


Disneyland Tips & Tricks Updated 2.22.25

BEFORE YOU GO:

- Download the Disneyland Experience App
- Check your park hours the night before you are going - they often change park hours without notifying us!
- You are responsible for canceling any dining or experience reservations at least 2 hours before the reservation or you will incur a no show fee of \$10 per person., I only make reservations, I don't cancel them.
- If you have purchased a photopass or have it included with your multipass, you have 30 days to download the images from the time of activation.
- You can use discounted Disney gift cards to save money on your trip! [More Info](#)
- Disneyland DOES require a park reservation AND park ticket for entry. Make sure you book these, ask for help if you have questions. You book them through the MDE App.
- **Read about Single Pass, Multi Pass & Premier Pass add-on options** [CLICK HERE](#)
- Lightning lanes (LL) are the locations you walk to for each of the rides that are bookable through single pass, multi pass and premier pass. You have 1 hour from the start time to walk through the LL line, however they're usually pretty forgiving if you're late - just take a screenshot of your booked ride as evidence if you're going to be late.
- 2 days before arrival, you'll receive your travel ePackage documents including Disney ETickets and Magical Extras. You'll be able to view/print them after 12:00am. If they are sent to me, I will forward them to you.
- Complete your online check in in your Disneyland App.
- If you've had your Disneyland App downloaded to your phone for more than a month, delete the app and reinstall it the day before you leave. This will help you avoid any missing upgrades that could negatively impact your stay.
-  [Packing List](#)
- BRING A CELL PHONE BACKUP BATTERY AND CORD TO THE PARKS - you will use a lot of battery.
- Don't forget your Magic Band+, only Magic Band+ are used at Disneyland older versions won't work. If you don't have one from a previous trip you can buy them when you arrive or order from DisneyStore.com. Unfortunately, Disneyland doesn't offer a pre-arrival discount for onsite Disneyland guests like Disneyworld does. Use a sharpie to write your phone number on the inside part that doesn't touch your skin, I tape my kid's closed so they aren't easily lost. Alternatively, you can use your room key to get into the parks.
- If you booked a package, make sure you check out the discounts that you will receive 2 days before arrival in the digital travel e-package email that will be sent to you.

MY DISNEY EXPERIENCE AND TOURING THE PARKS

- This is a more concise list of currently closed attractions/dining, scroll to the bottom.
<https://disneyland.disney.go.com/calendars/day/#/disneyland/>
- Take advantage of the early morning on-site guest opening time, which is 30 minutes in advance of regular park open time. I suggest arriving 20-30 min before that early entry time.
- **Disneyland opens early for onsite guests on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. California Adventure opens early for onsite guests on Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday.** Check out the rides that will be available for [early onsite park openings here.](#)
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- Disneyland Resort guests can take the monorail to Tomorrowland in Disneyland Park.
- If you have purchased Multi Pass - create a plan for which rides you want to book first. If you purchase a single pass ride, schedule it for mid afternoon when the parks are more crowded, that way you'll be arriving for your reserved time when waits are longer in the standby lines.
- Have every adult in your party download the Disneyland App on their smartphones. You don't each need individual accounts, you can all use the same login to view fast passes etc.
- Hit the highest priority rides first thing in the morning. This way as the parks get busier from noon on, you can sit and enjoy the shows instead of waiting in those longer lines.
- Use rider switch to your advantage when applicable! Rider Switch: Rides that have a height requirement will offer Rider Switch for parents. We LOVE this and use it a lot, rider switch cards are now DIGITAL, not physical like they used to be. Your whole party will need to approach the line so the parent waiting with the kid(s) can have their magic band/card scanned. [This is how it works.](#)
- Buy ponchos at the dollar tree, and bring flip flops to keep in your stroller for the wet rides. Having wet sneakers is NO fun
- Buy something that glows for your stroller so you'll be able to find it amongst the others when it's dark in the parks.
- Keep a hand sanitizer on your stroller and in your bag and use it frequently.

FOOD/DRINK

1. Mobile Ordering
 - a. During busier times, you may want to select your pick up window early in the day, several hours before your lunch or dinner to make sure you're not locked out of a pick up window. Click "I'm here" as you're walking to the mobile order location, it can take a few minutes until you get the purple "Your food is ready" screen. You won't be allowed to enter the dining room to get a table until you can show a cast member the purple screen. We've found that if there isn't a pick up time soon, going to order at the window directly from a human got our orders faster than online.
 - b. Your purple screen will display the order window to pick up your food, then you'll grab your food and find a table. At 7 Docking Bay they show you to a seat in HS.
2. Table Service Dining (TS - restaurants with waiters)
 - a. **If you need to cancel any dining reservation, you need to do so at LEAST 2 hours beforehand or you will be charged a \$10 per person fee. I don't cancel reservations I only book them.**
3. Any quick service location will give you a free cup of ice water just ask, and bring those open mouth water bottles. Here is my current favorite brand! [Iron Flask](#) These kept our water COLD all day in the parks.
4. Ordering Groceries for delivery to your room. The two least expensive options are Shipt.com (usually there is a free trial membership) and Amazon Prime Now (free if you're an amazon prime member). If you have the groceries delivered to you then you will not pay a fee from Disney. If you have the groceries delivered to the bell desk or any cast member then Disney will charge you a \$5 package fee.
5. You can bring food and drinks into the park, but no alcohol, selfie sticks or firearms.
6. If you're bringing in plastic water bottles, recommend freezing ½ of your bottles of water to keep the unfrozen ones cold and by the end of the day you'll still have cold water to drink when they thaw.

5 THINGS TO KNOW
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TO WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT AND DISNEYLAND RESORT

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AS A REMINDER, WAGONS ARE NOT PERMITTED
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**STROLLER
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WILL ALSO NO LONGER BE PERMITTED.



**LOOSE &
DRY ICE**
ARE NOT PERMITTED IN OUR PARKS
AS OF MARCH 28. REUSABLE ICE
PACKS ARE RECOMMENDED.



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*Smoke-free locations will also include the water parks, ESPN Wide World of Sports
Complex in Florida and DreamHouse Disney in California.