

Holiday Time | Disneyland® RESORT

There are so many festive ways to celebrate the holiday season from Nov. 11, 2022, to Jan. 8, 2023, at *Disneyland*® Resort with your general admission ticket (which you can get discounted from us frogs!). So much, in fact, that we recommend dedicating a full day at both *Disneyland*® Park and *Disney California Adventure*® Park so you don't have to worry about *hopping* back and forth and missing out on any of the action.



DAY 1

Disneyland
Park

Morning

Take advantage of Early Entry or rope drop to get a *hop* on the crowds.

If you're a *Disneyland*® Resort hotel guest, take advantage of Early Entry, which is a benefit that allows entry an extra 30 minutes before park open. If staying off-site, we'd recommend rope dropping — arriving at least an hour early so that you're inside the park when it officially opens.

Focus on rides first.

Prioritize getting on *Haunted Mansion*® Holiday and *it's a small world*® Holiday early in the morning. *Hop* on right away or make a reservation through the Disney Genie+ service once you've entered the park.

Keep an eye out for characters.

Mickey Mouse and friends don their holiday costumes in Town Square. Some characters, such as Jack Skellington a.k.a. Sandy Claws and Santa Claus himself, begin to appear later in the morning. Then, later in the early afternoon, be on the lookout for the holiday cavalcade.



Afternoon

Grab holiday treats.

Churros, cookies and candy canes — oh my! Treat yourself to some seasonal snacks, such as a peppermint churro or holiday beignets.

Find your spot to watch A Christmas Fantasy Parade.

The holiday parade typically has two showings daily. We recommend catching the second parade. Crowds tend to be about the same for both parades, but we can find a better last-minute spot for the second one, plus the weather cools down as it gets closer to the evening.

Evening

Observe special lighting ceremonies in passing.

Around dusk, you can catch the Christmas Tree Lighting or the *it's a small world*® Lighting. These ceremonies are brief, so if you *happen* to be nearby, it's a fun sight to see. If you miss them, stop by *it's a small world*® which will have projections that run intermittently throughout the night.

Show off your dance moves.

On select nights from 7 to 11 p.m., dance along to festive tunes with your favorite Disney pals at the holiday character dance party in *Tomorrowland*® Area.

Watch the fireworks and snowfall.

Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m. daily (weather permitting), and you'll want to stick around after the show for Winter Enchantment when snow falls on Sleeping Beauty Castle.



DAY 2

Disney
CALIFORNIA
ADVENTURE

Morning

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Hop over to *Cars Land*® Area for two special ride overlays — Luigi's Joy to the Whirl and Mater's Jingle Jamboree.

Meet with characters.

Find Santa Claus in the Redwood Creek Challenge Trail by mid-morning. In Paradise Gardens, say hi to Mirabel and the Three Caballeros, plus Mickey and Minnie in their holiday best.

Join the virtual queue for World of Color — Season of Light at noon.

At noon, jump on the Disneyland App to join the virtual queue for a World of Color viewing spot. If you snag a spot, it will automatically assign you to either the first or second show.



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Afternoon

Watch the Holiday Toy Drummers and various musical stage acts.

We highly recommend watching the Holiday Toy Drummers who perform several times throughout the day. Live musical entertainment is also sprinkled around various stages in the park, with some shows even *happening* simultaneously.

Get a Sip & Savor Pass to sample Disney's Festival of Holidays offerings.

The easiest way to stuff your bellies is with the Sip & Savor Pass, which allows you to sample your way through the Disney's Festival of Holidays food booths. Use your pass whenever hunger strikes!

Take a break at *Disney's Grand Californian Hotel*[®] & Spa.

Step away to the lobby of *Disney's Grand Californian Hotel*[®] & Spa, which houses a giant gingerbread replica of the hotel itself. While you're there, grab a treat from the holiday cart.

Celebrate multicultural holiday traditions during ¡Viva Navidad!

Don't miss this street fiesta featuring Mickey, Minnie, the Three Caballeros, musicians, dancers and storytellers. For a front-row, straight-on view of the float, you'll want to stand near the Paradise Gardens area, halfway between the Jumping Jellyfish ride and the Silly Symphony swings on the waterside of the street.

Catch Mickey's Happy Holidays.

The Toy Drummers team up with Disney and Pixar characters for a cavalcade procession. Catch Mickey's Happy Holidays, which has several showings in the afternoon. We recommend watching in Hollywood Land in front of Off the Page.



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Around dusk, you can catch the Christmas Tree Lighting or the *Cars Land*® Area Lighting. These ceremonies are brief, so if you *happen* to be nearby, it's a fun sight to see.

End the night with World of Color — Season of Light.

Experience heartwarming moments from Disney and Pixar films set to a score of holiday music as the scenes illuminate a giant screen of mist. If you joined the virtual queue, you'll be assigned either the Blue or Yellow entry point and can arrive 45 minutes before the show begins (9 or 10:15 p.m.). If you're unable to enter the virtual queue, you can access standby viewing shortly before the show in Paradise Bay viewing areas.

