

FREE PLANNING CHECKLIST

Your Disney World trip, **step by step**

Every date and deadline in the order they come up, from the day you pick your dates to your first morning in the parks. Print it, tick it off, and you'll never miss a booking window.

9 to 12 months out
or as soon as you know

- ☐ Pick your dates. Check school breaks, crowds and weather for your week.
- ☐ Set your budget: room, tickets, food, extras and travel.
- ☐ Choose your resort and how many park days you need.
- ☐ Book. A Disney World package holds with a \$200 deposit, and you pay the rest later.

60 days before
check-in day

- ☐ Dining reservations open at **6:00 AM Eastern**. Disney resort guests can book their whole stay (up to 10 nights) that morning. **WE BOOK IT**
- ☐ Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique opens at **12:00 AM Eastern**, the midnight that starts that day. **WE BOOK IT**
- ☐ Make your must-do list: restaurants, character meals and experiences.

30 days before
arrival

- ☐ Final payment is due on Disney World packages.
- ☐ Last day to cancel a package without a penalty, or to add Disney's travel protection.
- ☐ Download the My Disney Experience app and link everyone's tickets and reservations.
- ☐ Check ride height requirements for the kids.

7 days before
3 days if staying off-site

- ☐ Lightning Lane Multi Pass and Single Pass selections open at **7:00 AM Eastern**. Disney resort guests book their whole stay; off-site guests book 3 days before each park day. **WE DO IT**
- ☐ Set up mobile order and payment in the app.
- ☐ Check the weather and start packing (page 2).

In the parks
every morning

- ☐ Disney resort guests get in 30 minutes early with Early Entry. Head straight to your top ride.
- ☐ Plan a midday break at the pool, especially with little ones.

Pack for park days

Park-day essentials

- ☐ Comfortable, broken-in shoes (and a second pair)
- ☐ Sunscreen, hat and sunglasses
- ☐ Refillable water bottle
- ☐ Portable phone charger and cable
- ☐ Small backpack or crossbody bag
- ☐ Light rain poncho
- ☐ Any medication you need

For the kids

- ☐ Stroller or carrier, if you use one
- ☐ Snacks and a change of clothes
- ☐ A small comfort item for rest time

For the resort

- ☐ Swimsuits and a quick-dry towel
- ☐ Flip-flops
- ☐ A small power strip

Florida is hot and humid most of the year, and summer afternoons bring rain. Pack light, breathable clothes plus one layer for air-conditioned rides and restaurants. Check Disney's current bag rules before you go.

What we handle for you

- ✓ Finding the right resort, tickets and dates
- ✓ Booking your package and watching for new offers
- ✓ Dining reservations, the moment they open
- ✓ Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique and special experiences
- ✓ Lightning Lane selections for your park days
- ✓ Payment reminders, so nothing is missed
- ✓ A day-by-day plan built around your family
- ✓ Answers whenever you need them, before and during your trip

Your trip at a glance

ARRIVAL DATE

DINING OPENS (60 DAYS BEFORE)

LIGHTNING LANE OPENS (7 OR 3 DAYS BEFORE)

RESORT

FINAL PAYMENT DUE (30 DAYS BEFORE)

MUST-DO #1

Want us to plan it for you?

There's no separate planning fee for eligible bookings, and your price is the same as booking with Disney directly. Disney pays us, not you.

Or call or text (631) 306-4199

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