

Magic Day Trip Planner PDF



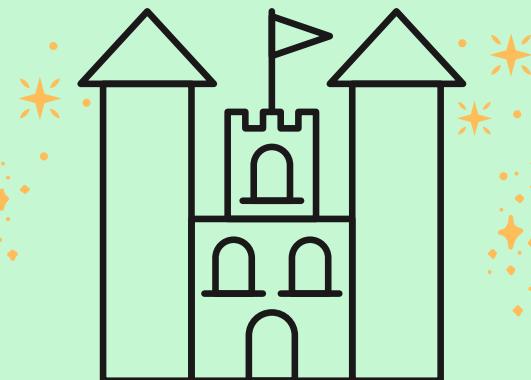
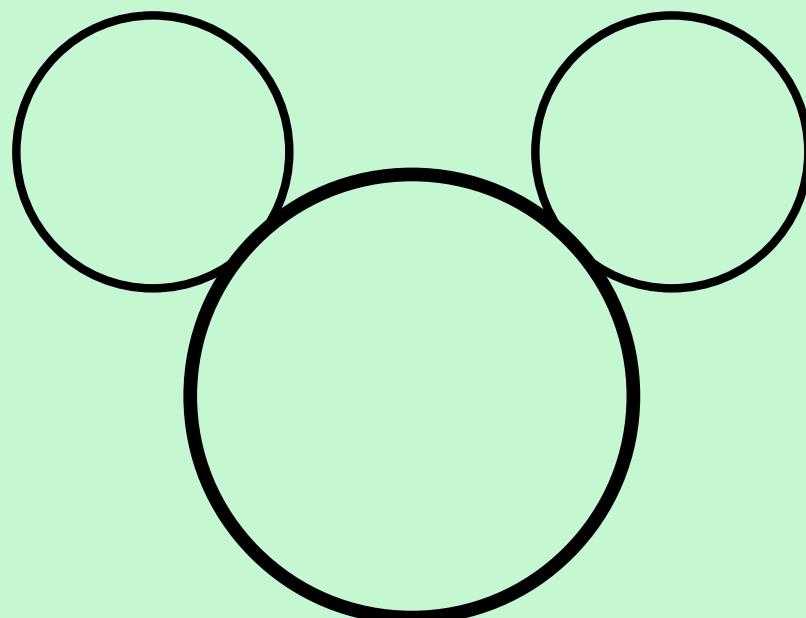
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The **Magic Day Trip Planner** is in google sheets and is linked below. You can make a copy and save it to your drive to then edit it, or download to your computer to edit, or print and fill it in with an actual pen:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12eSeCjoRRs76dTvD_UQHj7zwOFKwlglQw-7OQ5P3Epfc/edit#gid=0

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There are a few parts in this pdf: how the Disneyland Resort works/is organized, random tips for your magical trip, tips and recommendations for activities mostly rides, food, and souvenirs.



How the Disneyland Resort is arranged and works.

Use the official Disneyland website for official updates.

Lockers, strollers, wheelchairs, and a pet kennel are all available at the park for a fee. You can get free celebration **buttons** at **City Hall** (Disneyland) and **Chamber of Commerce** (California Adventure).

There are two main **parking** areas: **Mickey and Friends/Pixar Pals**, and the **Toy Story** lots. Each of these has a tram or bus shuttle that will take you to the main entrance of Disneyland and California Adventure. There is also an outdoor mall type of area called **Downtown Disney** with shopping and dining. (and its own parking lot with hourly parking)

Find official Disneyland **maps** here:

www.disneyland.disney.go.com/attractions/map/ You can buy 1-park **tickets** (good for Disneyland Park or California Adventure) or "Park hopper" tickets that allow you to go between the parks, for a higher price. There are 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5-day tickets, depending on how long your trip is (these must be used within 2 weeks of each other, but not on consecutive days).

Disneyland has an **app** that has current wait times for rides, locations of amenities, restaurant menus, and mobile ordering for food. It also holds your virtual ticket for the park.

Disneyland has 3 resort **hotels** on-property: the Disneyland Hotel, the Grand Californian Hotel, and the Paradise Pier Hotel. There are also several "Good Neighbor" hotels within walking distance of the parks that are not Disney-owned. Each of these hotels has restaurants and fun decor that you can visit.

If you want help planning your trip, Disney **travel agents** are free to use.

Disney **giftcards** can be used on food, hotels, and merchandise in the parks, as well as at the World of Disney store in Downtown Disney.

Follow me on Instagram for **tips with toddlers** specifically.

Obviously there are lots of other things to do in Southern California (beaches, Knott's Berry Farm theme park, Hollywood, Universal Studios theme park, etc.) but I'm not covering that in this guide.

TIPS

-Bring extra clothes and shoes because clothes and shoes at the park is expensive. You can keep these in the car, hotel room, bottom of the stroller, or rent a locker for the day.

-There are rechargeable phone batteries you can buy, as well as \$3 battery replacements in various stations around the park.
(This service is provided via FuelRods)

You can file lost item reports at City Hall, or right outside the park entrance, and Disney will mail it to you when it is found

-Download the Disneyland app (for maps, wait times, showtimes, linking your tickets, and mobile food orders) and the Play Disney app (for location-based entertainment as you move around the park)

If your child gets lost, you can ask cast members around you for help, and lost children are taken to City Hall by the park entrance.

You can ask for free cups of water at quick service restaurants, and find water fountain/bathroom locations in the Disneyland app.

-There is a stroller tire station where you can refill your tires, next to the wheelchair rental and kennel outside of Disneyland's park entrance

-There are baby care stations located near the front of each park, where you can warm up milk, nurse baby, change baby, have your toddler use a toddler-sized toilet, or buy emergency baby supplies.



Activities and Rides

My recommendations for Toddler Rides: boat rides have lines that constantly move, and once you're on the ride it is slow-moving but always something to look at. Boat rides: ***It's a Small World*** (Fantasyland), ***Pirates of the Caribbean*** (this does have two dips) (New Orleans Square), and ***Jungle Cruise*** (Adventureland). ***Fantasyland rides, Buzz Lightyear Astroblasters*** (Tomorrowland), and ***Pooh Bear*** (Critter Country) are also constantly loading and constantly moving. ***The Tiki Room*** (Adventureland) is fun and entertaining with shows constantly running. ***Toontown*** is designed for little kids and has a lot of fun places to just run around and explore, as well as a small rollercoaster and Mickey and Minnie's house (periodically throughout the day you can meet the characters here, the app has the times).

In ***California Adventure, Redwood Creek*** (Grizzly Peak) is a fun place to run around and play. The ***Monsters Inc*** (Hollywood Land), ***Little Mermaid*** (Paradise Gardens), and ***Toy Story Mania*** (Pixar Pier) rides constantly load, ***Cars Land*** has a lot of fun little rides for toddlers. The ***Animation building*** (Hollywood Land) is a great place to cool off and has lots of screens to entertain your toddler if you need to rest for a bit. If your toddler enjoys 3D shows, ***Mickey's PhilharMagic*** (Hollywood Land) is the place to be.

Fun Places to Play for Toddlers: There are giant marble balls with water that kids love to play with in both ***Tomorrowland*** and in ***Pixar Pier***. ***Toontown*** is also a fun place for toddlers to run around and explore, and ***Redwood Creek*** is a contained outdoor playground area in Grizzly Peak.

Rules for bringing toddlers/babies/pregnant/kids/service dogs: Some rides have height requirements. If there is no height requirement, then anyone is allowed to ride. Typically, these are the rides safe for if you are pregnant, have babies or toddlers, or have a service dog with you. If your child is too short for the ride, but everyone else wants to ride, you can use the Rider Swap system.

Rider Swap. At the entrance to the ride's line, ask the cast member for a rider swap pass. Your entire party will wait in line but before boarding the ride, an adult will take the children out of line and wait at the exit. Once the first part of the group has finished the ride, you can swap who is watching the children and the second part of the group can use the fastness line to bypass the line and ride without waiting again, because you all waited the first time.



Shows There are multiple places to catch shows in the parks. The **Tiki Room** (Adventureland) and **Mickey's Magical Map** (Fantasyland) are in Disneyland. **Philharmagic** (Hollywood Land) and **Frozen** (Hollywood Land) are in California Adventure. Check the Disneyland app for showtimes. The app will also tell you when parades run (each park has them, but they change seasonally), and when nighttime shows and fireworks run. There is also a flag lowering ceremony every day at sunset in front of the Main Street train station. Note: World of Color (Paradise Gardens, California Adventure) requires reserved passes that you can get at Grizzly River Rapids (recommended at start of day).

My Recommendations for Places to Rest: while watching shows, **The Tiki Room** (Adventureland), boat rides (**It's a Small World, Pirates, and Jungle Cruise**), the **theatre** on main street, and the giant water ball in **Tomorrowland**.

California Adventure places to rest: water ball in **Pixar Pier, Animation Building** (Hollywood Land), **Redwood Creek, Little Mermaid** ride.

Food

- You are allowed to bring in your own food and drinks (with the exception of glass and alcohol) but if you want to try some Disney food, here are my suggestions:
- The Disneyland app has menus listed for all of its restaurants, as well as their locations, and allergen information
- Free ice water is available at all quick service food places, just ask at the food pickup window
- Iconic **snacks** include the Mickey pretzel off snack carts, churros off snack carts, turkey legs off snack carts, special Mickey-shaped treats at the bakeries (Main Street, Pooh's Corner) and of course dole whip (Adventureland, and Pixar Pier)
- Plaza Inn** (end of Main Street) has a good amount of fried chicken if you want kids to split an adult plate.

Souvenirs

- Some things are also available online (shopdisney.com), but not all, and sometimes they are only available at specific places in the parks so if you see it in one place there is no guarantee you'll see it in another shop.
- Can use gift cards to allocate how much each child can spend on snacks and/or souvenirs.
- Pin trading** is a hobby of some Disney enthusiasts. Any pins you buy at the Disneyland Resort can be traded with other visitors, with cast members, or at special boards set up around the park. You can buy lanyards for displaying your pins and to keep them handy.
- Can ship merchandise to your Disney hotel room, pick up at end of day from a shop at the park entrance, or store it in a rented locker. It takes longer but you could also return to your car to store it.

