Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort

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Island time at Disney - five pastel villages around Barefoot Bay, anchored by Old Port Royale and the Disney Skyliner hub.

At a glance: Moderate Resort · EPCOT resort area · Disney Skyliner hub · Sleeps 4, or 5 in 5th Sleeper rooms

The vibe: island time at Disney

- [ ] **Five pastel island villages** - Jamaica, Trinidad, Aruba, Barbados and Martinique - spread around **Barefoot Bay**, a 45-acre lake with sandy beaches and hammocks
- [ ] **Old Port Royale** is the heart of the resort: lobby, dining, shopping and the main pool, themed like a lively Caribbean port town
- [ ] **Caribbean Cay**, the island in the middle of the lake, is worth the walk over the bridge - shady seating, nature trails and a playground
- [ ] The feel is **relaxed and tropical** - a genuine exhale after a park day, calmer and greener than the Value resorts

Rooms: who sleeps where

- [ ] **Standard and Water / Pool View rooms sleep 4** - two queen beds, in Standard, Water or Pool View categories
- [ ] **5th Sleeper rooms sleep 5** - two queens plus a **child-size pull-down bed**, a rare find that makes this a top pick for families of five
- [ ] **King-bed rooms sleep 2** - the couples' pick in the same village settings
- [ ] **Preferred rooms** sit closest to Old Port Royale dining, shopping and transport - here, you are paying for location, not a bigger room
- [ ] In every room: a **beverage cooler, coffee maker** and storage under the beds - and your **MagicBand** opens your room door and handles room charges
- [ ] **Good to know:** buildings are two stories with **no elevators** and outdoor entrances - ask for a ground-floor room if stairs are a problem

Eat & drink

- [ ] **Sebastian's Bistro** (table service, Old Port Royale) - the resort's standout: family-style Caribbean and Latin flavors and famous bread pudding. Book it at 60 days out
- [ ] **Centertown Market** (quick service, Old Port Royale) - the food-court workhorse for breakfast, burgers, salads and island-inspired bowls, with mobile ordering
- [ ] **Spyglass Grill** (quick service, Trinidad) - a quieter breakfast and lunch stop by the Trinidad pool, so you do not always trek to Old Port Royale
- [ ] **Banana Cabana** (pool bar, Old Port Royale) - tropical cocktails and small bites by the water, one of the prettiest bar settings in the Moderate tier
- [ ] **Bonus:** Disney's Riviera Resort is a short walk or Skyliner hop away for extra dining, including the Topolino's Terrace character breakfast

Getting around: the Skyliner hub

- [ ] This is the **Disney Skyliner hub** - every gondola line connects here, with **direct, continuous rides to EPCOT and Disney's Hollywood Studios**
- [ ] Change once at the hub for **Art of Animation and Pop Century**, or ride via EPCOT for the **BoardWalk, Beach Club and Yacht Club** area
- [ ] **Aruba tip:** the Riviera Resort station is an easy walk from Aruba and is often the faster EPCOT ride - ask me which village fits your park plans
- [ ] **Buses** cover Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, Disney Springs and the water parks, and an **internal bus loop** circles the villages and Old Port Royale
- [ ] Gondolas pause in lightning and high wind, with buses stepping in - and resort guests get **Early Theme Park Entry, 30 minutes early** at every park

Pools, beaches & downtime

- [ ] **Fuentes del Morro Pool** - a Spanish fort with two slides, water cannons and a shipwreck play area with mini slides and a tipping bucket for kids under 48 inches, plus two hot tubs
- [ ] **A quiet leisure pool in every village**, so a calm swim is always a short stroll from your room
- [ ] White-sand **beaches with hammocks**, a 1.4-mile lakeside promenade, playgrounds, volleyball, bike rentals and Movies Under the Stars

Best for - and the trade-off

- [ ] **Best for:** families of five, Skyliner fans, and EPCOT- and Hollywood Studios-heavy trips who want a resort that feels like a vacation inside the vacation
- [ ] **Best for:** pool-day families and couples who want Deluxe-style calm and dining at a **Moderate price** - above Value, well below Deluxe
- [ ] **The trade-off:** this is one of Disney's largest, most spread-out resorts - expect real walks (and pack rain gear for them), and let village choice do the heavy lifting

Not sure which village - or which resort - fits your family? That's my job.

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Disney's Coronado Springs Resort

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The vibe

Spanish, Mexican and Southwest American influences wrapped around **Lago Dorado**, the resort's lake - stucco walls, red-tile roofs, fountains and palm-lined walks. It feels **calm, romantic and grown-up** for a Moderate, with lighter Disney touches than the Value resorts. Bridges cross the lake to a central dining island, so evening strolls are part of the stay.

Rooms - villages or the tower

- **The villages - Casitas, Ranchos and Cabanas:** low-rise buildings around the lake with outdoor walkways. Standard rooms sleep **up to 4** (two queens or one king); there is no fifth sleeper here, and suites sleep more
- **Gran Destino Tower:** the 15-story tower (545 rooms) works like a hotel - grand two-story lobby, **indoor hallways** and larger rooms, which no other Moderate offers
- **Club level:** tower club rooms include the **Chronos Club** lounge - Coronado is the only Moderate with a club-level option
- MagicBand+ covers room door, park entry and room charges

Getting around

- **Buses only** - to all four parks, the water parks and Disney Springs. There is no Skyliner, monorail or boat from here
- **Four bus stops** around the resort (tower plus the three village areas), so allow a little extra time - the bus may make internal stops before it leaves
- The resort is **big and spread out**: pack rain gear for the walk to the lobby in a Florida shower, and ask for a room near a bus stop if walking is a concern

Dining & lounges - a real strength

- **Toledo - Tapas, Steak & Seafood:** rooftop table service on top of Gran Destino Tower, with Spanish sharing plates and wide park views - treat it as a signature dinner
- **Three Bridges Bar & Grill:** open-air dining out on the lake at Villa del Lago - sangria, sharing plates and the prettiest sunset seat at the resort
- **Maya Grill** for Mexican table service, and **Rix Sports Bar & Grill** for a casual sit-down meal
- **El Mercado de Coronado** is the all-day quick-service food court; Cafe Rix covers coffee and grab-and-go
- Lounges: **Dahlia Lounge** on the rooftop by Toledo, Barcelona Lounge in the tower lobby, plus Laguna Bar on the lake and Siestas Cantina at the pool

Pools & play

- **The Dig Site:** the Lost City of Cibola pool under a **50-foot Mayan pyramid**, with the 123-foot Jaguar waterslide, a kiddie pool and one of Disney's largest hot tubs
- **Three quiet leisure pools**, one near each village area, for a calmer swim
- Also here: playground, arcade, volleyball, campfire activities, Movies Under the Stars and a lakeside jogging trail
- Two fitness centers and the **Sangria University** weekend tasting experience for adults

Who it's best for - and the honest watch-outs

Best for: couples, adults, food lovers and anyone who wants a deluxe-feeling resort at a Moderate price - especially tower rooms. It also suits conference trips: this is Disney's main convention resort, with a large convention center attached.

Watch-outs: that convention side means a business crowd and a less playful feel at times, the grounds take real walking, buses are the only park transport, and standard rooms top out at four guests - families of five should look at a suite here or a fifth-sleeper Moderate instead. Ask me what is on at the convention center during your dates.

Not sure if Coronado Springs fits your trip? Let's talk it through.

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Disney's Port Orleans Resort – French Quarter

Moderate Resort · Disney Springs Area — From Tiffany at Travel Magic Network. Personalized planning from first call to final itinerary.

New Orleans, Disney-style: cobblestone streets, gas lamps, wrought-iron balconies, magnolias and Mardi Gras color along the Sassagoula River.

At a glance: Moderate category · Disney Springs area · Bus to all four parks, boat to Disney Springs · Standout: the smallest Moderate resort, and home of the famous Mickey-shaped beignets

At a glance

- [ ] **Moderate category, Moderate pricing** — a step up from Value in room size and theming, well below Deluxe pricing
- [ ] **The smallest Moderate resort** — about 1,008 rooms in just 7 buildings, so the lobby, pool, food court and bus stop are all a short stroll
- [ ] **New Orleans, Disney-style:** cobblestone streets, gas lamps, wrought-iron balconies, magnolias and Mardi Gras color along the Sassagoula River

Rooms and sleeps

- [ ] **Most rooms: 2 queen beds, sleeps up to 4** (plus a child under 3 in a crib); king-bed rooms sleep up to 2
- [ ] **Views:** standard, garden, pool and river — in a resort this compact, view matters more than location
- [ ] **No 5th sleeper here** — a family of five needs two rooms, or a 5th-sleeper room next door at Riverside
- [ ] MagicBands for easy access — parks, rides, dining plans, room doors and room charges, all on your wrist

Dining — beignets!

- [ ] **Sassagoula Floatworks & Food Factory:** the quick-service food court for breakfast, lunch and dinner — American favorites plus Cajun and Creole dishes like jambalaya
- [ ] **Scat Cat's Club – Cafe:** home of the famous **Mickey-shaped beignets** — warm, pillowy and buried in powdered sugar, with dipping sauces and specialty versions
- [ ] **Scat Cat's Club lounge** for evening drinks and live jazz on select nights; **Mardi Grogs** pool bar by the water
- [ ] **No table-service restaurant on site** — Boatwright's Dining Hall at Riverside is a short riverside walk away

Getting around

- [ ] **One bus stop for the whole resort** — buses to all four parks, with no loop of stops inside the resort first
- [ ] **Boat to Disney Springs:** a relaxing Sassagoula River cruise from the resort dock — an outing in itself, and the prettiest way to arrive for dinner
- [ ] **Walk to Riverside:** a scenic riverside path links the sister resorts, so you get two resorts' dining, pools and lounges in one stay
- [ ] **No car needed** — free Disney transport covers the whole vacation

Pools and play

- [ ] **Doubloon Lagoon:** the Mardi Gras feature pool, where King Neptune rides a sea serpent whose tongue is the waterslide
- [ ] Kids' aquatic play area, a hot tub, and jazz-playing alligator statues spouting water around the pool
- [ ] A playground sits right by the pool deck
- [ ] French Quarter guests may also **use the pools at Port Orleans – Riverside**, including Ol' Man Island
- [ ] Evenings: Cajun Campfire, Movies Under the Stars and an arcade

Good to know

- [ ] **Short walks are the headline perk** — no 15-minute hike for morning coffee or a refillable mug top-up
- [ ] Rooms were recently refreshed, with light Princess and the Frog touches
- [ ] Bus is the only Disney transport to the parks — there is no Skyliner or monorail from here
- [ ] Because it is small and popular, it **books up early and is discounted less often** — reserve ahead

Best for

Couples, smaller families (up to four per room), and anyone who wants a quiet, charming base without the sprawl. Choose French Quarter when short walks, a peaceful river setting and beignets for breakfast beat a long list of on-site restaurants. Planning a party of five, or want a table-service dinner at your own resort? Ask me about Riverside next door instead.

Want someone to handle this whole list for you? That's my job.

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Disney's Port Orleans Resort - Riverside

Moderate Resort - From Tiffany at Travel Magic Network. Personalized planning from first call to final itinerary.

Stately white-columned mansions in Magnolia Bend and rustic, woodsy lodges in Alligator Bayou, along the Sassagoula River - calm and spread out, close to the parks, but a world away once you are back for the evening.

At a glance: Moderate · Setting: Sassagoula River, Louisiana · Sleeps up to 5 in select rooms · Signature perk: Boat to Disney Springs

The vibe - two resorts in one

- [ ] **Magnolia Bend:** stately white-columned mansion buildings, formal gardens and oak-lined paths along the river
- [ ] **Alligator Bayou:** rustic, woodsy lodges tucked among pines and bayou landscaping - quieter and more laid-back
- [ ] The feel is **calm and spread out** - close to the parks, but a world away once you are back for the evening
- [ ] Sister resort **French Quarter** is a scenic riverside walk (or boat ride) away, and you can use its amenities too

The rooms

- [ ] **Standard rooms** (~314 sq. ft.) sleep **4** with 2 queens; **King Bed** rooms sleep 2
- [ ] **5th Sleeper rooms - Alligator Bayou only:** 2 queens plus a child-size pull-down bed, sleeping **5**. One of the easiest ways to fit a family of five in one Moderate room - book this category to guarantee it
- [ ] **Royal Guest Rooms - Magnolia Bend** (Oak Manor and Parterre Place), sleep 4: Princess Tiana hosts her royal friends, with fireworks lighting up in the headboards, regal touches throughout and a welcome letter from Tiana
- [ ] **Preferred rooms** sit closest to the lobby, food court and main bus depot - worth it here, because this resort is large
- [ ] All rooms have a beverage cooler, coffee maker and safe; **MagicBand+** handles your room door, park entry and charges

Dining - Southern and satisfying

- [ ] **Boatwright's Dining Hall** (table service, dinner): Southern and Cajun favorites - jambalaya, gumbo, prime rib - in a shipyard-themed hall; book at 60 days
- [ ] **Riverside Mill Food Court** (quick service, breakfast to late evening): burgers, pizza, pasta and Southern specialties beside a working waterwheel, with mobile ordering
- [ ] **River Roost Lounge:** cocktails and appetizers - and on select nights, **Yehaa Bob Jackson's** sing-along piano show, a beloved Disney tradition. Arrive early; it fills up
- [ ] **Muddy Rivers** pool bar, plus a walk or boat ride to French Quarter for **Mickey-shaped beignets**

Pools and standout fun

- [ ] **Ol' Man Island:** the 3.5-acre feature pool - an old sawmill theme with a **95-foot waterslide**, whirlpool spa, kiddie pool and a fishing-hole feel
- [ ] **Five quiet pools** besides (3 in Alligator Bayou, 2 in Magnolia Bend), and Riverside guests can also swim at French Quarter's Doubloon Lagoon
- [ ] **Bikes and surreys**, catch-and-release **fishing**, **horse-drawn carriage rides**, campfire nights and movies under the stars

Getting around

- [ ] **Boat to Disney Springs:** a free, scenic cruise down the Sassagoula River (about 20 minutes, weather permitting) - an outing in itself
- [ ] **Buses to all four parks,** from four depots around the resort - the South Depot by the lobby is usually first on and off
- [ ] No Skyliner or monorail, so parks are bus-only. In return: **Early Theme Park Entry** (30 min, every park, daily), whole-stay dining at 60 days and Lightning Lane 7 days out

Who Riverside is best for

- [ ] **Families of five** who want one room without jumping to Deluxe prices
- [ ] **Princess fans** - the Royal Guest Rooms are a core memory waiting to happen
- [ ] **Disney Springs lovers** who will use that boat most evenings
- [ ] **Good to know:** the grounds are beautiful but big - request a building near a bridge or depot, and pack rain gear for Florida afternoons
- [ ] Room refreshes are rolling through in phases - ask me which sections are freshest for your dates. Prefer small and compact? Ask me to compare French Quarter

Thinking Riverside might be your resort? Let's check your dates.

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Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort

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About 750 acres of pine and cypress forest, quiet loops and wooded trails - yet just a boat ride from Magic Kingdom. Rustic, not roughing it: frontier theming, trading posts and campfire evenings, with Disney service throughout.

At a glance: Moderate category · Cabins sleep up to 6 · Campsites sleep up to 10 · Boat to Magic Kingdom, buses elsewhere · Disney's only campsites

The vibe

- **A resort that feels like a retreat:** about 750 acres of pine and cypress forest, quiet loops and wooded trails - yet just a boat ride from Magic Kingdom.
- **Rustic, not roughing it:** frontier theming, trading posts and campfire evenings, with Disney service throughout.
- **Plan a resort day:** there is enough riding, fishing, swimming and exploring here to fill a full non-park day.

Cabins and campsites

- **The Cabins:** standalone one-bedroom cabins that sleep up to 6, with a full kitchen, living area, private patio deck, picnic table and grill - ideal for cooking some meals in.
- **The Campsites:** Disney's only campsites, for tents and every size of RV. Options run from Tent or Pop-Up and Full Hook-Up to Preferred, Premium and Premium Meadow sites, and sites sleep up to 10.
- **Good to know:** comfort stations with showers and laundry serve the campsite loops, and select loops are pet-friendly.

Dining

- **Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue:** the beloved dinner show at Pioneer Hall - all-you-care-to-enjoy fried chicken, ribs, cornbread and strawberry shortcake with a high-energy musical comedy show. Book early; it sells out.
- **Trail's End Restaurant:** hearty, family-friendly dining at the Settlement, a longtime Fort favorite.
- **Easy extras:** P&J's Southern Takeout, Crockett's Tavern, the Meadow Snack Bar and The Chuck Wagon food truck for camp classics and s'mores kits.

Getting around

- **Boat to Magic Kingdom:** water launch from the marina, also connecting to Disney's Wilderness Lodge and Disney's Contemporary Resort.
- **Buses everywhere else:** buses to EPCOT, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom and Disney Springs, plus internal buses looping Settlement, Meadow and Outpost.
- **Reserve a golf cart:** this resort is large and spread out - a golf cart rental is the insider move. Reserve one as soon as you book; they go fast, especially around holidays.
- **MagicBands:** easy access for park entry, room or cabin door, dining plans and room charges, all on your wrist.

Recreation

- **Tri-Circle-D Ranch:** meet the horses that pull the carriages and parade wagons, with horseback trail rides and pony rides for younger riders.
- **Chip 'n' Dale's Campfire Sing-A-Long:** roast marshmallows, sing along, meet Chip 'n' Dale, then settle in for an outdoor Disney movie.
- **On the water:** guided fishing excursions and boat, canoe and kayak rentals on Bay Lake.
- **More to do:** Meadow Swimmin' Pool with waterslide, a second pool, bikes, archery, wagon rides and trails.
- **Pack rain gear:** Florida showers pop up fast, especially in rainy season - ponchos earn their place in the park bag.

Who it's best for

- Families who want kitchen space, a patio and room to spread out.
- RV and tent campers who want to stay on Disney property for less.
- Larger groups - cabins sleep 6 and campsites sleep up to 10.
- Repeat visitors and anyone who loves a slower, outdoorsy resort day between park days.

Insider tip: Decorated golf carts and campsites are a Fort Wilderness tradition at Halloween and Christmas - book those dates very early, and ask me about the hidden details that make a Fort stay special.

Ready to plan your Fort Wilderness stay?

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