You’re going to Walt Disney World® Resort! Whether it’s your first visit or your hundredth, you’re in for a toadally magical time! As you prepare, you may have some questions: How much will a vacation cost? Which parks are right for my family? Where should I stay? The Frog Fam is more than hoppy to help! In this Jump Start Guide, we’ll give you tried-and-true tidbits to get started with your vacation planning, as well as helpful resources to learn more. Let’s hop in!

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**PARK OVERVIEW**

Walt Disney World® Resort is made up of four theme parks, two water parks and a toadally fun entertainment district. Here’s what you can expect at each of them!

### Magic Kingdom® Park Attractions

Never grow up as you explore magical lands — including Fantasyland®, Frontierland®, Adventureland® and Tomorrowland®. This park has the most rides without a height requirement, making it a tadpole favorite. And of course, the iconic Cinderella Castle means there is royalty roaming — look for princesses and Mickey Mouse and friends throughout the park.

**BEST FOR:**

Kids and kids at heart

**MOST POPULAR RIDES:**

- TRON Lightcycle / Run
- Seven Dwarfs Mine Train
- Peter Pan’s Flight®
- Jungle Cruise®

**EXPERIENCES:**

- Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique $

**SEASONAL EVENTS:**

- Mickey’s Not-So-Scary Halloween Party $
- Mickey’s Very Merry Christmas Party $

### Disney’s Hollywood Studios® Attractions

Step into your favorite movies and animated worlds, including “Toy Story” and “Star Wars,” and become a part of the action at Disney’s Hollywood Studios®.

**BEST FOR:**

Movie enthusiasts of all ages, tweens and teens

**MOST POPULAR RIDES:**

- Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance
- Slinky Dog Dash
- The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror™
- Mickey & Minnie’s Runaway Railway

**EXPERIENCES:**

- Savi’s Workshop $
- Droid Depot $

**SEASONAL EVENTS:**

- Disney After Hours events $

$ Additional fee or separately ticketed event

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**EPCOT®**

Discover the meaning of community through the celebration of international cultures, innovation and imagination at EPCOT®.

**BEST FOR:**
Travel enthusiasts of all ages

**MOST POPULAR RIDES:**
- Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind
- Test Track® Presented by Chevrolet®
- Frozen Ever After
- Remy’s Ratatouille Adventure

**EXPERIENCES:**
- Behind the Seeds tour $3
- World Showcase pavilions
- Year-round festivals

**Disney’s Animal Kingdom® Theme Park**

Learn all about the natural environment and animal conservation at Disney’s Animal Kingdom® Theme Park.

**BEST FOR:**
Nature and animal lovers of all ages

**MOST POPULAR RIDES:**
- Avatar Flight of Passage
- Na’vi River Journey
- Kilimanjaro Safaris®
- Expedition Everest — Legend of the Forbidden Mountain®

**EXPERIENCES:**
- Gorilla Falls Exploration Trail
- Maharajah Jungle Trek®
- Rafiki’s Planet Watch®

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Disney Springs® Entertainment District

Featuring hoppin’ entertainment, don’t-miss shopping stops and award-winning restaurants, Disney Springs® is a must-see on your visit.

Disney’s Typhoon Lagoon Water Park

Surf’s up! This tropical-themed water park once saw a huge typhoon blow through — big enough to beach a boat atop a mountain! Hang 10 and enjoy the wave pool or take in a surf lesson.

Disney’s Blizzard Beach Water Park

A ski resort in Florida?! This wintry-themed water park offers up a toadally cool break, including a spot for tots with new “Frozen” theming.

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## POPULAR RIDES AND ATTRACTIONS BY PARK

With so much fun in store, it can be challenging to narrow down exactly what to do and see while you’re in the Most Magical Place on Earth. Don’t worry — we’ve got you covered! Here is a complete list of the rides and experiences available in each park, plus information on height requirements, kid favorites, characters you may see and more!

### Magic Kingdom® Park Attractions

- **TRON Lightcycle / Run - 48”**
- **Seven Dwarfs Mine Train - 38”**
- **Space Mountain® - 44”**
- **Peter Pan’s Flight®**
- **Big Thunder Mountain Railroad® - 40”**
- **Pirates of the Caribbean®**
- **Jungle Cruise®**
- **Haunted Mansion®**
- **Buzz Lightyear’s Space Ranger Spin®**
- **The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh**
- **Under the Sea ~ Journey of the Little Mermaid**
- **Tomorrowland® Speedway - 32”**
- **Dumbo the Flying Elephant®**
- **Tomorrowland® Transit Authority PeopleMover**
- **The Magic Carpets of Aladdin**
- **“it’s a small world”®**
- **Mad Tea Party**
- **Prince Charming Regal Carrousel**
- **The Barnstormer featuring the Great Goofini - 35”**
- **Walt Disney World® Railroad**
- **Astro Orbiter®**

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Magic Kingdom® Park Experiences and Shows

- Happily Ever After fireworks spectacular
- Disney Festival of Fantasy Parade
- Meet Mickey at Town Square Theater
- Meet Ariel at Her Grotto
- Princess Fairytale Hall
- Walt Disney’s Enchanted Tiki Room
- Mickey’s Magical Friendship Faire
- Enchanted Tales with Belle
- Mickey’s PhilharMagic®
- Monsters, Inc. Laugh Floor®
- Walt Disney’s Carousel of Progress
- The Hall of Presidents
- Country Bear Jamboree
- Swiss Family Treehouse
- Pete’s Silly Sideshow
- Tom Sawyer Island
- Liberty Square Riverboat
- Frontierland® Shootin’ Arcade

Offers Genie+
Individual Lightning Lane Selection
Single Rider Line
Virtual Queue
Rider Switch
Character Experience
Tadpole Favorite

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Disney’s Hollywood Studios® Attractions

- Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance - 40” 🌟
- Slinky Dog Dash - 38” ⏰
- Rock ’n’ Roller Coaster® Starring Aerosmith - 48” 🎤
- The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror™ - 40” 🚨
- Toy Story Mania!®
- Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run - 38” 🎉
- Mickey & Minnie’s Runaway Railway 🎨
- Star Tours®—The Adventures Continue 🚀
- Alien Swirling Saucers - 32” 🎞️

Experiences and Shows

- Fantasmic!
- For the First Time in Forever: A Frozen Sing-Along Celebration 🎵
- Indiana Jones™ Epic Stunt Spectacular! 🎥
- Meet Disney Stars at Red Carpet Dreams 🎥
- Disney Junior Play and Dance! 🎰
- Meet Olaf at Celebrity Spotlight 🎨
- Muppet* Vision 3D 🎭
- Beauty and the Beast—Live on Stage 🎭
- Star Wars Launch Bay 🎐
- Lightning McQueen’s Racing Academy 🏁
- Wonderful World of Animation 🎨

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**EPCOT® Attractions**

- Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind - 42”
- Frozen Ever After
- Test Track® Presented by Chevrolet® - 40”
- Soarin’ Around the World - 40”
- Remy’s Ratatouille Adventure
- Mission: SPACE® - 40”
- Spaceship Earth
- Living with the Land Presented by Chiquita®
- Journey Into Imagination With Figment
- The Seas with Nemo & Friends®
- Gran Fiesta Tour Starring The Three Caballeros

**Experiences and Shows**

- EPCOT Forever
- Turtle Talk With Crush
- The American Adventure
- Beauty and the Beast Sing-Along
- Awesome Planet
- Disney and Pixar Short Film Festival
- Canada Far and Wide in Circle-Vision 360
- Impressions de France
- Reflections of China

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Disney’s Animal Kingdom® Theme Park Attractions

- Avatar Flight of Passage - 44” ✨
- Kilimanjaro Safaris® + 🦒
- Expedition Everest—Legend of the Forbidden Mountain® - 44” + 🦝
- Na’vi River Journey + 🦛
- Kali River Rapids® - 38” + 🦚
- DINOSAUR - 40” + 🦖
- TriceraTop Spin 🦖

Experiences and Shows

- Festival of the Lion King 🦁
- Gorilla Falls Exploration Trail
- Maharajah Jungle Trek®
- Meet Disney Pals at Adventurers Outpost 🦁
- The Animation Experience at Conservation Station® 🐘
- Finding Nemo — The Big Blue ... and Beyond! 🦠
- Feathered Friends in Flight 🦚
- Wilderness Explorers 🦛
- The Boneyard® Dig Site 🦖
- Discovery Island® Trails
- Tree of Life® Awakenings
- It’s Tough to be a Bug!® 🦒
- Meet Moana at Character Landing 🦛

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TICKET TYPES

With several ticket options, there’s something right for everyone! In our experience, most families visiting Orlando stay between five and seven days and opt for 3- to 5-day tickets.

Base

One park per day, no hopping and no water parks

BEST FOR:
First-timers or those with young tadpoles

Base + Water Park and Sports

One park per day, no hopping. Additionally, one of two water parks or other attractions per day

BEST FOR:
Those wanting to add a little splash in their vacay

Park Hopper®

Same-day access to all four theme parks

BEST FOR:
Return visitors, or those ready to use transportation to hop between the parks

Park Hopper® Plus

Same-day access to all four theme parks, two water parks and more

BEST FOR:
Those looking for the full experience, with at least a four-day trip to use their plus visits

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WHERE TO STAY

The Frog Fam loves staying at Walt Disney World® Resort hotels for their convenience, on-site benefits and toadally magical touches.

THERE ARE THREE TIERS OF WALT DISNEY WORLD® RESORT HOTELS:

**Value**

Lowest price tag, with over-the-top theming and food court as main dining option; motel-style setup

**BEST FOR:**

Guests spending most of their day in the theme park, or larger groups looking for family suites

**Moderate**

Median price tag, with a water slide at the pool and at least one table-service restaurant on-site; motel-style setup

**BEST FOR:**

Guests wanting a few more bells and whistles than a value tier. Most families booking through Undercover Tourist select moderate resorts

**Deluxe**

Highest price tag, with an elegant feel and close proximity to the theme parks, plus fine or character dining on-site; hotel-style setup

**BEST FOR:**

Guests spending time at the resorts, wanting a luxurious experience (such as a spa day)

ALL ON-SITE GUESTS RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS (even when booking through Undercover Tourist):

**Immersive theming.** From the bayou to the South Pacific. You’ll find touches from your favorite characters around every corner, including the Cozy Cone from “Cars” and super suits from “The Incredibles.”

**Convenient location.** With close proximity to the theme parks, you won’t have to leave the Disney “bubble” until it’s time to say “see ya real soon.”

**Complimentary transportation.** From the iconic monorail, to the Disney Skyliner — plus buses, boats and walking paths — hotel guests have multiple options to get around the resort.

**Early Theme Park Entry.** Jump into the theme parks 30 minutes before they open to the public! (Valid admission and a theme park reservation required.)

**Early Individual Lightning Lane access.** You can purchase expedited entry to several in-demand attractions — and hotel guests can purchase as early as 7 a.m. All other guests must purchase at park open. For popular attractions such as TRON Lightcycle / Run and Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind, that’s a huge (frog) leg up!

**Advance Dining Reservations.** All guests — no matter where they stay — may make Advance Dining Reservations 60 days in advance of their trip. Those staying on-site are able to book reservations for the length of their stay (rather than logging in each day).

**Extended Evening Hours** (for Deluxe guests).

Guests staying at Deluxe Resort hotels also have access to select parks on select nights after the parks close to the general public, including access to a third virtual queue window (theme park reservation and valid admission required).

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**WHERE TO EAT**

There are SO many delicious dining options at *Walt Disney World®* Resort! It’s true that things taste better when they’re Mickey-shaped. Here are a few of our favorite food spots.

### Magic Kingdom® Park
- Cinderella’s Royal Table
- Casey’s Corner
- Aloha Isle
- Jungle Navigation Co. LTD Skipper Canteen

### Disney’s Hollywood Studios®
- Sci-Fi Dine-In Theater
- Roundup Rodeo BBQ
- Docking Bay 7 Food and Cargo
- Woody’s Lunchbox

### EPCOT®
- Le Cellier Steakhouse
- Garden Grill
- Connections Eatery
- Seasonal Festival Booths

### Disney’s Animal Kingdom® Theme Park
- Satu’li Canteen
- Tusker House
- Yak & Yeti
- Tiffin’s Restaurant

**Mobile Order** is a popular option at *Walt Disney World®* Resort! Place your food order in advance in the *My Disney Experience* app and skip the line at popular quick-service restaurants.
The Advance Dining Reservation System, ADR for short, is a fancy name for making dining reservations at Disney's table-service restaurants. There are hundreds of dining opportunities on property, ranging from dinner shows to character dining. If you’re not booking that far in advance, don’t stress — there are some good quick-service options and restaurants that often have last-minute availability!

All guests (even those staying off-site) can make Walt Disney World Resort dining reservations!

Advance Dining Reservations can be made in the My Disney Experience app 60 days in advance of your trip.

Most reservations become available around 5:45 a.m. EST or by calling 407-WDW-DINE at 7 a.m. EST.

Walt Disney World Resort hotel guests can book ADRs 60 days in advance for the length of their stay (up to 10 days).

You can make a reservation online for parties up to 8; your whole party does not need to be connected in My Disney Experience to make a reservation.

Select restaurants require a deposit upfront to reserve your spot.

Valid park admission (and a theme park reservation, if applicable) is required for in-park dining locations.

You can cancel a reservation up to 2 hours before your reservation time without penalty at most restaurants. Cancellations within the 2 hour window may result in a no-show charge, per person.

Make sure you have the latest version of the My Disney Experience app.

Have your credit card information saved in the app. This saves you an extra step during the process.

Search by an exact time rather than time of day (i.e. 8 a.m. versus Breakfast)

Work backward for the best availability if you are staying on-site.

If at first you don’t succeed, keep checking up until (and during) your trip.

Don’t forget about the walk-up list, available same-day when you’re near select restaurants!
Disney Genie+ Service

A new way to skip the lines has debuted at Walt Disney World® Resort! This optional, paid service can be purchased same-day within the My Disney Experience app. Your first Disney Genie+ ride selection can be made at 7 a.m. EST, no matter where you are staying.

1. **Skip the Line**
   Disney Genie+ service replaces FastPass as the new way to skip the wait. With variable pricing starting at $15 per person, per day, guests can enjoy one-time expedited access to over 40 attractions and experiences.

2. **Choose Your Queue**
   Lightning Lane is the name of the queue you enter for expedited access using Disney Genie+ service. Standby lines remain available for all rides except for select rides offering a virtual queue.

3. **Use the App**
   Reserve rides and experiences through the My Disney Experience app. Guests can make reservations for a party of up to 12 people.

4. **Set Your Alarm**
   All guests may reserve their first selection at 7 a.m. After that, you can reserve another ride every 2 hours or after scanning in for your most recently booked reservation - whichever comes first.

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**INDIVIDUAL LIGHTNING LANE SELECTIONS**

Similar to Disney Genie+ service, individual Lightning Lane selections provide expedited entry to popular attractions, for an additional fee. If you are staying at a Walt Disney World® Resort hotel, you may purchase your individual Lightning Lane selections within the My Disney Experience app at 7 a.m. EST. If you are staying off-site, you may purchase within the My Disney Experience app at park opening.

1. **ILL selections can be purchased within the My Disney Experience App**
2. **Wait Disney World® Resort Hotel guests** may purchase **ILL selections at 7 a.m. EST**
3. **All other guests** may purchase **ILL selections beginning at park opening**
4. Each guest may book **2 ILL selections each day**
5. The cost of **ILL selections varies by date, but can range anywhere from $7 to $25 per person, per ride**
6. You can reserve **ILL selections without purchasing Disney Genie+ Service**
7. During peak times, such as spring break, summer or the holidays, some **ILL selections may be offered as Disney Genie+ service options**

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No matter your budget, you can have a magical time at Disney. Take a look at a Walt Disney World Resort vacation by three popular price points for a family of four for a four-night trip.

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SAVINGS with Undercover Tourist: $323, $474, $1,016

*Based on Undercover Tourist’s 20+ years of helping families plan & book vacations, on average (“Moderate”) a family of 4 (2 adults, 2 kids) purchases 4-day base tickets, stays at a value or moderate hotel, rents a minivan and eats at a mix of fast casual and sit down restaurants.

*Note: These ticket/hotel/rental car prices and savings pulled from UndercoverTourist.com on March 31, 2023, for May 31 — June 3, 2023. Food calculated based on Walt Disney World Resort menu prices and reasonable grocery assumptions. *Airfare not included.

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WHEN TO BOOK

Mark your calendar for some important dates to keep in mind as you plan your vacation, including when to book tickets, make dining reservations and more.

Use our #1 ranked crowd calendar to choose the best time to visit Walt Disney World® Resort for your family!

You can also download our Theme Park Vacation Planner app to see Crowd Calendar and ticket prices for each day of your trip.

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Here are our top tips and tricks for making the very most of your time at Walt Disney World Resort!

**Decide in advance where you want to go.** Use our list of attractions so you can decide what your priorities are for each park. Make planning your trip a family affair, and let everyone pick a couple of rides that are must-dos.

**Pick the best day to visit.** Use our Crowd Calendar to identify the best dates to visit the Walt Disney World Resort and then the best parks to visit on each day of your trip. Since Magic Kingdom Park is always the busiest park, try to visit on a green day.

**Download our Orlando Theme Park Day app.** It offers key showtimes, crowd levels, wait times and the optimal time to visit each attraction.

**Utilize on-site perks.** If you’re staying at a Walt Disney World Resort hotel, you can enter any of the theme parks 30 minutes early on each day of your stay (theme park reservation and valid admission required). Likewise, hotel guests are able to purchase individual Lightning Lane selections for in-demand rides such as Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind and TRON Lightcycle / Run at 7 a.m. EST. All other guests must purchase at park open.

**Arrive before the parks open.** The first few hours are the least busy times in the park, and you can experience a lot more when crowds are low.

**Consider Disney Genie+ service.** This paid service enables guests to wait in an expedited line for popular attractions. The price varies by date and must be purchased on the day of your visit through the My Disney Experience app for each member of your party. You may make your first Genie+ reservation at 7 a.m. EST. Remember, this service is toadally optional and all attractions still have a free means of entry — either by standby or virtual queue.

**Experience the most popular rides with the lowest durations first.** You can follow one of our park plans or customize your own. If you aren’t a family of early risers or you want more flexibility than a park plan offers, use our general map to decide which rides to visit at any given time.

**Take a break in the middle of the day.** Especially if you’ve got young tadpoles, we suggest taking a break in the afternoon and then coming back in the evening for dinner and fireworks.
Check Out Our Most Popular Blog Posts

- Best Times to Visit Walt Disney World® Resort
- Answering Your Frequently Asked Questions about Disney Genie+ Service
- Ins and Outs of Disney’s Advance Dining Reservation System
- Best Places to Watch Fireworks at Magic Kingdom® Park

Plan Your Trip And Customize Your Park Days with Our FREE Apps!

Orlando Theme Park Day

Headed to the park soon? Maximize your time with our park plans. Plus, view ride wait times and crowd levels!
- See live wait times and crowd levels
- Preview rides with in-app videos and helpful details such as height requirements
- View and customize park plans to maximize your time in the park

Click here to learn more!

Theme Park Vacation Planner

Just getting started on your vacation planning? Answer a few simple questions about your trip to receive a personalized budget, itinerary and curated content!
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- Get expert planning advice
- Set your vacation budget, including real-time ticket, hotel and rental car costs by date

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