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Walt Disney World Trip Planner

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

Getting started (6-12 months out)

- [ ] Pick your dates, then plan **one park per day** - all four parks, plus a rest day in the middle for the pool and a lie-in
- [ ] **Choose a Disney resort hotel** if you can: free transport to the parks, Early Theme Park Entry (30 minutes early, every park, every day), and the earlier booking windows below
- [ ] Pick a room that fits the whole family - Refer to our resort page for families.
- [ ] Buy **date-based tickets** - most guests with them no longer need a separate park reservation
- [ ] **Measure your kids at home** and check ride height requirements in the app now, so there are no tears at the ride entrance later

Right after you book

- [ ] Download the **My Disney Experience** app, create profiles for every adult and child, and link your hotel and tickets - everything on the trip runs through it
- [ ] Let each child pick **one must-do** per park - a ride, a character, a snack - and build each day around those first
- [ ] Decide your character plan: a **character meal** meets favorites without a long line in the park
- [ ] Order **MagicBands** for easy access - parks, rides, dining plans, room doors and room charges, all on your wrist (or set up phone keys instead)
- [ ] Staying at **Fort Wilderness**? Reserve a **golf cart** - the resort is spread out, and carts go fast

Final week

- [ ] Pack the park bag: snacks, refillable bottles, ponchos, a portable fan or cooling towel, sunscreen and a change of clothes for little ones
- [ ] Charge MagicBands, phones and a portable charger - the app is your map, wallet and ride plan all day
- [ ] Practice in the app together, and watch **YouTube videos and Disney Channel videos** about the parks, so kids know what to expect and the first day feels familiar
- [ ] **Fireworks are loud** - small kids often cry because of how loud they are, so it may be best to leave the park and watch them from the **Friendship boats** instead; anyone can ride them, regardless of which resort you are staying at

Park days, the family way

- [ ] **Start early:** arrive for rope drop or Early Entry and head straight to Fantasyland and the little-kid favorites before lines build
- [ ] **Use Rider Switch** on rides a child is too small or too scared for - one adult rides while the other waits with the child, then swap without lining up twice
- [ ] **Bring the stroller** - even big kids up to 6 or 7 need it. Max size 31 x 52 in.; tie something bright on the handle to spot it in stroller parking, and know it folds on buses
- [ ] Find your park's **Baby Care Center** on the map before you need it - quiet nursing rooms, changing tables, high chairs and emergency supplies
- [ ] **Take the midday break (1-4pm):** the hottest, busiest hours. Head back for a swim and a nap, then return refreshed for the evening
- [ ] Mobile-order meals ahead in the app, and ask any quick-service counter for **free ice water** all day

The two booking mornings - do not miss these

Set two alarms. These windows open early, the family favorites go in minutes, and resort guests get a head start on both.

60 DAYS OUT - 6AM EASTERN

- [ ] **Dining reservations open.** Resort guests can book the whole stay at once (up to 10 nights); everyone else books day by day
- [ ] Book **character meals first** - Cinderella's Royal Table, Topolino's Terrace, 'Ohana and Chef Mickey's go fastest
- [ ] Same window: **Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique** and other Enchanting Extras for kids

7 / 3 DAYS OUT - 7AM EASTERN

- [ ] **Lightning Lane passes open:** 7 days before check-in for Disney resort guests, 3 days before each park day for everyone else
- [ ] Buy **Multi Pass** for your headliners and **Single Pass** for the one big ride each child is tall enough for
- [ ] Book your earliest rides first, then keep refreshing the app in the park for more

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

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