

DISNEY PLANNING GUIDE

A GUIDE TO PLANNING YOUR
DREAM DISNEY GETAWAY!



Dream Castle Escapes

STOP WISHING, START PLANNING



CERTIFIED DISNEY VACATION PLANNERS

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Selects dates:

Check...

- School schedules
- Crowd calendars
- Weather
- Decide length of stay:
 - how many parks will be visited
 - how much rest or downtime
- Establish a plan A date and plan B date
- Special occasions ***Determine a budget***

Research hotel options

- On property versus off property
- Classification of hotel
- Transportation options at each property
- Pools and amenities
- Room sizes
- Proximity to favorite parks or visitation sites

Decide on Tickets

- Number of park days
- One park per day versus park hopper
- Water park and sports add ons
- Park Hopper Plus



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Decide on dining plan

- Determine how your family likes to eat
- If you have specific restaurants in mind use a Disney dining calculator to determine what plan is right for you
- Determine if over 21 travelers will want an alcoholic beverage with any of the meals
- Dining options include:
 - Disney Quick service
 - Disney Dining
 - Disney Dining Plus
 - Disney Deluxe

Misc.

- Decide on Disney transfers from the airport
- Set up a My Disney Experience account if you don't have one already.

Once booked

- Mark your calendar for 180 days prior to arrival for dining
- Mark your calendar for 60 days prior to arrival for FastPass



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Prior to 180 days

- Determine if you require rentals (stroller, crib, toddler bed, scooters)
- Decide if you want babysitting services
- Determine which day you will visit each park
 - Look at park hours (extra magic hours, etc.)
 - Extra special events happening
- Determine what restaurants you want to visit that require reservations
- Consider character dining and dinner show packages
- Special experiences
 - Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique, dinner cruise, dessert party, Pirates League

180 days Prior to arrival

- Know your restaurant choices and approximate times. Have a plan A and plan B
- At 6am eastern time get on the computer or the My Disney Experience app and start booking your dining and special experiences
- Make sure to list any food allergies with the appropriate guest
- Book any celebration items (ie. Birthday cakes)



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Prior to 60 days ahead

- Determine heights of children shorter than 48"
- Thrill rides versus gentle rides
- Review daily park visits
- Select top rides (plan A and plan B)
- Review FastPass tier/priority lists
- Look at park maps to determine a flow through the park
- Determine a time frame appropriate to when you will be near the ride

60 days Prior to Arrival

- Know your FastPass plan A and plan B
- At 7am eastern time get on the computer or My Disney Experience app and start booking your FastPass's

Prior to 30 days

- Select Magic Band colors on your Disney profile

Before Departure

- If you are utilizing the Magical Express place the luggage tags mailed to you on your luggage

Upon Arrival

- DO NOT go to the baggage claim as your luggage tags will direct your luggage straight to the resort
- Report to the Magical Express desk

