



A QUICK-START, PRE-ARRIVAL PLANNING GUIDE

Disneyland® Resort is one of the most-visited destinations in the world. It's home to two parks, three on-site hotels and the *Downtown Disney*® District entertainment area. *Disneyland*® Park, Walt's original vision for a place where families could come together, lives on in classic rides and new franchise favorites. Just a few steps away is *Disney California Adventure*® Park, home to popular Pixar attractions and more! You don't need to be a frog to know that these parks are hoppin' most of the time, but with a little bit of planning, you can have a *toadally* great visit. This Quick-Start Guide will walk you through the key *pre-arrival* tips.

With only three on-site hotels, *Disney's Grand Californian*® Hotel & Spa, *Disneyland*® Hotel and *Disney's Paradise Pier*® Hotel, most out-of-town visitors stay off-site. Luckily, there are an abundance of hotel choices nearby at all price points — some are walking distance to the resort! With the resort located in Anaheim, Calif., just outside of Los Angeles, there are plenty of transportation options. Most families will drive, but there are airport shuttles and other ride share. The two closest major airports are John Wayne Airport in Orange County (SNA), about a 20-minute drive, and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), about a 45-minute drive.

The parks bring in tens of thousands of guests each day, including regional passholders, who like to pop in throughout the afternoons and evenings to watch the parade and hop on a few rides. With so many frogs in the pond, there can be long waits for the prime attractions, restaurants and experiences. If you want to ensure you have a sit-down meal that isn't fast food, a character meal or a makeover at Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique, we highly recommend you make reservations — preferably at least a month in advance. It also helps to know what each of your family member's must-do rides and experiences are, so no one misses out!

One of the best ways to do more and wait less is to use Disney FASTPASS® Service and Disney MaxPass. Using the free FASTPASS® Service, you can visit select attractions to get a scheduled time to come back and skip the regular line. Or, download the *Disneyland*® mobile app and use the optional, paid Disney MaxPass, to book your FASTPASS® reservations online instead of having to physically visit each attraction. Disney MaxPass also has the additional benefit of unlimited downloads of any PhotoPass pictures taken on the day or days you use MaxPass. (Good news — you can add MaxPass to our tickets!)

You'll find more information on Disney FASTPASS® Service at:

undercvertourist.com/blog/Disneyland-fastpass-service

You'll find more information on Disney Maxpass at:

undercvertourist.com/blog/Disneyland-maxpass

If you're a family who likes to check things off a list, we offer step-by-step park plans so you can experience the most popular rides and entertainment with the lowest wait times. If you're a family who likes to sleep in or just "go with the flow" and wants more flexibility, use our general park map that shows the best time to visit each and every ride.

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How to Skip the Lines at the *Disneyland*® Resort

Here are our best tips to save you time standing in line so you can do more on your vacation!

1. **Pick the best day to visit.** Use our Crowd Calendar to identify the best dates to visit the *Disneyland*® Resort.

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2. **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.

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3. **Buy *Park Hopper*® Tickets.** These tickets will allow you to hop between parks for the most flexibility.
4. **Take advantage of early entry.** Buy at least a three-day ticket to get one Magic Morning (one-hour early entry) to *Disneyland*® Park. If you stay on-site at a *Disneyland*® Resort Hotel, you can enter one park an hour early every day of your hotel stay. (Start in the park that is not hosting early entry if you do not have access that day.)
5. **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. 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, use our general map to decide which rides to visit at any given time.
6. **Use the free Disney FASTPASS® Service or purchase the optional Disney MaxPass** (available for purchase via the *Disneyland*® app once you enter the parks).

Ultimate *Disneyland*® Resort Planning Timeline

Up to 365 Days Out

- Decide when to visit using our 12-month Crowd Calendar at:

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- Book your hotel. Availability for the official *Disneyland*® Resort Hotels is limited, so it's especially important to book early!

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Up to 120 Days Out

- Decide how many days you plan to visit the parks and which tickets to purchase. We recommend *Park Hopper*® Tickets since the parks are next to each other, and these tickets offer the most flexibility. If you purchase a three-day or longer ticket, you will get one early admission (Magic Morning) to *Disneyland*® Park during your visit!

Up to 80 Days Out

- Purchase your *Disneyland*® tickets, and car rental or airport transfer at

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Up to 60 Days Out

- Make Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique reservations if your princess or knight would like a makeover during your vacation.
- Make Advance Dining Reservations for table-service restaurants, character meals and parade or fireworks dining packages.

Up to 42 Days Out

- Decide which attractions and shows you want to see. *Disneyland*® typically releases its park hours and entertainment schedule six weeks out. Some of its shows, such as Fantasmic!, aren't shown every night.
- View *Disneyland*® Park attractions, restaurants and park plans

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- View *Disney California Adventure*® Park attractions, restaurants and park plans

undercvertourist.com/los-angeles/disney-california-adventure-park/

- Start watching our ride videos on YouTube and make a list of priorities for the whole family.

youtube.com/undercvertourist

Up to 10 Days Out

- Finalize park plans, familiarize yourself with Disney FASTPASS® Service, and decide if you will be adding the optional Disney MaxPass (\$10 per person per day) once you get into the park. Download the *Disneyland*® app to set up your account and link tickets. You can also use the app to see your reservations, research character locations, add a credit card for mobile quick-service dining orders and MaxPass (only available for purchase after you've entered the park).

Frog Family Tip

Purchase MaxPass through the app as soon as you enter the park on your first day of arrival, so you get the maximum benefit of ride reservations and unlimited PhotoPass downloads!



- Print out our pre-set park plans or our general maps, which include when to visit every ride.

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Sign up for email trip reminders at

undercvertourist.com/blog

Most Popular Attractions in Each Park

Here are the not-to-miss attractions in each park.



DISNEYLAND® PARK

1. Indiana Jones™ Adventure ©Disney/Lucasfilm Ltd. ♦ 46" (117 cm) **FP**
2. Space Mountain ♦ 40" (102 cm) **FP**
3. Matterhorn Bobsleds ♦ 42" (107 cm) **FP**
4. **Finding Nemo** Submarine Voyage inspired by Disney•Pixar's Finding Nemo **FP**
5. Peter Pan's Flight **FP**
6. Big Thunder Mountain Railroad ♦ 40" (102 cm) **FP**
7. Pirates of the Caribbean **FP**
8. Splash Mountain ♦ 40" (102 cm) **FP**
9. Haunted Mansion **FP**
10. Disney Princess Fantasy Faire
11. Star Wars Jedi Training
12. **Star Tours** - The Adventures Continue © Disney/Lucasfilm Ltd. © & TM Lucasfilm Ltd. ♦ 40" (102 cm) **FP**
13. Jungle Cruise
14. Dumbo the Flying Elephant
15. The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh
16. Alice in Wonderland
17. "it's a small world"
18. Roger Rabbit's Car Toon Spin **FP**
19. Snow White's Scary Adventures
20. Autopia ♦ 32" (81 cm)
21. Buzz Lightyear Astro Blasters **FP**
22. Astro Orbitor
23. Fantasmic!
24. Fireworks



DISNEY CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE® PARK

1. Guardians of the Galaxy — Mission: BREAKOUT! ♦ 40" (102 cm) **FP**
2. Radiator Springs Racers ♦ 40" (102 cm) **FP**
3. Soarin' Around the World ♦ 40" (102 cm) **FP**
4. Luigi's Rollickin' Roadsters ©Disney/Pixar ♦ 32" (81 cm)
5. Toy Story Midway Mania! ® inspired by Disney•Pixar's Toy Story films **FP**
6. IncrediCoaster ♦ 48" (122 cm) **FP**
7. Frozen — Live at the Hyperion
8. Anna and Elsa's Royal Welcome
9. Grizzly River Run ♦ 42" (107 cm) **FP**
10. Mater's Junkyard Jamboree ♦ 32" (81 cm)
11. The Little Mermaid - Ariel's Undersea Adventure
12. Goofy's Sky School ♦ 42" (107 cm) **FP**
13. Monsters, Inc. Mike & Sulley to the Rescue inspired by Disney•Pixar's Monster's Inc.
14. Silly Symphony Swings ♦ 40" (102 cm)
15. Golden Zephyr
16. Jumpin' Jellyfish ♦ 40" (102 cm)
17. Mickey's Fun Wheel
18. Paint the Night Parade
19. World of Color **FP**





Disneyland® Resort Dining, Reservations and Character Meals

There are many dining options at the *Disneyland®* Resort, from casual spots to fine dining, character meals and other treats. While it's not quite as hard to get a reservation at *Disneyland®* Resort as it is at *Walt Disney World®* Resort, you should make reservations as soon as you can! The reservation window opens 60 days in advance, and you can call 714-781-DINE or book online at <https://disneyland.disney.go.com/dining/> to make reservations for table-service restaurants in *Disneyland®* Park, *Disney California Adventure®*, *Downtown Disney®* District and the three on-site hotels.

You can also reserve quick-service meals or table-service meals that give you a voucher for reserved viewing areas of Fantasmic!, World of Color, Frozen - Live at the Hyperion and other shows.

Kids are welcome at all restaurants, but some are more tadpole-friendly than others!

★ = Kid-approved restaurant

DISNEYLAND® PARK

- ★ Blue Bayou - Seating overlooks parts of Pirates of the Caribbean
- ★ Café Orleans
- ★ Plaza Inn (Reservations are only needed for the Minnie and Friends character breakfast)
- ★ Carnation Café
- ★ River Belle Terrace - Seating overlooks Rivers of America
- ★ Tomorrowland Skyland Lounge Experience - View the Tomorrowland skyline and see the fireworks (when they are held)

DISNEY CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE® PARK

- ★ Carthay Circle
- ★ Wine Country Trattoria
- ★ World of Color Dessert Party
- ★ Sonoma Terrace Paint the Night Reception - Snacks and drinks during the parade

DISNEY'S GRAND CALIFORNIAN® HOTEL & SPA

- ★ Napa Rose (No shorts allowed in the dining room)
- ★ Storytellers Café

DISNEY'S PARADISE PIER® HOTEL

- ★ PCH Grill
- ★ Beachside Bonfire Dinner Buffet

DISNEYLAND® HOTEL

- ★ Steakhouse 55 (Afternoon tea also offered)

CHARACTER DINING

- ★ Minnie & Friends - Breakfast in the Park at Plaza Inn (*Disneyland®* Park)
- ★ Mickey's Tales of Adventure at Storytellers Café (*Disney's Grand Californian®* Hotel & Spa)
- ★ Donald Duck's Seaside Breakfast at PCH Grill (*Disney's Paradise Pier®* Hotel)
- ★ Goofy's Kitchen Breakfast & Dinner (*Disneyland®* Hotel)

DOWNTOWN DISNEY® DISTRICT

- ★ Catal Restaurant
- ★ La Brea Bakery Café
- ★ Naples Ristorante e Pizzeria
- ★ Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen
- ★ Splitsville Luxury Lanes
- ★ Tortilla Jo's