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Walt Disney World Trip Planner for Adults

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

Park days at an adult pace - start late on purpose, build in lounge breaks, and stay for the cooler, calmer evening hours.

At a glance: Anchor dates to an EPCOT festival · Travel Monday to Friday when you can · Park Hopper with a Deluxe stay for Extended Evening Hours · A resort / pool day every 3-4 park days

Getting started (6-12 months out)

- [ ] **Anchor your dates to an EPCOT festival** if food and drink top your list - Festival of the Arts, Flower & Garden, Food & Wine, or Festival of the Holidays
- [ ] **Travel Monday to Friday** when you can - lower crowds and lower prices than weekends
- [ ] **Check what overlaps your festival:** hard-ticket nights like Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party and Jollywood Nights can anchor an evening
- [ ] **Pick your resort for its theming and amenities** - dining and lounges first; adults live at their resort after dark (details in my **WDW Resort Guide**)
- [ ] **Park Hopper only if you are staying Deluxe** - use its Extended Evening Hours to get most rides done in those two hours at no extra cost, and spend your days on shows and dining
- [ ] Build in a **resort / pool day** every 3-4 park days - a vacation, not a marathon

Right after you book

- [ ] Download the **My Disney Experience** app and link your resort, tickets and travel party - dining and Lightning Lane all run through it
- [ ] **Set up MagicBands** for easy access - parks, rides, dining plans, room doors and room charges, all on your wrist
- [ ] **Use the free Disney Genie service** in the app to plan each park day - tell it your top picks for rides, shows and dining and let it build and adjust your day
- [ ] Note your perks: **30 minutes of Early Theme Park Entry** daily for resort guests; **Extended Evening Hours** on select nights for Deluxe guests

Park days, the adult way

- [ ] **Start late on purpose** some days - arrive for lunch, stay for the cooler, calmer evening hours
- [ ] Build in lounge breaks: **Nomad Lounge**, **La Cava del Tequila**, **Baseline Tap House**
- [ ] Do a **monorail lounge crawl** or a World Showcase evening - a small plate and drink per pavilion, fireworks to finish
- [ ] Consider **Disney After Hours** (separate ticket, select nights) - headliners with far shorter waits, late into the night
- [ ] **Make brunch a plan** - the Cake Bake Shop at the BoardWalk (one of the country's top 100 brunch restaurants) and Steakhouse 71 at the Contemporary

7 days out - Lightning Lane day

- [ ] **Be ready at 7:00am Eastern:** resort guests book Lightning Lane 7 days before check-in, for the whole stay; off-site guests, 3 days before each park day
- [ ] Grab Single Pass headliners first - TRON Lightcycle / Run, Cosmic Rewind, Rise of the Resistance, Flight of Passage
- [ ] Pick late-morning and evening slots - they suit an adult pace far better than a 9am sprint

Final week

- [ ] Check in online, confirm transfers or parking, and re-check park hours and After Hours / Extended Evening Hours nights
- [ ] **Pack rain gear** - Florida showers arrive fast, even on a perfect forecast
- [ ] Pack a **small first aid and medicine bag** - blister care and shoe fixes like moleskin, muscle-ache remedies, and your everyday basics
- [ ] Pack a **smart outfit for signature dining** (dress codes apply) plus a light layer for air-conditioned lounges, a portable charger and broken-in shoes; screenshot must-do reservations as a backup

Arrival day

- [ ] **Do not burn a park ticket on a half day unless it is an extended hours day** - most Mondays and Wednesdays at least one park is open until 11pm, depending on the time of year; otherwise enjoy the resort pool and bars
- [ ] Head to Disney Springs or do the monorail crawl for dinner - an easy, no-ticket first night
- [ ] Sleep in and start day one with a late brunch - a perfectly valid adult strategy

Resort day ideas

- [ ] **Book an experience:** a carriage ride, trail rides, a private fishing trip, or a fireworks boat ride
- [ ] **Eat somewhere memorable - no park ticket needed:** resort character dining at Wilderness Lodge, the Grand Floridian and the Polynesian, or a dinner show like the Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue
- [ ] **Spend an evening at Disney Springs** - and check the app for its free nighttime drone show when it is running, weather permitting (details in my **Disney Springs Guide**)

60 days out - the dining & experiences sprint

Be online around 6:00am Eastern when your window opens. Resort guests can book dining for the whole stay (up to 10 nights) in one go. Book hardest first, in this order:

BOOK FIRST - MOST COMPETITIVE

- [ ] **1. Victoria & Albert's** - the fine-dining splurge at the Grand Floridian; tiny capacity, gone first
- [ ] **2. Cinderella's Royal Table** - character dining inside Cinderella Castle; a Magic Kingdom park ticket is required for that day
- [ ] **3. The hard-to-get lounges** - GEO-82 (21+, inside Spaceship Earth), Oga's Cantina and The Beak and Barrel; park ticket required
- [ ] **4. Space 220 Lounge** - the full space-elevator experience without the prix-fixe commitment; park ticket required

THEN, IN ORDER

- [ ] **5. Signature dining** - California Grill (fireworks views), Le Cellier, Takumi-Tei, Topolino's Terrace
- [ ] **6. Fireworks dessert parties** and the GEO-82 fireworks experience - reserved views, drinks in hand
- [ ] **7. Tours, tee times and spa** - Keys to the Kingdom, Senses Spa appointments and golf book in this window too

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

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