



Walt Disney World
Planning Guide
2022

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CONGRATULATIONS

You're about to travel to one of the Most Magical Places on Earth. We don't want you to stress over the details. You should enjoy your trip and relax. One of our Magication travel professionals can work with you to guide you through the entire process.

We can't fit all of our Disney World knowledge into one planning guide. When you book a package through one of our Disney specialists, you'll have access to all of our knowledge, up to date information, planning tips and tricks and ideas on how to make your vacation extra magical. Remember, **our services are Free to those who book a package through us.** We are paid by Disney to make your vacation extra special. So give us a call!

BEST AND WORST TIMES TO VISIT

If you have the option of choosing when to visit the Most Magical Place on Earth, there are some times we would recommend you avoid, and some times when it's best to visit.

If you can't stand the heat, avoid the summer months. Summers in Florida can be brutal. With that being said, your travel planning professional can help you Beat the Heat of summer.

Highest Crowd Times: Spring Break, Christmas and New Year's are very busy.

Lowest Crowd Times: The best time to visit is September when kids return to school.

Weekends tend to have higher crowds than a weekday. Additionally, school holidays (even short weekends) will always bring higher crowds.

EVENTS

This year is Disney World's 50th Anniversary, and Disney will be doing it up in style. They've been preparing for it for months. There will be new ride openings, updates throughout all 4 parks and with Covid restrictions lifting, it's sure to be a great time to visit, but also a much busier time. If you want to avoid the 50th crowds I would not travel the last week of September or much of October. The 50th anniversary celebration will last an entire 18 months, so you won't miss out.



Epcot's International Festival of the Arts takes place January 14 – February 21, 2022 and features outdoor kitchens with an emphasis on food art, watching live artists create magic, exploring and shopping for unique art.

Popular Events include the Epcot Flower and Garden Festival running March 2 – July 4, 2022. With outdoor kitchens with amazingly delicious treats, topiary displaying, incredibly beautiful flower displays, and entertainment, it's one of my favorite times of year to visit.

Another favorite is Epcot's International Food and Wine Festival running November 19, 2022. This tasting tour also includes outdoor kitchens, live entertainment and lot of fun and exploring.

Holidays around the World at Epcot is a wonderful immersion into the holiday spirit. With outdoor kitchens, cultural presentation on holiday celebrations around the world, and the centerpiece, the Candlelight Processions telling the story of Jesus narrated by a variety of familiar faces. It's a wonderful environment to stroll through and enjoy the sites, tastes and sounds of the season.

HOW LONG TO VISIT

If it's your first visit then I'd recommend at least 1 day per park plus a travel day at the beginning and end of your trip. If you can, I'd recommend a day of rest and exploration in the middle. Of course, fun can be had on any length of stay. For shorter stays you would need to prioritize what you want to see. I would also recommend a park hopper if you'd like to visit 2 parks in one day. For longer stays, you can visit more of the resort, enjoy the pool and amenities, spend more time doing your favorite things, or go back and visit ones you didn't get a chance to do (it's impossible to do everything in one trip). You can enjoy Disney Springs on a travel day too.

PARK PASS RESERVATIONS

Before Purchasing any Package or Tickets, be sure to check the availability of Park Passes. Each day you plan on attending the parks each member of your party must have a park pass reservation.

TICKET OPTIONS

Disney has dynamic pricing meaning that the pricing changes depending on the demand for that day. You can save money by find days that are lower priced, but the pricing is not dramatic from day to day.

The more days you purchase the cheaper it will be per day at the parks.

PARK HOPPER

You can purchase a park hopper ticket. This lets you change parks mid-day (as of right now, it's after 2 p.m. only). This is a nice way to visit multiple parks during your stay or have more flexibility. Remember, you still need a park reservation for your first park of the day.

DISNEY GENIE PLUS AND LIGHTNING LANE

If there's ever a time that having a Magication travel agent's help, it's definitely when navigating Disney's new Fast Pass system. In short, Disney no longer offers Free Fast Passes like it did in the past. Instead charging a per day price (or per ticket price) and allowing you to use their new Disney Genie app to set up your Fast Passes throughout the day. Certain attractions are not available with the paid Disney Genie+ and are only available for Lightning Lane purchase, separately, per ride, per guest. We can certainly help you navigate this new system and see if it fits with your needs.

NEWEST ATTRACTIONS



Guardians of the Galaxy Cosmic Rewind, Disney's World's Newest Attraction, is due to open May 27, 2022. This is Epcot's first roller coaster and is sure to get your heart pounding. This family thrill coaster will feature Disney's first reverse launch and rotates 360 degrees!

WATER PARKS

Disney World has two amazing water parks, Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon. At this time, only Blizzard Beach is currently open, but we hope that Typhoon Lagoon will be opening later this year. You can purchase a separate ticket for the water parks, or you can add the water park option to your park tickets.

ANNUAL PASSES DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY

Annual passes are a great option if you plan to visit Walt Disney World parks more than 10 days a year. You also get nice perks like discounts when you are an annual pass holder. Disney has brought these back and then away again throughout 2021. Your Magication travel advisor can help you with this.

STAYING ON PROPERTY

Walt Disney World Resort has 3 hotel categories. Value, Moderate and Deluxe.

Value. The value resorts include All Star Sports, All Star Movies, All Star Music, Pop Century and Art of Animation. These resorts are a fun option for those looking to stay on property and on a budget.



Moderate. These resorts tend to be quieter, have nicer beds and accommodations and nicer amenities at the resorts. The moderate resorts include Disney's Caribbean Beach, Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, the Cabins at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort, Disney's Port Orleans Resort (Riverside and French Quarter).

Deluxe. Disney's deluxe resorts tend to be more luxurious, roomier, have more comfortable beds, quiet and a true luxury to stay in. The deluxe resorts include Disney's Grand Floridian, Disney's Yacht Club, Disney's Contemporary Resort, Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge, Disney's Beach Club Resort, Boardwalk Inn, Wilderness Lodge, and the Polynesian.

When we do a quote for a client, we will compare resorts within your budget.

STAYING OFF PROPERTY

If you don't mind giving up the on-property benefits, then staying off property is a great option. You can often find lower cost options with a lot more space. Disney has good neighbor hotels which meet Disney's quality standards. We can also search for vacation rental properties that may fit your needs.

The owners of Magication also own 2 vacation rental properties just 2 miles from Disney World. It's a gated 5 Star Resort Community with a large community pool, splash pad, water slides, community store, playgrounds, walking paths, game room, fitness center and theater.

PARADISE FALLS



Paradise Falls is a 3 bedroom 3 bath townhome with a private splash pool. The home is themed throughout including a Mickey and friends 2 twin bedroom, a Harry Potter queen bedroom on the main floor and an Up themed master bedroom with a king bed. This home features a full-size kitchen with all cooking equipment supplied. Pool heat, Disney+, Netflix, Xbox Series S Game System with Game Pass, Grill and high-speed internet and wifi are all included with your stay. See rates, availability, photos and video here. <https://www.magication.net/paradise-falls/>

GRACEY MANOR

Gracey Manor is a 5 bedroom 4 bath villa with a full size pool and spa. The home is themed with a royal king master suite and private en suite, a second king bedroom with private bath decorated in haunted mansion style, a Mickey Mouse double twin bedroom, a Toy Story double bunk bedroom, and a queen Harry Potter room on the main floor. This home features a large kitchen with all cooking equipment supplied, two separate family rooms, a 6 person dining table, a game room and a home theater room. See rates, photos and video here. <https://www.magication.net/gracey-manor/>



Both homes have a stroller, playpen, booster seat, highchair, and baby gates for the children.

WHERE TO EAT

Disney World has 3 levels of dining experience. Of course, the iconic snacks of theme park popcorn, the dole whip, Mickey ice cream bar and churros come to mind. These are available at snack stands throughout the parks.



Disney also has what it considers to be quick service restaurants. The menus change from location to location. You can see these menus and details and place a mobile order for your meals using the My Disney Experience App. At this time, the quick service restaurants are requiring you to place a mobile order before you can enter the restaurants in order to manage the crowds inside.

Disney also has table service restaurants. These restaurants require a dining reservation. At this time dining reservations can be made up to 60 days ahead of time. The most popular restaurants will go quickly. When working with a Magication travel planner we will make your dining reservations for you and check availability for your choices.

Money Saving Tip: You can bring in a soft sided cooler with drinks, snacks and meals for the kids. This is a great way to save money. Be sure to check Disney's rules for coolers (such as sizes, no loose ice, and no glass containers).

TRANSPORTATION

Magical Express. Disney retired its Magical Express free bus service at the end of 2021. A Magication Agent can work with you for private or bus service arrangements for your trip. You can also take an Uber or rent a vehicle for your stay. There are parking fees at the resorts if you park a vehicle there.

Buses. Each resort has buses that will take guests to each of the park and Disney Springs. If you are traveling to another resort (such as for a dining reservation). You will need to travel to a park or Disney Springs first and then transfer to a bus for that resort. Often it can be much quicker to take an Uber.

Ferry. When you reach the Transportation and Ticket Center (TTC) when traveling to the Magic Kingdom (unless staying at a Monorail Resort) you have the choice of taking the Monorail or Ferry boat. It's a great experience to take either. I'd recommend taking each if you can.

Monorail. The amazing, futuristic Walt Disney World monorail is a Resort icon. I'd highly recommend taking this at least once for the experience. The Monorial travels from the Transportation and Ticket Center to the monorail resort and to the Magic Kingdom. Pre-covid it also traveled from the Magic Kingdom to Epcot and back again. We hope this opens up soon.

Boats. Friendship boats are available at Epcot and Hollywood Studios. They can take to you resorts located on the waterways. Check with a cast member for availability.

Skyliner. Disney World's newest form of transportation is the Skyliner. These gondolas travel from a handful of resorts to Hollywood Studios and Epcot. The following resorts have the Skyliner available as transportation: Riviera, Art of Animation, Pop Century, Caribbean Beach, Yacht club, Beach Club and the Boardwalk Inn. Please keep in mind that lines for the Skyliner will be long at park opening and closing. You may also need to exit at a switching station to reach your destination.

DISNEY GENIE APP



The #1 quintessential tool you'll use for your Disney World Vacation is the Disney Genie app. It's available free for download from the app store. On the app you can make or change your park reservations, dining reservations, see, download and share your photopass photos, view your tickets, view your party, place mobile food orders, see up to date park hours, and play on the Disney Parks app. You can even use it as your tickets for the park!

It's an app to help manage your trip. It's very convenient and a very useful tool. One of Magication's trip planners can help you set this up.

WORKING WITH MAGICATION

There are so many more details to each of the items above. We could only cover so much in a planning guide. But when you work with a Magication travel planner we can walk you through each step, guiding you along the way and planning an extra magical vacation for you and your family and friends. Remember, our services are free to those who book a package through our travel agency.

What is it like to work with a Magication Vacation Planner?

Your vacation planner will gather information in order to provide a quote to you. **We will listen to what you want** for your vacation. Ask you questions to narrow down the selections and then create and email a quote to you. We will follow up with you to review the quote and **answer any questions**. We will book your vacation package, book your ground transportation, (flights are up to the clients but we can help guide you), we will help you create an itinerary, get park reservations, dining reservations, set up your My Disney Experience account, keep an eye on discounts which may apply to your booked vacation, and keep you on track for your reservation dates. We will answer questions you may have so that you feel comfortable with your trip. **We provide tips and tricks along the way to maximize your magical vacation.**

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