



Walt Disney World

A QUICK-START PLANNING GUIDE

While it's a *hoppin'* good time, the *Walt Disney World*® Resort isn't a *toadally* care-free vacation. As the most-visited resort destination in the world, it brings in tens of thousands of guests each day. That's a lot of frogs in the pond! Even during slow times, there can be long waits and difficulty getting popular dining reservations. Who wants to spend two hours in line for a two-minute ride? Not us. We've hopped around the parks long enough to know all the must-visit attractions, best restaurants and tips so that you and your family have a great trip.

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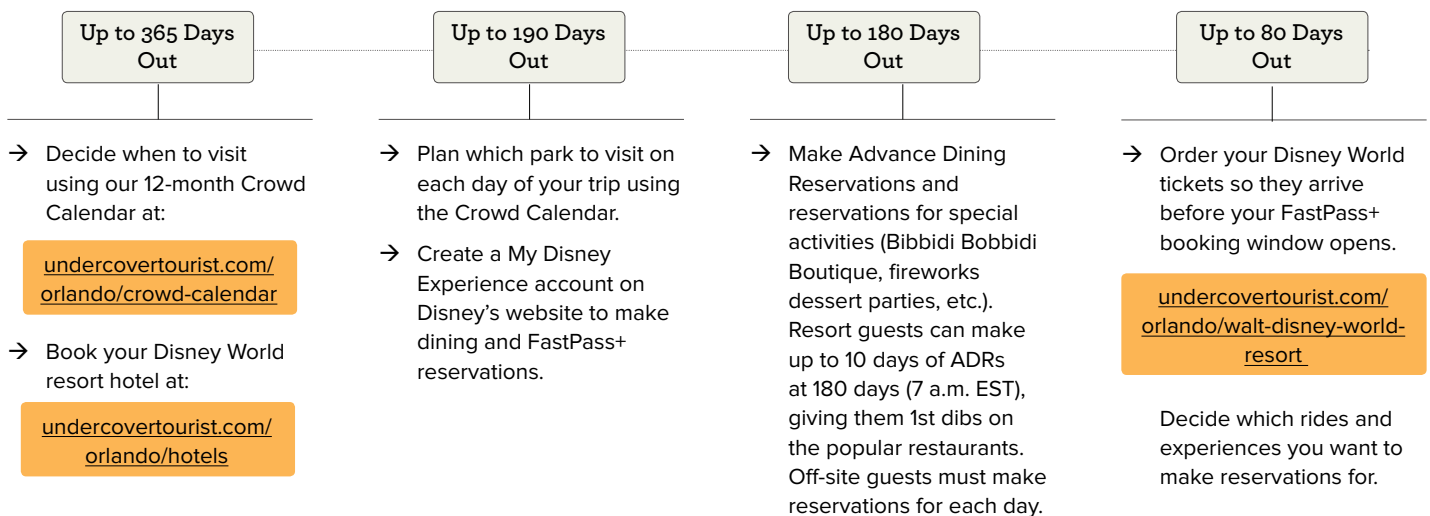
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OTHER PRINTABLE GUIDES:

- Quick Start Guide for the Universal Orlando® Resort
- Seasonal Packing Lists
- The Complete Guide to FastPass+
- Flexible General Plans & Maps—Plus When to Visit Every Ride!
- Touring plans for Disney World, Universal Orlando and SeaWorld Orlando parks



Ultimate Walt Disney World Resort Planning Timeline



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Up to 60-30 Days Out

- Book FastPass+ reservations. Disney hotel guests can make ride reservations for their length of stay at midnight EST and check in online up to 60 days in advance. Off-site guests can make reservations up to 30 days in advance for each day of their trip.

Up to 45 Days Out

- Start watching our ride videos on YouTube and make a list of priorities for the whole family.
- If you're staying on-site, customize your MagicBands and make Disney's Magical Express reservations for free airport transportation to your hotel (if you're not renting a car).

Up to 10 Days Out

- Finalize park plans.
- Print our general maps, which include when to visit every ride. Planners should print our touring plans.
- Download our Orlando Planning App to see wait times and create your own customizable touring plan.

Up to 3 Days Out

- Purchase Disney's *Memory Maker* photo service (save \$20 if you purchase it at least 3 days in advance).
- Print our packing list.



Just a hop, skip and jump away from your trip? Our free Orlando Planning App for iPhone includes show and wait times, and pre-set and customizable touring plans.

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Most Popular Attractions in Each Park

Listed in order of priority for FastPass+ Reservations **FP+**

Here are the not-to-miss attractions in each park. Download our touring plans and general maps for when to visit each of them with the lowest waits.

B Popular with Boys **G** Popular with Girls



MAGIC KINGDOM® PARK

1. *Seven Dwarfs Mine Train* ♦ 38" (97 cm)
2. *Peter Pan's Flight*® Attraction
3. *Space Mountain*® Attraction ♦ 44" (112 cm)
4. Disney Festival of Fantasy
5. *Splash Mountain*® Attraction ♦ 40" (102 cm)
6. *Big Thunder Mountain Railroad*® Attraction ♦ 40" (102 cm)
7. Elena and Cinderella at Princess Fairytale Hall **G**
8. Tiana and Rapunzel at Princess Fairytale Hall **G**
9. *Enchanted Tales with Belle*
10. *Tomorrowland*® Speedway ♦ 32" (81 cm) **B**
11. *Happily Ever After fireworks show*
12. *Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin*® Attraction **B**
13. Astro Orbiter
14. Ariel at Her Grotto **G**
15. Mickey Mouse at Town Square Theater
16. *Jungle Cruise*® Attraction
17. *Pirates of the Caribbean*® Attraction **B**



EPCOT®

1. *Soarin™* (Tier 1 attraction; you can only choose one; our top pick) ♦ 40" (102 cm) **B**
2. *Test Track®* Presented by Chevrolet (Tier 1 attraction; you can only choose one; single rider line) ♦ 40" (102 cm)
3. *IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth* (Tier 1 attractions; multiple good viewing locations around World Showcase)
4. *Frozen Ever After* (Tier 1 attraction; our second choice) **G**
5. *Mission: SPACE®* Attraction ♦ 44" (112 cm) **B**
6. Epcot Character Spot
7. *The Seas with Nemo & Friends®* Attraction
8. Spaceship Earth



DISNEY'S ANIMAL KINGDOM® THEME PARK

1. *Avatar Flight of Passage* (Tier 1 attraction; you can only choose one; our top pick) ♦ 44" (112 cm)
2. *Na'vi River Journey* (Tier 1 attraction; our second choice)
3. *River Rapids®* Attraction ♦ 38" (97 cm)
4. *Kilimanjaro Safaris®* Expedition
5. Meet Mickey and Minnie at Adventurer's Outpost
6. Expedition Everest Attraction (single rider line) ♦ 44" (112 cm)
7. *DINOSAUR* Attraction, 40" (102 cm) **B**
8. *Primeval Whirl®* Attraction ♦ 48" (122 cm)



DISNEY'S HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS®

1. *Toy Story Mania!®* Attraction (Tier 1 attraction; you can only choose one; our top pick)
2. *Rock 'n' Roller Coaster®* Starring Aerosmith (Tier 1 attraction; single rider line)
3. The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror™ ♦ 40" (102 cm)
4. *Fantasmic! Show* (Tier 1 attraction)
5. *Star Tours® - The Adventures Continue* Attraction ♦ 40" (102 cm)
6. For the First Time in Forever: A Frozen Sing-Along **G** Celebration
7. *The Great Movie Ride®* Attraction
8. Voyage of the Little Mermaid **G**

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More Popular Attractions & Experiences for Young Boys

Rides & Shows

- ★ Indiana Jones™ Epic Stunt Spectacular! at Disney's Hollywood Studios
- ★ *Walt Disney World®* Railroad at Magic Kingdom

Experiences

- ★ First Haircut at Harmony Barber Shop at Magic Kingdom (other packages available for children and adults)
- ★ A Pirate's League (get decked out like a pirate!) and Captain Jack Sparrow's Pirate Tutorial at Magic Kingdom
- ★ Frontierland Shootin' Exposition and Arcade, and Tom Sawyer Island at Magic Kingdom
- ★ Miniature train display in Germany at Epcot
- ★ Jedi Training at Disney's Hollywood Studios — Sign up when the park opens at Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Spectacular!
- ★ Digging for Fossils at the Boneyard at Disney's Animal Kingdom
- ★ Pirate Cruises - Pirate and Pals Fireworks Cruise and Pirate Adventure Cruises
- ★ Horseback Trail or Wagon Rides at *Disney's Fort Wilderness* Resort

Restaurants

- ★ Rainforest Café at Disney Springs™ and Disney's Animal Kingdom
- ★ T Rex™ at Disney Springs

Hotels

- ★ The Pirate Rooms at *Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort*
- ★ Cars Suites at *Disney's Art of Animation Resort*



More Popular Attractions & Experiences for Young Girls

Rides & Shows

- ★ *Under the Sea ~ Journey of the Little Mermaid*, Mad Tea Party, *Dumbo the Flying Elephant*®, It's a Small World® Attraction at Magic Kingdom
- ★ Beauty and the Beast - Live on Stage at Disney's Hollywood Studios

Experiences

- ★ Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique at Magic Kingdom and Disney Springs - Book a full 180 days in advance!
- ★ Cinderella Castle at Magic Kingdom
- ★ The Empress or Mermaid Package from The Pirates League in Magic Kingdom

Restaurants

- ★ Cinderella's Royal Table at Magic Kingdom
- ★ Akershus Royal Table at Epcot
- ★ Disney Junior Play 'n Dine at Hollywood & Vine at Disney's Hollywood Studios
- ★ Perfectly Princess Tea Party with Aurora and "Rose Petal," Cinderella's Happily Ever After Dinner and Wonderland Tea Party at *Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa*
- ★ Minnie's Beach Bash Breakfast at *Disney's Beach Club Resort*

Hotels

- ★ The Little Mermaid rooms at Disney's Art of Animation Resort
- ★ Royal rooms at *Disney's Port Orleans Resort*



How to Skip the Lines at the Walt Disney World Resort

Doing a little bit of planning before your visit can mean the difference between an OK time and a *froggerific* time. Here's how to make the most of your days in the parks.

Make sure to use FastPass+, which allows you to pre-book reservations at up to three attractions or entertainment per day. (Read more about it in our complete Guide to FastPass+.) If you've got young tadpoles, we suggest taking a break in the afternoon and then coming back in the evening for the parade and fireworks.

- 1. 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.
- 2. Make advance FastPass+ reservations.** On-site hotel guests effectively have the best shot at getting reservations for the most popular rides since they can make reservations up to 60 days in advance of check-in

for their entire length of stay (off-site guests have to wait until the 30-day mark).

3. **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.
4. **Download our Orlando planning app.** It offers key showtimes, crowd levels, wait times and the optimal time to visit each attraction.
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.
6. **Experience the most popular rides with the lowest durations first.** You can follow one of our touring plans or customize your own. If you aren't a family of early risers or you want more flexibility than a touring plan offers, use our general map to decide which rides to visit at any given time.
7. **Use the additional FastPass+ options.** After you have used your first three reservations, you can make a fourth reservation from the My Disney Experience app or one of the in-park kiosks. With so many rides, Magic Kingdom is the best park to take advantage of this.



Overview of ADRs and the Top Restaurants at the Walt Disney World Resort

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. All guests, even those staying off site, can make ADRs.

Snagging reservations for the most popular restaurants can be very difficult. We recommend booking a full 180 days in advance (Disney Resort Hotel guests can book their entire stay at the 180-day mark, so they have first dibs) on the My Disney Experience website at 6 a.m. EST or by calling 407-WDW-DINE at 7 a.m. EST. 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 reservations. Here are the Frog Family's favorite table-service restaurants! Kids are welcome at all restaurants (Victoria & Albert's allows children 10 and up), but some are more tadpole-friendly than others!

★ = Kid-friendly restaurant

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| ★ Be Our Guest at Magic Kingdom - Book a full 180 days in advance! | ★ Boma - Flavors of Africa at <i>Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge</i> |
| ★ Le Cellier at Epcot - Book a full 180 days in advance! | ★ Sanaa at <i>Disney's Animal Kingdom Villas</i> - Kidani Village California Grill at <i>Disney's Contemporary Resort</i> |
| ★ Rose & Crown at Epcot | ★ Victoria & Albert's at <i>Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa</i> |
| ★ Via Napoli at Epcot | ★ Hoop-Dee-Do Musical Revue at <i>Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort</i> |
| ★ Biergarten at Epcot | ★ The BOATHOUSE® at Disney Springs |
| ★ Coral Reef at Epcot | ★ Morimoto Asia at Disney Springs |
| ★ Yak & Yeti at <i>Disney's Animal Kingdom</i> | ★ Raglan Road™ Irish Pub and Restaurant at Disney Springs |
| ★ Hollywood Brown Derby at <i>Disney's Hollywood Studios</i> | ★ Chef Art Smith's Homecomin' at Disney Springs |
| ★ Sci-Fi Dine-In Theater at <i>Disney's Hollywood Studios</i> | ★ Frontera Cocina at Disney Springs |
| ★ <i>Disney's Spirit of Aloha Dinner Show</i> at <i>Disney's Polynesian Village Resort</i> | |
| ★ Kona Café at <i>Disney's Polynesian Village Resort</i> | |