

# The beginner's guide to The Disneyland Resort 

PARK TIPS + TRICKS

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## Welcome to the Disneyland Resort



The Disneyland Resort is a sprawling, nearly 500 acre area of wonder in Anaheim, California. The Resort holds two theme parks and a dedicated shopping district.

## Disneyland Park

Opened in 1955, Disneyland Park is home to the iconic Sleeping Beauty Castle and famous Space Mountain. This theme park includes all iconic Disneyland experiences that have become synonymous with the Disney company as a whole.

## Disney's California Adventure

Disney's California Adventure opened in 2001 as an homage to California's history and culture.

## Downtown Disney District

The Downtown Disney District opened in 2001 as an outdoor shopping center that connected both theme parks and the hotels located within the Disneyland Resort.

## Buying Tickets

Buying tickets can be simple and straightforward, if you know where to look.

You can still buy tickets at the gate, but Disney now requires reservations to be made. This means you must reserve your entrance to one of the two parks on their property. Buying at the gate means you risk a park not being available that day.

Instead, plan ahead! The simplest way to buy tickets Is through the Disneyland mobile app. This is because your tickets are scanned at the entrance of the park so they are already available on your phone. After downloading the app from your app store, follow these steps:

1. Open the menu at the bottom of the app. Select "Buy Tickets and Passes"
2. Select the amount of days you wish to visit the parks.


3. Make a reservation for a park for each day of your ticket. A park reservation Is required.

## Places to Stay

## The Disneyland Hotel

The Disneyland Hotel is a classic, onproperty hotel with modern rooms designed to accomodate families. This hotel allows for quick access to the Disneyland Park Monorail, providing easy park access.

## Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel

Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel offers a seaside theme with more affordable rooms for families. This hotel offers a rooftop pool, though is the farthest from
 the park entrances.

## Disney's Grand Californian Hotel \& Spa

Disney's Grand Californian Hotel \& Spa Is the most luxurious hotel experience offered at the Disneyland Resort. This hotel offers the closest and easiest access to the parks, being in the heart of the Downtown Disney District and with Its own access to Disney's California Adventure park.

## Disney Good Neighbor Hotels

If you prefer to stay off-property, and potentially save money, you can explore Disney's Good Neighbor Hotels. These hotels are close to property, are often common name-brand chains, and may have additional amenities like park shuttles.

## Time Management

There are so many things to see and do in each theme park. It can be easy to lose track of time and the day is over before you know it. It is helpful to go into your day with a few tips and trick in hand.

## Ride Wait Times

Keep an eye on ride wait times throughout the day using the Disneyland App. It provides close to real-time stand-by and Lightning Lane (an additional feature) wait times.

## Mobile Order

The preferred and easiest way to get food at either park is Mobile Order. You can select a return time for any food service stand that offers Mobile Order, place your order, and return at the time you have selected. Your food will be made when you return, so it is fresh!

## Genie+

For an additional cost, you can purchase Genie+ service. This allows a guest to make Lightning Lane reservations (meaning you get to move faster through the ride line) throughout the day. Genie+ guests also get free park photos from rides or character meetings. Price fluctuates between $\$ 15-\$ 35$ per day based on the day and demand

## Iconic Snacks (and where to get them!)

## Churros

Churros are an iconic Disneyland snack. Classic churro carts can be found throughout the parks, but specialty churros are also found at locations like Willie's Churro Cart in Disney's California Adventure. Remember to try to Fluffernutter churro when available at Willie's
 Churro Cart!

## Pretzels

Mickey shaped pretzels are a staple in the Disneyland Resort theme parks. You can find Mickey shaped pretzels at the pretzel cart near Big Thunder Mountain Railroad ride in Disneyland Park.


## Popcorn

Popcorn can be found in both Disneyland park and Disney's California Adventure park when you're in need of a salty treat. You can find it at the Cozy Cone Motel in Radiator Springs (Disney's California Adventure park) and near Chip 'n’ Dale’s GADGETcoaster in Toontown (Disneyland park).


## Free Activities!

The Disneyland Resort has several free activities to participate in that families and friends can all enjoy.

## Hidden Mickey's

Imagineers (i.e., those who design all things Disney) have cleverly placed hidden Mickey's into theme parks across the world. They can be found on rides or even just walking around the park. Be on the lookout! Hint: Look at hubcaps at Mater's Junkyard Jamboree in Disney's California Adventure!

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## Animation Academy

Disney's California Adventure has a free drawing class In Hollywood Land. Check out their schedule In the morning. Classes are offered every 30 minutes. Paper and a pencil are provided!

## Celebration Buttons

Celebrating a birthday? An anniversary? Even a first visit? Ask a cast member at a store or Guest Relations for a celebration button!


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