Plan Your Visit to Walt Disney World® Resort

IF YOU’RE NOT PLANNING TO PURCHASE DISNEY TICKETS ...

1. Enjoy the restaurants, shopping, and nightly entertainment at Disney Springs®.
   We highly recommend you enjoy one of the nightly concerts or dance parties and look to take a selfie with local celebrity and dancing icon, Eddy Maserati. Also don’t forget to take the boat from Disney Springs® to its neighboring resorts.

2. Resort Hop: Check out the various resorts on Disney properties.
   With over 25 uniquely-themed resorts within Walt Disney World® Resort, enjoy dinner or a drink at one of these amazing locations. Several “loops” exist to make hopping around easy:
   - **Magic Kingdom® Loop:** Take a bus to the Magic Kingdom® Park from the resort. Instead of walking towards the Magic Kingdom® Park, follow signs for the Contemporary Resort. Experience the California Grill or The Wave and then hop on the monorail and visit Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa. We like the delicious Sticky Chicken Wings at the Polynesian’s Kona Café or Amazing Burger at Disney’s Grand Floridian Café. Take any bus at these resorts that go back to Disney Springs® to return to the hotel.
     **Insider tip:** We love the dueling piano bar called Jellyrolls, but it has a fairly pricey cover, and seating can be tricky. For a real culinary treat (with a price tag) check out the chef’s tasting at the Flying Fish.
   - **Epcot® Loop:** Take a bus to Disney’s Hollywood Studios®. Instead of walking into the park, follow the signs for the boat launch to Epcot®. Get off the boat at Disney’s BoardWalk Inn and enjoy a delicious meal at the Flying Fish or a magical drink at AbracadaBar. From there, walk towards Disney’s Yacht & Beach Club Resorts and enjoy an ice cream sundae to-go at the phenomenal Beaches and Cream or a glass of wine at Martha’s Vineyard Lounge. End your evening with some karaoke at the Swan and Dolphin’s Kimonos Lounge. Take any bus at these resorts that go back to Disney Springs® to return to the hotel.
     **Insider tip:** Purchase a drink earlier in the evening at the California Grill’s bar and use your receipt to go back up to their rooftop viewing platform to watch the Magic Kingdom® fireworks.
   - **Uber/Lyft Route:** While taking a bus to a resort “loop” is fun, keep in mind that you can also take a rideshare to one of the beautiful resorts off these loops to enjoy the magic. We highly recommend the savory churros at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort Dahlia Lounge (bonus: you can watch fireworks from their rooftop patio), or have a wild time watching the giraffes at Disney’s Animal Kingdom® Lodge.

3. Ride the new Skyliner Gondola system.
   Take a bus to Disney’s Hollywood Studios® and jump on the Skyliner gondola system that recently opened. Explore the three resorts directly connected to the gondolas or use this as an alternative way to get to the Epcot® resort loop mentioned above.

4. Explore the beauty of Celebration, Florida—the town Disney built.
   This town was one of the world’s first explorations to use New Urbanism planning and design principles in its development. The downtown has amazing restaurants and a large central lake you can walk around. Or enjoy a peaceful evening by in a rocking chair while indulging in a sweet treat from Kilwin’s Ice Cream parlor.
Enjoying Walt Disney World Resort for one evening can be a tough decision. What park to go to and what rides to experience are questions visitors often ask themselves when planning a short trip to Walt Disney World® Resort. This is a list of recommended restaurants/lounges to grab a bite to eat or drink in (without breaking the bank); rides that are worth the wait; and magical experiences to enjoy if you only have one evening. Always check park hours using the MyDisney Experience App to see what park can give you the most amount of magic.

**Magic Kingdom® Park**
- **Best Place to Eat:** For a delicious quick-service meal, check out the colonial offerings at Columbia Harbor House. For a sit-down meal, try a few large appetizers that will feed the hungriest of lost jungle explorers at the Skipper Canteen.
- **Best Ride Worth the Wait:** With so many options, it is hard to go wrong at Magic Kingdom®. But one of the classics is still one of the best: Space Mountain!
- **Best Experience to Enjoy:** You can never go wrong with the nighttime spectacular, Happily Ever After.

**Epcot®**
- **Best Place to Eat:** Our favorite quick-service option is Sunshine Seasons in the Land Pavilion. A great casual location to enjoy a sit-down meal is Via Napoli Restorante e Pizzeria in the Italian Pavilion.
- **Best Ride Worth the Wait:** Test Track is a great way to enjoy building your own “ride vehicle” and seeing how it compares to those made by others. This experience also will thrill even the most thrill-seeking of adrenaline junkies with its speedy finale.
- **Best Experience to Enjoy:** The nighttime fireworks display over the World Showcase Lagoon.

**Disney’s Hollywood Studios®**
- **Best Place to Eat:** For quick service, check out the out-of-this-world offerings at Docking Bay 7 in the Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge. For delicious comfort food – cooked by mom herself – enjoy dinner with your cousins at the 50’s Primetime Café.
- **Best Ride Worth the Wait:** While this park has recently opened a number of attractions in Toy Story Land and Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge, don’t forget to visit the Twilight Zone by dropping in on the Tower of Terror.
- **Best Experience to Enjoy:** While the Star Wars fireworks spectacular is wonderful, Fantasmic is a long-running show along Sunset Blvd that allows you to help Mickey see the power of imagination.

**Disney’s Animal Kingdom® Theme Park**
- **Best Place to Eat:** For one of the most delicious quick-service options on property, try Satu’li Canteen at Pandora. For a delicious sit down experience, explore the menu of Yak and Yeti.
- **Best Ride Worth the Wait:** The Flight of Passage ride in Pandora is a breathtaking ride into the Valley of Moara. However, the wait for this ride can often be longer than most appreciate. The safari is now opening in the evening (check operation times) and is a wonderful experience at dusk.
- **Best Experience to Enjoy:** There is no question that you must see the best stage show at Walt Disney World® Resort: The Festival of the Lion King.
Walt Disney World Resort is an exciting place to be these days. With so many updates and new additions, it is hard to narrow down what to include in your trip. Here is a local insider’s top five list of Walt Disney World Resort MUST DOs.

1. Get a Fast Pass for Flights of Passage at Disney’s Animal Kingdom® Theme Park. Because CLEC is hosted at a Disney Good Neighbor Hotel, you can link your reservation to your MyDisney Experience App and get first dibs on these elusive fast pass selections. Just remember to log into the app 60 days prior to your scheduled arrival and use the app to book fast passes.

2. Explore the moon of Batu at the Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge in Disney’s Hollywood Studios®. This highly-immersive experience is like nothing else in Walt Disney World Resort. You can build a droid or lightsaber, enjoy out-of-this-world dining, or pilot the Millennium Falcon. Even attendees who are not Star Wars fans speak highly of this incredible experience.

3. Enjoy park-hopping between Epcot® and Disney’s Hollywood Studios® using the new Skyliner Gondola System. This great system gives you a relaxing and enjoyable way to hop from one amazing theme park to another. While you don’t need a ticket to enjoy the Skyliner, make sure you purchase the park-hopper option to get the opportunity to visit multiple parks in one day.

4. Take the Magic Kingdom® Mountain Challenge! This challenge is a fun way to experience the three best rides at Magic Kingdom: Space Mountain, Big Thunder Mountain, and Splash Mountain. In the last few years a new addition has been added to this challenge: braving the turbulent thrills of the Seven Dwarves Mine Train! Make sure to hop on to Splash Mountain in the early afternoon when the warm Florida sunshine is still there to keep you toasty warm.

5. Eat around the world at Epcot®. While many folks may have heard about the “drinking around the world” challenge at Epcot®, do not forget the delicious quick-service food offerings in the World Showcase. Some highlights include the tacos at the San Angel Inn in Mexico, school bread in Norway, pretzels in Germany, pizza in Italy, churros in America, kakigori (snow cones) in Japan, and fish and chips in the United Kingdom.

Special thanks to Kyle Riding for compiling this guide. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando, February 27-29.