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2021 DISNEYLAND PLANNING GUIDE

Our 2021 Disneyland Planning Guide covers everything you need to know about planning a vacation here: crowds, dining, best hotels, saving money on tickets, and other tips & tricks. But first, let's look at how the pandemic is affecting Disneyland.

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COVID-19 AND DISNEYLAND

Disneyland has been heavily impacted by COVID-19. Several new health and safety measures have been put in place. Some of these include:

- Disneyland is managing attendance by requiring all guests to obtain a reservation for park entry in advance, so make sure you plan accordingly
- All guests ages 2 and up must wear face-coverings when indoors. Face coverings are optional in outdoor common areas

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FIRST TIME VISITORS

It's exciting to plan a vacation to Disneyland for the first time but may seem overwhelming.

For your initial planning, here are the most important things to know about:

- When to visit
- Picking the right hotel
- Transportation and Airfare
- Fastpass and MaxPass
- Magic Morning Early Entry and Extra Magic Hour
- Entertainment including World of Color, Fantasmic!, parades, and fireworks

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DISNEYLAND TICKETS

Currently, you can purchase tickets that range from 1-day to 5-days. The price per day drops the more days you add.

ANNUAL PASSES:

- Keep the magic going all year round with an annual passport! These give you 1 year of access to the parks, with some restrictions on blackout dates.

1 PARK PER DAY TICKETS:

- These give you access to one of the 2 parks each day of your visit. You CANNOT visit both parks on the same day.

PARK HOPPER TICKETS:

- These give you access to both parks as much as you want for the length of your ticket. We always recommend this ticket as it gives you a lot of flexibility to change parks when one is busy.

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THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Tickets are only valid for 13 days after first use unless you have an annual passport. They must be used by the same person on each day of use.
- Only buy your tickets from vendors who are authorized.

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DISNEYLAND HOTELS

There are many options for hotels at and near the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim. Disneyland has three hotels on the property. These include:

1. PARADISE PIER HOTEL

2. DISNEYLAND HOTEL

3. GRAND CALIFORNIAN HOTEL & SPA.

While these hotels tend to run a bit pricier than most hotels near the resort, they also offer a lot of extras for guests including short walks to the parks, package delivery from the parks, and Extra Magic Hour each morning.



AIRPORTS

3 airports service Disneyland within a 45-minute drive or less:

1. ORANGE COUNTY – JOHN WAYNE

- **SNA** is the closest airport to Disneyland and it typically takes about 15 minutes to drive from there to Disneyland with clear traffic.

2. LONG BEACH AIRPORT:

- **LGB** is the second closest airport to the resort and typically takes about a 20-25 minute drive with clear traffic.

3. LOS ANGELES AIRPORT

- **LAX** is the furthest airport from Disneyland and can take anywhere from 45 minutes to an hour to drive. However, it's great for international flights.



TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

Getting to and from the airports can be pricey depending on which type of transportation you take. Rental cars can be picked up at all 3 of the airports around Disneyland. If you choose to rent a vehicle keep in mind that your hotel may charge a parking fee.

Uber and LYFT are great options if you don't want to pay parking and rental fees. We highly recommend Uber and LYFT for getting to and from the airport. They are readily available and cheaper than taking a taxi.



WORLD OF COLOR

Lights, colors, water, fire, and all your favorite Disney characters set to classic Disney music. It's something you have to experience. A ticket for a showing is required. It works just like Fastpass: It comes with every valid theme park ticket!



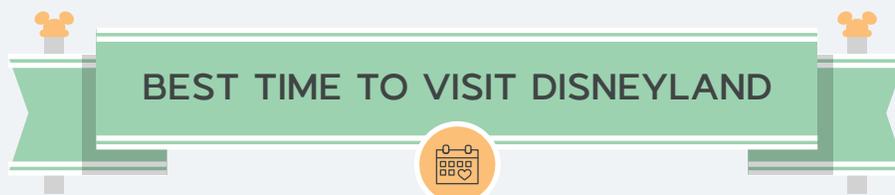
FANTASMIC!

New to the Disneyland Planning Guide is Fantasmic! A nighttime spectacular that takes place around the River of America in Frontierland and New Orleans Square. You won't want to miss this one-of-a-kind show featuring Mickey Mouse and some nasty villains.



PARADES AND FIREWORKS

These change seasonally and yearly so it's important to stay up to date on what's currently being presented at each park. Disneyland Park is home to the firework shows and is the best place to view them. Fireworks are typically done in the later evening and most likely occur on the weekends though during the summertime and major holidays they tend to run more. Always pick up an entertainment times guide when entering the parks (or check the Disneyland app) so you know when these are.



BEST TIME TO VISIT DISNEYLAND

We've studied the crowds over the last several years and have broken down each month. In a nutshell, these are the best times to visit:

- **JANUARY & FEBRUARY** (minus holiday weekends)
- **MAY** (first half of the month)
- **SEPTEMBER** (after Labour Day)
- **EARLY OCTOBER**
- **EARLY NOVEMBER**
- **EARLY DECEMBER**

We recommend avoiding major holiday weeks like Christmas and Thanksgiving. Summers are crazy because kids are out of school. March and April are full of spring breaks and late May is full of graduation nights.