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# The First-Timer's Field Guide

Everything a WDW rookie needs to *know before day one.*

## 1 THE LAY OF THE LAND

*Four parks. Four very different experiences.*



### MAGIC KINGDOM

The castle park. Classic rides, fantasy lands, and the fireworks everyone pictures.



### EPCOT

Two halves: future-and-tech up front, then World Showcase, with 11 countries of food, drink, and festivals.




### HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

Movies brought to life. Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge, Toy Story Land, and the biggest thrill rides.



### ANIMAL KINGDOM

Real animals meets Pandora. The safari, immersive lands, and the most beautiful theming on property.

Plus two water parks, Typhoon Lagoon and Blizzard Beach, on separate tickets. Disney closes them for refurbishment at times, so check which is open.

## 2 BEFORE YOU GO

*Four simple steps to set yourself up for a magical trip.*

1. **Buy date-based tickets.** You pick your start date, and date-based tickets need no park reservation.
2. **Decide on Park Hopper.** With it, you can jump to a second park any time of day, once you've entered your first.
3. **Download My Disney Experience** and link your tickets and hotel. It's the hub for everything below.
4. **Book table-service dining early.** Reservations open 60 days out at about 6 AM Eastern, and Disney resort guests can book their whole stay (up to 10 nights) at once.

## 3 SKIP-THE-LINE, DECODED

Lightning Lane is Disney's optional paid skip-the-line system. Most rides have a free standby line, so you never have to buy it.

### MULTI PASS

Book several rides in advance. The everyday choice for busy days.

### SINGLE PASS

Pay per ride for the few highest-demand headliners.

### PREMIER PASS

One entry to every Lightning Lane in a park for a day. Premium price.

Disney resort guests book 7 days before check-in; everyone else 3 days out. Both at 7 AM Eastern.

## 4 ROOKIE MISTAKES TO AVOID

*Learn from others so you can have a better trip.*

- Don't cram four parks into too few days. One park a day is the sane pace.
- Don't skip rope drop. The first hour has the shortest waits you'll see all day.
- Don't panic-buy Lightning Lane on a slow day. Off-season standby is often just fine. Check before you spend.
- Don't power through the afternoon. Heat and crowds peak midday. Nap, swim, and come back for the evening.
- Don't wear new shoes. You'll walk 8 to 12 miles a day. Break them in first.

## 5 RESORT PERKS WORTH KNOWING

*Extra magic when you stay on property.*

### EARLY THEME PARK ENTRY

Every Disney resort guest gets into the parks 30 minutes before everyone else, every day.

### EXTENDED EVENING HOURS

Extra late-night park time on select nights for guests at Disney Deluxe and Deluxe Villa resorts (plus a few select hotels).


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