



We frogs love skipping the lines, which is why we highly recommend using **Disney's FastPass+** service for your **Walt Disney World**<sup>®</sup> Resort vacation. The service, which fully launched in 2014 and replaced the original paper FastPass system, allows you to pre-book up to three rides, shows and character meet-and-greets per day at any one theme park. While three skip-the-line passes a day may not seem like much, it can be a huge time-saver, especially when you're looking at a 180-minute standby line for a popular ride such as Avatar — Flight of Passage.

This kind of time-savings (and meltdown-prevention!) can mean the difference between a good and a great trip for you and your tadpoles! Plus the little bit of pre-planning needed to pick your FastPass+ reservations can sometimes even serve as that extra motivation you need to get your **Walt Disney World**<sup>®</sup> Resort trip planning organized. But it helps know which experiences to book and when to book them. This is where we frogs come in.

## KEEP IN MIND...

If you're staying at a **Walt Disney World**<sup>®</sup> Resort hotel, you can make FastPass+ reservations up to 60 days in advance of check-in for your entire length of stay, up to 14 days. If you are staying off-site, you can make FastPass+ reservations up to 30 days in advance of each day of your theme park visit. And once you've used your advance FastPass+ reservations at the park, you're able to make even more FastPass+ reservations same-day.

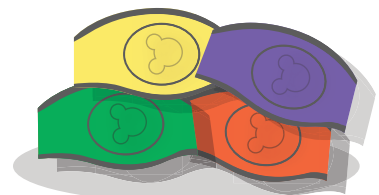
In this guide, you'll find all the details you need to know about **Disney's FastPass+** service to make your reservations. Plus you'll find additional tips and tricks to help you make the most out of it!

Before we hop to the details, let's leap forward to talk about **MagicBands**.

## ★ MagicBands ★

### WHAT ARE MAGICBANDS?

**MagicBands** are rubber bracelets that contain an embedded RFID (radio frequency identification) chip and function similarly to physical park tickets (also embedded with an RFID chip). **MagicBands** are more convenient, because you don't have to constantly search for tickets every time you enter a park, use FastPass+ or have your picture taken by a PhotoPass photographer. All you have to do is make sure that the Mickey head on the band, which contains the RFID



chip, touches the Mickey head RFID reader! For resort guests, **MagicBands** have even more functionality. They are used as room keys, and guests can associate a credit card with the band so that they can touch to pay for purchases at the parks using a pin.

### HOW DO I GET A MAGICBAND?

Getting a **MagicBands** is as simple as using them. If you're staying at a **Walt Disney World**® Resort hotel, all members of your party will be given **MagicBands** free of charge. You can even choose the color of the bands and have them shipped to you (not available to all countries), depending on how far in advance you book your stay. The **MagicBands** will serve as your room key and can also be used to make purchases at the resort during your hotel stay. If you do not plan on staying on-site, you have the option of purchasing the bands in the parks or at the Disney Store online (starting at \$14.99 + tax) and linking them in your My Disney Experience account.

### DO I HAVE TO GET A MAGICBAND?

If you are not staying on-site and choose not to purchase the colorful bands, don't fret — physical tickets offer the same functionality as **MagicBands**. The bands are there for pure convenience and efficiency! We recommend using them, especially with a family or group. It makes it easier when entering parks or using **Disney's FastPass+** service. Mommy Frog loves that she doesn't have to dig in the family backpack constantly!

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## ★ My Disney Experience ★

### WHAT IS MY DISNEY EXPERIENCE?

My Disney Experience (<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com>) is the website you'll use to make your FastPass+ and dining reservations. It is also where you'll link tickets and your hotel stay (if you're staying on-site). There's also a mobile app you can download, which is handy while you're in the park. You can link and manage your entire party's plans in My Disney Experience, and you can see your PhotoPass or **Memory Maker** photos for download or purchase.

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## ★ How to Make FastPass+ Reservations Before the Trip ★

### HOW DO I ACTUALLY MAKE FASTPASS+ RESERVATIONS BEFORE MY TRIP?

- 1 **PURCHASE TICKETS.** We recommend purchasing tickets early enough that they arrive before your 60-day (resort guest) and 30-day (non-resort guest) booking windows open. These windows open at 7 a.m. EST and fill up quickly, so set a calendar reminder! Like Mommy Frog always says, the early frog gets the worm.
- 2 **CREATE AN ACCOUNT ON DISNEY WORLD'S MY DISNEY EXPERIENCE WEBSITE ONCE YOU RECEIVE YOUR TICKETS (IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY).** You'll need to add the names of your whole party. You can add names for accounts you will manage directly, such as your children. You can also send an email invitation to connect with other friends and family with a Disney account in order to make reservations for them.
- 3 **ONCE YOU AND YOUR PARTY MEMBERS' ACCOUNTS ARE LINKED, LINK YOUR TICKETS.** We find it easier to use the My Disney Experience app since you can actually scan your ticket number rather than having to key it in manually. All party members must have valid tickets linked to their account — even the tadpoles!



- 4 YOU'LL THEN BE WALKED THROUGH THE PROCESS OF MAKING FASTPASS+ RESERVATIONS.** You'll select your date and park, and then you can select FastPass+ experiences by times.
- You can make three FastPass+ selections per day in advance for one park. (If you're park hopping, we recommend you make reservations in your second park.)
  - Once you've made your selections, you can further modify times for those attractions. You can also swap or cancel those selections.

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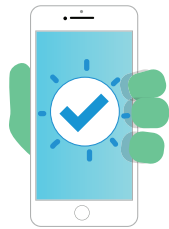
## How to Use FastPass+ At Walt Disney World

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### OK, I'VE MADE MY RESERVATIONS DURING MY BOOKING WINDOW. NOW WHAT?

Once you're at the park, head to the attraction you have the first reservation for and go to the FastPass+ queue, which will be marked separately from the regular line. Tap your ticket or **MagicBand** to the Mickey RFID reader to enter the line (you should get a green light and a magical ding; there will be a Cast Member close by to help direct you). Be sure to pay attention to your reservation time, as you will only be admitted to the queue during your one-hour window!

### MAKING MORE FASTPASS+ RESERVATIONS



Once you've used your first three reservations, you can then use the in-park kiosks or the My Disney Experience app to make an additional FastPass+ selection. After you've used that selection, you can make another and so on.

If you have the app, we find that the best time to make additional reservations after your initial three is just after you've scanned your last FastPass+. While waiting to ride, you can check out what's available and make your next reservation!

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## FastPass+ Priorities

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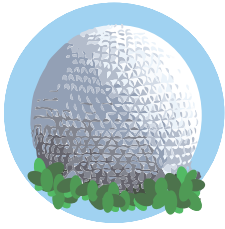
### WHAT RIDES AND SHOWS SHOULD I PICK?



Magic Kingdom® Park does not have a tiered system. Here are the attractions and experiences we recommend prioritizing for FastPass+ reservations:

- **Seven Dwarfs Mine Train**
- **Peter Pan's Flight®** Attraction
- **Space Mountain®** Attraction
- **Splash Mountain®** Attraction
- **Big Thunder Mountain Railroad®** Attraction
- **Jungle Cruise®** Attraction
- **Enchanted Tales with Belle**
- **Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin®** Attraction

## Epcot



*Epcot*® has a tier system for FastPass+. You are only allowed to select one preference from Tier 1, and two preferences from Tier 2.

### TIER 1 ATTRACTIONS (pick one):

- Frozen Ever After
- **IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth** (through the September 30, 2019)
- Soarin' Around the World
- Meet Disney Pals at the Epcot Character Spot
- **Test Track**® Presented by Chevrolet®

### TIER 2 ATTRACTIONS (pick two):

- Disney & Pixar Short Film Festival
- Journey Into Imagination with Figment
- Living with the Land
- Mission: SPACE® Attraction
- Spaceship Earth
- **The Seas with Nemo & Friends**® Attraction and Turtle Talk with Crush

## Disney's Hollywood Studios



*Disney's Hollywood Studios*® has a tier system for FastPass+. You are only allowed to select one preference from Tier 1, and two preferences from Tier 2.

### TIER 1 ATTRACTIONS (pick one):

- Slinky Dog Dash
- Alien Swirling Saucers

- **Toy Story Midway Mania!**® Attraction

### TIER 2 ATTRACTIONS (pick two):

- **Disney Junior - Live on Stage!**
- For the First Time in Forever: A Frozen Sing-Along Celebration
- Indiana Jones™ Epic Stunt
- Spectacular!, Muppet\*Vision 3D
- **Star Tours**® – The Adventures Continue Attraction
- **The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror**™ Attraction
- Voyage of the Little Mermaid
- **Rock 'n' Roller Coaster**® Starring Aerosmith
- **Fantasmic!** Show
- Beauty and the Beast - Live on Stage

## Disney's Animal Kingdom



*Animal Kingdom*® has a tier system for FastPass+. You are only allowed to select one preference from Tier 1, and two preferences from Tier 2.

### TIER 1 ATTRACTIONS (pick one):

- Avatar — Flight of Passage

- Na'vi River Journey

### TIER 2 ATTRACTIONS (pick two):

- **DINOSAUR** Attraction
- **Expedition Everest** Attraction
- Festival of the Lion King
- Finding Nemo - The Musical
- **It's Tough to be a Bug!**® Attraction
- **Kali River Rapids**® Attraction
- **Kilimanjaro Safaris!**® Expedition
- Meet Favorite Disney Pals at Adventurers Outpost
- **Primeval Whirl!**® Attraction
- Rivers of Light and UP! A Great Bird Adventure Show

## Frog Family FastPass+ Tips

### I NEED TIPS - HELP!

Sharing tips and strategies is what the Frog Family is all about! Here are some additional FastPass+ tips before you hit the parks:

- Book your reservations early, as soon as your reservation window opens (60 days in advance of check-in if you are staying at a **Walt Disney World**® Resort hotel, and 30 days in advance of your first day in the park if you are staying off-site). This gives you the best chance of securing reservations for the most in-demand attractions.
- If you are using **Disney's Magical Express**® Transportation, wear your **MagicBand** as you will use it to check-in for your bus ride to your hotel. Remember, your **MagicBand** acts as your room key!
- The lowest waits times of the day are within the first few hours after the park opens. Ride the highest priority attractions when crowds are lowest. Save your FastPass+ reservations until the late morning and afternoon when crowds begin to rise and hit their peak.
- For those of you with young children, it may make things easier and more relaxed if you use FastPass+ in the evenings and use the afternoon for break time. Consider using your initial three advance FastPass+ reservations, then going back to the hotel for a nap or swim. You can then come back to the park in the early evening for a few more rides, parade and fireworks.
- You can only make advance FastPass+ reservations in one park per day. So if you plan to park hop, we recommend using FastPass+ at the second park you're visiting since you're more than likely starting at the first one when crowd levels are lower.
- Keep using FastPass+ after you've used your first three. You can visit an in-park kiosk or the **My Disney Experience** app to make your additional reservations. These additional selections don't have to be in the same park you used your first three in if you have **Park Hopper**® tickets and it doesn't matter if you've already had a FastPass+ reservation for that ride. We still recommend using the first three for your highest priority attractions, as FastPass+ availability for these popular attractions will be gone or limited for day-of reservations.
- **Make your selections wisely.** We can't stress this enough! While Disney more than doubled the number of attractions that accept FastPass+, you should remember that all attractions aren't created equally. Be sure that the FastPass+ selections you make are for priority attractions and personal favorites.
- If one of your chosen attractions has ended distribution of FastPass+ reservations, don't give up! Go ahead and make other reservations, but attempt to exchange them for high priority attractions — there might be a cancellation.
- Choose the attractions that are important to you and your family. In the end, your choices are up to you, and only you can decide what's right for your family! If you'd rather see parades and shows, then make those your reservations. Don't feel pressured to experience high priority attractions if they aren't your cup of tea.



**Enjoy using FastPass+ for your favorite attractions and shows!**

