



NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY

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Probably the MOST typical activity for any New Year's Eve is the countdown to midnight, and that's been an option in many of the Disney Parks for years. Usually, Magic Kingdom, EPCOT, and Disney's Hollywood Studios are open for the holiday countdown:

- **Magic Kingdom** will feature the Fantasy in the Sky Fireworks at both 7:30PM and 11:50PM on Dec. 30th and 31st, 2025.
- **EPCOT**: In 2025, Luminous will be shown at 6:30PM on December 31st. Cheers to the New Year: A Sparkling Celebration show will begin at 11:54PM on December 31st.
- **Disney's Hollywood Studios** will feature a DJ, including the Pixar Dance Party. There will be special character experiences around



the park, and at 11:57 PM, don't miss the New Year Countdown Fireworks!

You'll discover a wide range of activities going on at the resorts. For instance, in the past, All-Star Movies hosted a New Year's Eve party by the Fantasia Pool from 8PM to 12AM. It sure sounds like a fun way to welcome the new year!

Ring in the New Year at The Most Magical Place on Earth. Okay, it just might be the most crowded, too. But it's a bucket list kind of experience, right?!

See MK fireworks from afar. For a less crowded experience, make plans to see Magic Kingdom fireworks from outside the Park. We recommend a fireworks cruise or watching from a Magic Kingdom-area Resort.

PARK CAPACITY

Choose one park!

Yep, we've gotta say it again. This day is historically jam-packed, especially at Magic Kingdom (followed closely by EPCOT). If you plan to visit Magic Kingdom or EPCOT and see the fireworks in the evening, you'll want to stay all day as the Park will likely reach capacity.

An alternative strategy that we successfully used on a previous New Year's Eve was to follow Park closures and then head to the Park in the evening. The Park re-opened to all guests by 8PM. We arrived about 7PM with Magic Kingdom still at a Phase 3. Was it crowded? Like nothing we'd ever seen before. We formed a family chain holding onto each others' shirts and made our way to the back of the Park.



Crowds thinned back by Big Top Treats in Fantasyland. In the front of the Park, it was madness with barely any room to walk, and people were camped out EVERYwhere. Yes, we spotted people sleeping on blankets! We had a reservation at Cinderella's Royal Table for the last seating of the day. After dinner, we were perfectly situated to see the fireworks in the back of the castle. Bucket list!



NEW YEAR'S DINING

MEMORABLE DINING

An outstanding dining experience would make this holiday truly special. [Ring in the New Year with a meal](#) at Narcoossee's or 'Ohana at Disney's Polynesian Village Resort, and you'll get a view of the fireworks, too!

For a magical meal away from Magic Kingdom, try rooftop dining at Topolino's Terrace at Riviera Resort or at Toledo: Tapas, Steak, & Seafood atop Coronado Springs' Gran Destino Tower. From either of these lofty locations, you may be able to see fireworks shows at EPCOT and/or Hollywood Studios.

Here's another suggestion: Consider booking a table for New Year's Eve at the Grand Floridian Cafe for around 5PM. Watch the Magic Kingdom fireworks at the 7:30PM showing. Yes, there are some less difficult ADRs to get where you can still enjoy the fireworks experience.

CALIFORNIA GRILL

Returning again, Disney is hosting a two-night event at the Contemporary Resort—The Magic of New Year's Eve! This party at [California Grill](#), and the price tag starts at \$229 and up to \$349 per person for different seatings.

Mingle with Mickey & Minnie, dance to live music, savor a four-course meal, and say cheers to the new year with a champagne toast.

Learn more [here](#) about the event.

To book a reservation, please call 407-824-2284.

The menu items below have traditionally been served on New Year’s Eve.

NEW YEAR’S EVE HOLIDAY MEALS

RESTAURANT	LOCATION	NEW YEAR’S OFFERINGS
Amare	WDW Swan Reserve	Celebration menu offered.
California Grill	Contemporary Resort	The Magic of New Year’s Eve at California Grill
Citricos	Grand Floridian	Celebration menu offered.
Flying Fish	BoardWalk Resort	Oak-grilled filet mignon and coldwater lobster.
Il Mulino	WDW Swan	Celebration menu : Ilsaleta di giardino, polpo color cavolo rosso, dentice in crostada di patate, ossobuco con polenta cremosa
Jiko	Animal Kingdom Lodge	Bone-in ribeye, preserved lemon and almond haricot verts, herb-roasted potatoes, roasted radicchio, and tart cherry wine reduction.
La Cava del Tequila	EPCOT	Exclusive agave tasting event .
Paddlefish	Disney Springs	Holiday Surf & Turf—a savory combination of Maine lobster, andouille sausage, PEI mussels, cornbread, red potatoes, and sweet corn for \$85. A bottle of Sparkling Wine will also be available for \$40. Confirmed 2024.
Raglan Road	Disney Springs	Raglan Road celebrates TWICE in one night.
Shula's Steak House	WDW Dolphin	Celebration menu offered.
Terralina Crafted	Disney Springs	Lobster-Saffron Pappardelle, which is a decadent dish featuring half a Maine lobster, mussels, and baby scallops tossed in a tomato-saffron butter broth over pappardelle pasta (\$47). Pair your meal with a festive Champagne Margarita—Cimarron Tequila, Triple Sec, and Sweet and Sour Mix, topped with Prosecco and garnished with lime and orange (\$16.50). Confirmed 2024.
Todd English's bluezoo Lounge	WDW Dolphin	A chic lounge offering a special New Year's Eve menu featuring seafood and cocktails.
Trattoria al Forno	BoardWalk Resort	Steak al Forno with Yukon potatoes, cipollini agrodolce, and chianti reduction.



QUICK SERVICE

Celebrating New Year's Eve in Disney World is SPECIAL, but what makes it even better is that Disney releases limited-time snacks!

If you find yourself looking for some fun quick service eats on New Year's Eve, watch for specialty items.

Some restaurants will add a limited time dessert and/or a special entree. So, keep an eye out. We'll show some examples of fun finds on the next page!

Don't forget to use Mobile Order to help manage long queues. You can even schedule your meal pickup several hours in advance to help navigate crowded mealtimes.

In the evening, enjoy a quick meal before watching the show on Spaceship Earth in EPCOT or any of Disney's fireworks shows.

We've included special treats from previous years for you to peek at. We can't wait to see what debuts this year!





ANIMAL KINGDOM

Counter Service Restaurants at Animal Kingdom may offer an exclusive cupcake for a very limited time. It was available at Restaurantosaurus and Pizzafari.

The chocolate cupcake had a cherry filling, almond frosting, and chocolate crispy pearl sprinkles.



BOARDWALK DELI

The Mickey Brownie got a little bit of a 2024 upgrade and was topped with dark chocolate ganache, sprinkles, and “2024” icing.



EVERGLAZED DONUTS

At Everglazed Donuts & Cold Brew, the Happy New Year Donut featured all sorts of fanfare and sparkle—just like the actual holiday.



PINEAPPLE LANAI

Here's an example of a very limited-time snack. Pineapple Lanai offered a New Year's Float from December 30th, 2023 – January 1st, 2024.

Basically, this was a pineapple lover's dream!



ROARING FORK

At Wilderness Lodge, Roaring Fork's Bear-y Happy New Year Mousse was a berry-flavored bar made of strawberry mousse, champagne gel, vanilla cake, mirror glaze, and chocolate decor.



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NEW YEAR’S EVE TREATS

DISNEY RESORTS: QUICK SERVICE

RESTAURANT	LOCATION	NEW YEAR’S OFFERINGS
World Premiere Food Court	All-Star Movies Resort	Celebration Mickey Piñata: Chocolate Mickey Piñata filled with white chocolate mousse, chocolate sponge cake, and fresh strawberries
Landscape of Flavors	Art of Animation Resort	Pomegranate Trifle Salute: Trifle layered with pastry cream, yellow cake, pomegranate prosecco sauce, gold confetti, and shimmering pomegranate boba
Beach Club Marketplace	Beach Club Resort	Strawberries and Champagne Tart: Champagne panna cotta, crisp pearls, and strawberry mousse with strawberry gelee topped with strawberry whipped cream
BoardWalk Deli	BoardWalk Resort	<u>Mickey Brownie</u> : Brownie with ganache, sparkly sprinkles, and chocolate décor.
Centertown Market	Caribbean Beach Resort	Millionaire Shortbread Bar: Shortbread cookie topped with caramel, chocolate ganache, toffee pieces, and salty pretzels
Pineapple Lanai	Polynesian Village	New Year’s Float: DOLE Whip Pineapple Float with passion fruit, orange, and guava juice and boba pearls topped with popping candy
Sassagoula Floatworks and Food Factory	Port Orleans Resort – French Quarter	Millionaire Shortbread Bar: Shortbread cookie topped with caramel, chocolate ganache, toffee pieces, and salty pretzels
Scat Cat’s Club – Café	Port Orleans Resort – French Quarter	Champagne Beignet: Classic Mickey beignet topped with a champagne glaze and starry quins
Riverside Mill Food Court	Port Orleans Resort – Riverside	Millionaire Shortbread Bar: Shortbread cookie topped with caramel, chocolate ganache, toffee pieces, and salty pretzels
Roaring Fork	Wilderness Lodge	<u>Bear-y Happy New Year Mousse</u> : Strawberry mousse, champagne gel, vanilla cake, mirror glaze, and chocolate décor.
The Market at Ale & Compass	Yacht Club Resort	Strawberries and Champagne Tart: Champagne panna cotta, crisp pearls, and strawberry mousse with strawberry gelee topped with strawberry whipped cream