Early Entry & Extended Evening Hours

The two resort perks that get you more park time, and who gets which.

Staying on-site buys you time the day-guests don't get: a head start every morning, and at the right resort, extra hours at night. Here's how both work, and the difference that should shape where you book.

1 EARLY THEME PARK ENTRY

Every resort guest. Every day. 30 minutes early.

The perk: Every Disney Resort guest can enter any of the four parks 30 minutes before official open, every day of your stay, including check-in and check-out days. That goes for Value, Moderate, Deluxe and Deluxe Villa guests alike, plus select hotels (Swan, Dolphin, Swan Reserve, Shades of Green, Four Seasons and select Disney Springs-area hotels).

How it works: Arrive early with your park ticket and your MagicBand, MagicMobile pass or Key to the World card. Not every attraction opens early, so check the list.

Why it's gold: Thirty minutes doesn't sound like much, but it's a full head start on the headliners before the day-guest crowd pours in. It's often the difference between a walk-on and an hour in line.

2 EXTENDED EVENING HOURS

Deluxe and DVC only, on select nights.

The perk: Guests at Disney Deluxe and Deluxe Villa (DVC) resorts, plus the Swan, Dolphin, Swan Reserve and Shades of Green, get extra park time after regular close. It runs on select nights at select parks, and the schedule changes, so check Disney's Hours & Events calendar.

The magic: By the end of the night the park is eerily empty and most attractions are walk-ons. It's the single best low-wait window of your whole trip.

How it works: Bring your park ticket and your MagicBand, MagicMobile pass or Key to the World card. It's included, and it's not the separately ticketed Disney After Hours events.

The catch: Value and Moderate resorts do not get this one. If low-wait night rides matter to you, that's a real reason to book Deluxe.

WHO GETS WHAT?

	EARLY ENTRY (30 MINUTES)	EXTENDED EVENING HOURS
Value (All-Star, Pop Century, Art of Animation)	✓	–
Moderate (Caribbean Beach, Port Orleans, Coronado Springs)	✓	–
Deluxe (Contemporary, Grand Floridian, Polynesian, Wilderness Lodge, Animal Kingdom Lodge, Beach Club, Yacht Club, BoardWalk)	✓	✓
Deluxe Villas / DVC (including Riviera, Old Key West, Saratoga Springs)	✓	✓
Swan, Dolphin, Swan Reserve, Shades of Green	✓	✓
Four Seasons, select Disney Springs-area hotels	✓	–

SMART MOVES

- Rope-drop the biggest headliner the moment early entry starts. It's the lowest wait you'll see all day.
- Save the rides you missed for Extended Evening Hours. That's your walk-on window.
- Check the official Hours & Events calendar for which nights and parks before you plan your days.
- On the Skyliner? It starts running an hour before Early Entry begins at EPCOT and Hollywood Studios.

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