you simply must buy a bottle of water or soda, try to find one in a cooler at a Disney gift shop rather than purchasing one from a Quick Service restaurant or food kiosk. Why? Annual Passholders can typically get discounts at many Disney merchandise locations, so at least you can save a little on that drink!

#9 ORDER AN ENTREE WITHOUT THE SIDE

Want a burger but simply don't need the fries? **See if you can order the entree by itself (without the side).** Sometimes, if this is possible, you *might* be able to save a little bit off the cost of the item. Note that you generally cannot do this via Mobile Order, so you'll need to order in person with a Cast Member, and this may NOT always be available, but it never hurts to ask!

#10 OPT FOR A LARGE SNACK

Some snacks in Disney World are seriously HUGE – big enough to be meals! And they can often be cheaper than ordering a regular entree. Look into things like the waffle sandwiches in Magic Kingdom. These snacks and others could fill you up without taking up too much of your budget.





MORE MONEY-SAVING TIPS: RAPID-FIRE STYLE!

- **Eat off-property:** It will take time out of your park day, but you'll find plenty of familiar restaurants off-property

- **Check social media accounts for deals!** Many of the restaurants at Disney Springs have social media pages where they post about special offers. Follow them to learn more. Some of our favorites include:
  - @sprinklescupcakes,
  - @terralinacrafteditalian,
  - @fronteracocina,
  - @joffreyscoffeeandtea,
  - @winebargeorge

- Visit during **Orlando's Magical Dining promotion:** Set in August, this promotion offers a prix fixe meal at many Orlando restaurants – including some at Disney Springs or nearby hotels – for a reasonable price.

- **Disney VISA Discounts:** Cardholders receive discounts at select dining locations – **visit the Disney VISA website for details**.

- **D23 Discounts:** D23 members sometimes get discounts at certain dining locations – **check the D23 website for details**.

- **Look for Happy Hour deals in Disney Springs:** Various restaurants offer drinks and certain food items at a discount on select days/times – check the **Disney Springs page**.

- **Check different meal prices:** If you only care about the LOCATION, check to see if meal times are priced differently. Breakfast at Cinderella's Royal Table is cheaper than lunch/dinner, but it will still get you that dining-inside-the-castle experience.

- **Passport to Savings:** If you stay at a Disney Springs Resort Area Hotel (not owned by Disney but has a partnership with Disney for certain perks), you may get a Passport to Savings booklet with special offers from certain Disney Springs restaurants.



MONEY-SAVING TIPS
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- **Use your Starbucks Rewards!** There are some limitations and complications in terms of rewards at the Starbucks locations within the Disney theme parks, but you can take full advantage of your rewards at Starbucks in Disney Springs.

- **Refillable mugs and popcorn buckets:** Disney offers a few refillable items. You can typically find refillable mugs at the hotels – potentially a good value if you're a hotel guest and plan to fill up on sodas, coffee, or other included beverages during your stay. You can also generally find refillable popcorn buckets in the parks – these let you get discounted popcorn refills for the length of your stay, potentially a good value if you're a big popcorn fan and the whole group will be munching on this snack. See if these end up being a good value for you.

- **Look into other refillable options:** You may find sippers that offer you discounted refills at places like Splitsville's Bamboo Bar and Homecomin' in Disney Springs. You *may* also find certain refillable sipper options at the Disney World water parks. Look for options like these and see if any of them are worth it for you!

- **Try a less expensive all-you-care-to-enjoy meal:** Traditional buffets can cost a pretty penny in Disney World. But some places have all-you-care-to-enjoy options for much less. A good example is Whispering Canyon Cafe at Wilderness Lodge, which offers all-you-care-to-enjoy skillets alongside à la carte options. Those who want to eat more can fill up on the skillets, while others can just order an entree – win, win!

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THE DISNEY DINING PLAN

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Okay, now let's talk about the Disney Dining Plan, which you've likely already seen defined briefly and mentioned earlier in this book.

This topic is a whole book in and of itself. Seriously, we wrote a whole other book JUST about the Dining Plan (you can grab it for yourself HERE to get an in-depth look at what the Dining Plan entails!).

We won't try to squeeze that whole book into this one section, but we do want to give you the 10,000-foot view of this offering so you can decide if you want to know more about it and take the plunge.

FAST FACTS

The Disney Dining Plan is a prepaid meal program developed and sold by Disney as an addition to Disney World hotel vacation packages. There are currently 2 Dining Plan options to choose from: the Quick Service Dining Plan & the Standard Dining Plan.

Each plan provides you with credits that can be redeemed for meals and snacks. The amount and type of credits you'll receive per day of your stay depend on the plan you select.



COMPARISON OF THE PLANS

QUICK SERVICE VERSUS STANDARD PLAN

PRICING & TYPE OF CREDITS/BENEFITS	QUICK SERVICE DINING PLAN	STANDARD DINING PLAN
Adult Price	2025 Cost: $59.14 per adult per night ages 10 and up 2026 Cost: $60.47 per adult per night ages 10 and up	2025 Cost: $97.70 per adult per night ages 10 and up 2026 $98.59 per adult per night ages 10 and up
Child Price	2025 Cost: $24.70 per child per night ages 3 to 9 2026 Cost: $26.16 per child per night ages 3 to 9	2025 Cost: $30.78 per child per night age 3 to 9 2026 Cost: $31.94 per child per night age 3 to 9
Table Service Credits	0	1 per person per night of the hotel stay
Quick Service Credits	2 per person per night of the hotel stay	1 per person per night of the hotel stay
Snack/Non-Alcoholic Drink Credits	1 per person per night of the hotel stay	1 per person per night of the hotel stay
Resort Refillable Mug	1 per person (for use at Disney World hotel self-service drink stations only)	1 per person (for use at Disney World hotel self-service drink stations only)

A QUICK EXAMPLE: If you're staying at Disney World Hotel for 4 nights and you get the Standard Dining Plan, each person staying as part of that vacation package will receive:

- 4 Table Service credits
- 4 Quick Service Credits
- 4 snack/non-alcoholic drink credits
- 1 resort refillable mug

They can then choose how to redeem those credits throughout the trip.



DINING PLAN FLEXIBILITY

You don't need to use the credits as daily allotments.

- Even though Disney gives you a certain number of credits based on how many nights you're staying in the hotel, **you do NOT have to use them as daily allotments**.
- The credits are yours to use as you see fit, in whatever order you prefer.
- If you want to use ALL of your Snack Credits in one day, you can!
- You can also buy meals/snacks above and beyond what you've prepaid for with the Dining Plan; you'll just need to pay out of pocket.

Eating with folks NOT on the Dining Plan.

- If you're meeting up with friends or family members who aren't on the Dining Plan, you can still dine with them – just let your server know so they can arrange the bills appropriately.

Don't leave credits behind.

- Make sure you use all of your credits before midnight of your checkout day, or just like Cinderella's carriage, they'll disappear. You've already paid for them, so you should use them!
- Find yourself with extra snack credits at the end of your trip? Consider using them on pre-packaged snacks you can take home with you in your luggage, so you can keep the magic going + not leave any credits behind.







WHAT DOES EACH CREDIT INCLUDE?

CREDIT TYPE	WHAT'S INCLUDED?
Table Service Credit	**1 Table Service Credit includes:** • 1 entrée + dessert (lunch and dinner only) OR full buffet • Guests under 21 years of age can choose 1 non-alcoholic drink with their meal. Specialty beverages for guests 10 years old and over include: Artisanal Milk Shakes, Fresh Smoothies, Premium Hot Chocolates, or Soda, Coffee or Tea. • Guests 21 and older can can choose either 1 non-alcoholic beverage (including specialty beverages where offered) or 1 single serving mixed cocktail, beer, or wine (where offered) within their meal entitlement.
Quick Service Credit	**1 Quick Service Credit includes:** • One Quick Service meal: an entrée OR combo meal • Guests under 21 years of age can choose 1 non-alcoholic beverage with their meal. Specialty beverages for guests 10 years old and over include: Artisanal Milk Shakes, Fresh Smoothies, Premium Hot Chocolates, or Soda, Coffee or Tea. • Guests 21 and older can can choose either 1 non-alcoholic beverage (including specialty beverages where offered) or 1 single serving mixed cocktail, beer, or wine (where offered) within their meal entitlement.
Snack or Non-Alcoholic Drink Credit	A snack on the Disney Dining Plan is considered a single-serving item marked with the DDP logo. They can be things like popcorn, ice cream, beverages, cupcakes, fruit, and more. Most snacks are available at kiosks and Quick Service restaurants. There are TONS of snack options, but not all of them have the best value. You'll definitely want to snag our Dining Plan Book for all of our tips on that.

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Some items that count as a "snack" on the Disney Dining Plan could easily be a small meal, like Gaston's Cinnamon Roll in Gaston's Tavern in Magic Kingdom or Traditional Poutine in Refreshment Port in EPCOT!

DISNEY DINING PLAN RULES

There are quite a few rules and nuances that come with the Dining Plan. Here are some of the big ones you should know about before you decide whether it's the right option for you.

1. The Dining Plan **considers anyone 10 years old or older to be an "adult."** You'll be paying those adult prices for your 12-year-old, even if their appetite is more like a 7-year-old.

2. When you book a Dining Plan, everyone in the hotel room must be booked on the same vacation package and using the same type of ticket options.

3. **The limits can be strict.** Want to order that nacho platter, categorized as an "appetizer," as your entrée? Well, you can order it, but it likely won't be covered by your Dining Plan credit. Disney can be pretty strict about adhering to the credit provisions. Take the time to review the menus of the places you plan to eat to see what you'd normally order and whether that's any different than what you'd feel compelled to order while on the Dining Plan.

4. If you're using the Dining Plan at Table Service restaurants, **tips/gratuities are NOT included.** Since tips are customary at these spots (18-20% generally), you'll want to plan to leave a tip in cash or charge it to your room or card at the time of service.

5. Many restaurants throughout Disney World accept the Dining Plan in some form. But **some restaurants do NOT accept the Dining Plan at all**. Be sure to look for the "DDP" symbols throughout our guidebooks to see whether the Dining Plan is accepted at a certain spot or not. And double check this before your trip as things are subject to change.



DISNEY DINING PLAN RULES & NUANCES
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6 **Dining plans are only for those ages 3+.** Those under 3 can share from an adult plate at no extra charge or you can buy a meal for them separately if you want.

7 **Each member of your group can use the credits how they want** and the whole group doesn't have to dine together.

8 When using the Disney Dining Plan, guests **ages 3-9 must order from a children's menu where available**.

9 **Annual Passholders** can still purchase the Dining Plan. Passholders can add the Dining Plan to a room-only reservation, and the reservation will be viewed as a package.

10 **Disney Vacation Club** members staying on property can also book Dining Plans, which must be added to their room reservation at least 48 hours in advance of their visit.

11 **Not all restaurants are created equal.** We have already mentioned that some restaurants do not accept the Dining Plan at all. But you'll also want to be aware of the fact that certain restaurants and dining experiences may require MORE credits than you'd anticipate. Most Table Service restaurants will only require you to use 1 Table Service credit to dine there. But some spots require 2 Table Service credits PER PERSON.

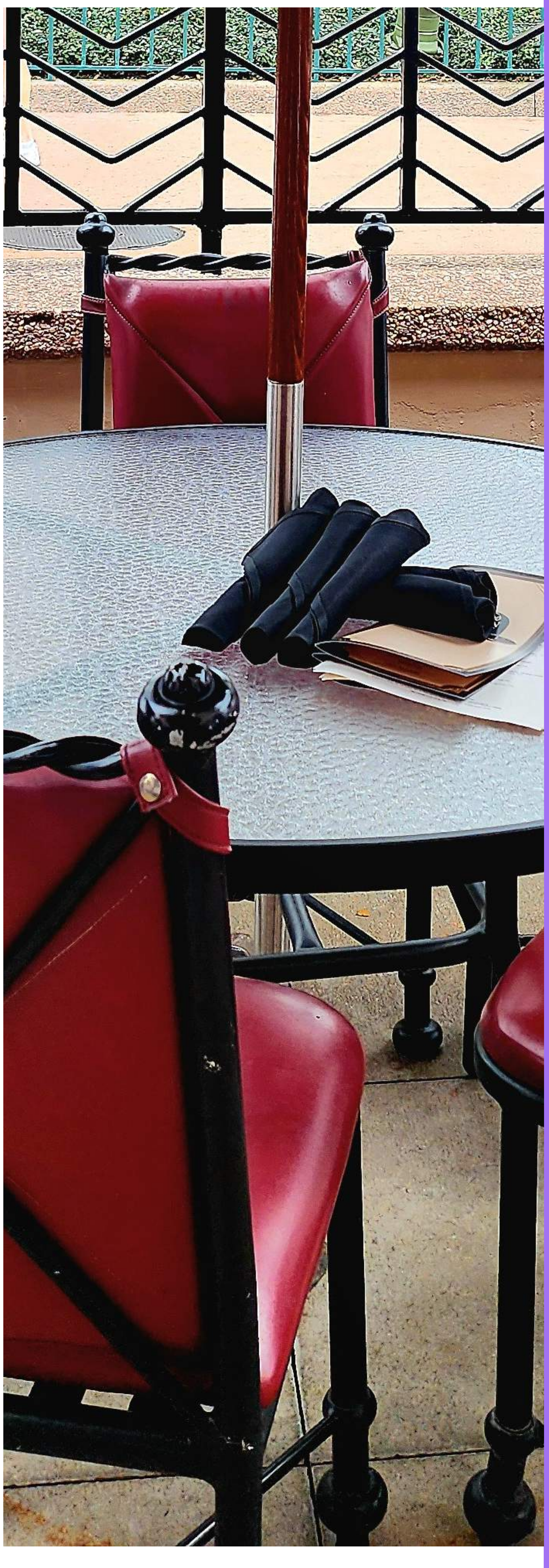


DISNEY DINING PLAN RULES & NUANCES
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Here's a list of some of the places that require **2 Table Service credits PER PERSON** for a single meal. You'll need to plan carefully if you are hoping to eat at 1 or more of these:

1. Be Our Guest Restaurant (MK)
2. Cinderella's Royal Table (MK)
3. Akershus Royal Banquet Hall – lunch and dinner (EPCOT)
4. Le Cellier Steakhouse (EPCOT)
5. The Hollywood Brown Derby (and the Brown Derby Lounge) (DHS)
6. Tiffins (DAK)
7. The BOATHOUSE (Disney Springs)
8. Jaleo by José Andrés (Disney Springs)
9. Morimoto Asia – dinner (Disney Springs)
10. Paddlefish (Disney Springs)
11. Jiko (Animal Kingdom Lodge)
12. Cape Town Lounge and Wine Bar (Animal Kingdom Lodge)
13. Flying Fish (BoardWalk Inn)
14. Cítricos (Grand Floridian)
15. Cítricos Lounge (Grand Floridian)
16. Narcoossee's (Grand Floridian)
17. Topolino's Terrace – dinner (Riviera Resort)
18. Story Book Dining at Artist Point with Snow White (Wilderness Lodge)
19. Yachtsman Steakhouse (Yacht & Beach Club)

Note that this list is subject to change.



FREE DINING PLAN PROMOTIONS

Sometimes, **Disney may offer a FREE Disney Dining Plan to guests with the purchase of a paid Walt Disney World Vacation Package.** A complimentary Dining Plan deal *may* be offered to all guests who book a qualifying package during a specified period, or it may be limited to select groups, such as Disney+ subscribers, Disney Visa Cardmembers, or Florida Residents.

While this might seem like a fantastic deal, you'll be stuck paying the rack rate (non-discounted rate) for your hotel to get this deal, and your hotel stay is often one of the most expensive components of your trip.

Often, a room-only discount on your hotel can save you a significant amount, so paying out-of-pocket for your meals or adding a Dining Plan to a discounted room rate may be the more cost-effective option.

BUT a Free Disney Dining Plan promotion *can* be a good fit for you – it just depends.

Compare the Free Dining Plan package price to other discounted hotel room offers, then add your park ticket cost and estimated food expenses to see whether or not it's the best option for your family.

It simply has to be the right fit for your family and your eating style at Disney World. The Free Disney Dining Plan will likely do right by you if you have a family full of good eaters!







Get the latest details on FREE Dining Plan offers here ↗

MAXIMIZING YOUR CREDITS

Whether the Disney Dining Plan makes financial sense for your group depends on just HOW you plan to eat in Disney World. **The Disney Dining Plan can be a great value if you utilize it to its full potential.**

For example, you *can* use a Table Service credit on the cheapest entree item on the menu, a soda, and a cheap dessert, but you'd get a BETTER value out of that same credit if you opt for one of the more expensive entrees, a specialty beverage, and a pricey sweet.

Here are a few suggestions to make the Plan a better value:

- **Eat your Table Service meals at dinner** when menu items can cost more than breakfast & lunch.
- **Select the more expensive items on the menu** to maximize the value.
- **Buffets and All-You-Care-to-Enjoy dining** offer great opportunities to maximize Table Service credits. Same for **Character Meals**.
- **Use a snack credit for breakfast** (you'd be surprised what substantial snack credit options there are!) and then eat a Quick Service lunch.
- **Use snack credits wisely**. There are numerous options that offer a better value than a bottle of soda.
- **Ask questions**. If you are unsure what's included in your meal, ask your server about the options you can order with your credits.









- Utilize the **Refillable Resort Mug**.
- **Order a specialty or alcoholic drink** (if 21+) when available with your meal.

SO... IS THE DINING PLAN "WORTH IT?"

Well, that depends.

If you're looking for an arrangement that gives you that **"all-inclusive" feel** and the **convenience of paying for/budgeting for your meals ahead of time,** whether or not it saves you money, then the Dining Plan may be a good fit.

Whether or not the Dining Plan can SAVE you money will largely depend on your appetite and your food preferences. The more you can eat on the plan, the more you're likely to save. Guests who are picky eaters, have dietary or nutritional restrictions, or are just not into large meals, may not save much (if anything) with the Dining Plan.

Our advice? **Add up the costs as if you were ordering out of pocket. Be realistic.** If an adult member of your family doesn't usually order an alcoholic beverage with a Quick Service meal, don't add it.

If your ten-year-old would be just as happy with a kids' meal, consider that. Reminder: children 10 years old and up are considered "Adults" as far as the Dining Plan is concerned.

Compare the cost of your meals, paying out-of-pocket versus pre-paying with the Dining Plan.





CONSIDER ALL OF YOUR OPTIONS

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If the Dining Plan restricts you from dining the way you want, it may not be the right fit.

Examine all of Disney's available offers and test adding various options to ensure you're getting the best deal.

Whether a Free Dining Plan offer is the right fit depends on the number of people in your group, your eating habits, and other factors. A Free Dining Plan offer **is often the most likely way to save money with the Dining Plan,** though you'll have to pay the non-discounted rate for your hotel stay.

The Quick Service Plan may be good for those with a tight touring schedule or a tight budget. There's no need to be concerned about a restaurant reservation conflicting with a Lighting Lane time you may book for a must-ride attraction.

The Standard Plan may be good for those who enjoy a midday break for a Table Service lunch or who play all day and enjoy treating themselves to a sit-down meal in the evening.

DOES THE DISNEY DINING PLAN REALLY SAVE MONEY?





Trying to figure out if the Dining Plan is right for you? Let's take a look at some calculations!

In the charts on the pages that follow, **we've priced out a trip from August 25th-30th, 2025,** for a family of 4 with 5-day Park Hopper tickets. Our sample family has 2 adults, 1 kid age 10 (adult Dining Plan pricing), and 1 kid age 7 (kids Dining Plan pricing). We'll see how pricing changes depending on their choice of Disney World hotel.

Through these charts, you'll see what it would cost our family in a few different scenarios

1. Using the Free Dining promotion
2. Without a Dining Plan but WITH a room discount (we used a 25% discount as an example, but room discounts can vary),
3. With a Dining Plan AND a room discount,
4. And with a Dining Plan and NO room discount.

In the examples where our family is NOT buying a Dining Plan and is NOT utilizing a Free Dining Plan promotion, we'll estimate some food costs comparable to what's included in the plan we're looking at. Note that we'll be adding at least 1 alcoholic drink per adult per day to go with one of their meals, and estimating entree, drink, and snack options to be on the pricier side. **Your out-of-pocket food costs may be DRAMATICALLY different** if you'd split entrees, go for cheaper entrees, skip the alcoholic/pricier drinks, go for cheaper snacks, or make other choices that could save you a LOT of money.

2025 QUICK SERVICE DINING PLAN EVALUATIONS

Promotion	Deluxe Resort (D)	Moderate Resort (M)	Value Resort (V)	Tickets	QS Dining Plan	Total Cost
Free Dining - NO Hotel Discount	$2,626.90	$1,657.13	$835.38	$2,639.17	FREE	**D**: $5,266.07 **M**: $4,296.30 **V**: $3,474.55
25% Room Discount - NO DDP	$1,970.18	$1,242.85	$626.54	$2,639.17	NO DDP. Estimated out of pocket costs: $1,161.96	**D:** $5,771.31 **M:** $5.043.98 **V:** $4,427.67
25% Room Discount w/DDP	$1,970.18	$1,242.85	$626.54	$2,639.17	$1,010.60	**D**: $5,619.95 **M**: $4,892.62 **V**: $4,276.31
No Discount w/DDP	$2,626.90	$1,657.13	$835.38	$2,639.17	$1,010.60	**D:** $6,276.67 **M:** $5,306.90 **V:** $4,485.15

As the chart shows, **the Free Dining Plan promotion can be a good cost-saving option**. *If* a promotion is running during your visit AND you're looking for the convenience of an all-inclusive sort of vacation and find that your eating habits align well with the food provisions of the Dining Plan option, then this could be a great deal for your family! But this promotion is not always available.

In this example, buying a Dining Plan (while also utilizing a 25% hotel discount) SAVED our family a bit of money compared to using the hotel discount and paying for food out of pocket. That might be the case for you, too - or it might NOT be. It largely depends on how you eat and what your out-of-pocket food costs would be.

If you're traveling with fewer than 4 people, or if your dietary needs or eating style don't align with the Dining Plan provisions, you *may* be better off just going for a room discount and paying for your meals out of pocket. It all depends!



2025 STANDARD DINING PLAN EVALUATIONS

Promotion	Deluxe Resort (D)	Moderate Resort (M)	Value Resort (V)	Tickets	Standard Dining Plan	Total Cost
Free Dining - NO Hotel Discount	$2,626.90	$1,657.13	$835.38	$2,639.17	FREE	**D**: $5,266.07 **M**: $4,296.30 **V**: $3,474.55
25% Room Discount - NO DDP	$1,970.18	$1,242.85	$626.54	$2,639.17	NO DDP. Estimated out of pocket costs: $1,506.96	**D:** $6,116.31 **M:** $5,388.98 **V:** $4,772.67
25% Room Discount w/DDP	$1,970.18	$1,242.85	$626.54	$2,639.17	$1,619.40	**D**: $6,228.75 **M**: $5,501.42 **V**: $4,885.11
No Discount w/DDP	$2,626.90	$1,657.13	$835.38	$2,639.17	$1,010.60	**D:** $6,885.47 **M:** $5,915.70 **V:** $5,093.95





Again, the chart shows that **the Free Dining Plan promotion can be a good cost-saving option**. However, please note that this promotion is not always available.

Utilizing a 25% room discount and paying for food out of pocket *can* be more cost-effective than purchasing the Standard Dining Plan. However, this chart analyzes our sample family's estimated food costs, which may vary significantly from yours.

Ultimately, one of the best things you can do is estimate what you would pay out of pocket for the food you'd typically order and see how that compares to the cost of the Dining Plan to see if it'll save you any money.

PROS AND CONS OF THE DISNEY DINING PLAN

PROS

1. You can *typically* order from the full menu, so **you may be able to order really expensive entrees and visit restaurants** you wouldn't otherwise try.
2. Your meals are pre-paid, making it **easier to budget.**
3. Credits are **flexible and can be used in any order.**
4. It's **convenient to use** as credits are stored on your room key, MagicMobile, or MagicBand.
5. You are entitled to a **specialty beverage or alcoholic drink (21+) with your meals,** which you might not otherwise splurge on.
6. **Several character meals and buffets are just 1 Table Service credit per person**, which provides a great value.

CONS

1. **Gratuities are generally not included,** so you'll need to budget an extra amount for that.
2. Everyone on your reservation **must be on the same Dining Plan**.
3. The Standard Dining Plan includes dessert with each Table Service lunch and dinner, but not appetizers–so if you prefer starters, it may not offer the best value.
4. Kids over the age of 9 are **expected to order from the adult menu.** Depending on your kid's appetite, this might not result in the best value.
5. **Children aged 3-9 must order from the kids' menu,** which may not offer a wide variety of choices.
6. **Some menu items might be excluded** from the Dining Plan.
7. You'll need to plan and **book Advanced Dining Reservations to ensure you utilize all of your Table Service credits.**
8. Some spots require 2 Table Service credits.

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There are a lot of nuances that go into whether or not the Disney Dining Plan makes sense for you and your family.

If this is an add-on you're considering, we have a separate book that measures the value and does the math.

Check out our **DFB Guide to Maximizing the Disney Dining Plan** where we break it all down for you!



BRINGING YOUR OWN FOOD

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You might not realize that you can actually bring your own food into Disney World, but you can! This can be a great asset if you're traveling with someone with allergies or are just trying to stick to a budget.

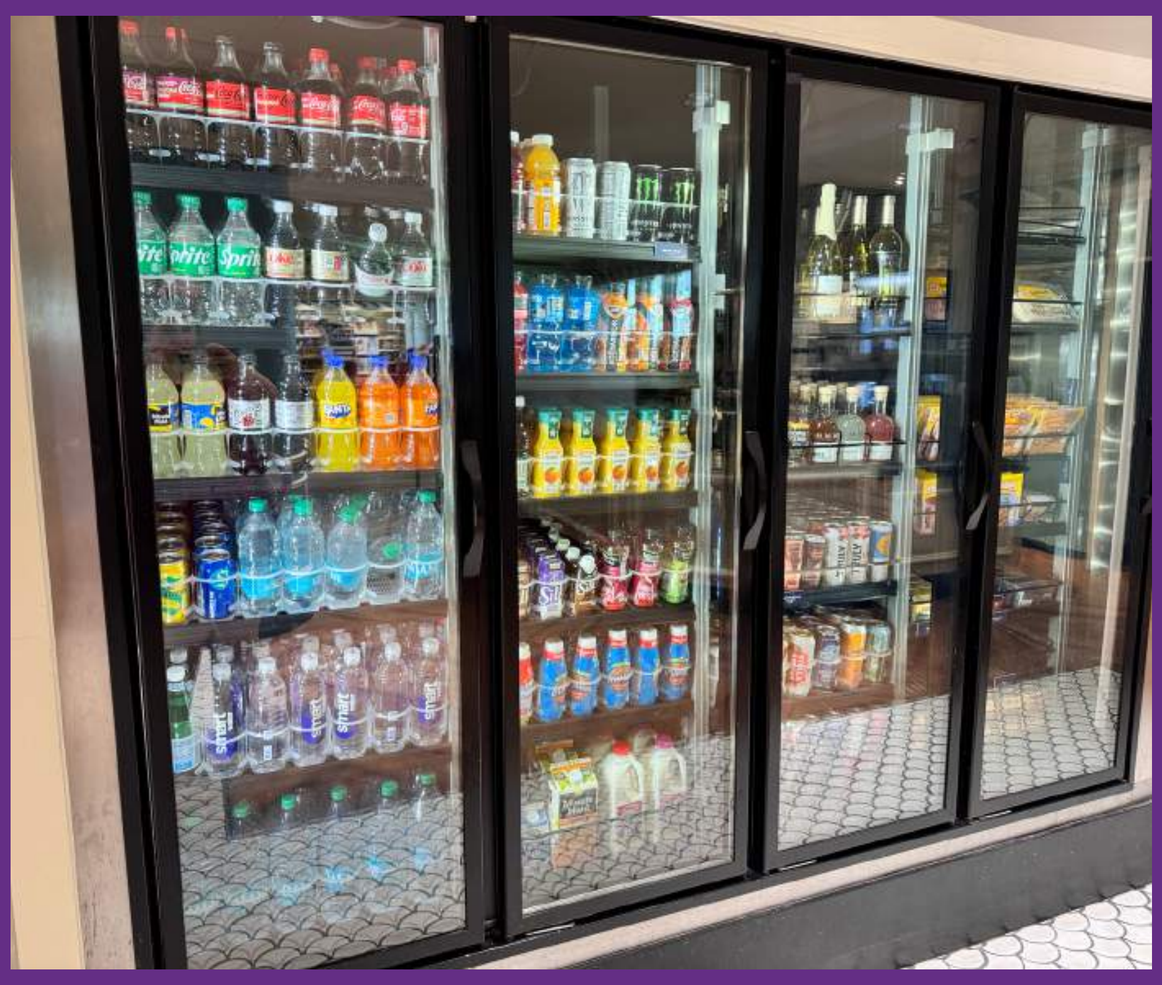


Let's go over the rules and some tips & tricks to use this to your advantage!

THE RULES

Generally, you can bring your own food items into the theme parks – just leave alcohol, large coolers, and glass bottles at home or in your hotel room.

Disney's official rules state: "Guests are allowed to bring outside food and nonalcoholic beverage items into the park for self-consumption, provided they are not in glass containers and do not require heating, reheating, processing, refrigeration or temperature control and do not have pungent odors. Inform a Security Cast Member of any food items when you enter the park." Essentially, you'll want to stick to room-temperature or cold items you can keep in a small cooler, as the only places to heat food in the parks are the Baby Care Centers.



Guests are also welcome to bring their own food and drinks (including alcoholic beverages) into their Disney World hotel rooms. All Disney hotels provide mini-refrigerators, although some may resemble beverage coolers, depending on the hotel and room. Hotel food courts typically have microwaves available for guest use.







MORE FOOD RULES

Here are a few more food rules to keep in mind:

Suitcases, bags, coolers, or backpacks that are **larger than 24" long x 15" wide x 18" high are not allowed in the theme parks** or water parks. (A.k.a. keep the coolers small.)

Loose or dry ice is NOT allowed. Plan to bring reusable ice packs!

SUPPLIES IN THE HOTEL

So, where do you get this food? Well, you will typically find some basic food items in the **Disney-owned hotel gift shops,** similar to a convenience store. Moderate and Value Resorts often stick to food items that do not need to be refrigerated, including donuts, potato chips, and cereals; though you will find chilled items like beer, soft drinks, and milk for cereal.

Baby food and formula are also generally available at the resort gift shops.

Keep in mind, though, that the **selection is limited and prices will be much higher** than what you'll find at your local grocery store.





GROCERY DELIVERY

Grocery delivery is an awesome trick to managing your packing and budgeting needs!

By using **Kroger Grocery Delivery**, you can save time and money. Shop online through Kroger and have groceries delivered directly to your Disney World hotel.

The items will be delivered to Bell Services – and yes, you can even order cold items! The front desk will store them until you're able to pick them up.

Groceries may also be delivered to your room by Bell Services for a handling fee, which is typically around $6.

You can use grocery delivery for all kinds of things you might need during your trip – essentials you forgot to pack, water bottles, soda bottles, quick breakfast options like granola bars and cereal, snacks you can bring in your bag to the parks, and even whole meals - pack the peanut butter & jelly sandwiches and chips! This can help you stick to a strict budget or just add a little convenience to your day when you want a quick snack.

SHIP GROCERIES TO YOUR HOTEL

There's also the option to ship groceries – nonrefrigerated ones anyway – directly from home by packing up a box and sending it to the hotel ahead of your arrival.

Please note that Disney hotels may charge approximately $6 to receive packages sent to the front desk or your room.

Address the box to yourself with the words "Hold for Guest" along with your check-in date. Include the name of the hotel and address, pay the appropriate shipping fees, and send it off. It also doesn't hurt to call and notify the front desk at your hotel that the items are coming, so they can note it on your reservation!





PACK IT!

If shipping doesn't fit into your plans or if you're driving to Disney World and have some spare room in the car, consider packing your own groceries! Some guests will pack an extra suitcase full of groceries they might need on the trip, and then use the empty suitcase for souvenirs on the way home.

While Disney food can be fantastic, sometimes the convenience and potential savings from bringing your own food into the parks can't be beat.

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A BIG COMPLICATION: TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION

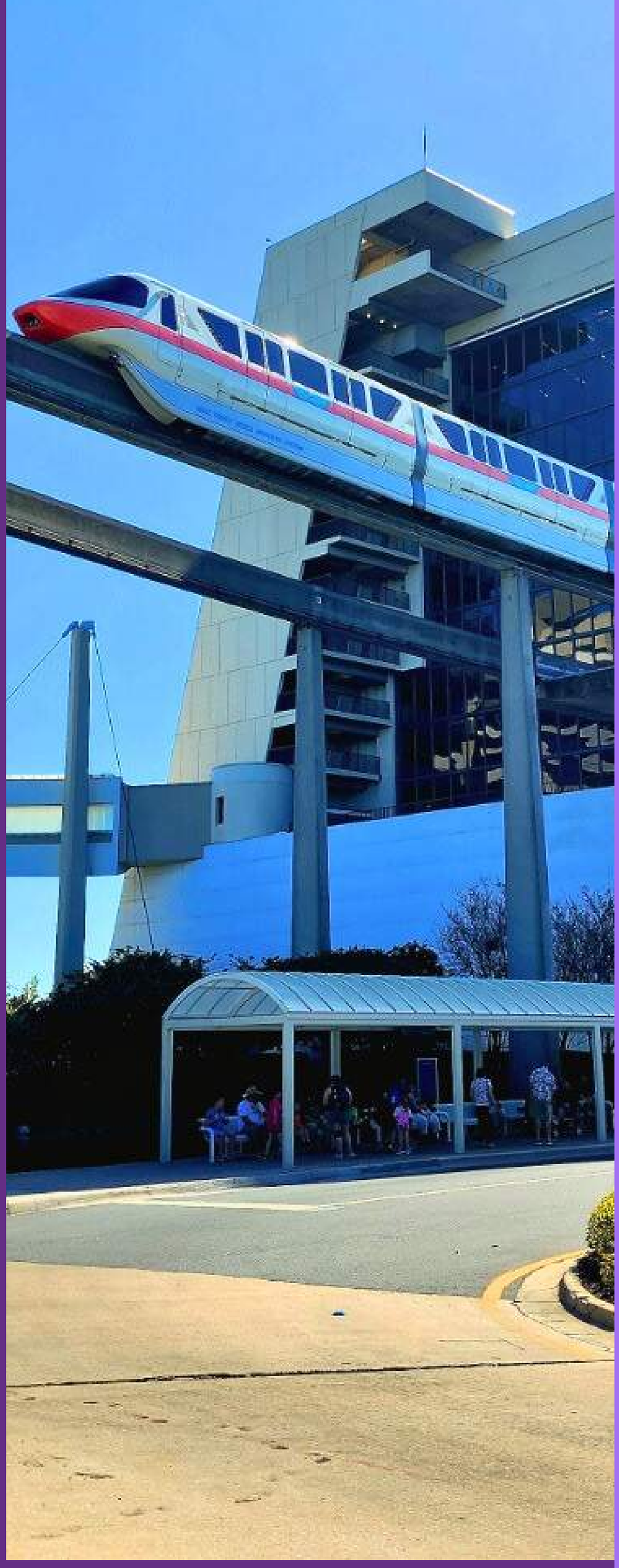
You're READY to plan your Disney World trip and know all the parks you want to hit, the restaurants you want to eat at, and which hotel you're staying at. There's just one, teeny-tiny complication you might not have considered yet: **TRANSPORTATION**.

Disney World is MASSIVE, and getting from place to place can often take longer than you might think, especially if you're planning on utilizing Disney World's FREE transportation options (the monorail, skyliner, buses, and boats).

Things become even more complicated when you realize that not all methods of transportation are available at every location. For example, you can't use the Monorail to get to Hollywood Studios or the Art of Animation Resort, but you can use the Skyliner to get to both!

And not all connections are made in the most straightforward ways. For example, there is generally no resort-to-resort transportation (with some exceptions for hotels along the monorail or skyliner). If you're staying at Pop Century Resort, you can't get a bus directly to Animal Kingdom Lodge for Boma breakfast. So what do you do?

Let's talk about some basics.



TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE

Getting from place to place can take a while, and if you're trying to make it in time for a reservation, it's important to make sure you're giving yourself enough time to do so. We typically advise folks to **buffer at least an extra hour for transportation on average** – it's better to be early than late at Disney World!

BUSES

Disney World hotels generally offer bus transportation to the parks. Resort buses tend to **run every 20 minutes or so**. Buses between the Disney hotels and parks begin **45 minutes before opening and end 1 hour after closing**. Buses between the Disney hotels and Disney Springs are available during Disney Springs' operating hours and end 1 hour after closing.

WATER TRANSPORTATION

Some hotels and parks can be connected via boat. There are some boats connecting certain hotels to the Magic Kingdom. Other boats connect certain hotels to EPCOT and Hollywood Studios. And some boats connect select hotels to Disney Springs. For resort boats, **most routes are on 15-30-minute intervals.**



SKYLINER

The **Skyliner operates continuously, but its service is occasionally interrupted due to weather** conditions and may experience congestion at peak times, such as park opening and closing. It connects Disney's Art of Animation, Caribbean Beach, Pop Century, and Riviera Resorts to each other and to EPCOT and Hollywood Studios.

It's available **1 hour before Early Theme Park Entry starts at EPCOT or Hollywood Studios**, and **closes each day 90 minutes after EPCOT or Hollywood Studios closes,** with some exceptions for Extended Evening Hours.

MONORAIL

The **Monorail runs every 10 minutes, give or take.** There are a few different monorail routes.

1. One Magic Kingdom route connects Magic Kingdom and the Contemporary, Grand Floridian, and Polynesian Resorts.
2. There is also an express service from the Transportation and Ticket Center to Magic Kingdom.
3. And there's a separate express route from the Transportation and Ticket Center to EPCOT.

The Magic Kingdom monorail routes start operating **30 minutes before the park opens and stop 1 hour after** the park closes. The EPCOT route starts **30 minutes before EPCOT opens and 2 hours after the park closes**.



GETTING AROUND CAN BE COMPLICATED

Getting around might be more challenging than simply traveling from one point to another. You might have to go a little out of your way to end up where you want to be. Let's talk through some scenarios.

GOING FROM A DISNEY HOTEL TO A RESTAURANT IN A THEME PARK

Transportation options vary by hotel.

Disney's Contemporary, Polynesian, and Grand Floridian Resorts all feature **Monorail and boat transportation,** in addition to being close enough to **walk** to the Magic Kingdom.

You can take the **Skyliner** to EPCOT and Hollywood Studios from Disney's Riviera, Caribbean Beach, Art of Animation, and Pop Century Resorts.

If you're staying at the BoardWalk Inn, Beach or Yacht Club Resorts, or Swan and Dolphin hotels, you're close enough to **walk** to EPCOT, and do a bit of a longer walk to Hollywood Studios. Additionally, these hotels provide **boat transportation** to EPCOT and Hollywood Studios.

Disney's Old Key West, Saratoga Springs, and Port Orleans Resorts are connected **via boat to Disney Springs**

You'll generally find that the hotels offer buses to the parks. Just check which transportation options are available to you based on your current resort and your park destination.

Getting from your hotel to a restaurant in a Disney theme park is actually one of the easier options. But, you will want to **allow at least an hour** to ensure you have enough time to board the Disney transportation, arrive at your destination, and walk through the park to the restaurant.

Finally, remember that a dining reservation alone will not grant you access to one of the Disney parks; you'll also need a valid park ticket and potentially a park pass reservation to enter through the front gate.









GOING FROM ONE PARK TO ANOTHER

When traveling from park to park, you typically have a couple of options, depending on your origin and destination.

First, ensure you have a **valid Park Hopper ticket** that grants access to more than one park per day.

Magic Kingdom connects to **EPCOT via the Monorail** (through a stop at the Transportation and Ticket Center, where you'll need to switch between the EPCOT and Magic Kingdom routes), and to **all other parks via bus.**

EPCOT is connected to **Hollywood Studios** pri**marily via the Skyliner and Friendship Boats,** in addition to a walking path. Otherwise, both of those parks **connect to the other parks via bus.**

Animal Kingdom is quite a distance from the other parks, so your **only complimentary transportation option is via bus.**

Note that these are the more direct park-to-park options (you can get creative and make other paths involving more forms of transportation, but things can get complicated).



GOING FROM HOTEL TO HOTEL

If you're traveling from hotel to hotel using Disney's free transportation, things can get a little complicated. In general, **there aren't usually direct connections from one Disney World hotel to another,** unless it's via boat, Monorail, Skyliner, or a rare walking path. So, how do you get to where you're going?

You can typically **take transportation to a nearby park or Disney Springs**, and then **hop on a bus or other option to your final destination**. You might need to use different kinds of transportation on your journey, like a bus from Hotel A to a park, and then the Skyliner from the park to Hotel B.

Other options for getting around the hotels include **rideshare services like Uber and Lyft,** or **Minnie Vans** (Disney's rideshare service powered by Lyft). These options do cost a fee, but can make transportation easier and more direct!

If you have a car, that's another option. Parking is free at the hotels if you have a dining reservation. Some hotels *may* let you park even if you're planning to visit a spot that doesn't accept reservations (this rule change hit the Polynesian in 2025 for those visiting after 2 PM, but it can change).

Let's do a quick example. Say you're staying at Pop Century and want to go to Boma (at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge) for dinner. You could:

- Take a bus from Pop Century to Animal Kingdom park, and then...
- Take a bus from Animal Kingdom park to Animal Kingdom Lodge

Then on the way back, you'd need to do that in reverse.

WARNING. Pay close attention to the operating hours for the transportation options. You may need to adjust your transportation route if a particular service hasn't started for the day yet. For example, if you've got a REALLY early morning dining reservation, or if you have a late reservation.



THE SKYLINER

The Skyliner can take a bit of getting used to.

There are **stations at Hollywood Studios, EPCOT's International Gateway** (a back entrance to the park), **Disney's Pop Century and Art of Animation Resorts** (they share a station), and **Disney's Riviera Resort.**

There's also a station at **Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort** that serves as the **Skyliner "hub" or transfer station.**





Depending on where you're traveling to and from, **you may need to transfer gondolas at the Caribbean Beach hub.**

For example, the gondolas at Hollywood Studios carry you directly to Caribbean Beach Resort, where you can transfer, as needed, to other destinations.

Gondolas leaving from the EPCOT Skyliner station carry you directly to Disney's Riviera Resort and Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort. From Caribbean Beach, you can transfer as needed.

Don't just stay in your gondola expecting it to take you everywhere. Pay close attention to the signs and transfer when needed!

RIDESHARE

While you can use Disney's free transportation to get places, **rideshare is also an option (if you're willing to pay the cost).** You can utilize services like Uber, Lyft, or Minnie Vans.

Taking a rideshare option will definitely save you time, especially if your final destination requires a "transfer." It's a great time-saver, but it's not free.

If you have **a car with you**, that's another option. Parking at the hotels is complimentary for those with dining reservations, and parking at the Disney World parks is also complimentary for Disney World hotel guests.

TIMING

When traveling to a dining reservation, we suggest allowing about an hour.

For example, traveling from Magic Kingdom to Sanaa at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge can take around 45 minutes, once you factor in waiting for a bus to arrive, walking to your destination, and other factors.

Keep in mind that getting to your park/resort doesn't necessarily mean you're at your final destination. **Some restaurants are deep in the parks,** and it may take you 10 minutes to walk there once you arrive. Plan accordingly.

Give yourself at least an hour to get places, potentially much more if you'll be going from a hotel to a park to another hotel, or things like that!





TIPS & TRICKS

Disney has made things a bit easier in recent years with the **My Disney Experience app**, which can give you directions by selecting a location within the app and clicking “Get Directions.”

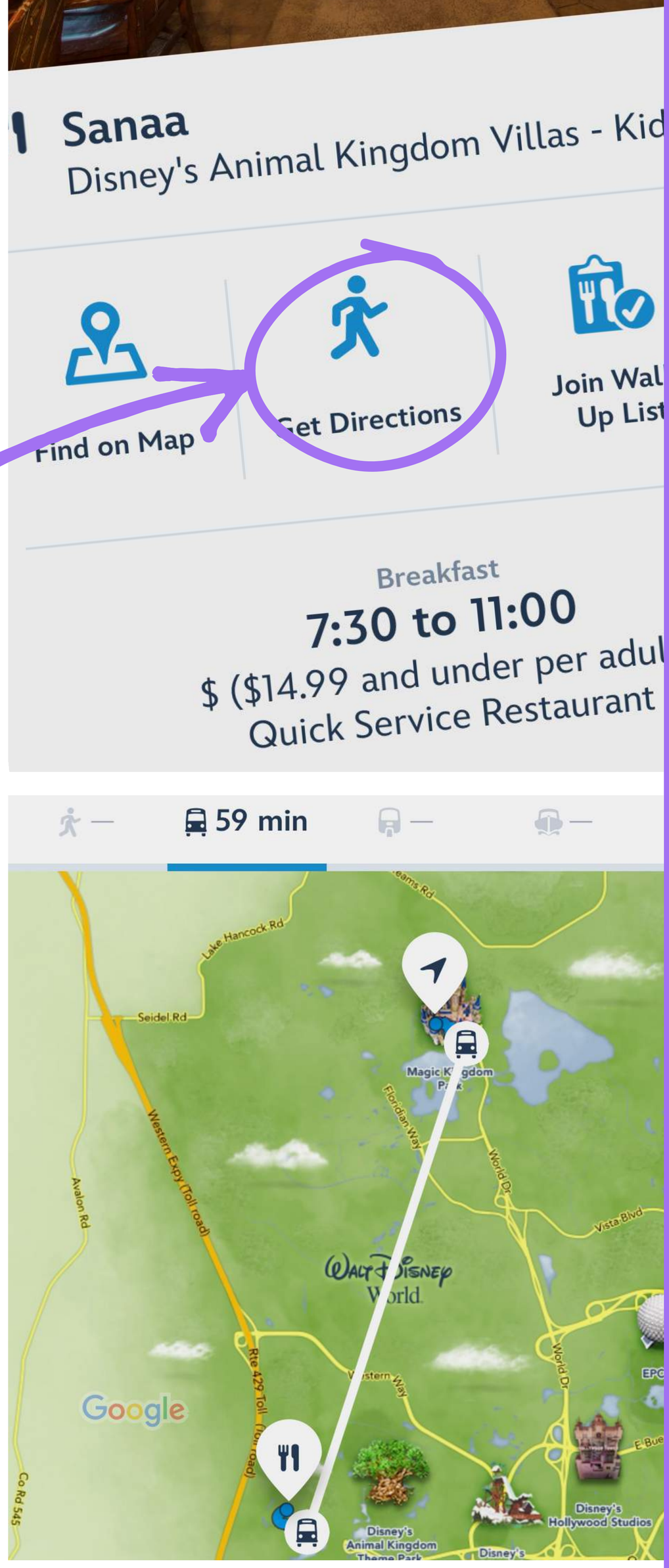
Take a look at the maps throughout our books to get a general feel for where things are in relation to each other.

You can also use **a map app of your choice** to run directions from one place to another.

Our main tip here is to PLAN.

- Think ahead of time about how you’ll get from Point A to Point B.
- Make sure you have all park tickets or reservations necessary.
- Check operating hours for transportation options so you’ll know what will be available to you at the time you go to the reservation and at the time you’ll be heading back to your hotel.
- Think through your own group’s needs – does it make sense to take multiple forms of transportation? Will that be too complicated for family members with specific mobility needs or concerns? Will it take too long to be “worth it” for your family? What makes the most sense?

By planning, you can take a little bit of stress away from your vacation and come in prepared!





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CHARACTER MEALS



CHARACTER MEALS:
THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE GRUMPY

WHAT ARE CHARACTER MEALS?

Character meals are dining experiences in which Disney characters meet and greet guests in the restaurant as you dine.

HOW DO THEY WORK?

Disney pals generally travel one at a time from table to table, stopping with each party for an interaction, photo, or autograph. Some meals feature a separate photo opportunity with a single character; however, most interactions will take place while you dine at your table.

Your group gets guaranteed quality time with characters in air-conditioned comfort while simultaneously enjoying waffles, pasta, carved meats, and more.

CHARACTER MEAL FOOD

Character Meals are typically served family-style or buffet, though you may find other options. They are not all necessarily known for offering the best food in Disney World. But you can find a surprising variety in some spots, and some are of higher quality than others when it comes to cuisine.

Character meal buffets generally offer oodles of family-friendly selections. Tusker House provides a special nod for some unique and delicious African dishes.

Character meals served family-style or with prix-fixe menus may offer some higher-quality eats. Spots like Garden Grill and Topolino's Terrace earn high marks.

They are all somewhat pricey experiences. But the time you save meeting characters in the parks offers a substantial value.







THINGS TO CONSIDER

Serving style plays a role in the logistics of your Character Meal. For instance, for Family-Style and Prix-Fixe meals, your food comes directly to your table, so there is no risk of missing any characters that stop by. But at Buffet-style character meals, timing can be a bit stressful - you run the risk of potentially missing a character when going to fill your plate. In our experience, servers can often advise the timing of the rotation, so you don't have to worry too much, but it is something to be aware of.

If you have little ones in your group, buffets may be more of a challenge during a tiring day. That may not be enough to deter you from eating there, but keep in mind that if you have little ones, you'll need to manage them at the buffet or manage their plates, so you may find yourself juggling dishes.

Occasionally, a Character Meal can feel a bit rushed. While every character will "make a round" during a meal, sometimes there may be an expectation that you only get to see every character once and then consider your mealtime done.

When there's so much to do during your vacation and so little time to do it, a little multitasking like this – seeing characters while eating a meal – can save a lot of valuable time.

CAN I GO TO A CHARACTER MEAL WITHOUT KIDS?

Absolutely! You may find that the characters are glad to have a little break and test out some funny “bits” on the grown-ups at the table! Interact and have fun – the characters certainly will!

Looking for a more low-key experience? Simply say “hello” and wave. In the same way they do with younger children, characters can discern whether you want to engage and won't push you to interact if you'd rather not. No problem.

WHAT IF MY KIDS ARE FRIGHTENED BY THE CHARACTERS?

We – and your Disney pals! – understand this concern. If you suspect your small children or companions might be frightened by larger-than-life Disney characters, you may consider skipping Character Meals for now.

But perhaps you’re not certain whether your little one will react positively or negatively to the characters. In this case, we recommend booking a character meal for the later part of your vacation.

Why? Because on one of your first days in the parks, you can scope out where you can wave “hello” to a character (like during a parade, for instance). If your little one is enthused, try a character meet-and-greet for a little more practice. If a meet-and-greet, or even watching a character from afar, elicits fear or tears, cancel the character meal and save that plan for the next trip. (You can cancel most meals without penalty up to 2 hours before your meal time; just check the restaurant’s policies when making a reservation to be sure.)





WHAT IF MY KIDS ARE FRIGHTENED BY THE CHARACTERS
CONTINUED

Let's say your kiddo adores a specific character or characters, but they don't want to get too close at this point. You may still choose to attend the meal, but request a table upon check-in where your child can watch and observe rather than be right in the middle of the action.

Still worried? You can also inform your server (or even the visiting Character) that your little one is excited to say "hello," but they're not in a particularly huggy mood today. No worries, it happens to the best of us, and our Disney pals are very good at picking up on the cues and the mood of the day and adjusting accordingly.

You may also find that your child reacts better to "face characters" (primarily Princesses and other "human" characters that can speak to them) than to "fur characters" (those who wear bodysuits and headpieces to look like their character, such as Mickey Mouse and Winnie the Pooh) who communicate through hugs and gestures.

PREPARING FOR A CHARACTER MEAL

Book your reservations as soon as possible! Character Meals are among the most popular dining experiences.

Dress for the occasion, if you like! Many children dress up as their favorite princess, pirate, or other Disney character when attending Character Meals. This is by no means required (your child will not feel left out in any way by not having a costume, and they can also get costly or just difficult to pack). But special outfits can make for some especially cute photo ops.

Bring an Autograph Book! Both "fur" and "face" characters can sign your book, so you can hold onto the memory of your special meal. You can find autograph books in gift shops around Disney World.

Check out our chart on the next page for an overview of the character meal locations in Disney World and what characters they feature. Note that character lineups are always subject to change.

CHARACTER MEAL LOCATIONS

RESTAURANT	LOCATION	MEAL TYPE	CHARACTERS CAN INCLUDE	COST ADULT/CHILD	DFB FAVORITE
1900 Park Fare	Grand Floridian Resort	Buffet	Aladdin, Mirabel, Cinderella, Tiana	B $58/$37 D $69/$44	
Akershus Royal Banquet Hall	EPCOT	Family-Style All You Care to Enjoy	Various Disney Princess (like Aurora, Snow White, Belle, Ariel, Jasmine)	B $59/$38 L $69/$46 D $69/$46	
Cinderella's Royal Table	Magic Kingdom	Prix Fixe	Various Disney Princess (like Aurora, Belle, and Ariel, and a photo op with Cinderella before the meal)	B $74/$45 L $88/$52 D $88/$52	
Chef Mickey's	Contemporary Resort	Buffet	Mickey, Minnie, Donald, Goofy, Pluto	B $58/$37 D $69/$44	
Cape May Cafe (Breakfast Only)	Beach Club Resort	Buffet	Minnie, Donald, Daisy, Goofy	B $49/$33	
The Crystal Palace	Magic Kingdom	Buffet	Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, Piglet, Eeyore	B $52/$33 L $62/$42 D $62/$42	
The Garden Grill Restaurant	EPCOT	Family-Style All You Care to Enjoy	Mickey, Chip, Dale, and Pluto	B $49/$33 L $62/$42 D $62/$42	
Hollywood & Vine (Breakfast)	Hollywood Studios	Buffet	Disney Junior (Fancy Nancy, Vampirina, Doc McStuffins, Roadster Racer Goofy) through October 11th, 2025. Starting October 12th, 2025, it will switch to Minnie and friends.	B $49/$33	
Hollywood & Vine (Lunch & Dinner)	Hollywood Studios	Buffet	Mickey, Minnie, Goofy, Pluto	L $63/$42 D $63/$42	
'Ohana (Breakfast Only)	Polynesian Village Resort	Family-Style All You Care to Enjoy	Lilo, Stitch, Mickey, Pluto	B $53/$33	
Story Book Dining at Artist Point (Dinner Only)	Wilderness Lodge	Prix Fixe	Snow White, Dopey, Grumpy, Wicked Queen	D $67/$41	
Topolino's Terrace (Breakfast Only)	Riviera Resort	Prix Fixe	Mickey, Minnie, Donald, Daisy	B $52/$33	
Tusker House Restaurant	Animal Kingdom	Buffet	Mickey, Goofy, Donald, Daisy	B $49/$33 L $64/$42 D $64/$42	
Ravello (Breakfast Only on select days)	Four Seasons Orlando	Buffet	Goofy, Mickey, Minnie	B $56/$36	

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BUFFETS & FAMILY STYLE MEALS



BUFFETS/FAMILY STYLE MEALS

All-You-Care-to-Eat? In Disney World?! You bet! There are several options available in the theme parks and Resort hotels that let you fill your plate all you want and come back (or request) more!

BUFFETS

Buffets are known for their large variety of food selections with plenty of options to please even the pickiest of eaters. A Cast Member will typically come to your table to take your drink order (non-specialty, non-alcoholic drinks are usually included), and then you'll **serve yourself from the various stations on the buffet line.**

FAMILY-STYLE

Family-style restaurants feature a set menu. Platters are usually brought to the table for the group to share (each person gets a plate so they can grab items from the platter to eat as their meal). Non-specialty, non-alcoholic drinks are typically included.

There are a few particulars that are good to keep in mind. If you have little ones in your group, buffets may be more challenging in the midst of a tiring day. That may not be enough to deter you from eating there, but keep in mind that if you have little ones, you'll also need to manage them at the buffet.

DINING WITH ALLERGIES

Allergies can *generally* be accommodated at most locations. Note the allergy on your reservation AND when you arrive at the restaurant. A chef may show you what you can and can't eat. At buffets, cross-contamination may be a concern. Ask if separate dishes can be prepared for you. Check out our full chapter all about Dining in Disney World with Special Diets for more info!

CHART

Check out our chart on the following page for a list of all buffets and family-style meal spots in Disney World.

BUFFETS & FAMILY STYLE MEAL LOCATIONS

RESTAURANT	LOCATION	MEAL TYPE	COST ADULT/CHILD	DFB FAVORITE
1900 Park Fare	Grand Floridian Resort	Buffet	B $58/$37 D $69/$44	
Akershus Royal Banquet Hall	EPCOT	Family-Style All You Care to Enjoy	B $59/$38 L $69/$46 D $69/$46	
Biergarten Restaurant	EPCOT	Buffet	L $49/$28 D $49/$28	
Boma	Animal Kingdom Lodge: Jambo House	Buffet	B $39/$23 D $58/$34	
Chef Mickey's	Contemporary Resort	Buffet	B $58/$37 D $69/$44	
Cape May Cafe	Beach Club Resort	Buffet	B $49/$33 D $49/$29	
The Crystal Palace	Magic Kingdom	Buffet	B $52/$33 L $62/$42 D $62/$42	
The Diamond Horseshoe	Magic Kingdom	Family-Style All You Care to Enjoy	L $44/$24 D $44/$24	
The Garden Grill Restaurant	EPCOT	Family-Style All You Care to Enjoy	B $49/$33 L $62/$42 D $62/$42	
Hollywood & Vine	Hollywood Studios	Buffet	B $49/$33 L $63/$42 D $63/$42	
Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue	Fort Wilderness Cabins & Campgrounds	Family-Style All You Care to Enjoy	D: $70-$78	
Liberty Tree Tavern	Magic Kingdom	Family-Style All You Care to Enjoy	L: $44/$24 D: $44/$24	
'Ohana	Polynesian Village Resort	Family-Style All You Care to Enjoy	B $53/$33 D: $65/$42	
Roundup Rodeo BBQ	Hollywood Studios	Family-Style All You Care to Enjoy	L: $49/$27 D: $49/$27	
Sebastian's Bistro	Caribbean Beach Resort	Family-Style All You Care to Enjoy	D: $39/$21	
Tusker House	Animal Kingdom	Buffet	B $49/$33 L $64/$42 D $64/$42	

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SIGNATURE DINING



SIGNATURE DINING

When you want to take your dining experience up a notch, Disney World's Signature Dining restaurants offer both exceptional menus and attentive service that are sure to be memorable. These venues can be the perfect place to celebrate a special occasion. You'll often find excellent, if not award-winning, wine lists at Disney's signature restaurants as well.

PRICES & DINING PLANS

Signature dining spots are typically on the high end in terms of price, offer a longer dining experience, and often take up more of your day. They also typically cost **2 Table Service credits per person** on the Disney Dining Plan. Note that while many Signature Dining restaurants accept the Dining Plan, Victoria & Albert's at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort (the ultimate in luxurious dining at Disney World) does NOT accept the Dining Plan.

CANCELATIONS

Be aware of varying cancelation policies at these restaurants – some are stricter than others, so make sure you double-check the fine print when you go to book.

DRESS CODE

Many of these signature restaurants also have a **dress code.** They often note that "guests are expected to dress...in attire that respects the restaurant's sophisticated and upscale aesthetic. Clothing should be clean, neat, and in good condition." Pack things like khakis, slacks, dress shorts, a skirt, a dress, and/or collared shirts. Jeans are usually acceptable if in good condition.

KIDS

Kids are generally allowed at signature restaurants unless it's one with an age restriction, like:

- Takumi-Tei (must be 8+)
- Victoria & Albert's (must be 10+)
- Monsieur Paul (must be 10+)

FINE/SIGNATURE DINING LOCATIONS

Check out our list below of Signature Dining locations with some general details!

RESTAURANT	LOCATION	DFB FAVORITE	BASIC DETAILS
Amare	Swan Reserve Hotel	♥	A la carte (though there is a breakfast buffet too), Mediterranean cuisine, The Amare flatbread is amazing!
Be Our Guest Restaurant	Magic Kingdom		Prix Fixe menu, French-inspired food, the theming is the big draw
The BOATHOUSE	Disney Springs	♥	A la carte, focus is on steaks and seafood (raw oyster bar is a draw)
Bourbon Steak - A Michael Mina Restaurant	Dolphin Resort		OPENING 2025. A la carte menu featuring steaks, seafood, signature desserts, drinks, and more
California Grill	Contemporary Resort	♥	Prix fixe menu, global flavors, spectacular views of the Magic Kingdom fireworks
Capa	Four Seasons Orlando		A la carte, Spanish-influed steakhouse + seafood + tapas, view of the fireworks
Cinderella's Royal Table	Magic Kingdom	♥	Prix fixe menu, American eats, unique setting + characters
Citricos	Grand Floridian Resort	♥	A la carte, Florida cuisine with Mediterranean influences, *Mary Poppins Returns*-themed decor
Flying Fish	BoardWalk Inn		A la carte, seafood + steaks, open kitchen is part of the experience
The Hollywood Brown Derby	Hollywood Studios	♥	A la carte, seafood + steak + more, Cobb Salad and Grapefruit Cake are BIG favorites
Il Mulino New York Trattoria	Swan Resort	♥	A la carte, Italian dishes, you can sometimes get ½ portions of dishes (a great way to try more eats!)
Jaleo by Chef José Andres	Disney Springs	♥	A la carte (Chef's tasting menu also avaialble), Spanish eats - extensive menu of tapas
Jiko–The Cooking Place	Animal Kingdom Lodge	♥	A la carte, African, Indian and Mediterranean cuisine, romantic spot

FINE/SIGNATURE DINING LOCATIONS
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RESTAURANT	LOCATION	DFB FAVORITE	BASIC DETAILS
Le Cellier Steakhouse	EPCOT; Canada		A la carte, emphasis on steak + seafood, themed to a wine cellar, menu changes seasonally
Monsieur Paul	EPCOT; France		Prix fixe, French eats, unique view of the fireworks
Morimoto Asia	Disney Springs		A la carte, from Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto, Pan-Asian cuisine, look for things like Peking Duck and dim dum
Narcoossee's	Grand Floridian Resort		A la carte, focus is on fresh seafood, a lesser-known spot for Magic Kingdom fireworks views
Paddlefish	Disney Springs		A la carte, seafood focus, unique location - situated on a life-size paddleboat with great water views
STK Orlando	Disney Springs		A la carte with some prix fixe options depending on when you go, modern twist on an American steakhouse
Takumi-Tei	EPCOT; Japan		Prix fixe multi-course tasting menu, Japanese eats, Omakase: chef curates the meal
Tiffins	Animal Kingdom		A la carte, international cuisine, unique decor inspired by exploration and advanture
Todd English's bluezoo	Dolphin Resort		A la carte, fresh seafood + chicken, beef, and more, vibe is more vegas than Disney
Topolino's Terrace – Flavors of the Riviera	Riviera Resort		A la carte, jaw-dropping views (including some fireworks), French + Italian eats (breakfast is it's own thing - a prix fixe character meal)
Victoria & Albert's	Grand Floridian Resort		Prix fixe multi-course meal customized daily, the ULTIMATE in luxurious dining at Disney World
Yachtsman Steakhouse	Yacht Club		A la carte, focus is on steak + seafood, New England-inspired

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MOBILE ORDER

MOBILE ORDER OVERVIEW

Mobile Order is an ESSENTIAL tool in Disney World and one you'll want to be very familiar with ahead of your trip.

Essentially, this service lets you pre-order and pre-pay for your food (via your mobile device) at participating Quick Service restaurants around Disney World.

Once you arrive at the restaurant, you can bypass the regular ordering queue and go to the Pick Up Counter or the waiting area to get your meal.

To use this feature, you'll need to download the My Disney Experience app to your mobile device. Go ahead and download it RIGHT NOW. You'll be able to use that same app to make dining reservations, reserve Lightning Lanes, check wait times for rides, and much more. Set up your account through the app, create accounts for your traveling party, link all the accounts together, and link any existing hotel & ticket reservations you've made.

IMPORTANT! Not all Quick Service restaurants in Disney World offer Mobile Order. You'll see the ones that do in the app. Look for the phone symbol throughout our guides to see which offers it.

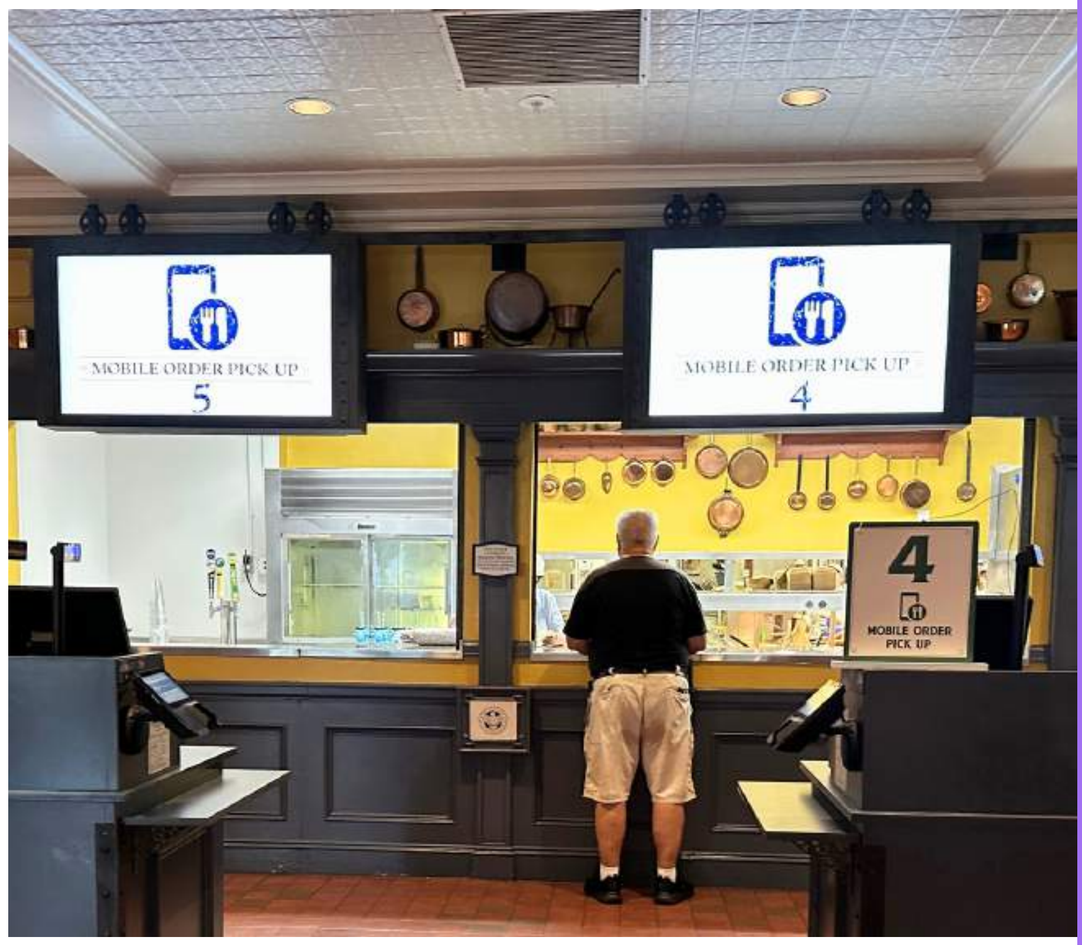


WHY IS MOBILE ORDER SO IMPORTANT?

Mobile Order allows you to take your time making your choices. Being able to pre-order your food means you can take your time reviewing the menu options and making your selections. No need to feel stressed to order quickly because a bunch of folks are waiting behind you in line.



Mobile Order can save you time. While the service is much more popular these days (which can still lead to some complications with long pick-up lines or late pick-up times – we'll talk more about those in a minute), it still can save you some time as you won't need to stand in line to place your order with a Cast Member.

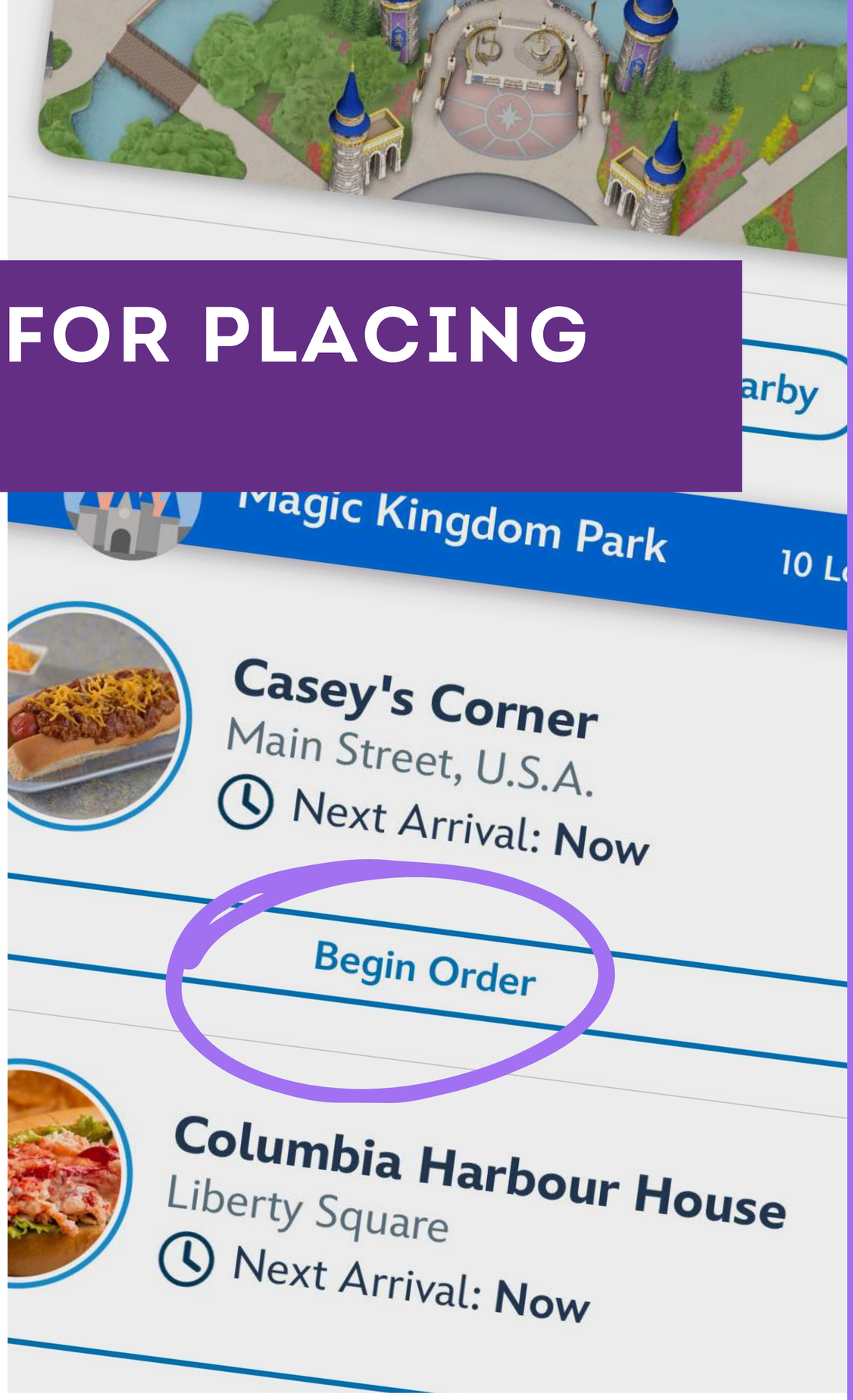


It can be helpful for groups. If you've got a big group, Mobile Order can help you input everyone's orders one by one and get them all coordinated via your app.



It can be helpful for allergy-friendly eats. If you're looking for allergy-friendly eats, you'll generally find them listed in the Mobile Order menu, so you can see what items are gluten/wheat allergy-friendly, etc., and order as needed.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR PLACING A MOBILE ORDER



1. Open the My Disney Experience App

2. Tap the **+** on the bottom center

3. Select **“Order Food”**

4. On the top, select whether you’re ordering to pick the food up “as soon as possible” or if you’re scheduling for later

5. Look for the restaurant you want. There are a variety of filters available so you can find what you need. If picking up as soon as possible, you should see the “next arrival” times so you’ll know how much of a delay there will be for your pick-up time. If scheduling for later, you should see future available pick-up times.

6. Begin your order by selecting “Begin Order” or by selecting the pick-up time.

7. Build your order – select items to learn more about them, select any customizations or sides as noted, and “add” the item to your order.

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Before your trip even begins, go through as many of these steps as you can (without actually placing the order) so you are familiar with the system and where to look for things in the app.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE
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8 Review your order

9 Enter your payment information – choices include credit card, Disney Gift Card, Disney Rewards Card, Apple Pay, or using Disney Dining Plan credits.

10 Purchase!

11 When you're ready to pick up your item during your selected window, select "I'm Here, Prepare My Order" in the app.

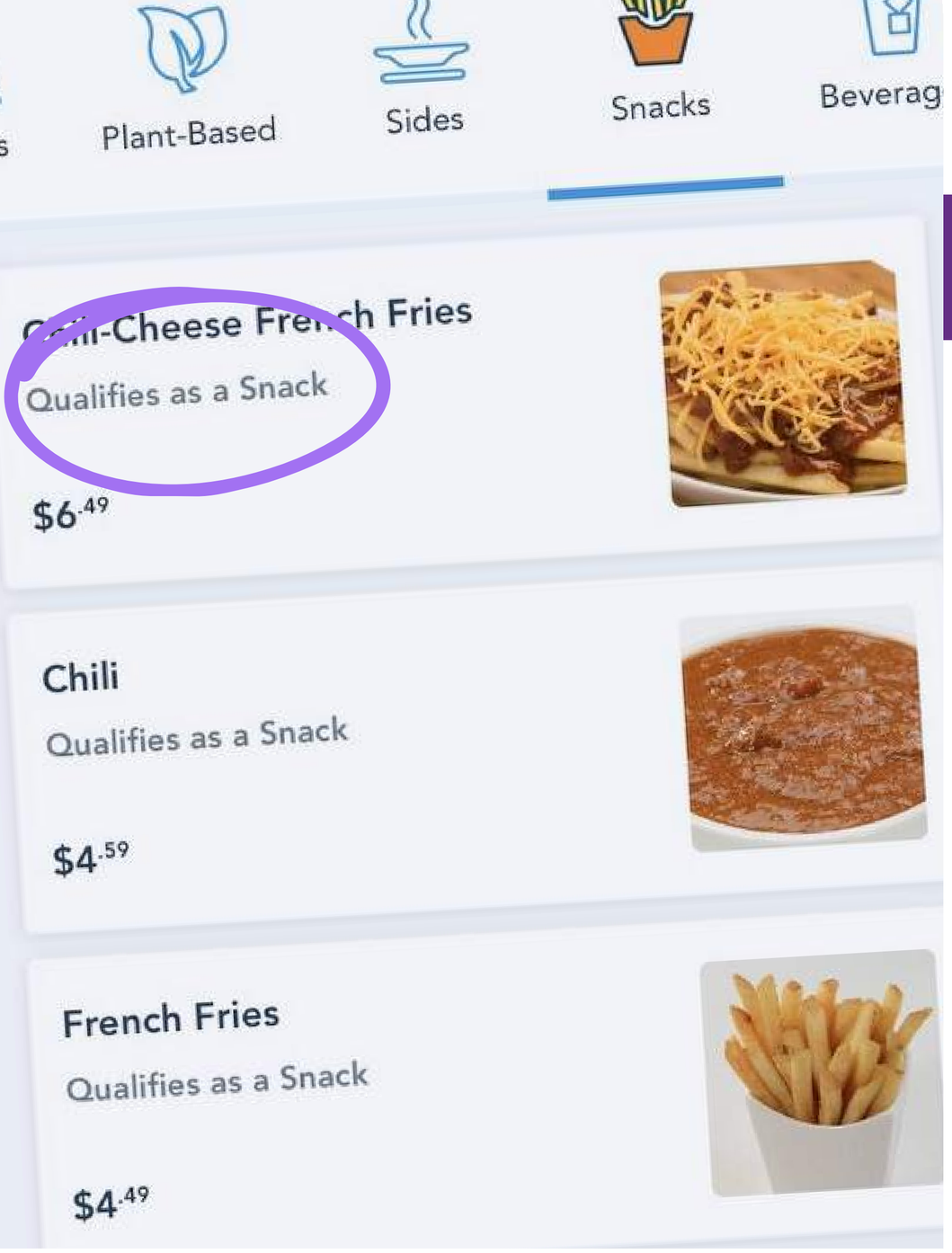
12 Once you get a screen indicating that your item is ready to be picked up, head to the designated window and pick up your food.

Enjoy!



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Our focus here is on Mobile Order via Disney's app BUT be aware that some restaurants (mostly ones at Disney Springs – like Chicken Guy!, The Polite Pig, and Sprinkles, among others) may offer mobile ordering via their own app or website! **See our page for a list.**







USING THE DINING PLAN

If you are using the Dining Plan, you can pay for Mobile Order purchases with your credits (provided the item qualifies for whatever credits you want to use).

Once you start your order, you should get a notification that tells you your Dining Plan credits can be used at that restaurant.

You should find items designated as ones that qualify for certain credits. For example, you'll see a designation that says **"Qualifies as a Snack"** for those items that count as a snack credit.

Once you've added the items you want, you can check out.

The app should notify you if your plan includes something that you don't already have in your order. For example, it might let you know that your dining plan allows you to add a standard drink to your meal if you haven't already placed one in your cart. It's a handy way to make sure you're getting the best value out of your credit.

If you don't want to use your credits for something, you can modify the item and specify that. The Disney app automatically applies your Dining Plan to all items, so you'll have to modify items individually if you want to pay out-of-pocket for them.

MOBILE ORDER COMPLICATIONS



While Mobile Order can be very convenient, it has its own set of complications.

Pick-up windows can fill up during busy times of day/busy parts of the year, especially for popular restaurants. The service is popular, and many folks are using it. That means pick-up windows can fill up faster than you might expect at times.

- The fix: Look at the food you want to eat and place your Mobile Order WELL in advance by using the schedule for later feature. That'll help you get the pick-up window you want, and the food is ready for you when you need it. If you forget to do this, you might get hungry and look to place a Mobile Order, only to realize that the next pick-up time isn't for several hours.

Pick-up lines can get longer during popular eating times. If you place your pick-up window during popular eating times (8-9 AM, 12-1:30 PM, and 6-7 PM), you may encounter longer lines to pick up your food at the window, and longer waits for your food to be prepared.

- The fix: Consider scheduling a pick-up window outside of those times to avoid a bit of the crowds.

Online menus can be a little inconsistent. *Sometimes* an item may be listed on a restaurant's physical menu but may NOT be available via Mobile Order. You could place your order and go pick up your food, only to realize you would have ordered something else had you known it existed.

- The fix: Consider stopping by the Quick Service location quickly to check if there are any special items that might be available before placing your Mobile Order.

There are limitations. If you want to have an ingredient removed from an item, it's often not possible to do that through Mobile Order. Also, if you want to ask about ordering an entree without a side (it may shave a few bucks off the meal), that's something you'll need to do by ordering in person.

MOBILE ORDER TIPS & SECRETS

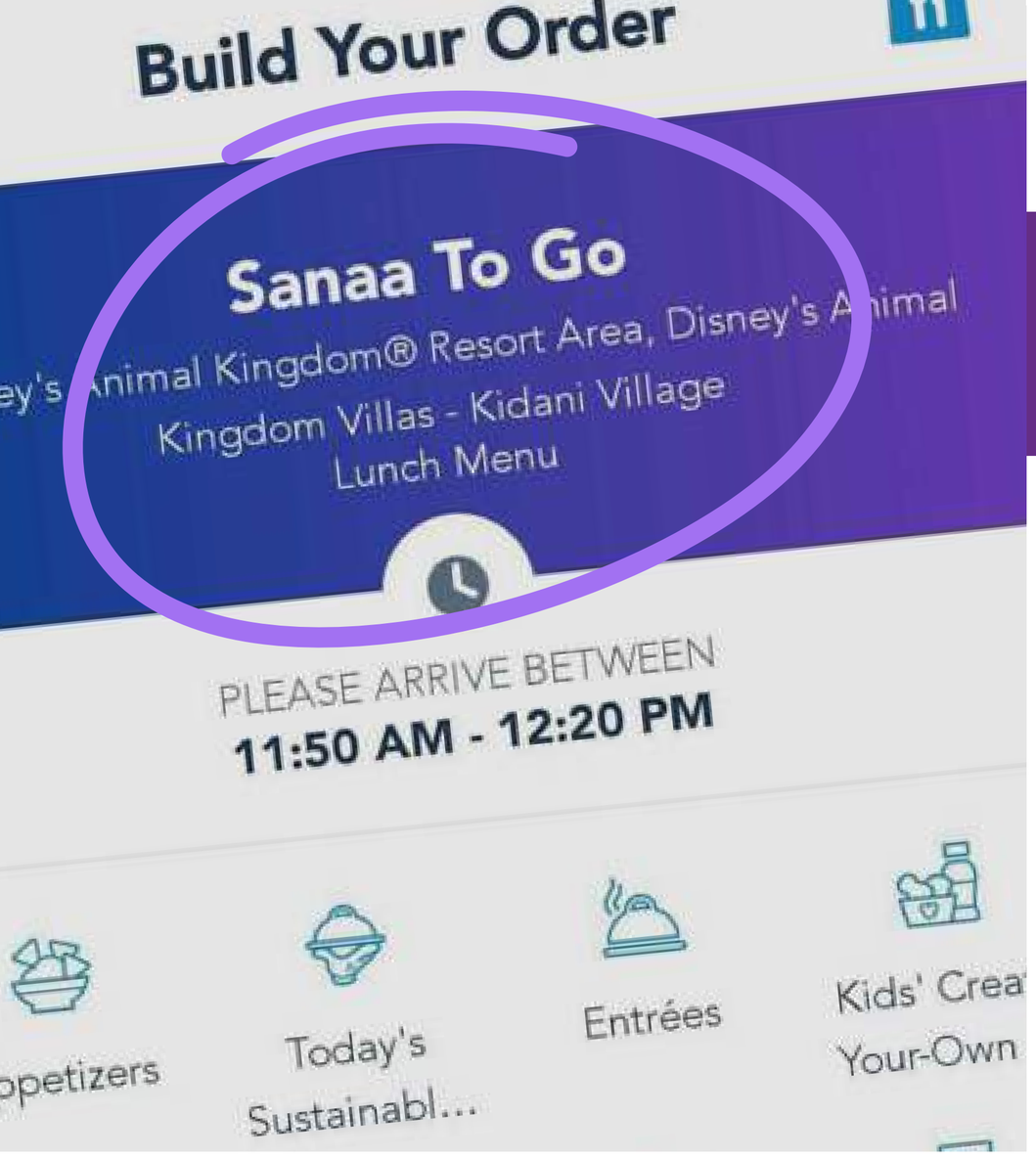
Alright, now let's go through some secrets and tips we've learned after making MANY, MANY, MANY Mobile Orders in Disney World!

- Grace Periods Exist: You can usually tap "I'm Here, Prepare My Order" about 5 minutes early. If you miss your window, go to the My Disney Experience app, go in as if you were going to order food, and select the "Order History" option at the top. Find your order and ask a Cast Member for help retrieving it.

- Breakfast-to-Lunch Caution: Late breakfast pick-up times go fast, and once the time for serving breakfast ends, you can't reorder breakfast-specific items. Also, don't expect to grab a lunch order early – they may still be transitioning menus.

- Adjustable Arrival Window: You can change your arrival window. If it's not yet time to pick up your order, you should be able to select "Change Arrival Window." If you have a later arrival window than you wanted, try using this feature to see if an earlier arrival time pops up – you never know!









MOBILE ORDER TABLE SERVICE TO-GO

Did you know that you can order online and get your food to-go from select TABLE SERVICE restaurants in Disney World, too?! The availability of this service is much more limited than the regular Mobile Order at Quick Service locations, but it can still be very handy!

You'll find this feature the same way you find Mobile Orders above, but look for the Table Service restaurants that are part of the listed options. You'll often see those listed as **"Name of Restaurant To Go."**

You'll follow many of the same steps as a regular Mobile Order – select the restaurant, select your pick-up time, select the items, add them to your order, place the order, pick up the items from the restaurant, etc. You can then take your items, which will be packaged to-go, to eat back in your hotel room or elsewhere!

Items are made to order so know that the wait time will be similar to receiving the items at a sit-down meal.

Again, the list of participating Table Service restaurants is quite limited – it's mainly just a few spots within certain Disney World hotels, but it can be a convenient option if you want to try some eats without having the full sit-down experience.

See the list of participating restaurants here!

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DINING WITH KIDS

DINING WITH KIDS

If you're planning to visit Disney World with some very young family members, you might be wondering how eating with them will work.

Do kids under a certain age eat for free? What's the deal with kids' menus? Are there quiet places where you can take a baby to change their diaper or nurse them?

We've got the basics you need to know right here!



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Theme park tickets are NOT required for children under 3 years old. You may want to consider whether visiting while they are very young (and thus don't need a ticket) is worth it for your family!





BABIES & TODDLERS

Kiddos under 3 years old eat for FREE at all-you-care-to-enjoy restaurants, including those that are served family-style or buffet-style. This can include character meals that are served in that style too.

At Table Service restaurants that have a more traditional menu (with entree items), kiddos under 3 can share off of an adult's plate at no charge. Alternatively, you can order that kiddo a meal or item of their own, from the kids' menu or perhaps a side item if that's what works best, and be charged for that item.

At Quick Service restaurants, kiddos under 3 are again welcome to share off of an adult's plate. You can also order them side items, an item from the kids' menu, etc. for them to eat and pay for that item.

You can bring food items with you to have your little one enjoy as a snack or quick meal during the trip – like cereal, fruit and veggie pouches, baby food, and more. There are certain limitations regarding cooler sizes, no loose ice, and prohibitions on certain foods. See our chapter above about Bringing Your Own Food for more details!

At Disney's restaurants, you'll generally find a good supply of **high chairs** – typically at a fixed height and without a tray. Ask a Cast Member if you need assistance. You may also be able to request an in-room high chair for your hotel when you arrive.







BABY CARE CENTERS

If you'll be traveling with a little one, DEFINITELY consider visiting a **Baby Care Center** – there's one of these in each of the 4 theme parks.

The centers are fully staffed and feature a variety of helpful things like:

- Quiet nursing rooms with rocking chairs (these are often shared, so there can be multiple people in there at once)
- A room with various changing tables
- Washroom facilities
- An area with highchairs
- A kitchen with a microwave and sink
- A main area with a TV, table, and seating options
- A little store with options like baby formula, baby food, juice, diapers, wipes, sunscreen, over-the-counter medicines, and clothes that you can buy

These can be a good place to take a moment with your little one and reset before continuing with your day in the park.

KIDS' MENUS

The majority of Disney World restaurants have a kids' menu of some sort. Many of these include favorites like pizza, chicken nuggets, and pasta. These often come with a choice of 2 sides and a small low-fat milk or bottled water.

You'll also find kids' sections at the buffets! Some restaurants offer a better variety, so check the menus before you dine to be sure your child will enjoy the options.

Below you'll find some of our FAVORITE kids' menu options – these are often a bit more unique, we even love to order some of these as adults, so just keep that in mind when considering your kids' tastes!



AWESOME KIDS' MENUS

PARK/ RESORT	RESTAURANT	FOOD ITEMS WE LOVE	
Animal Kingdom	**Satu'li Canteen**	Customizable bowls are fantastic & filling, and the Cheeseburger Steamed Pod is ICONIC & delicious!	
Hollywood Studios	**Woody's Lunch Box**	Kids' Breakfast Bowl is a great portion and a good deal in terms of price; Grilled Cheese, see if you can ask for a side of Tomato-basil Soup instead of potato barrels.	
Hollywood Studios	**Docking Bay 7 Food & Cargo**	Fried Chicken Tip Yip Youngling Meal - the chicken is a relatively "safe" choice & the mac and cheese served with it is great	
Disney Springs	**The BOATHOUSE**	Familiar and tasty options like chicken tenders, mac and cheese, and even popcorn shrimp.	

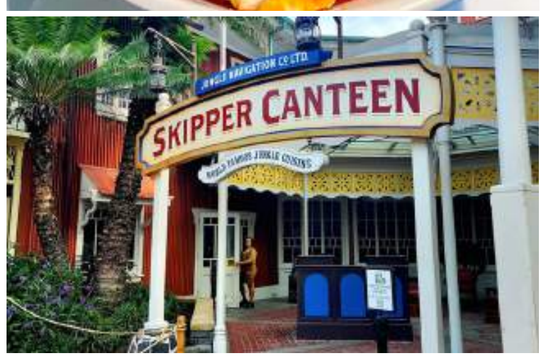
AWESOME KIDS' MENUS
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PARK/ RESORT	RESTAURANT	FOOD ITEMS WE LOVE
Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa	**Grand Floridian Cafe**	Good variety of options from chicken tenders to seared salmon and grilled steak. Plus they can get a fun worms 'n' dirt dessert. It's a high-quality meal without the big portion size.
Disney's Old Key West Resort	**Olivia's Cafe**	The buttermilk-fried chicken strips are a good choice. Pro tip: ask for the southern gravy – it comes with the adult meal but you may be able to get a side of it for the kids meal too.
Hollywood Studios	**50's Prime Time Cafe**	One of the best deals is Goofy's Salmon which comes with 2 sides and you can even pick the Stained Glass Dessert or a cupcake as a side!
Magic Kingdom	**Skipper Canteen**	Some safer options mixed with more unique options – like a coconut-curry concoction, mac and cheese, and grilled chicken and you can even pick a volcano cake as a side!











"CHILD" PRICING

In Disney World, "child" pricing and menus are generally for **kids who range from 3-9 years old.** Note that adults can generally order off of the kids' menus at Quick Service restaurants without any problem.

Kids are not required, however, to order from the kids' menu unless they are using Disney Dining Plan credits for the meal.

What happens when your kid is considered a "child" by Disney standards but needs more food than the kids' menu can offer? You're welcome to order from the adult menu for them – it just means you'll be paying a bit extra.

What if your kid is considered an "adult" by Disney standards, but eats like a bird? Consider ordering a less expensive appetizer for them, or ask about costs for an a la carte favorite that they might enjoy. You may also consider splitting an item with them or bringing containers to hold extra food so you can enjoy any uneaten items as a snack later.

DISNEY DINING PLAN & KIDS

Here are a few rules to know about when it comes to kids and the Dining Plan:

- You can't buy the Dining Plan for a child under the age of 3.
- Children under 3 years old may share from an adult plate at no charge, or a meal may be purchased from the menu for them (at a separate cost).
- Guests ages 3-9 must order from a children's menu where available.
- Kid pricing for 2025 Dining Plans is $24.70 per child per night for the Quick Service plan and $30.78 per child per night for the Standard Plan.
- Kid pricing for the 2026 Dining Plans is $26.16 per child per night for the Quick Service plan and $31.94 per child per night for the Standard Plan.
- See our chapter all about the Dining Plan for more details about what the plans include and considerations about whether it might be worth it for you.





DISNEY CHECK MEALS

As you look at kids' menu options, you *might* see the Disney Check symbol or see meals designated as **"Kids' Disney Check Meals."** Check Meals are those that meet Disney's Nutrition Guideline Criteria.

According to Disney, their criteria promote the consumption of "nutritious foods such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein, and low fat dairy; they also help to limit saturated fats, sugar, and sodium."

At Cosmic Ray's Starlight Cafe (a Quick Service restaurant in Magic Kingdom), for example, you may see things like a Grilled Chicken Sandwich under the "Check Meals" category.

Keep an eye out for the Check logo next to kids' meals at Table Service and Quick Service locations if that's something that is important to you!

GENERAL TIPS FOR DINING WITH KIDS

Here are a few tips for dining with your little one in the Most Magical Place on Earth:

Bring Snacks and Water: Have snacks and water on hand to tide kids over between meals or to fill in if they can't find anything on the menu they want.

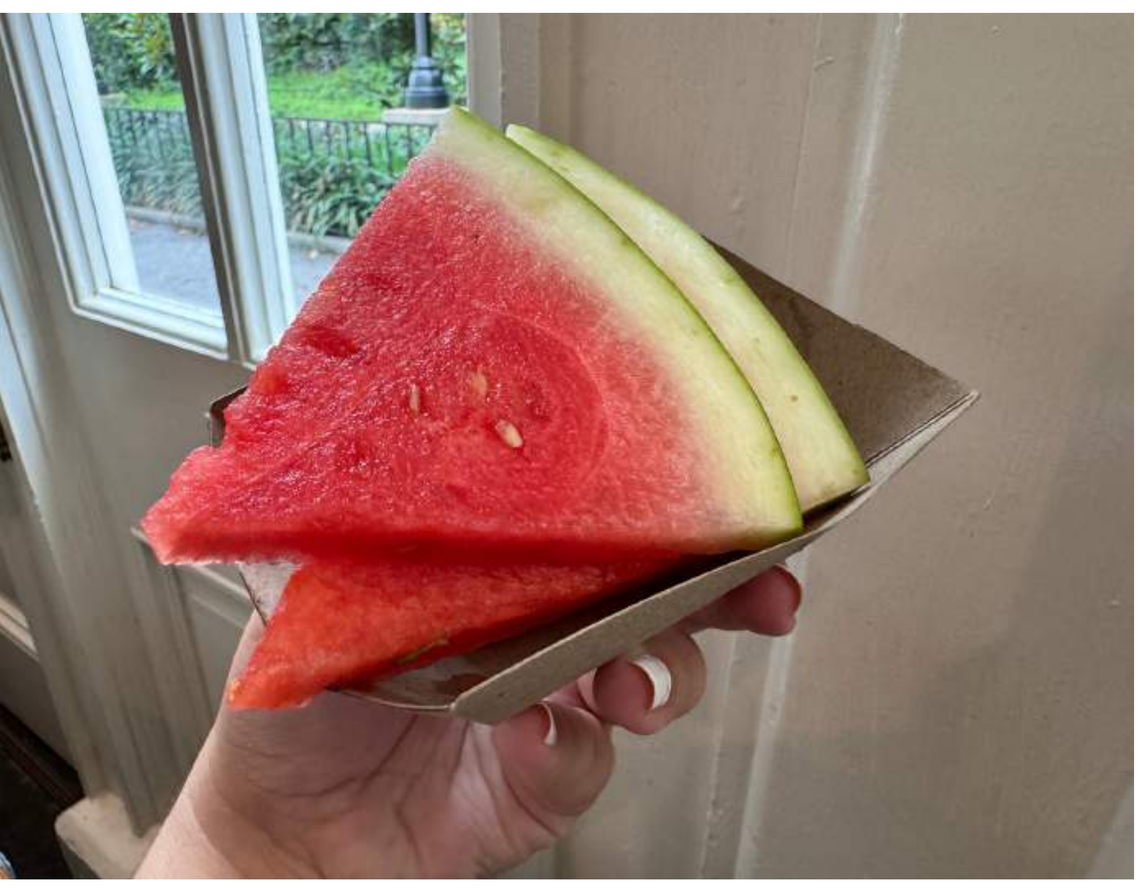
Know Your Kid: If it's nap time, they haven't eaten enough that day, or they've been seriously overstimulated...maybe it's time to go back to the hotel instead of braving a restaurant.











MORE DINING WITH KIDS TIPS

Let Your Child Help With Planning: Whether you have a picky eater or an interested, budding chef on your hands, some kids can benefit from helping you plan dining in Disney World.

- Talk to them about the restaurants they might like.
- Find out if they'd like to dine with the characters, eat next to a giant aquarium, or try escargot for the first time (hey – you never know!).
- If the kids feel invested in the food planning, you're less likely to encounter “But I don't want to eat that!” complaints while on your visit.
- You may also avoid the requests for ice cream, popcorn, and candy if the kids are looking forward to the “real food” restaurants they helped choose.

Don't Be So Hard On Yourself: You may come fully prepared with activities, snacks, and the iPad, and STILL find yourself carting a screaming kid out of a restaurant simply because you never know what combination of factors is going to conspire to interrupt your meal. It happens to everyone.

BEST RESTAURANTS FOR KIDS

There are a lot of options out there – here are some of our favorite picks for dining with little ones!

RESTAURANT	LOCATION	RESTAURANT TYPE	THINGS TO KNOW
Garden Grill	EPCOT	Table Service	• Character meal with Mickey + a few friends • Vibes are much more relaxed compared to other spots • Restaurant rotates, giving you views of the Living with the Land ride • Homestyle eats (like mac and cheese, roasted turkey, and mashed potatoes) are served family-style
Connections Eatery	EPCOT	Quick Service	• LOTS of seating in air conditioning • "Safe" eats like chicken strips, pizza, and hamburgers
The Crystal Palace	Magic Kingdom	Table Service	• Character meal with friends from Winnie the Pooh • Buffet with lots of kid-friendly options
Cosmic Ray's Starlight Cafe	Magic Kingdom	Quick Service	• Plenty of classic fast food (burgers, chicken strips, etc.) plus some fun seasonal offerings • A big draw is Sonny Eclipse – an animatronic alien that plays songs
Sci-Fi Dine-In Theater Restaurant	Hollywood Studios	Table Service	• Themed to a drive-in movie theater. You'll sit in a convertible car-themed table under a dark "night sky" and watch retro movie clips on a GIANT screen – LOTS of entertainment value • Classic eats like burgers, fries, and milkshakes
Backlot Express	Hollywood Studios	Quick Service	• Themed to a production warehouse – plenty of props and details to look at • Classic fast food eats like burgers and chicken tenders (plus the fun Wookie Cookie for dessert!)
Tusker House	Animal Kingdom	Table Service	• Character meal with Mickey + friends in safari gear • Buffet with some unique African-inspired eats, plus some more standard options





BEST RESTAURANTS FOR KIDS
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RESTAURANT	LOCATION	RESTAURANT TYPE	THINGS TO KNOW
Satu'li Canteen	Animal Kingdom	Quick Service	• Cheeseburger pods are a BIG favorite • And you can get more unique customizable bowls along with fun drinks and desserts • Plenty of air conditioned seating
Raglan Road Irish Pub and Restaurant	Disney Springs	Table Service	• Live music and Irish dancers make this place entertaining for kiddos • Kids' menu is high quality but familiar – grilled chicken, fish & chips, and more.
Chicken Guy!	Disney Springs	Quick Service	• High-quality chicken strips are great (and so is the super melty cheese) • The sauces are a fun add so you can make things taste more unique
'Ohana	Disney's Polynesian Village Resort	Table Service	• Breakfast: Character meal with Lilo, Stitch, Mickey, and Pluto. Family-style eats with Mickey Waffles and more. • Dinner: No characters but there's still some great family-style eats, and if you time it right you could watch the Magic Kingdom fireworks during your meal.
Contempo Cafe	Disney's Contemporary Resort	Quick Service	• Bakery case is the stand-out here with seasonal cupcakes and more • Other eats are more standard but provide plenty of options for kiddos • You get to eat while watching the Monorail whizz by – pretty epic.
Honorable Mention: Chef Mickey's	Disney's Contemporary Resort	Table Service	• Iconic character meal with Mickey and friends • Buffet with plenty of kid-friendly options • Can get noisy!
Honorable mention: T-Rex	Disney Springs	Table Service	• Incredibly themed with GIANT dinosaur robots EVERYWHERE • Cuisine is pretty standard but has plenty of kid-pleasing options • Meteor showers happen every 20 minutes that can be noisy and overstimulating for some





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RESTAURANTS WITH ENTERTAINMENT

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Dining in Disney World goes beyond just finding something to fill your belly. Practically every restaurant and snack stand has a backstory and a theme that elevates your experience. That might be part of why you're at Disney – for that attention to detail and immersive experience. But some spots pack in a little more entertainment than others, so let's check those out!



IMMERSIVE DINING

These spots offer over-the-top theming that goes above and beyond even what Disney traditionally does! From dining under the sea to dining among the stars, these spots will immerse you in a whole new world.



CORAL REEF

EPCOT

In EPCOT's World Nature, dine "under the sea." Coral Reef's dining room puts you right next to a GIANT aquarium, where you can enjoy a rare view of sea turtles, reef fish, rays, and sharks. The food itself doesn't typically wow us (especially compared to some of the other options in EPCOT), but the view is spectacular!



SANAA

Animal Kingdom Lodge: Kidani Village

Animal Kingdom Lodge: Kidani Village has one of the most unique dining experiences you can enjoy. Sanaa offers views of the unique savanna and all of its animal inhabitants. The animals are easier to view during the day, so if you want to spy a giraffe while you dine, book for lunch instead of dinner.



SPACE 220

EPCOT

Board the "Stellavator" and enjoy a meal "220 miles above EPCOT." (Note: no real space travel is involved!) The space station setting provides views of the stars and space shuttle launches as well as some other stellar surprises.



ROUNDUP RODEO BBQ

Hollywood Studios

While you visit Andy's backyard in Hollywood Studios, stop by Roundup Rodeo BBQ to dine in a rodeo play area created by Andy himself (you'll feel just like one of the toys)! This immersive space surrounds you with board games, cards, toys, and puzzles. And you'll even get tips on how to act like a toy in case you hear Andy coming! (Note: This is NOT a character meal, it's just a highly themed space!)



T-REX CAFE & RAINFOREST CAFE

Disney Springs (Rainforest Cafe also has a second location in Animal Kingdom)

Both of these spots offer a similar menu and a similar concept. You can either become a time traveler and dine among animatronic dinosaurs or explore the far reaches of the rainforest and savor your meal with tons of animatronic creatures. Both spots can be dark and can get loud, but they're also packed with fun if you have animal lovers or dino fans in your group.

DINNER AND A SHOW



RAGLAN ROAD

Disney Springs

You'll swear you just stepped into a charming little pub in Dublin, except you never left Orlando (and this spot is not that little)! The food is very tasty, but a big draw here is the entertainment. They've got live Irish music and dancing performances that bring the house down.



HOOP-DEE-DOO MUSICAL REVUE

Fort Wilderness Cabins & Campgrounds

This is the OG dinner show at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort & Campground – and it is pure, campy Americana at its finest! The high-energy performance of the cast blends humor and music, playing a fun blend of country, bluegrass, and vaudeville-style tunes, with a lot of hand-clapping, foot-stomping moments. These folks are singing, dancing, cracking jokes, and just generally having a good time, and you will, too!



SCI-FI DINE-IN

Hollywood Studios

It's always "nighttime" inside this restaurant, with a sky full of twinkling stars. You and your crew will sit in adorable classic car-shaped booths, parked in front of a giant movie screen. The combo of the dark setting, glowing car headlights, and old-timey flicks on the screen just pulls you into the whole "drive-in" experience. It's fun, unique, and totally immersive.



BIERGARTEN

EPCOT

At this theater-style restaurant (which features a full buffet with German dishes), expect to see German performers up on stage showcasing authentic Oktoberfest numbers throughout the day – lederhosen and all!

GET IN ON THE FUN



50'S PRIME TIME CAFE

Hollywood Studios

This place is all about a classic 50s sitcom vibe, complete with kitschy décor. The schtick is that you're eating with "family," and your servers are your "long-lost cousins." If you misbehave during your meal, you might get punished! The shenanigans here can be hilarious (and embarrassing – you might even have to sing in front of the entire room). Dont want to participate? Tell your server you just want to observe!



WHISPERING CANYON CAFE

Wilderness Lodge

This spot is ANYTHING but quiet! Instead, it's all about big laughs, rowdy fun, and some seriously hearty grub. The servers have a reputation for being loud, sassy, and super playful. You might come for the food, but you'll leave talking about the antics for days.



JUNGLE NAVIGATION CO. LTD SKIPPER CANTEEN

Magic Kingdom

This quirky, hilarious, and adventurous dining spot in Magic Kingdom brings the Jungle Cruise vibes to life in a dining setting. The servers here are also part of the Skipper crew from the nearby Jungle Cruise and are just as punny as the ones on the ride. Expect lots of dry humor, bad jokes, and playful banter as they guide you through the menu.





CHARACTER MEALS

We've got an entire chapter about character meals that you can check out in this guide, but we did want to at least mention character meals here as they offer a big form of entertainment – getting to meet some iconic Disney characters while you dine. Keep in mind that reservations for some of these spots (particularly the really popular ones) can fill up fast!

MORE DISNEY SPRINGS RESTAURANTS WITH ENTERTAINMENT

We mentioned Raglan Road above since its entertainment can be a particular draw, but other spots in Disney Springs offer entertainment too, including:

- **House of Blues:** live music, nightly, typically
- **The Edison:** nightly live entertainment – varies
- **The BOATHOUSE:** Dueling pianos perform Saturdays/Sundays during brunch & Fridays/Saturdays during dinner
- **Paradiso 37, Taste of the Americas:** live music 5 PM-close
- **STK Steakhouse:** DJ in the main dining room

RESTAURANTS WITH FIREWORKS VIEWS

Watching the fireworks is a big part of a Disney World trip for many.

There are a variety of options when it comes to viewing these spectacular shows:

- You can stake out your spot in the park and wait for the show.

- You can go to a restaurant (Table Service or Quick Service) IN the park that offers fireworks views.

- You can book a special fireworks experience– some EPCOT and Magic Kingdom restaurants offer a fireworks dining package. Learn more about these special experiences in the books for EPCOT and Magic Kingdom.

- You can book a specialty cruise that will let you view the fireworks from the water. Learn more about these special experiences in the books for EPCOT and Magic Kingdom.

- You can book a reservation for a restaurant at a nearby hotel (outside of the park) that offers views of the fireworks.



RESTAURANTS WITH FIREWORKS VIEWS *CONTINUED*



You can also usually take Disney's free transportation to a nearby hotel to enjoy the fireworks. So, you could hop on the monorail to Disney's Polynesian Village Resort, grab a drink and bite to eat from Trader Sam's Tiki Terrace, and then watch the fireworks from the beach area!

Or consider stopping by the bar or lounge associated with one of the restaurants with fireworks views to enjoy the views + drinks/bites without a full reservation.

Restaurants with fireworks views (especially those outside the parks) can be incredibly popular, so getting reservations for them can be challenging.

And keep in mind that the experience won't be the same as if you were in the park. For example, when watching from outside the park, you likely won't get a view of the projections on the Castle that happen along with the Magic Kingdom fireworks.

On the next few pages, you'll find a chart of the Table Service restaurants that offer fireworks views in and outside of the parks. See which of these places might be of interest to you!



FIREWORKS VIEWS

RESTAURANT	LOCATION	FIREWORKS SHOW	PRICE	DETAILS
‘Ohana	Polynesian Village Resort	MK	$$$$	• Good view • Request a table by the windows • Music is piped in during the meal
Wailulu Bar & Grill	Polynesian Village Resort - Island Tower	MK	$$	• Good view • Request a table outside or by a window • NO reservations, time your visit carefully • Music is piped in during the meal
California Grill	Contemporary Resort	MK	$$$$	• Good view from a distance • Request a table by the windows • Music is piped in • Outside viewing area is a big plus (guests have access to it even if their dining reservation was earlier in the evening)
Narcoossee’s	Grand Floridian Resort	MK	$$$	• Laid out like a wraparound porch • Request a table by the window • People outside the restaurant can obstruct the view of the fireworks
Cinderella’s Royal Table	Magic Kingdom	MK	$$$$	• Unique view, limited fireworks visual • No view of overhead fireworks or the projections because you’re IN the castle
Crystal Palace	Magic Kingdom	MK	$$$$	• Request a table by the windows • People outside the restaurant can obstruct the view of the fireworks
Plaza Restaurant	Magic Kingdom	MK	$$	• People outside the restaurant can obstruct the view of the fireworks • Request a table by the window (these are VERY limited) • Windows are much smaller
Top of the World Lounge	Contemporary Resort – Bay Lake Tower	MK		• Exclusive experience for DVC members and their guests

FIREWORKS VIEWS
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RESTAURANT	LOCATION	FIREWORKS SHOW	PRICE	DETAILS
La Hacienda de San Angel	EPCOT: Mexico Pavilion	EPCOT	$$	• Unobstructed views • Huge windows • Music is piped from the show • Ask for a seat by the windows
Shiki-Sai Sushi Izakaya	EPCOT: Japan Pavilion	EPCOT	$$	• Request a seat by the windows for the best view (these are limited)
Rose & Crown Dining Room	EPCOT: United Kingdom Pavilion	EPCOT	$$	• For guaranteed fireworks viewing, book a Fireworks Dining Package • Otherwise, request a table by a window
Spice Road Table	EPCOT: Morocco Pavilion	EPCOT	$$	• For guaranteed fireworks viewing, book a Fireworks Dining Package. • Otherwise, request a table by a window
Monsieur Paul	EPCOT: France Pavilion	EPCOT	$$$$	• Windows are small & views are obstructed by trees • Rquest a table by the windows for the best chance at a view
GEO-82	EPCOT: World Celebration	EPCOT	$$$$	• 21+ only: BRAND NEW experience in the adults-only lounge in EPCOT. • Includes champagne, light bites, & sweets • EXPENSIVE at $179++ per person.
Topolino's Terrace– Flavors of the Riviera	Riviera Resort	EPCOT	$$$	• Music from the show is piped in • Request a table by the windows or step out onto the outdoor terrace
Toledo–Tapas, Steak & Seafood	Gran Destino Tower: Coronado Springs	EPCOT	$$$	• Distant views from the restarant's rooftop balcony
Sebastian's Bistro	Caribbean Beach	EPCOT	$$$	• Some obstructions from trees and the Skyliner but still a good view of the fireworks in the sky • Music is NOT piped in
Capa	Four Seasons Orlando	EPCOT + Magic Kingdom fireworks	$$$$	• Get the benefit of double the fireworks shows

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LATE-NIGHT DINING

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Disney World is well known for sun-filled days packed with fun rides, character meet-and-greets, and more...but when it comes to late-night dining options, it's not exactly "the city that never sleeps."

You may want to know where you can grab a bite if you have a late arrival time after flying into Orlando. We don't want you feeling hungry and disappointed if you're coming in on that red-eye flight, only to find out that your hotel's food court closed hours ago.

Or let's say the opposite is true: you want to soak in those last few hours of your Disney vacation, even if it means sacrificing some sleep before you go.

Well, late-night dining options can be hard to find in Disney World. Places here can close earlier than you might expect!

So, what do you do? Well, here are some options to look into when it comes to late-night eats.

QUICK SERVICE

Check to see if your hotel's Quick Service restaurant stays open a little later and potentially offers a late-night menu. Be aware that some spots that stay open late might serve a very limited menu after a certain time, so you might not have access to everything you'd ideally like to order.

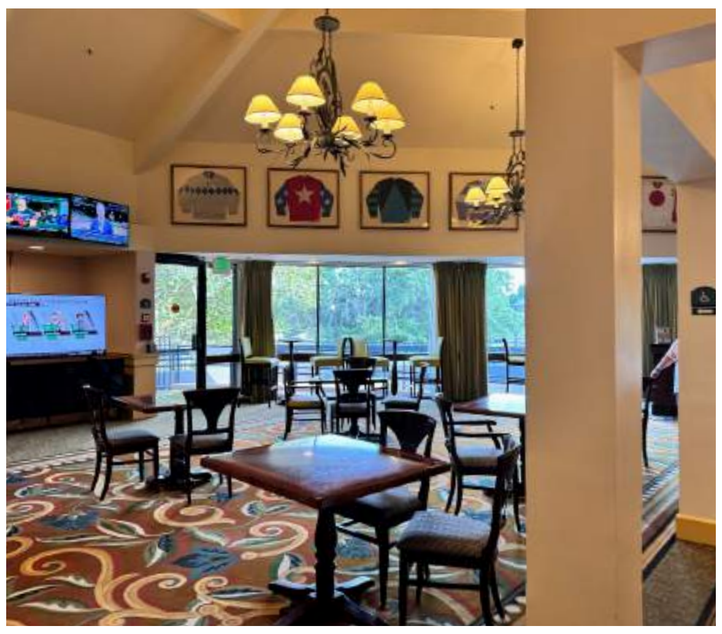
DISNEY SPRINGS

One of your best bets is Disney Springs, where restaurants typically don't close until around 10:30 PM at the earliest, and some stay open a bit later, especially on Fridays and Saturdays. Just be sure to check the hours of operation for the restaurant you want to visit before going there.



LATE NIGHT DINING
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READ MORE ABOUT LATE NIGHT FOOD ↗



HOTEL LOUNGES

Several hotel lounges are open until 11 PM or midnight, and many serve robust food menus, too. Please be aware, though, that some – but not all – might stop serving food earlier in the evening (around 10 PM) even if the bar itself is open later.



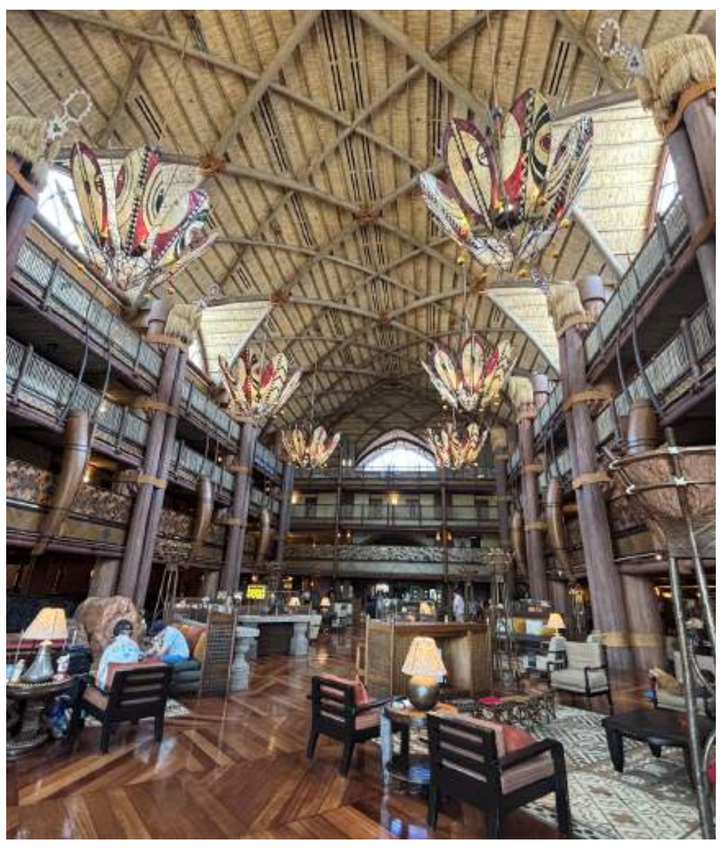
IN-ROOM DINING *ROOM SERVICE*

Room service (when available) may also offer food until around 11 PM. As of the time of publishing, Room Service is generally only available at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, but check to see what's available when you visit.



REFILLABLE MUG REFILL STATIONS

Just thirsty? If you've purchased a Refillable Resort Mug, or received one as part of the Disney Dining Plan, your Resort might have a 24/7 refill station. We've often seen these at pool bars in the hotels. Ask the front desk to see if one is available at your resort.



DELIVERY SERVICES

If none of the options above work for you, keep in mind that you could utilize a food delivery service like Uber Eats or DoorDash to get all kinds of meals delivered directly to your hotel. Keep in mind that you'll have to pay any applicable fees, and the delivery person cannot go all the way to your room. You'll need to meet them in the lobby or may be able to pay Bell Services to deliver it to you for a fee.



GO OFF-PROPERTY

Finally, if you have a car or are willing to use a rideshare service, the immediate area surrounding Disney World has oodles of fast food options and even late-night dining!

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LOUNGES: DISNEY WORLD'S DINING SECRET

LOUNGES

Want to grab some delicious eats WITHOUT a reservation? Looking for a drink and a quick nosh? Head to a Disney World lounge!

WHAT'S A LOUNGE? DO I NEED A RESERVATION?

- Lounges are considered Table Service restaurants (because you'll have a server come over and take your order and bring you your food).
- But they typically do NOT require reservations - Space 220 Lounge and GEO-82 being important exceptions.

WHAT MAKES THEM SO SPECIAL?

- Lounges are often next to & associated with a traditional Table Service restaurant.
- Some of these lounges serve the full menu or bites from the menu of the Table Service restaurant they're attached to, making it a great way to sample some of the eats/drinks from that spot WITHOUT having to sit down for the full meal or get a reservation.
- They can also help you enjoy the atmosphere and views (sometimes even fireworks views!) from popular spots without a reservation.

LOUNGE OPTIONS

- You'll find a range of lounge options from casual to fancy.
- Some spots may focus mainly on drinks or only offer limited eats, while other spots offer full meal options, so just be sure to check those menus ahead of time!
- Some of these spots fly under the radar, while others have become more popular.

CAN KIDS GO?

- Kids are generally welcome to visit these lounges.
- You may find an age limit and/or cover charge at some locations, so just keep an eye out for that. GEO-82 at EPCOT, for example, is for those 21+ only.
- Be aware that while kids are generally able to go to many of the lounges, they may not particularly like them, as they often have a more grown-up vibe.





LOUNGES
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WHAT ABOUT THE DISNEY DINING PLAN?

- Some (but NOT all) lounges accept the Disney Dining Plan.
- You will need to use Table Service credits at lounges.
- Some lounges only offer small plates and no desserts, though, so these might NOT be the best way to use your credits to their full potential.
- For more about the Disney Dining Plan in general (and how it works with lounges), check out our DDP Guide Book.

HOW DO YOU GET INTO A LOUNGE IF THERE ARE NO RESERVATIONS?

- Some lounges may be available via the Walk-Up Waitlist feature on the My Disney Experience app, so you can check there.
- Otherwise, you can walk up to a Cast Member at the lounge and ask to be seated/what the wait would be to get a seat.

DISNEY SPRINGS BARS

- Note that many of the restaurants in Disney Springs have a bar section that is first-come, first-serve, but not necessarily considered a separate lounge.

OUR CHART!

- Check out our chart on the next page for a look at the lounges you can find in Disney World, along with a marking of some of our favorites!



LOUNGES & BARS LOCATIONS: IN THE THEME PARKS

BAR/LOUNGE	LOCATION	DETAILS	DFB FAVORITE
GEO-82	EPCOT: World Celebration	• Located in the structure at the exit of Spaceship Earth • Reservations required • 21+ only • Fancy & pricey • Small bites + drinks	
Space 220 Lounge	EPCOT: World Discovery	• Attached to Space 220 Restaurant • Small plates + drinks (ask if you can order the full Space 220 prix fixe menu) • Reservations required	
La Cava del Tequila	EPCOT: Mexico Pavilion	• Minimal snacks • Mostly drinks • Very popular	
Rose & Crown Pub	EPCOT: United Kingdom Pavilion	• British-inspired cocktails • No food menu	
Regal Eagle Smokehouse Outdoor Bar	EPCOT: American Pavilion	• Drinks-only	
Tutto Gusto Wine Cellar	EPCOT: Italy Pavilion	• Attached to Tutto Italia • Essentially offers the Tutto Italia menu	
Dawa Bar	Animal Kingdom: Africa	• Drinks-only: African beer, wines, and specialty drinks	
Nomad Lounge	Animal Kingdom: Discovery Island	• Attached to Tiffins Restaurant • Small plates + drinks • Fantastic menu options + great vibes	
Restaurantosaurus Lounge	Animal Kingdom: DinoLand U.S.A.	• Attached to Restaurantosaurus restaurant • Drinks-only (+ bagged chips)	
BaseLine Tap House	Hollywood Studios: Grand Avenue	• Minimal snacks • Mostly drinks	
Tune-In Lounge	Hollywood Studios: Echo Lake	• Attached to 50's Prime Time Cafe • Drinks-only	
Hollywood Brown Derby Lounge	Hollywood Studios: Hollywood Boulevard	• Attached to Hollywood Brown Derby Restaurant • Offers full menu from the Brown Derby + drinks	
Oga's Cantina	Hollywood Studios: Galaxy's Edge	• Minimal snacks • Mostly drinks • Reservations required though walk-up may be available • Limited to 45 minutes per party	
Coming Soon: The Beak and Barrel	Magic Kingdom: Adventureland	• Pirates of the Caribbean-themed lounge • Coming in Late 2025 • Reservations required	





LOUNGES & BARS LOCATIONS: HOTELS

BAR/LOUNGE	LOCATION	DETAILS	DFB FAVORITE
Cape Town Lounge and Wine Bar	Animal Kingdom Lodge: Jambo House	• Attached to Jiko • Offers full Jiko menu + drinks	
Sanaa Lounge	Animal Kingdom Lodge: Kidani Village	• Attached to Sanaa • Offers limited small plates (including the popular bread service from Sanaa) + drinks	
Victoria Falls Lounge	Animal Kingdom Lodge: Jambo House	• Overlooks Boma • Offers small bites (seasonal selection) + drinks	
Martha's Vineyard	Beach Club Resort	• Small plates + drinks	
AbracadaBar	BoardWalk Inn	• Minimal snacks, Mostly drinks	
Belle Vue Lounge	BoardWalk Inn	• Drinks-only menu	
California Grill Bar	Contemporary Resort	• Limited seats at the bar • First-come first-serve • Offers small plates + drinks	
Outer Rim Lounge	Contemporary Resort	• Drinks-only menu	
Steakhouse 71 Lounge	Contemporary Resort	• Attached to Steakhouse 71 • Lounge bites menu with some unique items + drinks	
Top of the World Lounge	Contemporary Resort	• Exclusive to DVC members and guests	
Barcelona Lounge	Coronado Springs Resort: Gran Destino Tower	• Pastries and limited breakfast in the morning + drinks (like Spanish coffee) • Appetizers + drinks in the afternoon	
Dahlia Lounge	Coronado Springs Resort: Gran Destino Tower	• Attached to Toledo – Tapas, Steak & Seafood • Offers small plates + drinks	
Three Bridges Bar & Grill	Coronado Springs Resort	• Full menu + drinks	
Crockett's Tavern	Fort Wilderness Resort & Campgrounds	• Located next to Trail's End • Offers a unique menu of lounge bites + drinks	





LOUNGES & BARS LOCATIONS: HOTELS

See More Bars & Lounges ↗

BAR/LOUNGE	LOCATION	DETAILS	DFB FAVORITE
Citricos Lounge	Grand Floridian Resort	• Attached to Citricos restaurant • Offers full Citricos menu + drinks	
Enchanted Rose	Grand Floridian Resort	• Snacks (3:30-10 PM), appetizers (5-10PM), + drinks	
Gurgling Suitcase	Old Key West Resort	• Appetizers + limited entree + drinks	
Trader Sam's Grog Grotto	Polynesian Village Resort	• Very popular • Immersive theming • Limited to those 21+ after 8 PM • Small plates + drinks	
Trader Sam's Tiki Terrace	Polynesian Village Resort	• Offers the same items from Trader Sam's Grog Grotto without the immersive theming	
Tambu Lounge	Polynesian Village Resort	• Attached to 'Ohana • Offers small plates, including some 'Ohana eats, - ask about the noodles and bread puding + drinks	
Wailulu Bar & Grill	Polynesian Village Resort - Island Tower	• Pool bar • Can order some items to-go through Mobile Order Table Service To-Go • Grab-and-go items + drinks at breakfast • Full menu at lunch/dinner • Fireworks views	
River Roost Lounge	Port Orleans – Riverside	• Entertainment by the popular Yehaa Bob Jackson on select nights • Limited appetizers + drinks	
Scat Cat's Club – Lounge	Port Orleans – French Quarter	• Live entertainment starting at 7:30 PM Fridays-Sundays • Limited appetizers, beignets + drinks	
Topolino's Terrace Lounge	Riviera Resort	• Attached to Topolino's Terrace • Offers full menu from Topolino's Terrace at dinner + drinks	
The Turf Club Lounge	Saratoga Springs Resort	• Attached to The Turf Club Bar & Grill • Limited appetizers + drinks	
Territory Lounge	Wilderness Lodge Resort	• Shareable bites + drinks	





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DINING WITH SPECIAL DIETS

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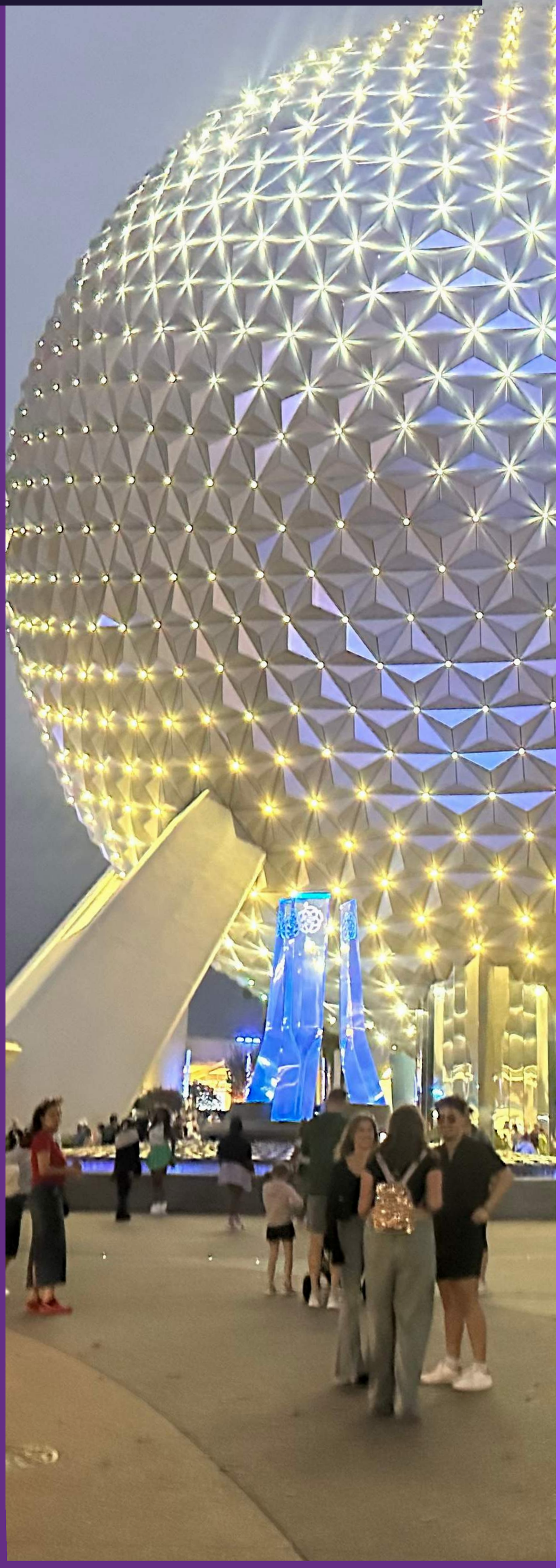
If you've got special dietary needs, dining in Disney World can require some extra planning.

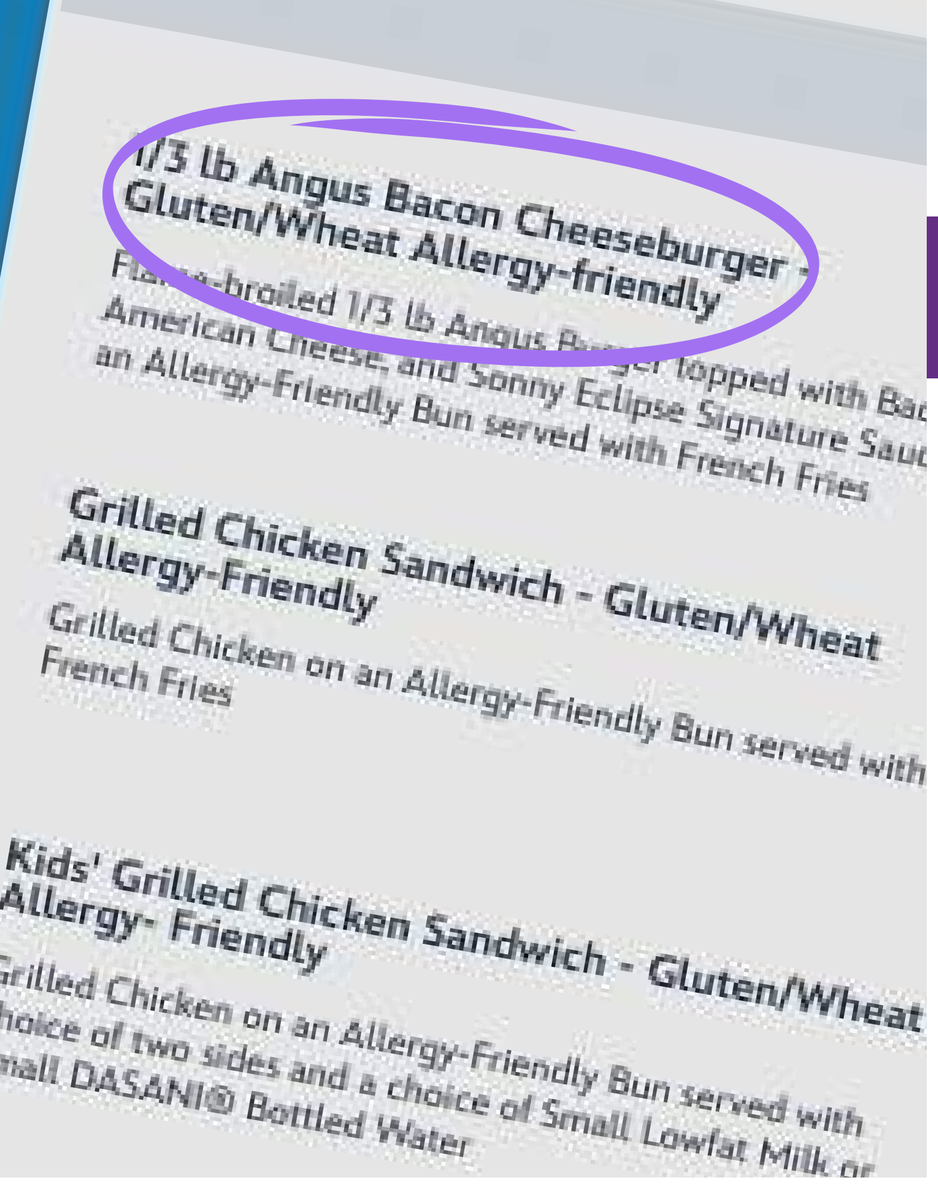
Chefs in Disney restaurants often strive to offer options that will accommodate your dining needs.

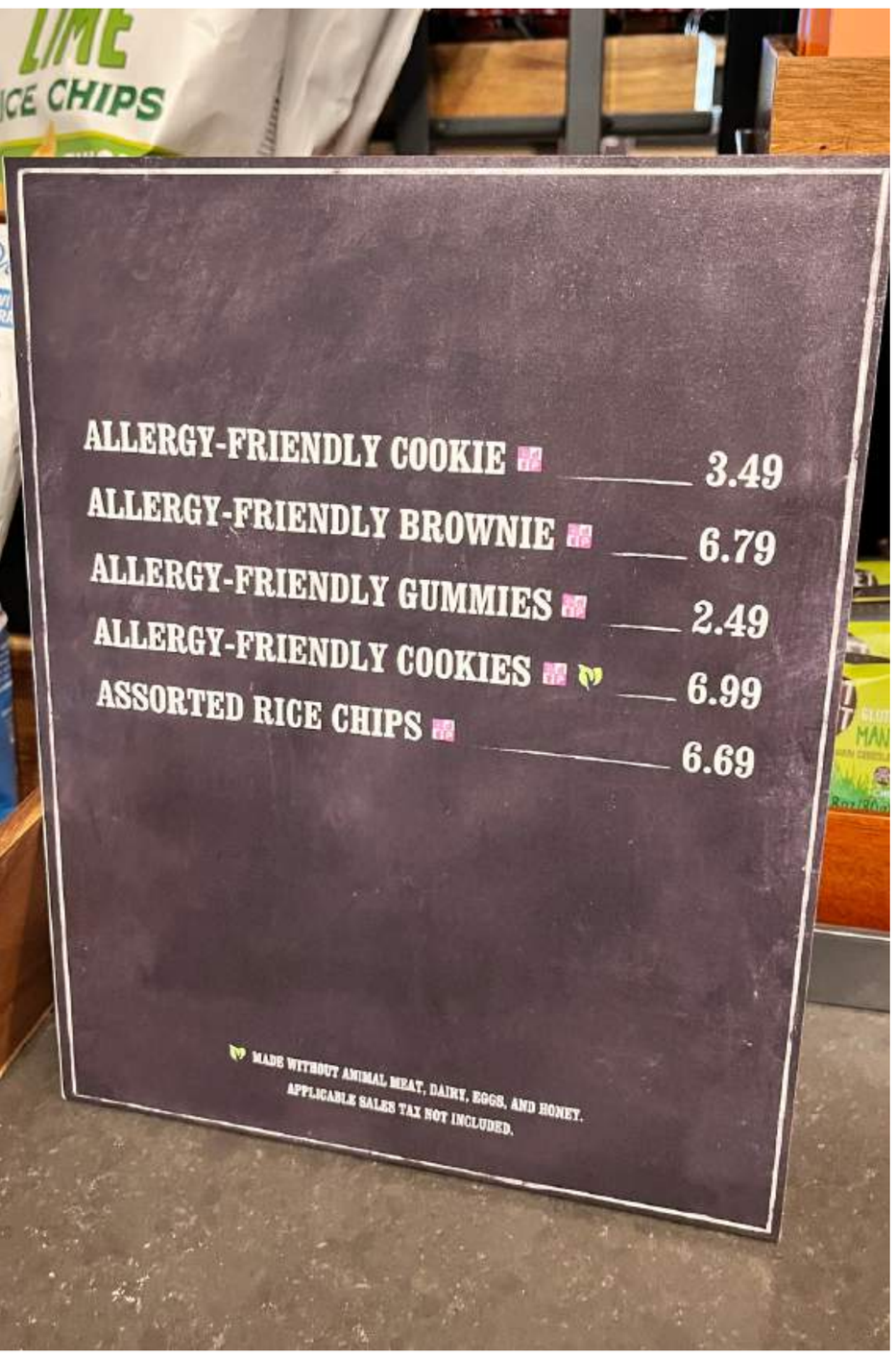
But some locations may be unable to alter their menus, so planning is key.

In this chapter, we're going to provide an overview of some things you'll want to consider doing when visiting Disney World with special dietary restrictions.

Note that this chapter is not a fully extensive look at dining with special dietary needs since that could be a whole book in and of itself, but hopefully, this section provides you with a general overview of what you can expect in the parks and what you can do to prepare for your vacation.









PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

BEFORE YOUR TRIP

- Take a close look at the menus of the places you're hoping to visit (online on the Disney World website or via Mobile Order, etc.). You'll typically find sections of the menu that identify what eats are friendly for different dietary needs. Check for any eats that might meet your specific requirements.

- For Table Service restaurants: Note your special dietary restriction on EACH reservation you make (either note it online or call and have a Cast Member add it), and contact the Special Diets department in advance of your trip.

- Contact the Special Diets department about any reservations you've made or special requests/questions you might have.
  - Call (407) 824-5967
  - Email Special.Diets@DisneyWorld.com
  - Disney specifically advises that guests should contact the special diets team in advance if they have 4 or more allergy requests, need pureed meals, or have a medically restrictive diet.
  - Disney requests that folks don't contact them sooner than 14 days before arrival.







JUST BEFORE YOUR TRIP:

- Determine whether it would be beneficial for you to have grocery items delivered to your hotel so you can have a set of “safe eats” available. Ship food to your hotel, pack it in your luggage, or order grocery delivery through services like **Kroger Grocery Delivery**. Plan what items you’ll need/want to have with you. (Check out our chapter about Bringing Your Own Food to Disney World for more details.)
    - While you can bring your food into Disney World, Cast Members cannot prepare, cook, or reheat any items you bring in.
- **Remember that you can eat at outside restaurants if needed.** You can leave the “Disney bubble” via rideshare or rental cars if that is what works best for you or have food delivered via services like Uber Eats or DoorDash.

DURING YOUR TRIP:

- **Don’t be afraid to ask!** Asking a chef or Cast Member about dining options when you have a special request can go a long way!
    - Ask to see the restaurant's nutritional book or binder, which can list the ingredients of the menu items offered.
    - Chefs can offer suggestions for alternatives and often present guests with tasty solutions to satisfy their requirements.

DURING YOUR TRIP

Policies can differ between Quick Service and Table Service restaurants.

TABLE SERVICE RESTAURANT

- Talk to a Cast Member about your needs when you arrive at the restaurant.
- The Chef may come out to the table to speak with your family.
- Chefs are usually very thoughtful about helping folks (children especially) choose an entrée that will adhere to their special diet.
- Remember to allow extra time for your meal preparation to ensure that your meal is prepared correctly.

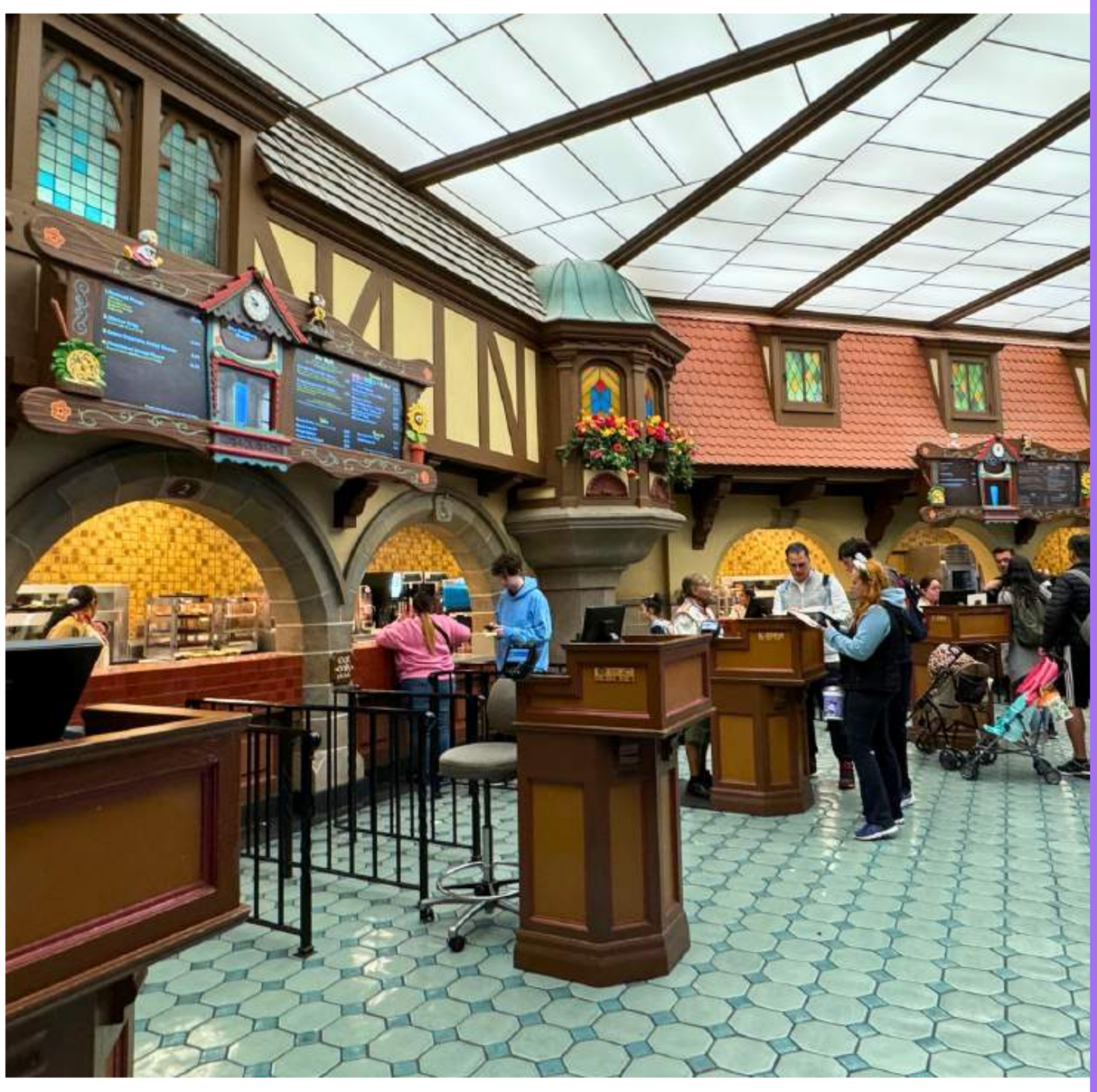
QUICK SERVICE RESTAURANT

- When placing an order via Mobile Order, you should see Allergy-Friendly options clearly listed. Check these for options that might work for you.
- When you arrive at the restaurant, ask to speak with a Cast Member who can guide you. You might get a physical menu noting specific items that could meet your dietary needs.
- You can request to speak to a Chef as well.

For more information, click the links below to check out our dedicated pages about:

- **Dining with a Special Diet at Disney World ↗**
- **Eating with Allergies and Intolerances in Disney World ↗**
- **Eating Gluten-free in Disney World ↗**
- **Vegetarian dining in Disney World ↗**
- **Vegan dining in Disney World ↗**





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SEASONAL FLAVORS & SPECIAL EVENTS



BUCKLE UP. THERE ARE A LOT OF SEASONAL OFFERINGS AT DISNEY WORLD!

Disney celebrates a LOT of special occasions in the parks. Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and MORE often get specialty snacks and sometimes special experiences. On top of that, there are 4 annual festivals held at EPCOT, special Halloween activities, and more. Here's a quick overview of what YOU can expect to find depending on when you visit.

EPCOT FESTIVALS

EPCOT typically holds 4 different festivals. During each festival, you can expect special entertainment, unique merchandise, fun activities for the whole family, and plenty of limited-time food and drink items at booths placed throughout the park.

Be warned: if you visit during an EPCOT festival, that can greatly change your dining strategy.

Instead of a big sit-down meal, you might want to consider snacking your way through the festival food booths to experience what the festival has to offer.

It's up to you and what's most important (Do you like eating snacks on the go or would you rather just have one big meal? How do all those snacks fit into your budget?), but it's something to consider.

Also, EPCOT will generally be very busy when a new festival starts.

You may want to avoid the park during the first weekend and visit once the festival crowds have died down a bit (a weekday is better than a weekend).

Every EPCOT Festival offers a dining package that coordinates with evening entertainment/concerts (giving you priority seating for that event). If catching one of these shows is a priority for you, look into the Dining Package options at EPCOT restaurants to secure reserved seating for the show.

The next page will give you an overview of the festivals, but we have also created individual DFB guidebooks for each festival that give an in-depth look at that festival's offerings. Those are linked on the next page in case you want to make the most of your festival trip!



EPCOT INTERNATIONAL

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

- 2026 dates pending (took place January 17th-February 24th, 2025)
- Celebrates visual, culinary, & performing arts
- Plenty of booths with some visually interesting eats and drinks
- Disney on Broadway concert series + dining packages at select restaurants

Get Our Festival of the Arts Guide ↗



EPCOT INTERNATIONAL

FLOWER & GARDEN FESTIVAL

- 2026 dates pending (took place March 5th-June 2nd, 2025)
- Giant topiaries throughout the park
- Lots of food/drink booths with fresh-from-the-garden flavors
- Garden Rocks concert series + dining packages at select restaurants

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EPCOT INTERNATIONAL

FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

- August 28th-November 22nd, 2025
- LOTS of booths throughout the entire park with limited-time eats and drinks
- Eat to the Beat concert series + dining packages at select restaurants

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EPCOT INTERNATIONAL

FESTIVAL OF THE HOLIDAYS

- November 28th-December 30th, 2025
- Experience holiday traditions from around the world, including festive eats & drinks
- Candlelight Processional show with celebrity narrators + dining packages

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HALLOWEEN!

There's LOTS of spooky fun to be had during the Halloween season in Disney World.

Throughout the parks and hotels, you'll typically find limited-time snacks to celebrate. In 2025, Jock Lindsey's Hanger Bar will even receive a Halloween overlay with specialty food & drink items.

The BIG draw of the Halloween season is **Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party.**

- This is a separately ticketed event, meaning you'll need to buy a specific ticket for it – your regular park ticket won't do.
- It typically takes place in Magic Kingdom on select nights from early August through Halloween night. In 2025, it'll take place on select nights August 15th-October 31st.
- Enjoy trick-or-treating in the park, several rides that remain open, Halloween overlays/theming at some rides, the Boo-To-You Halloween Parade, Halloween-themed fireworks, and more.
- Some themed snacks EXCLUSIVE to the party are often available for purchase as well.
- You can also opt to purchase access to a dessert party for the Halloween-themed fireworks.

Want to make sure you have a fantastically spooky trip during the Halloween season? We have an entire guidebook dedicated just to making the most of Halloween time in Disney World.

Get Our Halloween Guide ↗

CHRISTMAS & THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season in Disney World typically begins as soon as Halloween is over.

During Christmastime, you can typically expect:

- GIANT Christmas trees and decor in the parks and resort hotels
- Plenty of offerings, including a Christmas Tree Trail and Jock Lindsey's Holiday Bar in Disney Springs
- Gingerbread displays at some hotels
- Limited-time snacks
- Meet Santa Claus in various places
- EPCOT's Festival of the Holidays
- And 2 separately ticketed events

MICKEY'S VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

- This separately ticketed event typically takes place on select nights in Magic Kingdom from November through December. In 2025, it will take place on select nights from November 7th to December 21st.
- During the event, you'll enjoy attractions that remain open (some with holiday overlays), a Christmas parade, holiday-themed fireworks, hot cocoa and cookies at a variety of restaurants in the park, and EXCLUSIVE specialty snacks that are available to purchase.
- You can also opt to purchase access to a dessert party for the holiday-themed fireworks.



DISNEY JOLLYWOOD NIGHTS

- This separately ticketed event typically takes place in Hollywood Studios on select nights from November through December. In 2025, it will take place on select dates from November 8th to December 22nd.
- Guests can usually experience a nighttime fireworks and projections spectacular, rare character meet-and-greets, unique entertainment. In the past we've seen things like a holiday special hosted by Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, access to certain rides, and more.
- EXCLUSIVE specialty snacks are typically available for purchase.

We've got an entire guide dedicated to the holidays at Disney World. Check that out for an in-depth look at ALL of the holiday offerings and food available!

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MORE CELEBRATIONS!

Keep an eye out for limited-time eats & drinks and special activities in Disney World for these events:

- **February:** Valentine's Day, Black History Month
- **March:** St. Patrick's Day (there's an especially large celebration at Raglan Road Irish Pub & Restaurant in Disney Springs), Women's History Month
- **April:** Easter (look for Easter Egg displays at the Grand Floridian, Easter Weekend parade in Magic Kingdom + a meet-and-greet with the Easter Bunny!), Earth Day/Month
- **May:** Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Mother's Day, May the 4th (Star Wars Day)
- **June:** Pride Month, Father's Day
- **July:** Flavors of Florida -this is sort of like a mini festival over at Disney Springs where restaurants feature limited-time dishes inspired by Florida; 4th of July
- **August:** World Princess Week
- **September:** Hispanic Heritage Month
- **October:** Halloween Day (though the snacks and festivities start closer to August)
- **November:** Thanksgiving, Swan and Dolphin Food and Wine Classic
- **December:** Christmas (though the snacks and festivities start in November and sometimes a little earlier), New Year's Eve - fireworks at Magic Kingdom and EPCOT are the big draw!

No matter what time of year you visit, be sure to look and see if Disney is celebrating something special. It might give you the chance to catch a limited-time experience or snack!





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INCREASING THE MAGIC

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A trip to Disney World can be magical on its own, but **what if you want to take things to the next level?**

Maybe you want to book a unique dining experience to celebrate a special occasion for your family.

Or maybe you want to order a custom cake to make it a birthday celebration they'll never forget.

Well, there are ways to do that, and we're going to go through some key ones here.

Keep in mind that offerings are subject to change. Be sure to contact Disney and/or your hotel in advance to confirm the offerings that'll be available during your trip.



SPECIAL CAKES & SWEET TREATS



COMPLIMENTARY DESSERTS

Make a note when booking your dining reservations that you'll be celebrating an event during your trip. While nothing is guaranteed, many folks may receive a small dessert, a cupcake, or a celebration card signed by some of their favorite characters.





SPECIALTY CAKES

If you want to make the day even more memorable, consider purchasing a specialty cake. For an easily accessible option, you can order a **standard Mickey-shaped Celebration cake** in advance when you make your dining reservation. The cake can then be delivered during your big meal. These are available at participating Table Service restaurants. You'll also find them at some Quick Service restaurants (sometimes even available via Mobile Order).

You could also opt for a custom cake from Disney itself or get a specialty cake from spots in Disney Springs like Amorette's Patisserie or Erin McKenna's Bakery NYC.

Click here to see our page ALL about ordering a cake for your celebration!

SPECIAL CAKES & SWEET TREAT EXPERIENCES



CAKE DECORATING AT AMORETTE'S PATISSERIE

Learn how to decorate a character Dome Cake of your very own in a hands-on, small group setting at Amorette's Patisserie in Disney Springs. The price of the Cake Decorating Experience lasts 90 minutes and is $199 (plus tax), which covers up to 2 guests decorating 1 cake.

For an additional $50 (plus tax), you can get a second cake so each guest has one to decorate. This could be a fun way to incorporate a special experience *and* a cake into your trip! Make reservations through the Disney World website.

FIREWORKS DESSERT PARTIES

The Magic Kingdom fireworks dessert parties offer access to a private fireworks viewing area + an unlimited dessert buffet. Guests 21+ can choose from a selection of beer and wine. Bookings are generally available 60 days in advance via the Disney World website.

Magic Kingdom park admission is required but not included. There are usually 3 different party options during standard times of year. And there are certain fireworks dessert parties offered during Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party and Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party.



PRE-PARTY

- Start the night at Tomorrowland Terrace Restaurant to enjoy cheeses, drinks, and desserts.
- A little before the fireworks begin, you'll be escorted to a reserved standing area in the plaza garden to view the fireworks.
- Prices vary by date but generally range from $99 to $109 for adults, and $59 for kids (3-9).



SEATS & SWEETS

- Go to Tomorrowland Terrace Restaurant to enjoy the same cheeses, drinks, and desserts.
- Remain at Tomorrowland Terrace with dedicated seating for the fireworks. Having a seat can be nice, but the view is from the side and can be a little obstructed by trees, so you may not get the full effect of the projections.
- Prices vary by date but generally range from $119 to $129 for adults, and $75 for kids (3-9).



POST PARTY

- Your night starts with the reserved standing area in the plaza garden to view the fireworks.
- After the show, you'll go to Tomorrowland Terrace Restaurant to enjoy the same cheeses, drinks, and desserts.
- Prices generally range from $99 to $109 for adults, and $59 for kids (3-9).

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FIREWORKS DESSERT PARTIES
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NOT-SO-SPOOKY SPECTACULAR DESSERT PARTY

- Offered during Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party. There are 2 versions: one with seating at Tomorrowland Terrace Restaurant for the fireworks ($119 for adults, $75 for kids), and one with access to the Plaza Garden viewing area for the fireworks ($99 for adults, $59 for kids).
- Tickets to the Halloween Party are required but NOT included in this price.



CHRISTMASTIME FIREWORKS DESSERT PARTY

- Offered during Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party. There are 2 versions: one with seating at Tomorrowland Terrace Restaurant for the fireworks, and one with access to the Plaza Garden viewing area for the fireworks.
- Tickets to the Christmas Party are required but NOT included in this price.

ARE THEY WORTH IT???

It depends. You get a good view of the fireworks without having to deal with crowds or sitting down early to get a good spot, you get to enjoy the treats and drinks, and it can make for a special experience.

But they are pricey and dessert-focused, you really won't find savory options here.

You won't "breakeven" on the cost purely from the dessert offerings. So for this to be "worth it," you'll need to value those fireworks views and the limited guests in the immediate vicinity.





FIREWORKS CRUISES

Want a unique view of the fireworks and a little bit of space away from the crowds? While it's more of a snack experience rather than a full dining experience, a Fireworks Cruise is certainly a unique way to end your day with a bang.

You'll get the opportunity to watch the nighttime fireworks show at either Magic Kingdom or EPCOT from right on the water! For this experience, you'll **charter a private watercraft that is led by a captain.** The cruise includes assorted snacks and soft drinks. This is a pricey option starting at $449 (plus tax, prices vary by date), but each boat seats up to 10 guests, so it could work out if you've got a larger group. Cruises leave from the Boat Nook Marina at Disney's Contemporary Resort for Magic Kingdom fireworks and Bayside Marina at the Yacht and Beach Club Resorts for the EPCOT fireworks.

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FIREWORKS DINING PACKAGES

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If you want to enjoy a meal at a restaurant AND get excellent views of the EPCOT nighttime spectacular (currently Luminous The Symphony of Us), consider booking a Fireworks Dining Package. You can book these via the Disney World website or the My Disney Experience app. There are typically 2 options available here. More details on the pages that follow!









ROSE & CROWN FIREWORKS DINING PACKAGE

- With this, you'll be seated on the outside patio of the Rose & Crown Dining Room (United Kingdom Pavilion) with an excellent view of World Showcase Lagoon and the nighttime spectacular. Your meal will typically be from a prix fixe menu of the Rose & Crown's British fare. It includes an appetizer, an entrée, a dessert, and a selection of unlimited beverages, including alcoholic drinks for those 21+.
- Prices are around $92 per adult and $41 per child (3-9), but that can vary!



SPICE ROAD TABLE FIREWORKS DINING PACKAGE

- The other option is a fireworks dining package at the Spice Road Table restaurant in the Morocco Pavilion. Seating here is also outside in a covered dining area, with a great view of the water and fireworks. You'll get a prix fixe menu here with Mediterranean dishes. Each guest can choose two small plates, plus there's a shared tagine and a dessert platter. Unlimited beverages are also included, including alcohol for those 21+.
- Prices here are around $81 per adult and $31 per child (3-9), but that can vary.





IS THIS PACKAGE RIGHT FOR YOU?

Whether a fireworks dining package is right for you will depend on several things.

Were you planning to eat at one of these restaurants already? Do the prix fixe menu options and prices work for you? Do you like the idea of having a “reserved” table with fireworks viewing or are you willing to walk around World Showcase, find a good viewing spot, and wait for the fireworks? Is your money better spent on a different restaurant, other food, or a different experience?

There’s a lot to consider, and only you know what’s best for you and your group!

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FIREWORKS EXPERIENCE

GEO-82

- If you want to get a special view of the EPCOT fireworks and you're traveling with adults ages 21+, you may want to check out GEO-82's Fireworks Experience.
- This experience is held in the BRAND NEW adults-only lounge located within the sphere that's home to Spaceship Earth.
- You'll get a private table near the window, plus champagne selected by the sommeliers at Disney (or some event-exclusive cocktails if you prefer that), a tasting tower with savory light bites, and a selection of sweet treats.





- The cost is $179 per person, plus tax and gratuity.
- You can make reservations through the Disney World website.
- Is it worth it? That depends on what you're looking for! It's definitely pricey, you don't get the same experience as when you watch the show up close and personal, and it is an adults-only (21+) experience. But if you want a unique and newer way to see the EPCOT fireworks, it might be worth looking into.

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CELEBRATION AT THE TOP–SIP, SAVOR, SPARKLE

CONTEMPORARY RESORT

- On select evenings, the private Sonoma and Napa Rooms of California Grill are typically where Celebration at the Top guests will sip beverages from the complimentary bar (including California wines, beers, and cordials) and dine on sushi and small plates before the Magic Kingdom fireworks begin.
- Guests will be led to a private observation deck reserved for Celebration at the Top participants to see the show!
- The experience wraps up with a selection of petit fours, cordials, and coffee.
- The cost is $149 per person, plus tax and gratuity.
- You can make reservations through the Disney World website.
- Is it worth it? That depends! It's pricey, you don't get the same experience as when you watch the show up close and personal, and it is on the fancy side. But if you want fireworks in an upscale setting and a way to "plus" your experience with something special, it might be worth it.

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SANGRIA UNIVERSITY

CORONADO SPRINGS RESORT

- Earn your Sangria Diploma at Three Bridges Bar & Grill.
- You'll learn directly from the professionals who will typically share a bit about the history of the resort, the history of sangria and get the chance to taste 4 house-made sangrias paired with an appetizer.
- You also get the chance to make your very own personalized glass of sangria!
- Book via the Disney World website.
- Prices range from $69-$79 per person (prepaid at the time of booking).
- It is generally offered on Saturdays and Sundays.
- The experience takes around 90 minutes.
- It's a great option for Sangria fans, fans of Coronado Springs Resort, and those who want a special experience to plus-up their Disney trip!

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LA CAVA EXPERIENCE

LA CAVA

- If you love tequila, LISTEN UP! You can immersive yourself in the unique flavors of some agave spirits with a certified Tequila Ambassador as your guide through the “La Cava Experience” from the folks behind La Cava del Tequila in the Mexico Pavilion.
- Through this experience, you’ll get to sip on rare and unique spirits, some of which are exclusive to the experience and not available anywhere else in the world.





- It’s a bit on the pricey side, around $180 per person, plus tax – subject to change, of course, but it might be THE thing for you if you want to try some of the best tequila in the world.
- You can book via the Disney World website or the My Disney Experience app.



DINNER SHOW: HOOP-DEE-DOO MUSICAL REVUE



FORT WILDERNESS RESORT & CAMPGROUND

- Enjoy buckets of food for the table to share while watching the Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue dinner show.
- It's an all-you-care-to-enjoy meal featuring fried chicken, ribs, mashed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, and more comfort foods. Plus, you can't miss out on the signature strawberry shortcake.
- The show features 2 hours of singing, dancing, and PLENTY of jokes and gags.
- There are typically 3 showings per night.
- Pricing varies depending on the category of seat you choose (ranging from $70 to $78 per adult).
- Book through the Disney World website.

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ROSES OF GOLD AFTERNOON TEA

CAKE BAKE SHOP

BOARDWALK INN RESORT

- Enjoy a tea experience at The Cake Bake Shop. A variety of teas are available (and you can try as many as you want). Your experience also includes homemade seasonal scones, finger sandwiches, and desserts.
- Pricing is $95 per adult and $65 per child.
- You can make reservations by phone: call (407) 574-3040 between 10 AM and 4 PM; or by email: contact concierge@thecakebakeshop.com
- The experience doesn't come cheap, but it can be great for a special occasion. There are other tea room experiences outside of Disney World that are available for less money, but the service at The Cake Bake Shop is impeccable, which makes the experience just that much more magical. Whether it's worth it for you will depend on your likes and budget!

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VICTORIA & ALBERT'S CHEF'S TABLE

GRAND FLORIDIAN RESORT

- While dining at Victoria & Albert's in general is a major event, the Chef's Table takes things to the next level.
- You'll enjoy dinner in the HEART of the kitchen with the opportunity to interact with the chefs as they work.
- It's a 3-hour multi-course dinner experience with a unique menu tailored to your dietary preferences.
- There's typically just 1 seating available per night.
- Guests must be ages 10+.





- The current cost is $425 per person with optional drink pairings at an additional cost.
- Call (407) 939-3862 to make reservations.
- If you want the ultimate in luxurious dining experiences in Disney World, this is basically it!

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SAVOR THE SAVANNA



ANIMAL KINGDOM

- You'll get to go into the heart of the Harambe Wildlife Reserve, enjoy a private viewing area of the Savanna, and have an opportunity to ask your guide questions about the wildlife and more.
- That's all followed by African-inspired small plates, beer, and wine.
- You must be at least 8 years old.
- This tour is typically offered daily with start times around 3:15 PM and/or 4:30 PM (though that's subject to change).
- Prices vary by date but lately have ranged from $189-$199 per person (tax not included).
- Book on the Disney World website.
- You'll need to have valid admission to Disney's Animal Kingdom park for this tour (admission is not included in the price of the experience).

EPCOT FESTIVAL DINING PACKAGES

EPCOT hosts a variety of concerts and performances for each festival it hosts throughout the year. To ensure you get a good seat for a performance, consider booking a dining package! **This includes your meal & guaranteed seat at one of the concerts that day.** Prices vary based on meal and restaurant. Here's a brief look at what to expect:

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

At the EPCOT International Festival of the Arts, the **Disney on Broadway Concert Series Dining Package** will help you get a great seat to the performances by some fantastic Broadway stars as they hit the stage. Names we've seen in the past have included Ashley Brown ("Mary Poppins") and Mandy Gonzalez ("Aida").

FLOWER & GARDEN FESTIVAL

At the EPCOT International Flower & Garden Festival, the **Garden Rocks Dining Package** gives you reserved seating for some seriously iconic musical acts. Names we've seen in the past have included Simple Plan and Sister Hazel.

FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

You'll find a similar experience with the **Eat to the Beat Concert Series Dining Packages** during the EPCOT International Food & Wine Festival. Performers we've seen in the past have included Boyz II Men and Smash Mouth.

FESTIVAL OF THE HOLIDAYS

The Candlelight Processional is an EPCOT International Festival of the Holidays tradition that features a GIANT choir and celebrity narrator who tells the Christmas story. **Dining Packages are available for each of these special concerts**. Some celebrity narrators we've seen in the past include Jodi Benson and Neil Patrick Harris.





FANTASMIC! DINING PACKAGES

The Fantasmic! Dining Package gives you the chance to enjoy a meal at a participating restaurant in Disney's Hollywood Studios AND get reserved seating for a showing of the popular Fantasmic! Nighttime Spectacular (which features stunts, pyrotechnics, projections on water curtains, tons of Disney characters, and much more).

Each dining package option includes an entree and dessert (or full buffet where available).

The dining package also includes a nonalcoholic beverage or an alcoholic beverage for those 21+.

After enjoying your meal, bring your voucher and arrive at least 25 minutes before showtime to be seated in the reserved section. The entrance to the reserved seating is on Sunset Boulevard next to Beauty & The Beast Live on Stage.

Prices do vary depending on which restaurant and meal you choose.

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WILD AFRICA TREK



Wild Africa Trek is a three-hour tour of the Safi River Valley – an area of Animal Kingdom that is typically unseen by guests.

This private, guided tour offers amazing (and close!) views of many of the animals that call Animal Kingdom home. Giraffes, rhinos, hippos, and crocodiles may all make appearances on the tour. The experience combines walking and riding in a safari vehicle, and you'll even get to cross a rope bridge.

You'll get to enjoy some African-inspired small plates from a vantage point on the savanna. The food we had here during a recent tour was great, but don't expect it to be a full meal that'll fill you up. It's more of a snack, and you typically won't spend too much time in that area.

Tours are offered multiple times daily.

The cost is generally $219–$229, tax not included.

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DISNEY WORLD SWAN AND DOLPHIN FOOD AND WINE CLASSIC

Ever wanted to go to an ALL-INCLUSIVE food & wine festival that does NOT require a theme park ticket? The Swan and Dolphin Food and Wine Classic, which typically takes place every fall, might be just the thing for you!

The event typically takes place on 2 separate days. You can purchase tickets for a single night or bundle and go on both nights.

You do NOT need to be staying at the Swan or Dolphin to attend.

During the event, which usually lasts around 4 hours, you can indulge in ALL kinds of food and drink from the Swan and Dolphin's chefs (which includes some award-winning and celebrity chefs). Plus, you can enjoy live entertainment.

2025 dates are November 14th and 15th. Tickets are $210.68 for a single day or $403.30 for the 2-night bundle.

Read More About This Event ↗



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DINING WITH A BIG GROUP



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Traveling with a large group can be challenging in and of itself, but that's especially true when it comes to dining!

Some restaurants in Disney World are better than others when dining with a big group (some spots feature large tables that can fit big parties, while others have smaller tables or unique seating arrangements that can make dining with a big group challenging).

Depending on how many people are in your party, you may need to be flexible.

You can *technically* **search for reservations for groups up to 20 through the Disney World website/app,** but you likely will not find a lot of spots that way (though Splitsville in Disney Springs often shows availability even for groups this large!).

So what should you do? Well, there are a few different options.

In some cases, it may be easier to **break your party up into multiple groups** and book multiple reservations for smaller groups via the My Disney Experience app around the same time (or within a few minutes of each other). You can then arrive at the restaurant early and politely ask the host to seat your parties together. They may be able to work some Disney magic and make it happen – **but it's not guaranteed!**





If your group is over the 20-person search limit or you want help making reservations, **call the Disney dining line at (407) WDW-DINE,** and a Cast Member should be able to help you book your reservations over the phone. Just make sure you have already decided where you want to eat and when you want to eat there (and have some backup options just in case).

Be aware that the Cast Member helping you may still need to split your party for purposes of making reservations. Speak with a Cast Member when you check in for your meal to ask about sitting together.



DISNEY FOOD BLOG GUIDE
insider TIPS

Make sure you allow for extra travel time to reach your dining destination if you're in a large group.

RESTAURANTS FOR BIG GROUPS

What are some top spots for big groups in Disney World? We've got a few recommendations! This is not an exhaustive list but hopefully can give you an idea of what spots might be better for larger groups. See more about each of these restaurants in the books about the parks, hotels, and more where they're located.

ANIMAL KINGDOM

- TS: **Tusker House Restaurant** – buffet + characters
- QS: **Flame Tree Barbecue** and **Satu'li Canteen** – great approachable menus

EPCOT

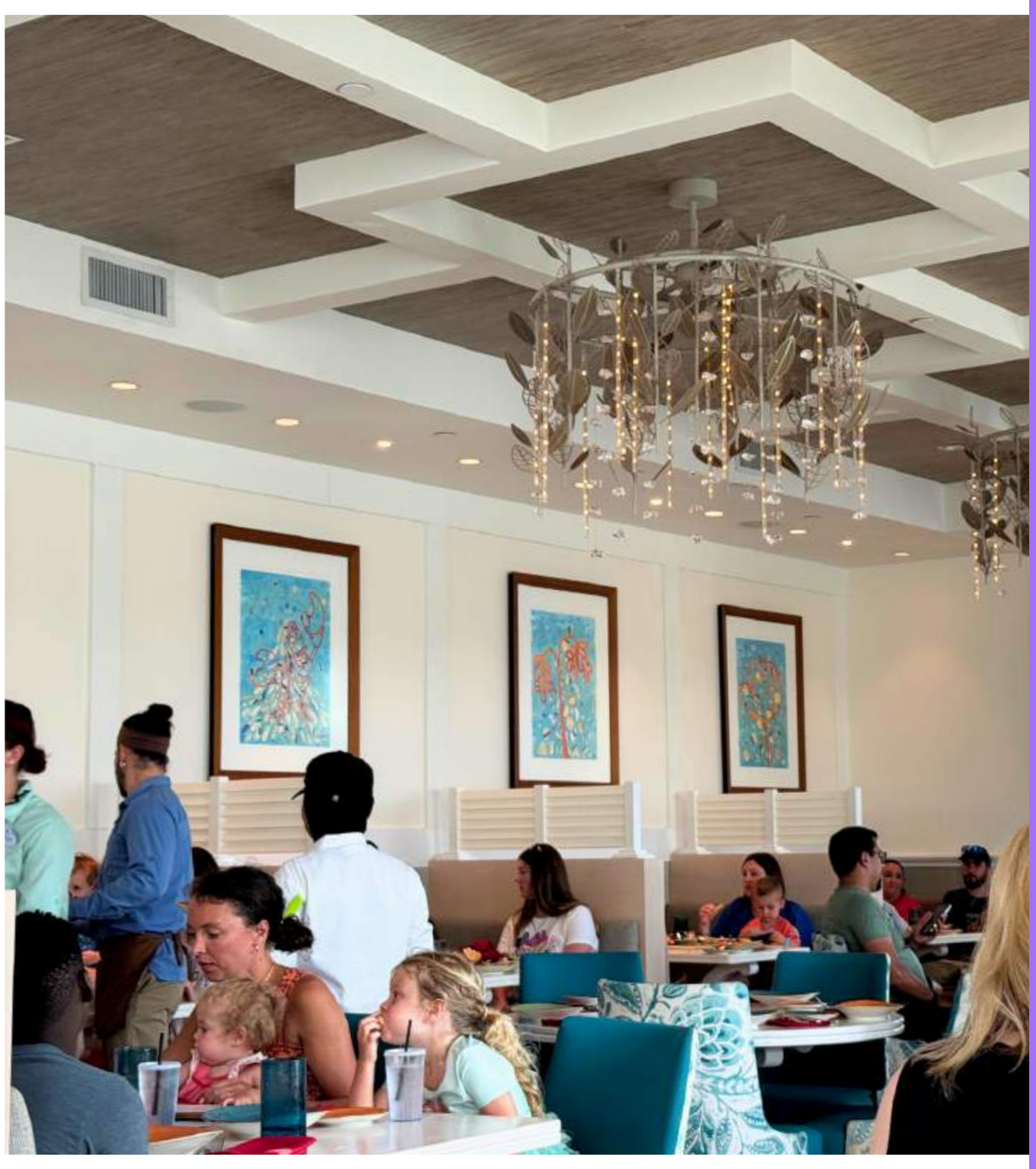
- TS: **Biergarten** – buffet + long tables
- QS: **Connections Eatery** or **Sunshine Seasons -** lots of seating + a good variety of eats

HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

- TS: **Roundup Rodeo BBQ** and **Hollywood & Vine** - family-style or Buffet
- QS: **ABC Commissary** (slightly more unique eats) or **Backlot Express** more classic fast food eats + the iconic Wookie Cookie)

MAGIC KINGDOM

- TS: **Liberty Tree Tavern** – family-style meal serving Thanksgiving classics; or **The Crystal Palace** – buffet + characters
- QS: **Cosmic Ray's Starlight Cafe** – basic theme park eats to please the group



RESORTS

- **1900 Park Fare** (Grand Floridian Resort) – buffet + characters
- **Chef Mickey's** (Contemporary Resort) – buffet with lots of "safe" choices + characters
- **Sebastian's Bistro** (Caribbean Beach) – family-style at a good price
- **Whispering Canyon Cafe** (Wilderness Lodge) – all-you-care-to-eat skillets + individual entrees
- **Boma** (Animal Kingdom Lodge)– buffet with lots of unique options

MORE RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS

DISNEY SPRINGS

- TS: **Homecomin'** – Southern comfort eats that can please a group, but call in advance to see if they can accommodate your group. (Honorable mentions: Splitsville – some good eats; Rainforest Cafe, and T-Rex basic, chain restaurant-style food)
- QS: **D-Luxe Burger** – lots of burger options to please the whole group + Mobile Order to make things easier (Honorable mentions: Earl of Sandwich or Blaze Fast Fire'd Pizza – lots of menu options so everyone can get something they like)

WATER PARKS

- Typhoon Lagoon: **Leaning Palms**
- Blizzard Beach: **Lottawatta Lodge**

These tend to have more seating available.



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DATE NIGHT & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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Are you planning a Disney World vacation that includes a special celebration? Perhaps someone in your group is marking a milestone birthday, or there is an anniversary, graduation, or reunion you'd love to commemorate. Maybe you'd simply love to share a memorable date night with your significant other in the land of "Happily Ever After!"

When it comes to romance, Disney World offers options that easily rival other well-known destinations. Here are some things you may want to consider:

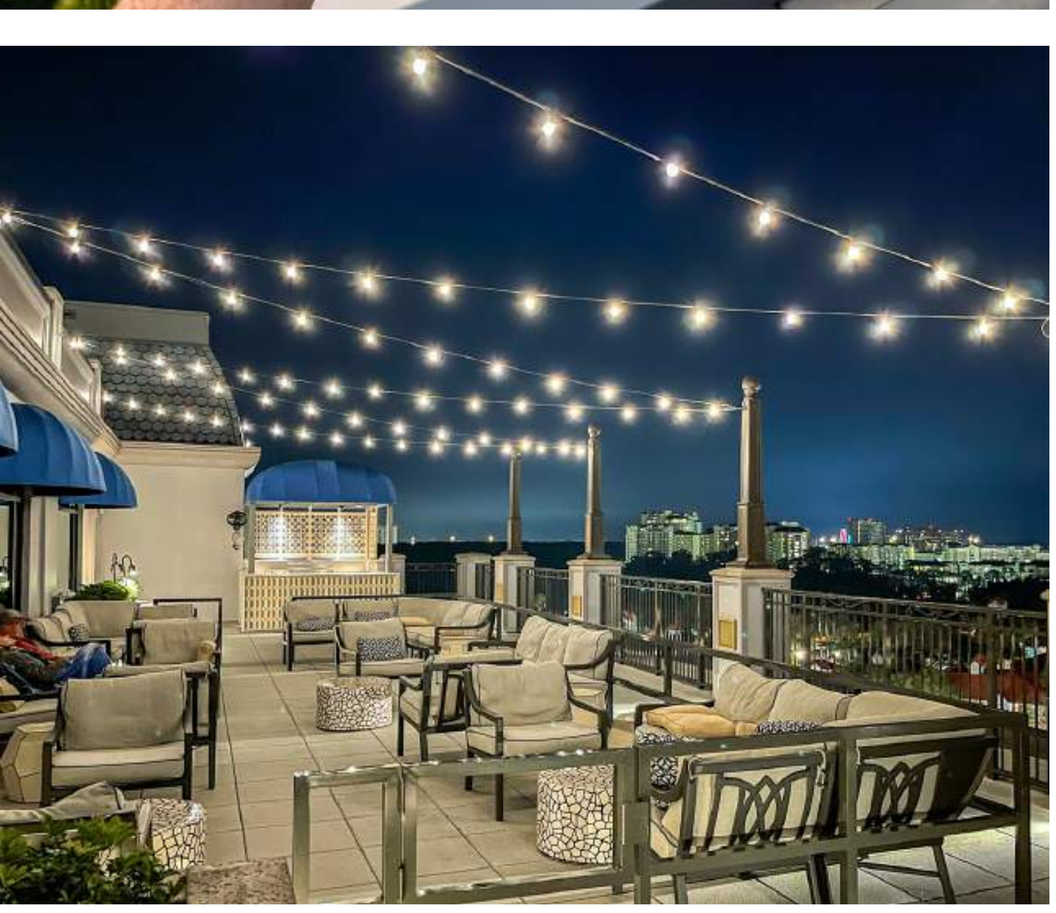
Victoria & Albert's Chef's Table
If you're looking to splurge on a true indulgence, Disney World's own AAA Five Diamond Award-winning **Victoria & Albert's** in the Grand Floridian Resort rises to the top of the list when it comes to fine dining. There are three distinct experiences to choose from, including the exclusive Chef's Table.

The price tag on this dining experience isn't for the faint of heart, but if you're looking to pop the question, celebrate an anniversary, birthday, or other milestone occasion, this could be THE spot.











Other favorite spots include:

- **Jiko** (Animal Kingdom Lodge) – great for adventurous eaters
- **Tiffins** (Animal Kingdom) – beautiful decor and awesome food offerings
- **Morimoto Asia**, **Jaleo**, and **Wine Bar George** (Disney Springs) – great atmosphere and food options
- **Toledo – Tapas, Steak & Seafood** (Coronado Springs Resort) – fireworks views
- **Topolino's Terrace – Flavors of the Riviera** (Riviera Resort) – fireworks views
- **California Grill** (Contemporary Resort) – fireworks views

Consider a lounge or bar!

- Many Signature restaurants in Disney World's Resort hotels have an accompanying lounge where you and your group can raise a glass together.
- Or you can stop by a unique bar for a special experience.
- Just a few noteworthy spots include the **Citricos Lounge** (Grand Floridian), **Dahlia Lounge** (next door to Toledo at Coronado Springs), and **Enchanted Rose** (Grand Floridian Resort).
- See our chapter on lounges for some more info.







Have fun!

- If your crew's vibe is fun dining over fine dining, there are plenty of terrific spots for that, too!
- You can mark your special occasion at the rollicking dinner show, **Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue**, at Fort Wilderness.
- Or gather around a monstrous Kitchen Sink sundae at **Beaches & Cream Soda Shop at the** Beach Club Resort.
- You can also look into things like bowling at Splitsville (Disney Springs), decorating a cake (Amorette's Patisserie in Disney Springs), playing a round of mini golf at one of Disney's mini golf courses, going horseback riding (Fort Wilderness), or even taking archery lessons (Fort Wilderness). There's a LOT to do in Disney World.

Character Meal

- Kids and kids at heart are likely to enjoy a good old-fashioned Character Meal, surrounded by Disney pals! After all...it's pretty hard to beat a hug from Mickey Mouse on your big day.

Want more ideas?

- **Click here to check out some of the best Disney World restaurants for your birthday dinner**.

No matter where or how you celebrate your special occasion in Disney World, we hope it's magical and memorable!


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SNACKS

DISNEY WORLD SNACKS

Okay, my friends, it's SNACK TIME! But we're not just talking about any snacks...we're talking about SNACKS in DISNEY WORLD, which is an entire topic unto itself. From tried-and-true theme park classics like Corn Dogs, Funnel Cakes, and popcorn to cult classics that have become part of the quintessential Disney experience (like DOLE Whips, Mickey pretzels, and ice cream bars shaped like Mickey's head!), you'll find that snacking in Disney World is practically its own culture.

We highly suggest going into the parks PREPARED so you don't miss an iconic treat. Snacking around Disney World is about so much more than satisfying your hunger between rides, shows, and character greetings...it's another FUN part of your Disney World dining adventure!



Why? Because you really can find snacks that are completely different from anything you might find at home.



DISNEY WORLD SNACKS

In many cases, some of the treats look as memorable as they taste! Several snacks inspired by Disney characters are ones you'll just *have* to take a picture of before digging in. You may find that long after your trip is over, that photo of your kiddo with a Mickey Pretzel will bring back fond memories of much more than food.

You can even make a complete meal of just one or two snacks. Given the large portion size of some snacks, select offerings can take the place of a meal, offering a more budget-friendly option than an entire breakfast or lunch.

Guests participating in the Disney Dining Plan will get credits to use specifically for snacks.

Items that are Snack Credit eligible typically range anywhere from $4-$9, and you may be surprised by the number of options you can find. Some items are a particularly good value given their size/price, which can maximize the value of your snack credit!

BUT NOT ALL SNACK-TYPE EATS QUALIFY AS A SNACK CREDIT ON THE DINING PLAN, SO BE CAREFUL. Look carefully at signage and menus for the Disney Dining Plan logo, which designates an item as snack credit eligible.

On the next few pages, you'll find lists of some of our favorite snacks in Disney World (note that some of these may be DDP eligible, but others may not be).





MAGIC KINGDOM SNACKS

Let's tackle Magic Kingdom. Iconic snacks here include things like DOLE Whip, the Grey Stuff Cupcake (with THE famous Grey Stuff from *Beauty and the Beast*), and a Candied Bacon Skewer! If you don't know where to look, you could walk right past some of these beauties –but don't worry, we've got a list of our very favorite snacks right here for you!



BEST SWEET SNACKS

- **DOLE Whip in one of its many forms** (Aloha Isle)
- **Peanut Butter Cookie Pie** (Main Street Confectionery)
- **Grey Stuff Cupcake, Creme Brulee Croissant, or Cinnamon Roll & extra icing** (Gaston's Tavern)
- **All-American Sundae** (Plaza Ice Cream)
- **Mickey-shaped Bacon-Pecan-Caramel Cinnamon Roll** (Westward Ho)
- **Waffle with Nutella, Bananas, Berries, and Whipped Cream** (Sleepy Hollow)
- **Boston Cream Pie** (Columbia Harbour House)

BEST SAVORY SNACKS

- **Cheeseburger Spring Rolls or other spring rolls of your choice** (Adventureland Spring Roll Cart)
- **Hushpuppies** (Columbia Harbour House)
- **Candied Bacon Skewer** (Westward Ho)
- **Ham and Gruyere Sandwich** (Gaston's Tavern)
- **Mac and Cheese Hand Pie** (Friar's Nook)
- **Tomato Soup + Garlic Breadsticks** (Pinocchio Village Haus)

EPCOT SNACKS

While it's difficult to narrow things down in EPCOT, great spots for snacking include Les Halles Boulangerie-Patisserie and Karamell-Kuche. But if there's an EPCOT Festival taking place, pay close attention to the Festival Booths and look for small dishes that strike your fancy!

BEST SWEET SNACKS

- **Most things** from Karamell-Kuche
- **Gelato, Brioche Ice Cream Sandwich, or Ice Cream Martini** (L'Artisan des Glaces)
- **Pretzel Bread Pudding** (Sommerfest)
- **School Bread** (Kringla Bakeri Og Kafe)
- **Kakigōri** (Kabuki Cafe)
- **Pastries** (Les Halles Boulangerie-Patisserie) – there's a LOT to pick from!
- **Sweet Crepe** (Crepes A Emporter)

BEST SAVORY SNACKS

- **Poutine** (Refreshment Port)
- **Cream of Brie Cheese Galette** (Crêpes à Emporter)
- **Guacamole** (Choza de Margarita)
- **Chips and Queso** (La Cava del Tequila)
- **Pain Lard & Fromage or other savory eats** (Les Halles Boulangerie-Patisserie)
- **Pretzel Nuggets with Beer Cheese** (Block & Hans)



HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS SNACKS

There are some delicious snacks to be found in Hollywood Studios...if you know where to look.

You can enjoy shareables at BaseLine Tap House, or try exotic-looking, yet fun intergalactic treats in Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. Or you can satisfy your sweet tooth with things like a Lunch Box Tart and Jack-Jack's Num Num Cookie.

There's a whole lot to explore!

BEST SWEET SNACKS

- **Carrot Cake Whoopie Pie** (Trolley Car Cafe)
- **Lunch Box Tart** (Woody's Lunch Box)
- **Jack-Jack's Num Num Cookie** (The Market or Neighborhood Bakery)
- **Tower Cookie** (Tower of Terror Joffrey's)
- **Wookie Cookie** (Backlot Express)
- **Seasonal Shakes** (Hollywood Scoops)

BEST SAVORY SNACKS

- **Totchos** (Woody's Lunch Box)
- **Ronto Wrap** (Ronto Roasters)
- **Bavarian Pretzel** and/or **California Cheese and Charcuterie Plate** (BaseLine Tap House)
- **Main Bowls (with Mashed Potatoes + various meat options)** and/or **Plant-Based Soba Noodle Salad Bowl** (Fairfax Fare)



ANIMAL KINGDOM SNACKS



While you're touring the wilds of Animal Kingdom, you'll likely spy some carts and kiosks. These little, unassuming spots are the homes of some of the most unique and magical snacks in all of Disney World. Don't pass them by!

DinoLand U.S.A. will be closing to make way for a land themed to the Tropical Americas, so you may want to try some of those DinoLand treats before things change!

BEST SWEET SNACKS

- **Churros** (Nomad Lounge)
- **DOLE Whip floats** (Tamu Tamu Refreshments)
- **Pineapple Crisp Sundae** (Tamu Tamu Refreshments)
- **Mini Mango Pie** (Yak & Yeti Local Food Cafes)
- **"Standard" or seasonal Ice Cream Cookie Sandwich** (Dino-Bite Snacks)
- **Rafiki Wildberry and DOLE Whip Orange Float** (Trilo-Bites)
- **Family Churros** (Eight Spoon Cafe)
- **Pongu Lumpia** (Pongu Pongu)

BEST SAVORY SNACKS

- **Cheeseburger Steamed Pods** (Satu'li Canteen)
- **French Fries with Pulled Pork and Cheese** (Flame Tree Barbecue)
- **Buffalo Chicken Chips** (Trilo-Bites)
- **Seasoned fries & Chicken Dumplings** (Mr. Kamal's)
- **Na'vi-sized pretzel** (Pongu Pongu)
- **Corn on the Cob** (Harambe Fruit Market or Cart near Harambe Market)
- **Baked Macaroni & Cheese** (The Smiling Crocodile)

DISNEY SPRINGS SNACKS

Disney Springs is essentially a park all on its own – except it's a park dedicated to food and shopping!

The trick with Disney Springs is that so many locations aren't owned by Disney, so that means they may not accept Disney Dining Plan credits, but some treats are so good you'll want to pay out of pocket to try them!



BEST SWEET SNACKS

- **Massive cookie, giant cake slice, and Peanut Butter Cold Brew** (Gideon's Bakehouse)
- **Waffle Sundaes** (Marketplace Snacks)
- **DOLE Whip flight** (Swirls on the Water)
- **Giant donut** (Everglazed)
- **Made-to-order S'mores** (The Ganachery)
- **Millionaire Shortbread** (The Basket)
- **Cookie Crumble Hot Fudge Sundae** (Ghirardelli)
- **Create-your-own custom treat** (Goofy's Candy Co.)

BEST SAVORY SNACKS

- **Ribs** and/or **Ramen** (Morimoto Asia Street Food)
- **Grilled Cheeeeeese** (Everglazed)
- **Patatas Bravas** (Pepe)
- **Canadian or Buffalo Chicken Poutine** (The Daily Poutine)
- **Dubliner Irish Cheese & Bacon Dip with chips** (Cookes of Dublin)
- **Mac Daddy Mac 'n' Cheese** (Chicken Guy!)
- **Crispy Mac & Cheese Bites** (The Basket)
- **Tandoori Chicken Poutine** (eet by Maneet Chauhan)

DISNEY HOTEL SNACKS



Disney hotel food courts offer OODLES of options for snacking, and this is especially true of large food courts such as the ones you'll find in Value and Moderate Resorts.

You don't have to be staying at these resorts to enjoy these snacks. So hop on a bus, boat, monorail, or Skyliner to try your next favorite Disney snack!

BEST SNACKS

- **Mickey Beignets** and/or **Baton Rouge Biegnets** (Scat Cat's Club – Cafe: Port Orleans French Quarter)
- **Zebra Domes** (The Mara: Animal Kingdom Lodge – Jambo House)
- **Macaroni and Cheese** (Gasparilla Island Grill – Grand Floridian Resort)
- **DOLE Whip** (Pineapple Lanai – Polynesian Village Resort)
- **Tie-Dye Cheesecake** (Everything POP – POP Century)
- **Flashback Oatmeal Creme Pie** (Everything POP – POP Century)
- **Milkshakes** (Beaches and Cream – Beach Club)
- **Pulled Pork Nachos** (Capt. Cook's – Polynesian Resort)
- **PB&J Croissant** (Everything POP – Pop Century)
- **Cake Bake Shop Pastries** (Cake Bake Shop – Boardwalk Inn)
- **'Ohana Noodles and Bread Pudding** (Tambu Lounge –Polynesian Village Resort)
- **Mickey Praline** (Sassagoula Floatworks or Riverside Mill)
- **Riviera Cookie Skillet** (Bar Riva)
- **Cookie Croissant** (Contempo Cafe)



DFB SNACK GUIDES

Believe it or not, we've only scratched the surface when it comes to snacking in Disney World! We have individual Snack Guides dedicated to every Disney World theme park, so if you'd like to delve into the topic further to make sure you don't miss one delicious bite, check out any of the links below!

GRAB YOUR SNACK GUIDES



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DRINKING AROUND THE WORLD

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Drinking Around the World at EPCOT is a fan-favorite challenge where guests sip their way through every country in World Showcase. It's part bar crawl, part cultural adventure—and yes, you can totally join in with non-alcoholic drinks, too.

Visiting during a festival? Even better! You can add limited-time sips from the food booths to your route for a truly epic tasting tour.

Just remember: stay hydrated, grab some snacks, pace yourself, and consider sharing drinks to try more without overdoing it. Disney offers free transportation around the resort, and rideshares are always an option if you need a safe ride back.

These are just some of our favorite drinks, but the world is full of tasty surprises. Sip smart, snack often, and have fun!



DRINKING AROUND THE WORLD
EPCOT: WORLD SHOWCASE



CANADA

- Cocktail: Ottawa Apple (Canada Popcorn Cart)
- Beer: Moosehead Draft (Canada Popcorn Cart)
- Non-alcoholic: Look for a specialty drink during EPCOT's festivals



UNITED KINGDOM

- Cocktail: Pimm's Cup (Rose & Crown Pub)
- Beer: Snake Bite Imperial Pint (Rose & Crown Pub)
- Non-alcoholic: Twinings Hot Tea (Yorkshire County Fish Shop – or get a tea to take home from the Tea Caddy!)



FRANCE

- Cocktail: Grand Marnier Orange Slush (Les Vins des Chefs de France)
- Another option: Stop by Les Vins de France (a HIDDEN champagne bar inside the gift shop)
- Non-alcoholic: Chocolate Milkshake (Crêpes A Emporter)



MOROCCO

- Cocktail: House-made Sangria (Spice Road Table); Frozen Mint Tea or Frozen Citrus-Pomegranate Slushy with alcohol (Oasis Sweets & Sips)
- Non-alcoholic: Frozen Mint Tea or Frozen Citrus-Pomegranate Slushy (Oasis Sweets & Sips)



JAPAN

- Cocktail: Sake Slushie (Kabuki Cafe)
- Beer: Frozen Kirin Beer (Kabuki Cafe or Garden House)
- Non-alcoholic: Flavored Ramune soda (Mitsukoshi Department Store)



AMERICAN ADVENTURE

- Cocktail: Tennessee Lemonade (Regal Eagle Smokehouse: Craft Drafts & Barbecue)
- Beer: Samuel Adams Boston Lager (Regal Eagle)
- Non-alcoholic: Frozen Iced Tea Lemonade or Berry Sparkler (Regal Eagle Outdoor Bar)

DRINKING AROUND THE WORLD
EPCOT: WORLD SHOWCASE



ITALY

- Cocktail: Italian Margarita (Gelateria Toscana)
- Wine: Pinot Grigio (Gelateria Toscana)
- Non-alcoholic: Naufrago (Gelateria Toscana)



GERMANY

- Beer: Schöfferhofer Pink Grapefruit Hefeweizen (Sommerfest and Germany Hovels Bier stand)
- Cocktail: Bärenjäger Honey & Bourbon (Biergerten)
- Non-alcoholic: German Spezi (Biergarten)



CHINA

- Cocktail: Tipsy Ducks in Love (Joy of Tea)
- Beer: Dragon Blossom (Joy of Tea)
- Non-alcoholic: Bubble Milk Tea (Joy of Tea)



NORWAY

- Cocktail: Frozen Viking Coffee (Kringla Bakeri Og Kafe)
- Beer: Nordic Draft Beer (Kringla Bakeri Og Kafe)
- Non-alcoholic: Kristoff Kaffee (Kringla Bakeri Og Kafe)



MEXICO

- Cocktail: Avocado Margarita (La Cava del Tequila)
- Beer: Dos Equis Lager Draft Beer (La Cantina de San Angel)
- Non-alcoholic: Jarritos (La Cantina de San Angel)

In addition to the countries in the World Showcase, EPCOT also hosts seasonal festivals! If you happen to visit during one of these festivals, you can change your drinking around the world game to include the food booth options.

DRINKING AROUND THE WORLD

DISNEY PARKS, RESORTS & SPRINGS



MAGIC KINGDOM

- **Beer:** Kungaloosh Ale (Skipper Canteen)
- **Non-alcoholic:** Frozen Mint Julep (Casey's Corner), LeFou's Brew (Gaston's Tavern), Asteroid Shake or Cold Brew Float with Caramel Soft Serve (Auntie Gravity's Galactic Goodies), Tropical Serenade (Aloha Isle)
    - Honorable mention: DOLE Whip floats (Aloha Isle or Sunshine Tree Terrace)



EPCOT (BEYOND WORLD SHOWCASE)

- **Cocktail:** Caramelized Leek Martini (GEO-82), Galaxy Spritz (Space 220)
- **Non-alcoholic:** Manhattan in the Morning (GEO-82), Moon Rocks (Space 220/Space 220 Lounge)



HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

- **Cocktail:** Fuzzy Tauntaun (Oga's Cantina)
    - Other good options: Baseline Select Margarita (Baseline Tap House), Grapefruit Cake Martini (Hollywood Brown Derby Restaurant or Lounge)
- **Non-alcoholic:** Blue or Green Milk (The Milk Stand), Cold Brew Black Caf (Kat Saka's Kettle), Peanut Butter & Jelly Milkshake (50's Prime Time Cafe)
    - Other good options: Barrilitos Strawberry Hibiscus Soda (BaseLine Tap House), Seasonal over-the-top shake (Hollywood Scoops)



ANIMAL KINGDOM

- **Cocktail:** African Margarita and Ngumu Jungle Juice (Dawa Bar), Khumbu Icefall (Thirsty River Bar), Rum Blossom (Pongu Pongu), Yak Attack (Yak & Yeti Restaurant or Yak & Yeti Quality Beverages), Leaping Lizard and Sinaloa Sangria (Nomad Lounge)
- **Non-alcoholic:** Night Blossom (Pongu Pongu)

DRINKING AROUND THE WORLD
DISNEY PARKS, RESORTS & SPRINGS



DISNEY SPRINGS

- **Cocktail:** Frozcato with DOLE Whip (The Basket), Frozen Flight (Bamboo Bar), La Cava Avocado (Frontera Cocina), Seasonal DOLE Whip Sangria or Margarita (Swirls on the Water), Refillable Moonshine Bottle (Homecomin'), Jock Lindsey's Hangar Bar Menu
- **Beer:** Guinness (Raglan Road)
- **Wine:** Any selection (Wine Bar George), Wine Slushy (Amorette's Patisserie)
- **Non-alcoholic:** Seasonal gelato shake (D-Luxe Burger), Peanut Butter Cold Brew (Gideon's Bakehouse), Around the World Tray (Coca-Cola Rooftop Bar)
    - Honorable mention: Shakes (Chicken Guy!)



DISNEY RESORTS

- **Cocktail:**
    - Lapu Lapu (Tambu Lounge; Polynesian Resort),
    - Uh-Oa (Trader Sam's; Polynesian Resort),
    - Pepper's Ghost (AbracadaBar; BoardWalk),
    - Pink Guava Colada (Banana Cabana; Caribbean Beach),
    - S'more Old Fashion (Territory Lounge; Wilderness Lodge),
    - Sangria Flight (Three Bridges; Coronado Springs),
    - French Rose (Topolino's Terrace: Riviera Resort),
    - The Voyager (Barefoot Pool Bar: Polynesian Resort),
    - Zebra Dome Cold Brew (Boma: Animal Kingdom Lodge)
- **Non-alcoholic**: Island Hideaway (Barefoot Pool Bar)

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THE BEST THINGS TO EAT IN DISNEY WORLD

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Looking for the best ice cream? How about some of the best cookies in Disney World? We've got some TOP PICKS for you!

These lists cater to a variety of palates and can help you explore some unique spots in Disney World!

If you're looking for more location-specific recommendations (like food/drink recommendations where all of the items are located in Magic Kingdom, for example), check out the chapters with food/drink recommendations we've included in each of the park-specific books!

Keep in mind that menu items can change, so check to see if these are available during your visit.

Also, note that even if an item doesn't appear on our lists, that doesn't mean it isn't worth trying! **These lists are NOT all-inclusive.** These are just ***some*** of **our** favorites. Your favorites might be totally different – we can't wait to hear all about them!

Warning: You may get hungry while reading this next section!



BEST CARNIVOROUS EATS



Candied Bacon Skewer

Magic Kingdom: Westward Ho

Brown Sugar-coated and served with Chips (Note: This can be a little hit or miss. The bacon is thicker and fatty (not thin and crispy), so the texture isn't for everyone.)



Morimoto Baby Ribs

Disney Springs: Morimoto Asia Street Food

Featuring Hoisin chili sauce and cilantro; Sweet, savory, and fall-off-the-bone tender



North Carolina Chopped Smoked Pork Butt Platter

EPCOT: Regal Eagle Smokehouse

You'll get PLENTY of meat here (enough to share!) and you can customize your flavor by mixing different sauces.



Ronto Wrap

Hollywood Studios: Ronto Roasters or Docking Bay 7

Roasted Pork, Grilled Pork Sausage, Peppercorn Sauce, and Tangy Slaw wrapped in Pita Bread – a MUST-GET in Galaxy's Edge



Ribs, Chicken, & Pulled Pork Sampler

Animal Kingdom: Flame Tree Barbecue

It's a trio of meats that is large enough to share, and it gives you the chance to sample a little bit of everything.



Honey-Coriander Chicken Wings

Polynesian Village: Tambu Lounge

Tangy, crisp, and a great snack to satisfy that sweet/savory craving!



Wayfinder Burger

Polynesian Village Resort: Wailulu Bar & Grill

Two Pressed Patties, American Cheese, Onion Jam, Volcano Sauce, Sweet Bun



Stack Burger

Contemporary Resort: Steakhouse 71 Lounge

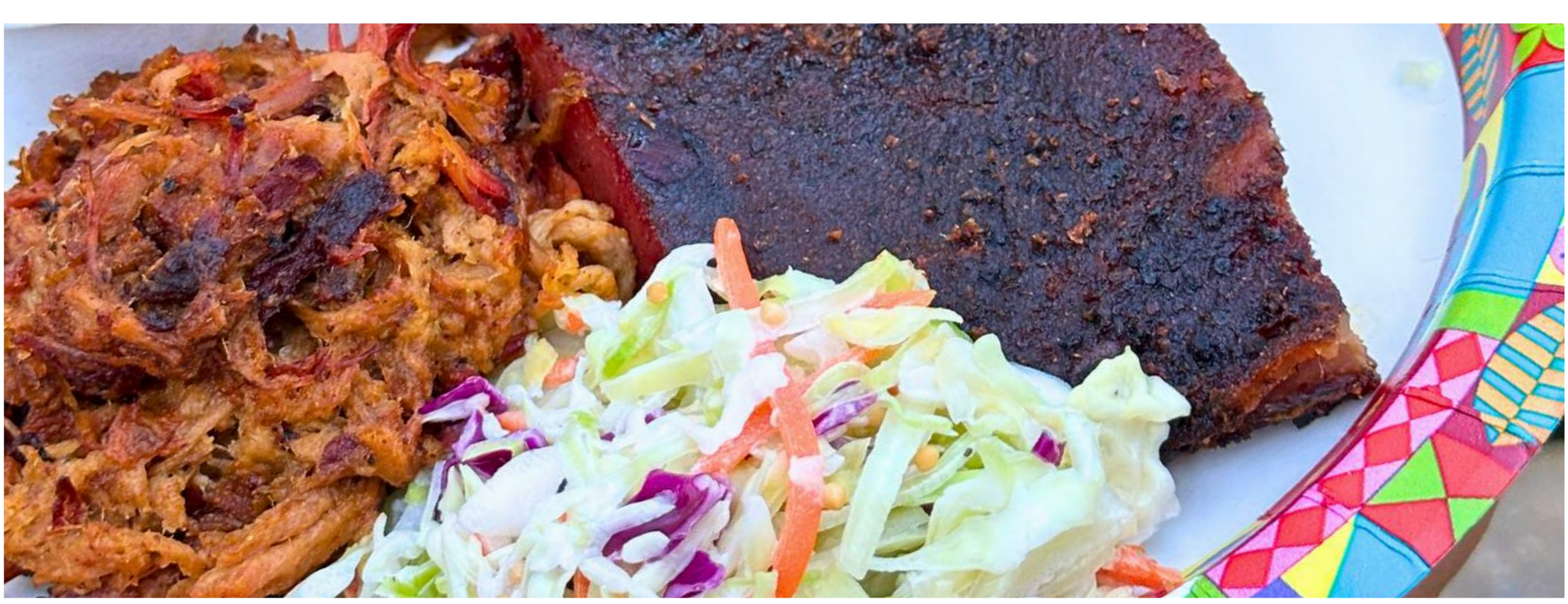
Signature Blend of Beef, Pork Belly, American Cheese, Lemon Aïoli, Red Onion, House-made Pickles, on a Brioche Bun.



A GOOD Steak

EPCOT: Le Cellier Steakhouse

Stop by Le Cellier for a DELICIOUS steak. They typically offer things like a New York Strip Steak, Rib-Eye Steak, and more, so you've got plenty to pick from.



BEST VEGETARIAN EATS



Chili-Spiced Crispy Fried Tofu Bowl

Animal Kingdom: Satu'li Canteen

Crispy Fried Tofu seasoned with Chili-Spice topped with Crunchy Vegetable Slaw and Boba Balls served with your choice of Base and Sauce



Zuchii Wrap

Hollywood Studios: Ronto Roasters

Grilled Zucchini, Smoky Chickpea-Onion Slaw, Creamy Garlic-Tahini Sauce, and Fresh Cilantro wrapped in Pita Bread,



Pickle

Magic Kingdom: Liberty Square Market

Tart, tangy, and refreshingly cool. This is a low budget but highly satsifying snack



Vegan Treats

Disney Springs: Erin McKenna's Bakery NYC

Erin McKenna's Bakery has developed quite the specialty menu, from vegan cupcakes to vegan cookie sandwiches and MUCH more. It's great for those with specific dietary needs or allergies.



Grilled Corn on the Cob

Animal Kingdom: Harambe Fruit Market or Cart Near Harambe Market

Sweet and savory, the African spices on this make for something special!



BBQ Jackfruit Sandwich

EPCOT: Regal Eagle

Pulled BBQ Jackfruit with Coleslaw and Pickles on Garlic Toast



Hearts of Palm Roll

Hollywood Studios: Rosie's All-American Cafe

Marinated Hearts of Palm, Celery, Sweet Apples, and Creamy Old Bay Dressing



Plant-based Soba Noodle Salad Bowl

Hollywood Studios: Fairfax Fare

Sweet and savory, the African spices on this make for something special!



BEST ICE CREAM/COLD TREATS



All-American Sundae

Magic Kingdom: Plaza Ice Cream Parlor

Old-fashioned Vanilla and Chocolate Ice Cream with Hot Fudge, Peanut Butter Drizzle, Whipped Cream and a Cherry (That peanut butter drizzle is the star!)



I Lava You Float

Magic Kingdom: Sunshine Tree Terrace

Refreshing treat made with Fanta Strawberry Soda and Passion Fruit flavor served with DOLE Whip Orange and topped with Popping Candy (The Tropical Serenade at Aloha Isle is also a good pick!)



Gelato, Brioche Ice Cream Sandwich, or Ice Cream Martini

EPCOT: L'Artisan des Glaces

There are a LOT of good options here!



No Way Jose Sundae

Beach Club Resort: Beaches & Cream Soda Shop

Chocolate + Vanilla Ice Cream, Peanut Butter + Chocolate Morsels, Whipped Cream, and a Cherry! (Or see what seasonal shake might be available.)



Pineapple Crisp Sundae

Animal Kingdom: Tamu Tamu Refreshments

Pineapple Crisp Cake, Vanilla Ice Cream, Pineapple Caramel, Crispy Streusel Topping (Pro tip" ask if the ice cream can be swapped for DOLE Whip!)



DOLE Whip

Various Locations

Soft-serve frozen dessert – pineapple is the classic flavor, but look for other options. You'll find DOLE Whip at places like Aloha Isle in Magic Kingdom, Tamu Tamu Refreshments in Animal Kingdom, Pineapple Lanai at Disney's Polynesian Village Resort, Swirls on the Water in Disney Springs, and other spots.



Ice Cream Martini

EPCOT: L'Artisan des Glaces

You get 2 scoops of ice cream with a shot of Grand Marnier, Whipped Cream Vodka, or Rum. It's an exquisite treat for the grown-ups!



BEST COFFEE



Mission to S'mores Latte

Magic Kingdom: Joffrey's Revive

Espresso mixed with chocolate sauce, marshmallow syrup, and topped with whipped cream, graham cracker space sprinkles, and fluffy marshmallows.



Gold Rush Latte

Wilderness Lodge: Roaring Fork

Vanilla Latte with Caramel - sounds basic but it's a hidden gem that deserves cult status!



Cold Brew or Latte

Riviera Resort: Le Petit Cafe

The cold brews and lattes here are reliably good and you can get a variety of flavor options!



Peanut Butter Cold Brew

Disney Springs: Gideon's Bakehouse

Right in the middle in terms of sweetness. You can taste the peanut butter but it's not overpowering.



Cold Brew Black Caf

Hollywood Studios: Kat Saka's Kettle

Joffrey's cold brew coffee topped with sweet cream cheese and chocolate puffs



Spanish Coffee

Coronado Springs: Barcelona Loung

Try various Spanish coffee options here. There are some with sweetened condensed milk and other options, plus they have more classic coffee options, including cold brew.

Read Our Post About the BEST Coffee Spots in Disney World ↗



BEST CHOCOLATE TREATS



Grey Stuff Cupcake

Magic Kingdom: Gaston's Tavern

Chocolate Cupcake topped with "The Grey Stuff" (it's delicious) and crispy Pearls.



Chocolate Peanut Butter Mousse Pie Cup

BoardWalk Inn: Cake Bake Shop Bakery

Made with a Callebaut Belgian chocolate cookie crust + filled with a creamy peanut butter mousse. It's topped with a chocolate ganache and freshly roasted chopped peanuts



Mickey Werther's Original Caramel Chocolate Cookie Sandwich

EPCOT: Karamell-Küche

2 chocolate cookies sandwiched with Werther's Original Caramel, Salted Caramel Buttercream frosting, and a sprinkle of sea salt.



Made-To-Order Artisan S'mores

Disney Spring: The Ganachery

High quality ingredients and the s'more is made right before your eyes.



Jack-Jack's Num Num Cookie

Hollywood Studios: Market or Neighborhood Bakery

Warm & gooey chocolate chip cookie



BEST CHEESE SNACKS



Cream of Brie Cheese Galette

EPCOT: Crêpes À Emporter

Decadent, creamy brie wrapped in a warm buckwheat crepe for a savory galette for a snack or a meal



Pimento Cheese Fritters

Port Orleans Resort Riverside: River Roost Lounge

Fried cheese + pepper jelly = just the right amount of heat and indulgence



Grilled Three-Cheese Sandwich

Hollywood Studios: Woody's Lunch Box

Melted Provolone, Cheddar, and American on Grilled Sourdough Bread.



House-Made Macaroni & Cheese

Grand Floridian Resort: Gasparilla Island Grill

We're big fans – it's creamy and rich.



French Fries with Pulled Pork and Cheese

Animal Kingdom: Flame Tree Barbecue

French Fries with pulled pork and cheddar sauce. Or check out the baked macaroni and cheese with pulled pork here!



Crispy Mac & Cheese Bites

Disney Springs: The Basket at Wine Bar George

DELICIOUS! The mac and cheese is warm, creamy, and crispy without being greasy. Plus, the tomato nage served with it has just the right salty taste.



Dubliner Irish Cheese & Bacon Dip + Side Chips

Disney Springs: Cookes of Dublin

Grab chips, fish, onion rings, or another snack to dunk into this cheesy, slightly tangy, DELICIOUS dip



Cheddar Cheese Soup

EPCOT: Le Cellier Steakhouse

With Moosehead Pale Ale and Nueske's Applewood-smoked Bacon. Check to see if it's available at a nearby festival booth so you can skip the Table Service reservation.



BEST SANDWICHES



Jambon Beurre

EPCOT: Les Halles Boulangerie-Patisserie

Ham and Cheese + Dijon Mustard Butter on a Demi Baguette. Simple, well executed, delicious.



The Full Montagu or Holiday Turkey

Disney Springs: Earl of Sandwich

The Full Montague and The Holiday Turkey are both iconic options and fan-favorites.



Ronto Wrap

Hollywood Studios: Ronto Roasters

Melted Provolone, Cheddar, and American on Grilled Sourdough Bread.



Thigh-High Chicken Biscuits

Disney Springs: Chef Art Smith's Homecomin'

Three biscuits topped with their famous fried chicken thighs and bread and butter pickles, and drizzled with hot honey.



Prime Rib Sliders

Yacht Club Resort – Crew's Cup Lounge

Featuring Onion Rolls, Au Jus, and Horseradish Cream.



Lobster Roll

Magic Kingdom: Columbia Harbour House

Chilled Lobster with a touch of Mayonnaise on a New England-style Bun



Ham and Gruyère Sandwich

Magic Kingdom: Gaston's Tavern

Crispy Croissant Dough filled with Ham and Gruyère



Sliced Texas Beef Brisket Sandwich

EPCOT: Regal Eagle

House-smoked Beef Brisket Sandwich on Garlic Toast



BEST SECRET MENU ITEMS

While Disney's menus have plenty of fantastic items on them, you may also be able to find some unique SECRET menu items that only those "in the know" are aware of! Keep in mind that these items are not necessarily always available, so you'll want to ask the Cast Member at the restaurant what (if any) off-the-menu items you might be able to order!

Click Here for Our Full Page About Secret Menu Items! ↗



Pao De Queijo

Magic Kingdom: Skipper Canteen

These cheesy bites are served with poblano cream cheese and chimichurri sauce.



Virgin Colada

EPCOT: La Cava del Tequla

While some in your group might be going to La Cava del Tequila for the alcoholic drinks, it's good to know that there's a non-alcoholic and still tasty Pina Colada option!



'Ohana Secret Eats

Polynesian Village Resort: Tambu Lounge

The Tambu Lounge menu already lists some eats from Ohana, but you may also be able to ask for things like the fan-favorite 'Ohana noodles and bread pudding!



Tiffins Menu Items

Animal Kingdom: Nomad Lounge

While the Nomad Lounge menu has plenty of delicious items to pick from, be sure to ask your server if you can get any secret eats from the attached Tiffins too!



Mushroom Bisque

Wilderness Lodge: Territory Lounge

You may be able to find a few different secret menu eats here that are actually some popular items from Whispering Canyon or Arist Point, but the soup is a standout!



The Shadow

BoardWalk Inn: Belle Vue Lounge

A mixture of Chambord, Godiva Chocolate Liqueur, Vanilla Vodka, and Heavy Cream, it's as much a dessert as it is a cocktail.





ONE MUST-GET SNACK PER PARK

1. **Gaston's Cinnamon Roll:** Magic Kingdom – Gaston's Tavern
2. **Werther's Original Caramel Gingerbread Cookie Sandwich** or **Mickey Caramel Chocolate Cookie Sandwich**: EPCOT – Karamell-Kuche
3. **Carrot Cake Whoopie Pie:** Hollywood Studios – Trolley Car Cafe
4. **Cheeseburger Steamed Pod(s):** Animal Kingdom – Satu'li Canteen
5. **Gideon's Cookie (of your choice):** Disney Springs – Gideon's Bakehouse





BEST MICKEY-SHAPED EATS

1. **Mickey-shaped waffles**: Various locations – mostly Disney World hotel food courts. You'll also find them for breakfast at Fairfax Fare in Hollywood Studios and on various breakfast buffets.
2. **Mickey's Premium Ice Cream Bar or Ice Cream Sandwich:** Various snack carts throughout the parks
3. **Mickey Pretzel:** Various snack carts
4. **Mickey-shaped Bacon-Pecan-Caramel Cinnamon Roll:** Westward Ho – Magic Kingdom
5. **Mickey-shaped Beignets:** Scat Cat's Club – Cafe – Port Orleans Resort French Quarter





BEST MILKSHAKES

1. **Salted Caramel Gelato Shake:** Disney Springs – D-Luxe Burger
2. **Peanut Butter & Jelly Milk Shake:** Hollywood Studios – 50's Prime Time Cafe
3. **Seasonal Specialty Shakes**: Hollywood Studios – Hollywood Scoops
4. **Over-the-top shakes:** Beach Club Resort – Beaches & Cream Soda Shop
5. **Any shake at The Fountain:** Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel
6. **Hand-Dipped Milkshake of your choice** Magic Kingdom – Plaza Ice Cream Parlor



BEST COOKIES

1. **Hot Cookie Hour:** Disney Springs–Gideon's Bakehouse (2-3 PM and 7-8 PM – warmed Classic Chocolate Chip Cookie with ice cream)
2. **Flashback Oatmeal Crème Pie:** Pop Century Resort – Everything POP
3. **Ice Cream Cookie Sandwich:** Animal Kingdom – Dino-Bite Snacks
4. **Wookiee Cookie:** Hollywood Studios – Backlot Express
5. **Carrot Cake Whoopie Pie:** Hollywood Studios – The Trolley Car Café
6. **Gingerbread Salted Caramel Buttercream Cookie Sandwich:** EPCOT – Karamell-Küche (This is typically a seasonal treat, so check to see if it's available during your trip. If not, check out some of the other cookie sandwiches and whoopie pies at this spot!)

Bonus: See what cookies are available at the Cookie Bar at Summer House on the Lake in Disney Springs (we've liked the Lemon Cookie).

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NEXT STEPS

SO...WHAT NOW?

Hooray! You are well on your way to becoming the expert that your family or traveling crew needs to make great decisions when it comes to all things dining in Disney World! But there is PLENTY more where this came from, and you may be wondering where to go next.

As part of your Disney Food Blog Guide to Disney World Dining, we have provided **individual guides for each of the four theme parks, Disney Springs, the water parks, and Disney World's hotels**.

These guides allow you to dive into much greater detail about EVERY SINGLE RESTAURANT in Disney World, complete with pictures, handy tips, recommended dishes, and much more!

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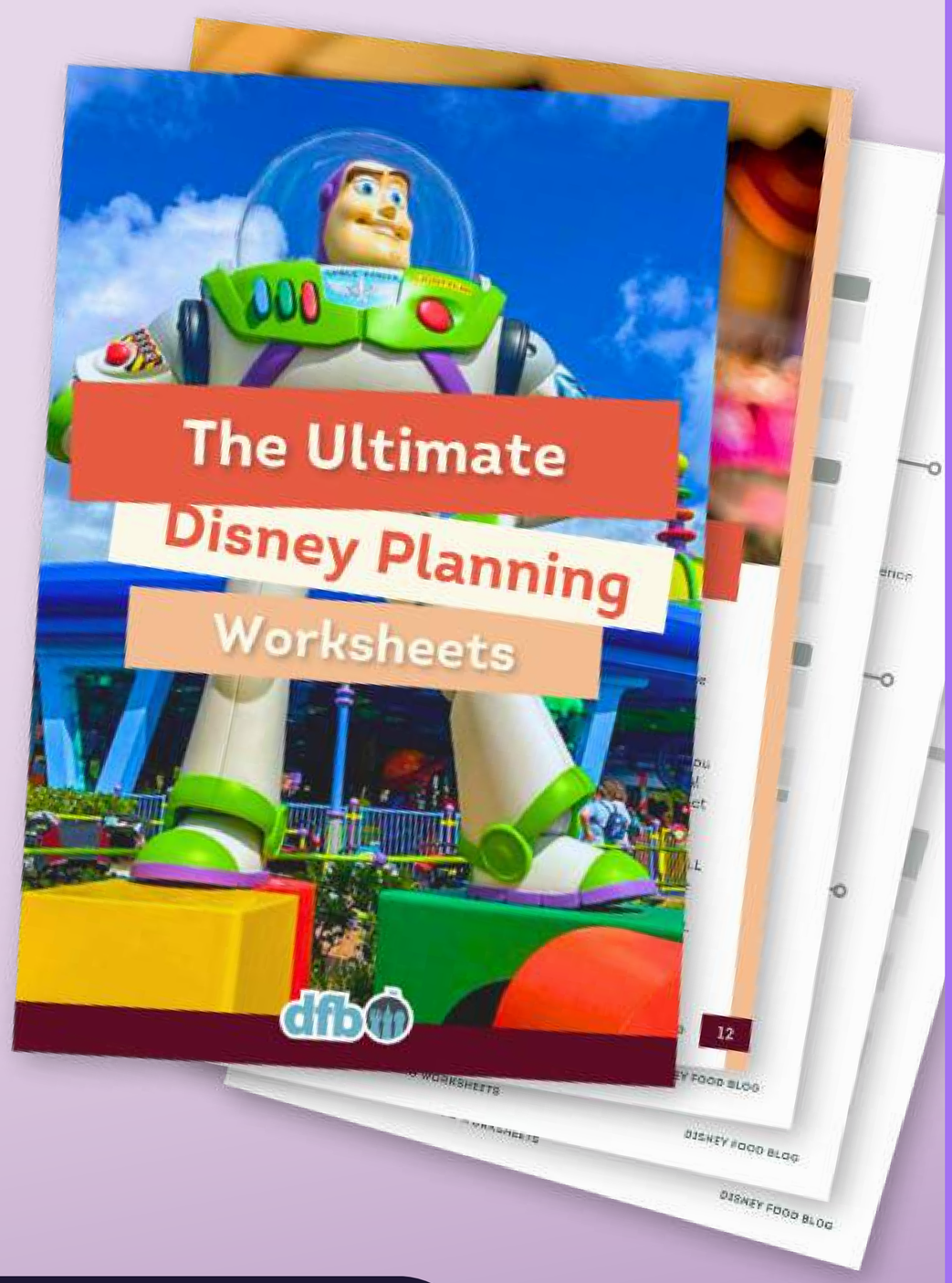


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We've built planning worksheets to help you keep track of it all!

Download these worksheets and use them to jot down restaurant and meal ideas and to input your final dining plans. Keep screenshots of them for easy access throughout your trip!



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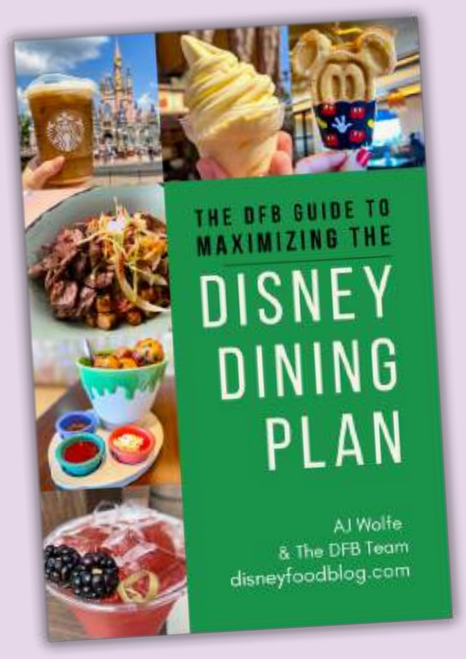
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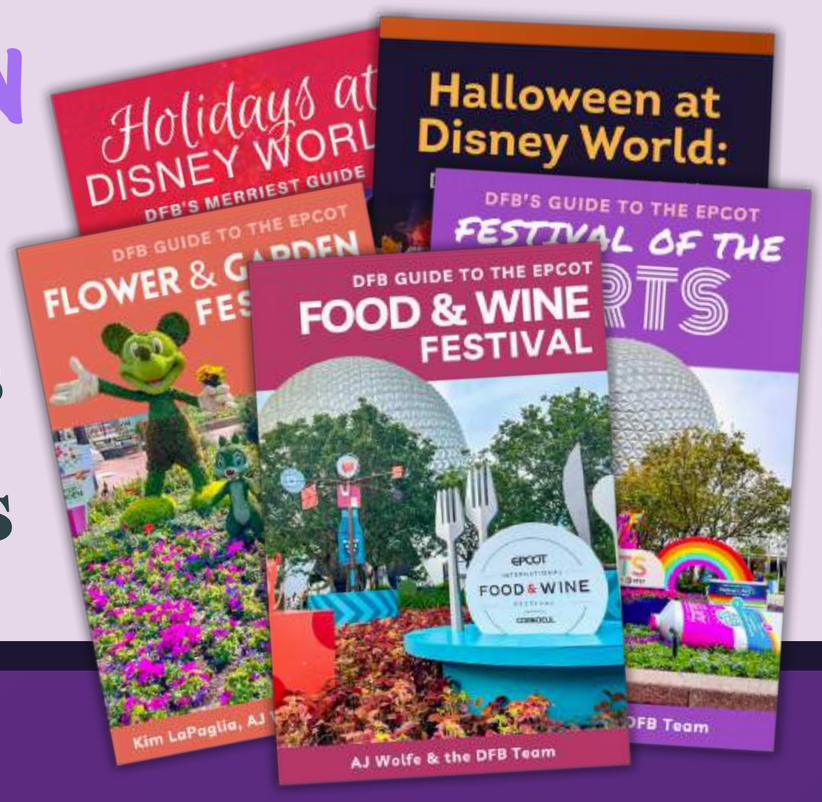


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