Holidays at Disney World:

DFB's Merriest Guide



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INTRODUCTION



WELCOME

Mickey and our Disney pals are getting ready to deliver plenty of yuletide cheer during the 2026 holiday season.

Is it really *extra* magical? Absolutely! Visiting Walt Disney World during this time of year will take your vacation to a whole new level.

From the time the first decorations are revealed in early November until they are packed away in January, there's merriment to be found around every corner.

The addition of festive events, seasonal activities, delicious treats, and holiday meals make this time of year at Disney World truly memorable.

In fact, you should mark your calendars now as **Jollywood Nights** starts on November 7, 2026, **Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party** will debut on November 8, and **EPCOT International Festival of the Holidays** kicks off on November 27th!

You'll find the magic of the season in the lights, music, FOOD, and more. When it comes to the countless holiday festivities in the World, a little planning goes a long way.

Mentally, we're already walking down Main Street, U.S.A., staring at the Christmas decorations while drinking hot chocolate.

Join us on this holiday adventure!

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HOLIDAY DECOR

Have you ever woken up at Disney World to find the holidays ***magically appeared overnight***? If not, you've gotta put a November trip on your bucket list.

We've seen holiday touches as early as October 24th–like the cozy lanterns in Animal Kingdom's Discovery Island. But the real transformation kicks off on Halloween night and wraps up just in time for Thanksgiving.



It's all thanks to Disney's incredible Holiday Services Team. We're talking 50 year-round Cast Members (plus up to 90 seasonal ones!) who work their magic on over 600 trees, 1,700 wreaths, and nearly 5,000 garlands–that's almost nine miles of holiday cheer.

There are 29 "Icon Trees" (15–70 feet tall), plus 596 smaller ones. Toppers can reach 7 feet wide and weigh over 200 pounds.

A 3.5-acre tree farm near Animal Kingdom grows over 100,000 poinsettias each year.

In total, Disney uses 12,000+ tree branches, 110 tons of steel, 15,000 ornaments, and 260,000 lights to bring the holidays to life.

Once the season ends, the team gets right to work on the next one –installing, maintaining, and removing more than 40,000 decor pieces across 780 locations, including the parks, resorts, and Disney Cruise Line.

And don't forget to look closely–the tiniest details (like gingerbread house features) are part of the magic!

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EVENTS

EVENTS





You'll find seasonal events that are free with your theme park admission or available at an extra cost. For instance, Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party is a seasonal Magic Kingdom event and Jollywood Nights is a seasonal Hollywood Studios event, and both require a separate ticket for entry.

EPCOT presents The Festival of the Holidays, a global experience, from November 27 – December 30, 2026. Expect specialty entertainment, the beloved Candlelight Processional, food booths, and more! EPCOT also has Holiday Storytellers around the international pavilions during this same time frame.

Please note these are 2025 times. 2026 times have not been released yet

EPCOT HOLIDAY STORYTELLERS

editor's NOTE

updates coming soon!



Las Posadas Celebration
Mexico Pavilion

SUNDAYS – THURSDAYS

11:05 AM, 12:00 PM, 12:50 PM, 2:35 PM, 3:40 PM & 5:15 PM

A Mischievous Magical Barn Santa
Norway Pavilion

DAILY: NOV 28 – DEC 30

11:40 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:25 PM, 2:15 PM, 4:10 PM, 4:55 PM, 5:45 PM & 6:30 PM

Chinese Lion Dancer
China Pavilion

NOV 28–30, DEC 6, 7, 13, 14, 19–25

Noon, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM & 4:00 PM

La Befana
Italy Pavilion

DAILY: NOV 28 – DEC 30

11:15 AM, 12:15 PM, 1:00 PM, 1:55 PM, 3:30 PM, 4:15 PM, 5:00 PM, & 5:40 PM

Daruma Storyteller
Japan Pavilion

DAILY: NOV 28 – DEC 30

10:45 AM, 11:45 AM, 12:45 PM, 1:35 PM, 2:35 PM, 4:15 PM, 5:00 PM, & 5:45 PM



Hanukkah Storyteller
Between Morocco & France Pavilions

DAILY: NOV 28 – DEC 30

Noon, 1:00 PM, 1:50 PM, 2:50 PM, 3:45 PM, 5:05 PM, 5:50 PM, & 6:30 PM

Pere Noel
France Pavilion

DAILY: NOV 28 – DEC 30

10:00 AM, 11:05 AM, 12:10 PM, 12:50 PM, 2:20 PM, 3:25 PM, 4:30 PM, & 5:15 PM

Father Christmas
United Kingdom Pavilion

DAILY: NOV 28 – DEC 30

11:45 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:20 PM, 2:05 PM, 3:50 PM, 4:45 PM, 5:35 PM, & 6:30 PM

Canadian Holiday Voyageurs
Canada Pavilion

DAILY: NOV 28 – DEC 30

3:25 PM, 4:35 PM, 5:35 PM, 6:40 PM, 7:40 PM, & 8:40 PM

BOOKING EVENTS

The holiday season offers multiple events ranging from complimentary admission to pricier options. Ticketed events can be booked ahead of time or upon arrival in Walt Disney World (assuming they're not sold out).

Event tickets can be purchased via credit card over the phone or online prior to your visit. On event day (pending availability), payment can be made at the entrance gate ticket booth.





EVENT DISCOUNTS

For some events, booking online in advance will offer a discount of a few dollars.

Guests who are Walt Disney World Annual Passholders, Golden Oak Residents, or Disney Vacation Club Members may have the opportunity to book early and/or at a discount for holiday events.

Annual Passholders and Disney Vacation Club Members can save $10 per ticket to Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party on select event nights.

The select nights for the AP and DVC discounts are: November 8 to 20 and November 29 to December 3.

You may not receive physical tickets for your event if the purchase is associated with your My Disney Experience account. The ticket will simply be put on your account and your MagicBand or MagicMobile.

MICKEY'S VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party tickets are available for purchase on the **Walt Disney World website** or via the **My Disney Experience** app as of July 9th, 2026 for resort guests and July 16th, 2026 for all others.

As of September 2026, you can book the dessert parties:

- Minnie's Wonderful Christmastime Fireworks Dessert Party at **Tomorrowland Terrace**
- Holiday Fireworks Dessert Party with **Plaza Garden Viewing**

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL

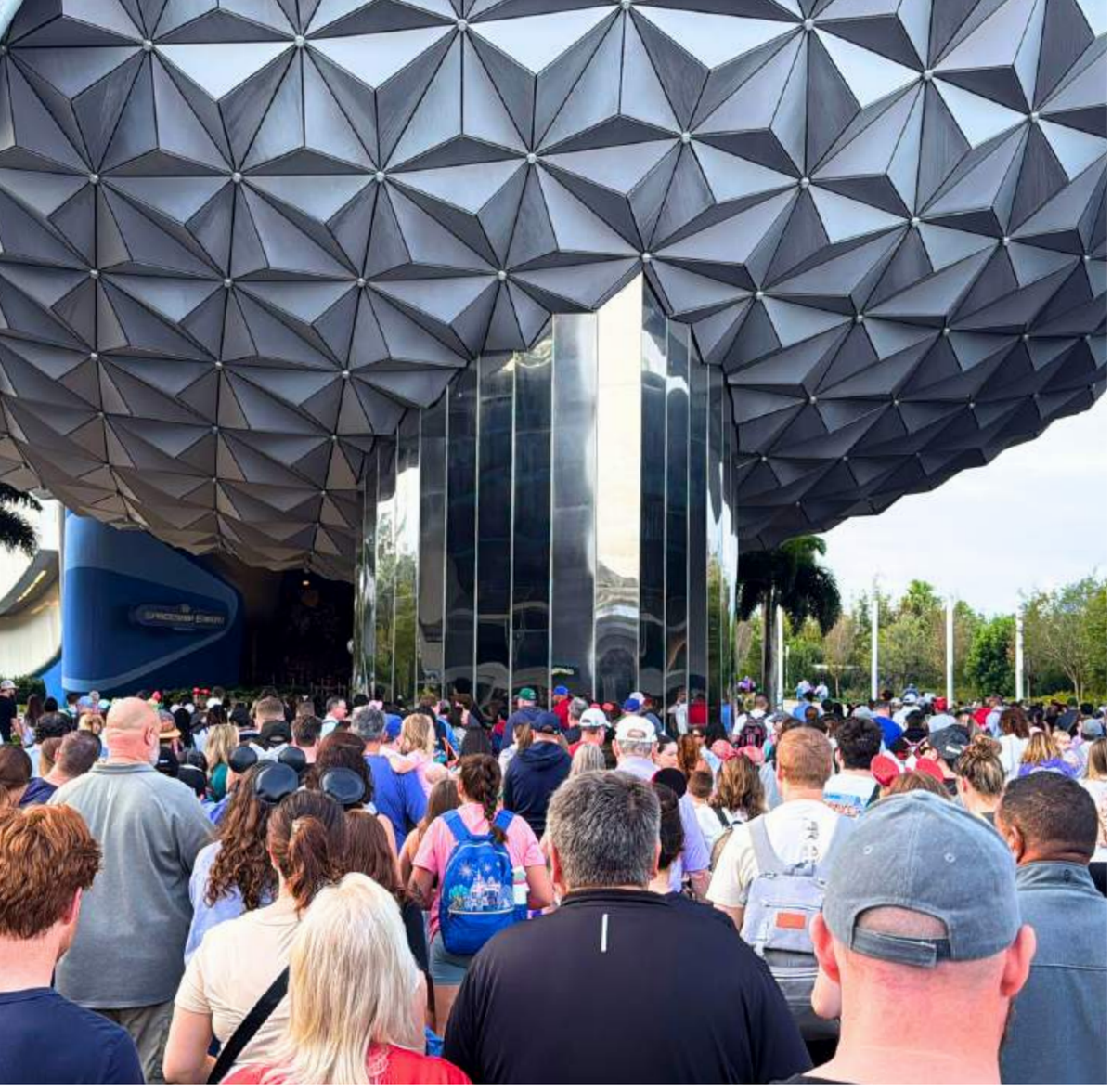
Booking for the Candlelight Processional dining package is open **online** **as of October 14, 2026** (you'll need to be in your 60-day dining window to book) or via (407) WDW-FEST/ 939-3378.

DISNEY JOLLYWOOD NIGHTS

For guests staying at select Disney World hotels, Swan and Dolphin hotels, and Shades of Green tickets went on sale July 9th, 2026.

For all other guests, tickets went on sale July 16th, 2026 on the Disney World website. Prices range from $169 to $199 per person.





CROWD CONTROL

If the Monorail transportation is temporarily unavailable, alternate transportation options will be offered, including bus and/or boat.

Guest parking lots at the Resort hotels may be restricted to guests checking into and staying at the resort, attending a conference, or with reservations for the spa, recreational offerings, or dining.



TRAVEL PLANS

Plan accordingly: buses begin departing from Disney resort hotels 45 minutes prior to park opening times and run one hour after park closing. (Buses may run longer after closing during busy seasons.)

If parking lot trams are not operating, be aware that you may have a substantial walk from your car in the parking lot to the Park's entrance.



WEATHER DELAYS

Weather can wreak havoc on travel. Boats, the Monorail, and the Disney Skyliner can all be rendered still by aggressive storms or lightning in the vicinity. When this happens, Disney tries to send more buses to compensate. Look for Cast Members and signs to help lead you to alternate transportation.

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MICKEY'S VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY



MVMCP PRICE CALENDAR

This year **Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party** is taking place on 25 select nights from November 8th – December 22nd, 2026!

This specially ticketed after-hours event grants guests access to Magic Kingdom after park close.

The 2026 ticket range for Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party is $189 to $229.

Tickets went on sale July 16th, 2026 to the general public. If you're hoping to get holly and jolly with Mickey and the gang, order your tickets soon.

Guests with reservations at select Disney World hotels were able to purchase tickets starting July 9th, 2026.

NOVEMBER 2026

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Sold Out
25+ Days Prior

Sold Out
35+ Days Prior

MVMCP PRICE CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2026

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25+ Days Prior

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35+ Days Prior



TRANSPORTATION

Unless you are staying at a nearby resort (Contemporary Resort, Polynesian Village, Grand Floridian, Wilderness Lodge, or Fort Wilderness), we recommend allowing at least an hour of travel time.

DRIVING TO THE PARTY

Whether you're staying off-property or prefer using your own car, you can park in the Magic Kingdom parking lot (Transportation and Ticket Center, “TTC”) and take the Monorail or Ferry to Magic Kingdom's entrance. In our experience, unless the ferry boat is about to depart, you’ll make better time by taking the monorail.

PARKING FEES

Disney Resort Hotel Guests and Annual Passholders receive complimentary standard theme park parking. Standard parking fees are $35 per day for cars or motorcycles. Oversized Vehicle Parking is $40 per day.

TRANSPORTATION FROM DISNEY RESORTS

Free Disney transportation is available from all Disney Resorts to Magic Kingdom and typically runs until 1AM on party nights.

TRANSPORTATION FROM ANOTHER DISNEY PARK

If you're headed to the Party from another park, you can use Disney's free transportation. From EPCOT use the Monorail. Disney's Hollywood Studios and Disney's Animal Kingdom run buses to Magic Kingdom.

RIDESHARE OR MINNIE VAN

During the party, or any time you're headed to Magic Kingdom, non-Disney ride share services will drop you off at the TTC where you can take the Monorail or Ferry to Magic Kingdom. Minnie Vans, however, which cost substantially more, drop off guests at the Magic Kingdom bus loop.



Your ticket will get you into the park early! The Party officially begins at 7PM, but ticket holders can enter Magic Kingdom starting at 4PM! And no Park Pass Reservation is required for Party ticket holders.

ARRIVAL

If you're not able to (or don't want to) arrive early, we do recommend arriving 20-30 minutes prior to the start of the event, just in case there's any trouble with tickets. (You don't want to miss out on a minute of the magic... you paid for it, after all!)

If your pre-ordered tickets are at the Will Call window, visit Magic Kingdom's Guest Relations window to pick them up before proceeding toward the entrance turnstiles. (Note: a kiosk outside of the park may be open and serving as the Will Call window.)

Follow the red Event Entrance signs.

WRISTBAND

Once you scan into the park (or if you are already in the park stop by a wristband distribution location), you will be given a wristband by a Cast Member. Make sure you keep your wristband on throughout the night as that's how the Cast Members will know you're there for the party!

PARTY MAP

Grab a **Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party map** for all the party details. You'll find restaurant hours, as well as times for the parade, fireworks, and castle show. Of course, you'll want to note all the snack locations!









ARRIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

As you enter the party, the atmosphere becomes increasingly festive!

Look for a DJ spinning tunes, gingerbread men, stilt walkers, and more.

Of course, you don't want to forget your complimentary souvenir.

FREE ORNAMENT

The **2026 ornament** is a train that is being driven by Mickey and has two elves stacking toys with Mickey!. We can't wait to see and hang this year's ornament on our tree.



EXCLUSIVE MERCHANDISE

Of course, we can expect to see special merchandise at Magic Kingdom for Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party. You can head to Emporium to grab your party-exclusive items.

You can expect to see special apparel, a mug, pins, an ornament, and a Lug bag. Just a reminder, these items will be set out for guests attending the party.

Annual Passholders will find a shirt and pin available for purchase.

Shop early as exclusive merchandise may sell out fast.









POPCORN BUCKET

This year's **exclusive popcorn bucket is a train** featuring Mickey Mouse wearing a Santa hat and handing out a gift inside a red-and-green train. You can also see Pluto and a reindeer looking out the train window. The BEST part? The train actually moves, rolls on the ground, like an actual toy train!!

Party Tip: Last year on the first party night, we got in line about 45 minutes beforehand. The kiosk opened around 6:20PM and we had our bucket within about 10 minutes.



TABLE SERVICE RESTAURANTS

If you make reservations when an after-hours party is taking place, you will need to purchase admission for the event.

Where can you dine this year?

Choose between Be Our Guest Restaurant, The Plaza Restaurant, and Cinderella's Royal Table as they will be open during Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party.

The **Beak and Barrel will be open** again this year during the Party! While it's not exactly Table Service, because it doesn't have full meals, it does require an Advance Dining Reservation, so we wanted to make a note in this section if you want to visit this new lounge.

AND new for 2026, The Diamond Horseshoe Lounge is also open during the Party! You can also make Advanced Dining Reservations for it.

If table service dining is important to you, check availability 60 days in advance via My Disney Experience or **online**.





BE OUR GUEST RESTAURANT

Expect reservations to be very difficult (read: almost impossible) to obtain at **Be Our Guest Restaurant**. At past Parties, Be Our Guest has offered a 3-course prix fixe menu.



CINDERELLA'S ROYAL TABLE

If you'll be at the Very Merry Christmas Party and are just looking to book a special table service meal to add some magic to your experience, **Cinderella's Royal Table** will be open.



THE PLAZA RESTAURANT

The **Plaza Restaurant** is back again this year.

You can find speciality items that are ONLY available here! Items like a red velvet cheesecake and special cocktails.



THE BEAK & BARREL

New to last year's party, The **Beak & Barrel** will be open again this year! Expect reservations to be very difficult (read: almost impossible) to obtain.



THE DIAMOND HORSESHOE

New this year, **The Diamond Horseshoe** Lounge will be open during the party! You can make Advanced Dining Reservations as well. The Lounge is a limited-time pop up experience.

TABLE SERVICE LOCATIONS

NEW!

Classic Reuben Sandwich

Plaza Restaurant, Main Street, U.S.A

Sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, thousand island dressing, and griddled rye

NEW!

Mussels Marinière

Plaza Restaurant, Main Street, U.S.A

White wine, butter, garlic, lemon, sourdough croutons, and parsley

Santa's Floridian Pulled Pork Sandwich

Plaza Restaurant, Main Street, U.S.A

Shredded cabbage, roasted pineapple chutney, sweet-and-spicy barbecue sauce, and griddled bun

Free-range Chicken

Plaza Restaurant, Main Street, U.S.A

with roasted sweet potatoes and Brussels sprouts with a cranberry-orange liqueur pan sauce

Red Velvet Cheesecake

Plaza Restaurant, Main Street, U.S.A

Red velvet cake topped with vanilla swirl cheesecake

Lamb Chop Cassoulet

Plaza Restaurant, Main Street, U.S.A

Lamb sausage and white bean stew, tomatoes, toasted breadcrumbs, and mint sauce verte

Merry Berry Cosmopolitan

Plaza Restaurant, Main Street, U.S.A

Grainger's Deluxe Organic Vanilla Vodka, Cointreau Liqueur, and cranberry and lime juices garnished with a sugar rim

Jolly Holly Cocktail

Plaza Restaurant, Main Street, U.S.A

Grainger's Deluxe Organic Vanilla Vodka, Myers's Original Dark Rum, speculoos syrup, and apple cider garnished with a sugared graham cracker rim

Mistletoe Margarita

Plaza Restaurant, Main Street, U.S.A

Teremana Blanco Tequila, Grand Marnier Liqueur, cranberry juice, and lime juice garnished with a sugared rim and cranberries

Flourless Black Forest Trifle

Plaza Restaurant, Main Street, U.S.A

Layers of cherry brandy compote, chocolate crémeux, chantilly cream, and festive chocolate

Party Exclusive

TABLE SERVICE LOCATIONS

Cranberry Christmas Cocktail

Cinderella's Royal Table, Fantasyland

Fords Gin, cane syrup, cranberry juice, and Minute Maid Orange Juice garnished with cranberries and rosemary

Roasted Pork Belly

Cinderella's Royal Table, Fantasyland

with sweet potato purée, winter slaw, chestnuts, and apple-cranberry glaze

Hazelnut Carriage Cake

Cinderella's Royal Table, Fantasyland

Spiced poached pear, vanilla bean mousse, and sugared cranberries

Roasted Lamb Chops

Cinderella's Royal Table, Fantasyland

with olive oil mashed potatoes, honey-glazed carrots, and cabernet-cherry jus

Cranberry Sparkling Cocktail

Cinderella's Royal Table, Fantasyland

Grand Marnier Liqueur, cranberry juice, and Nicolas Feuillatte Enchantée Champagne Brut

Slow-cooked Beef Strip Loin

Cinderella's Royal Table, Fantasyland

with herb crust, creamed spinach, roasted potatoes, creamy horseradish, and jus

Party Exclusive



MVMCP TREATS



EXCLUSIVES

We know you'll be hungry during the event, and there will be a few spots where you can pick up some sustenance while you're partying the night away!

You can read ALL of our reviews **HERE** for the exclusive treats you'll find at MVMCP.



BEVERAGES

Looking for something exclusive? Check out the menu items on the next page. Not sure where to start? See our **reviews**.



SNACKS

Party guests will have a **selection of snacks** that are also available to day guests. Look for sweet and savory items to help keep you fueled for your festive evening.



CASEY'S CORNER

MAIN STREET, U.S.A.



Holiday Pot Roast Hot Dog

All-beef hot dog topped with pot roast, beer-cheese sauce, crispy onions, and horseradish mustard



Holiday Pot Roast Loaded French Fries

topped with pot roast, beer-cheese sauce, crispy onions, and horseradish mustard



NEW!

Minnie Cocoa Cake

Chocolate mousse, marshmallow filling, and chocolate cake with chocolate décor



Holiday Pot Roast Mini Corn Dogs

topped with pot roast, beer-cheese sauce, crispy onions, and horseradish mustard

Party Exclusive



MAIN STREET BAKERY

MAIN STREET, U.S.A.



NEW!

Winter Wonderland Express

Hazelnut mousse and feuilletine, with panna cotta

Mickey-shaped Cinnamon Roll

With holiday-themed icing.



Party Exclusive



PLAZA ICE CREAM PARLOR

MAIN STREET, U.S.A.



Gingerbread Milk Shake

Vanilla milkshake, gingerbread syrup, whipped cream, gingersnap crumbs, and a chocolate gingerbread man

NEW!

Holiday Brownie Sundae

Vanilla ice cream, hot fudge, brownie, whipped cream, and crushed peppermint



Party Exclusive



ALOHA ISLE REFRESHMENTS

ADVENTURELAND



Santa Surf Snack Float

Minute Maid Passion Fruit Orange Guava Juice, coconut soft-serve, and a spiced pineapple pop

NA



Pomegranate Yule Float

Seagram's Ginger Ale, DOLE Whip Pomegranate and vanilla soft-serve swirl, pomegranate flavor-filled pearls, and lime

NA

Non-Alcoholic



SPRING ROLL CART

ADVENTURELAND



Pastrami Reuben Spring Rolls

served with thousand island sauce

Party Exclusive



GOLDEN OAK OUTPOST

FRONTIERLAND



Yuletide Chicken Strips

with sage butter and cranberry barbecue glaze served with sweet potato waffle fries



Gingerbread Cheesecake Beignets

Light and fluffy beignets dusted with powdered sugar and festive sprinkles over a gingerbread cheesecake icing



Gingerbread Cola

Coca-Cola served with gingerbread syrup, cold foam, whipped cream, and festive sprinkles.

NA

Party Exclusive

NA Non-Alcoholic

PECOS BILL TALL TALE INN & CAFÉ
FRONTIERLAND



Carne Asada Loaded Fries

with chipotle queso, caramelized onions, avocado salsa, and queso fresco



NEW!

Tostada de Nochebuena

with smoked pork, salsa verde, smoked tomato salsa, queso fresco, and cilantro



NEW!

Pluto Reindeer Cake

Gingerbread cake and mousse with apple filling



Mexican Hot Chocolate Churro Loops

tossed with hot cocoa by Joffrey's, cinnamon, and warm spices served with sprinkles and marshmallow cream dip



Frozen Hot Cocoa

Frozen Hot Cocoa by Joffrey's with toasted marshmallow syrup topped with chocolate sauce, marshmallows, and festive sprinkles.

NA

Party Exclusive

NA Non-Alcoholic



COLUMBIA HARBOUR HOUSE

LIBERTY SQUARE



Gingerbread Cake

Tree-shaped gingerbread chiffon cake with cream cheese frosting, whipped dulce de leche panna cotta, crispy pearls, and a chocolate piece.



LIBERTY SQUARE MARKET

LIBERTY SQUARE

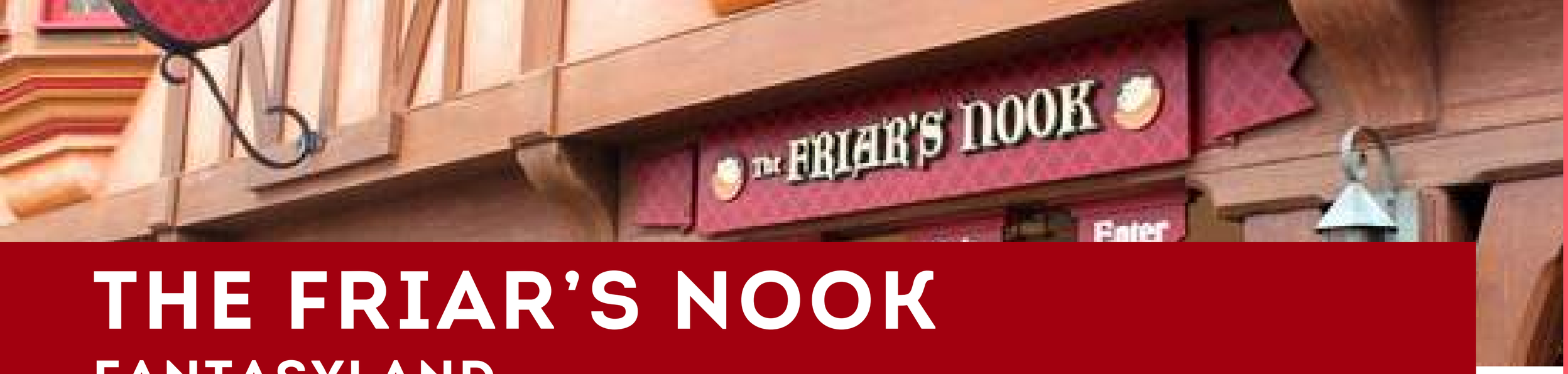


Mickey Whoopie Pie

Flourless chocolate cake sandwiched with marshmallow-mint buttercream

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PL Plant-Based



THE FRIAR'S NOOK

FANTASYLAND



Jalapeño Popper Tots

topped with jalapeño cream cheese sauce, bacon, cheddar, and a jalapeño popper



Spinach Artichoke Hand Pie

with red pepper sauce



Pig in a Blanket

All-beef hot dog wrapped in Parmesan puff pastry, crispy onions, and honey mustard, and barbecue sauce served with tots

NEW!

Sugar Cookie Soda

Coca-Cola with cookie butter syrup, cookie butter cold foam, sprinkles, and sugar cookie pieces

NA



Party Exclusive

NA Non-Alcoholic



PINOCCHIO VILLAGE HAUS

FANTASYLAND



Holiday Ravioli

Fried ravioli with marinara, basil pesto, Parmesan, and parsley served with a side Caesar salad



Italian Sausage and Meatball Lasagna Flatbread

with a three-cheese Italian blend and ricotta topped with pesto



Snowflake Ornament

Coconut-eggnog mousse in a white chocolate shell



Brr-Raspberry Slushy

Blue raspberry slushy with coconut cream, whipped cream, and sweet blue coconut

Party Exclusive

Non-Alcoholic



SLEEPY HOLLOW REFRESHMENTS

LIBERTY SQUARE



Orange Chicken Strips

drizzled with orange-soy glaze, glass noodles, green onions, and crispy garlic

Peppermint Bark Funnel Cake

topped with vanilla ice cream, peppermint and chocolate sauces, M&M'S Milk Chocolate Holiday Blend, whipped cream, crushed peppermint, and festive sprinkles



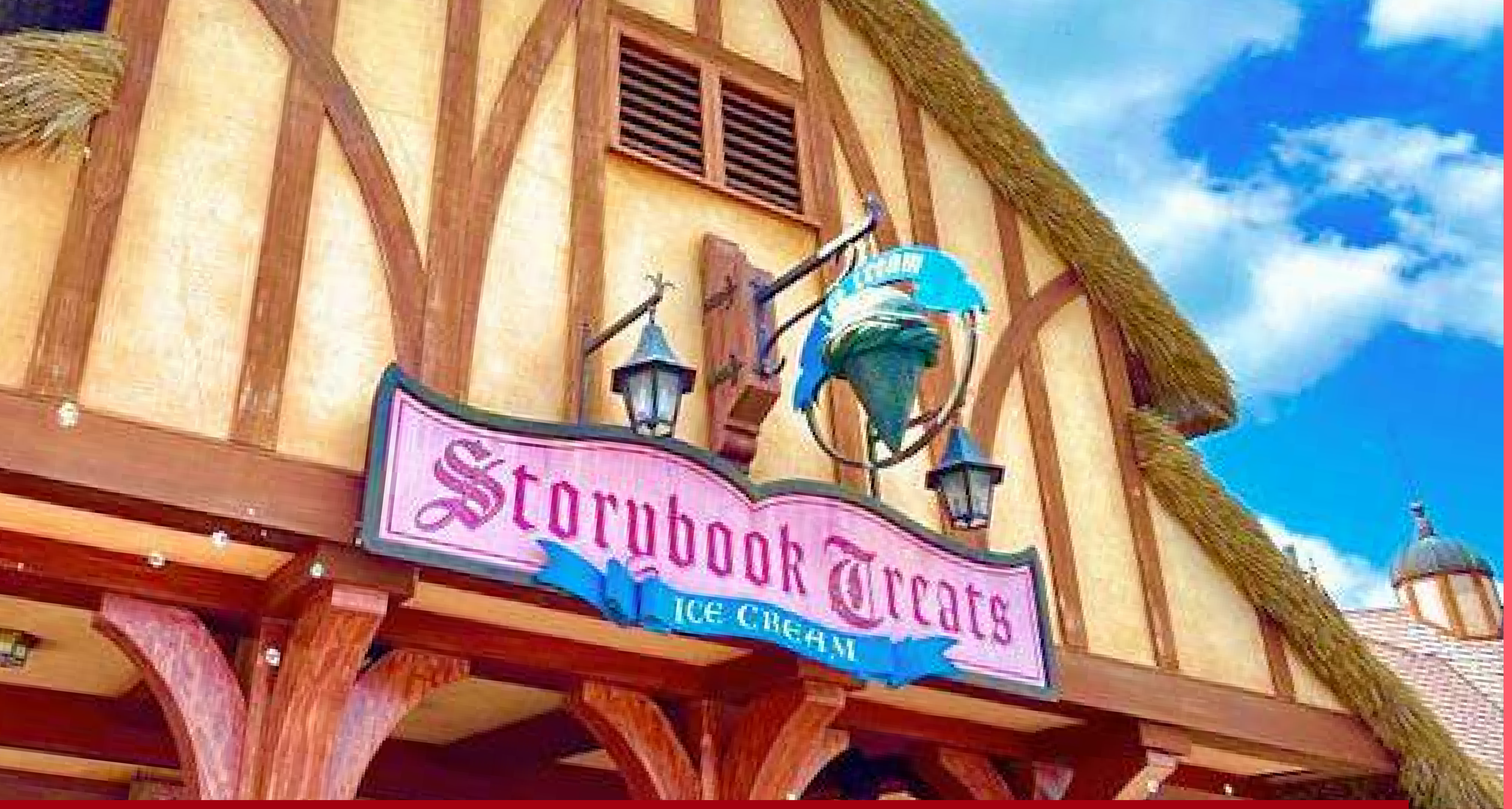


NEW!

Mongolian Beef Bao

served with miso-gochujang sauce and chili threads

Party Exclusive



STORYBOOK TREATS

FANTASYLAND



NEW!

Very Merry Mickey Sundae

Vanilla soft-serve topped with whipped cream, gingersnap pieces, festive sprinkles, cherry coating, and chocolate décor

Party Exclusive



ASTROFIZZ
TOMORROWLAND



NEW!

Peppermint Bark Cola Slushy

Frozen Coca-Cola, chocolate-peppermint swirl and sweet cream topped with chocolate curls

NA

Party Exclusive

Non-Alcoholic



AUNTIE GRAVITY'S GALACTIC GOODIES
TOMORROWLAND



Cherry Cordial Cold Brew

Joffrey's Cold Brew topped with cherry whipped cream, chocolate drizzle, and chocolate curls

NA

Nice List Shake

Vanilla shake with caramel, festive cookies, and chocolate chip cookie dough topped with whipped cream and holiday sprinkles

NA



NA Non-Alcoholic

Party Exclusive

COSMIC RAY'S STARLIGHT CAFÉ
TOMORROWLAND



Holiday Pot Roast Melt

Slow-cooked beef on thick toast with cheddar, Swiss cheese, beef gravy, and horseradish cream sauce



Holiday Turkey Burger

Turkey burger topped with traditional stuffing, Swiss cheese, and cranberry chutney on a brioche bun.



Snow Cheese Chicken Strips

Dusted with a sweet-and-savory white cheddar powder served with a side of kimchi aïoli and french fries



NEW!

Mickey the Elf

Vanilla mousse with festive sprinkles, sugar cookie, and chocolate ears



Cranberry Cider Punch

Cranberry juice, apple cider, and Sprite with sugared cranberries and a rosemary sprig

NA

Party Exclusive

NA Non-Alcoholic

MVMCP TREATS MAP





COMPLIMENTARY SNACKS

The Party offers **free cookies and holiday beverages** at stations around Magic Kingdom!

Have your fill of snickerdoodle, gingerbread, sugar, red velvet, or chocolate chip cookies and hot chocolate, egg nog, or apple cider.



FREE TREAT SPOTS

These holiday cookies aren't just sugar cookies–think snickerdoodles, chocolate chip, even gluten-free. Perfect little bites of joy while "snow" falls on Main Street, U.S.A.

And the cocoa? Rich, creamy, and just the right temp to sip while you catch the parade, fireworks, or simply soak in the magic.

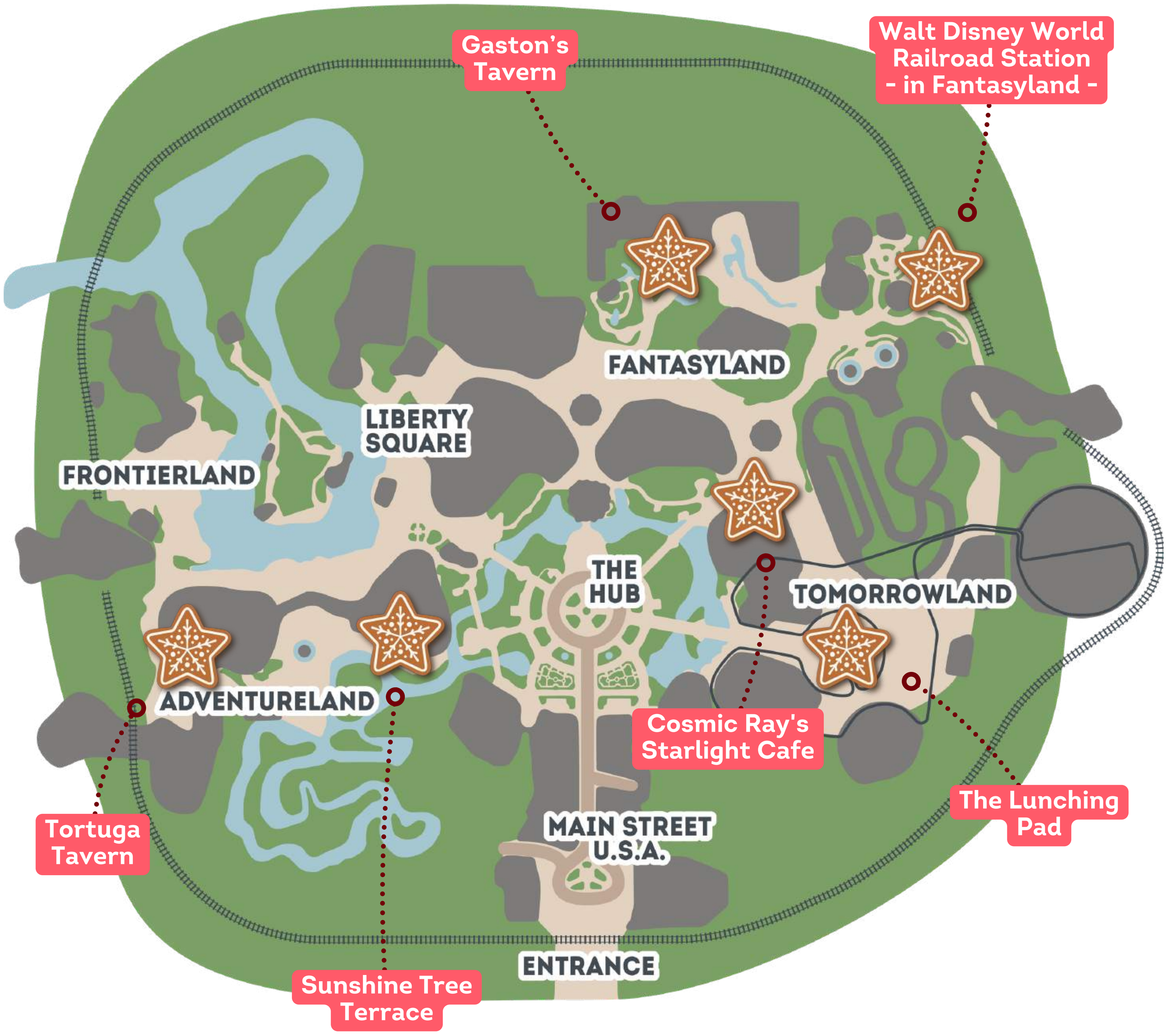
Look for big peppermint-striped inflatables to find all the free treat locations.



SPECIAL DIET ITEMS

Let a Cast Member at the treat location know your restrictions. Healthy alternatives and gluten-free options will be available.

COMPLIMENTARY SNACKS MAP



Tortuga Tavern

Frosted Candy Cane Flavored Cookie

Sunshine Tree Terrace

Hot Cocoa Cookie made with Done Chocolate

Cosmic Ray's Starlight Cafe

Buttercream-frosted Green Sprinkle Cutout Cookie

Allergy-friendly: Vanilla Mini Cookies

The Lunching Pad

Snickerdoodle Cookie

Allergy-friendly: Ginger Cookie

Walt Disney World Railroad Station

IN FANTASYLAND

Cookie Dough Buttercream Frosted Cookie

Gaston's Tavern

Snowman-shaped Pretzel



DESSERT PARTIES

If you want to really make your party experience special, you might want to book a **fireworks dessert party package!**

During the holiday party, specially-themed fireworks–**Minnie's Wonderful Christmastime Fireworks**–are shown at 10PM.

While you can watch these from various spots within the park, you could enjoy reserved seating for the show AND desserts at a special dessert party with either Tomorrowland Terrace or Plaza Garden Viewing.

Reservations opened on September 3rd, 2026 for resort guests, and September 9th, 2026 for general public.

For both dessert parties, remember that you MUST have a ticket for Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party.





TOMORROWLAND TERRACE

The **Tomorrowland Terrace** option costs $129.00 (plus tax) for guests ages 10 and up. It's $74.00 (plus tax) for kids ages 3-9.

It includes holiday-themed desserts, cheeses, fruits, and a variety of beverages (including signature lemonades, hot chocolate, coffee, tea, and sparkling wine or non-alcoholic cider) and reserved viewing at Tomorrowland Terrace.





PLAZA GARDEN VIEWING

With this option, you'll still get to enjoy those same desserts, cheeses, fruits, etc. but, as the showtime gets closer you'll then be escorted to the East Plaza Garden and you'll watch the fireworks from there.

This version of the dessert party is priced at $99.00 (plus tax) for those 10 and older and $59.00 (plus tax) for those 3-9. It is slightly cheaper, still gives you access to the same sweet treats, and can provide a more direct view of the front of the Castle since you're in the garden (as opposed to up at Tomorrowland Terrace).

MVMCP ENTERTAINMENT

MICKEY'S ONCE UPON A CHRISTMASTIME PARADE

Mickey's Once Upon a Christmastime Parade will be shown nightly to guests during the Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party!

This typically will play at **8:30PM** and **11:00PM** nightly during Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party.

Dancing gingerbread men and favorite characters sporting winter garb are just a few of the highlights of this seasonal parade. Definitely a favorite of ours!

Floats in the parade feature some of our favorite characters, including several Disney princesses and their princes dressed in holiday finery as well as Clarabelle Cow baking in the kitchen! Be sure to look for Chip and Dale having a snowball fight! You'll also see Goofy at the helm of his Goofy's Candy Company float.



One of the most impressive sections of this parade is the procession of the Toy Soldiers. Real musicians play their trumpets and drums while sporting classic toy soldier costumes–truly a sight to see!

Love Frozen? Look for Anna, Elsa, Olaf, and Kristoff in the parade! You'll also spot skaters, skiers, and ice cutters from the Kingdom of Arendelle.

Ralph and Vanellope from "Wreck-It Ralph" are more recent additions to the parade.

The grand finale of this parade is an appearance by Santa!

This parade plays to guests at every Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party held in the Magic Kingdom during November and December.



MICKEY'S MOST MERRIEST CELEBRATION SHOW

Join Mickey and his pals in front of Cinderella Castle to see the **show featuring nostalgic and modern medleys of holiday music** paired with dance performances. Shown nightly.

Showtimes are: 7:40PM, 9:25PM, 10:35PM, and 11:55PM.



DANCE PARTIES

If you have an energetic little one, you should definitely make time to visit the rockin' dance parties that take place with some of your favorite characters around the park!

Want to dance the night away? You'll find **Stitchmas!** at Cosmic Ray's Starlight Cafe! Here you could dance around with Lilo and Stitch while you rock around the tinsel tree!



Ready to keep groovin'? Club Tinsel is a Dance Party playing holiday tunes at Rockettower Plaza Stage in Tomorrowland.

The **Reindeer Wranglers** are usually in Frontierland. **See a magical moment with them here**.





MEETING CHARACTERS

What's a party without PALS?! **Beloved Disney characters will make appearances** in the park throughout Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party. After-hours parties are great opportunities to meet rare and unique characters that aren't always available for meet and greets during the day.

Characters don their holiday best and greet guests from 7-11:30PM, intermittently.

You'll also get the opportunity to see characters from afar during things like the Once Upon a Christmastime Parade and Mickey's Most Merriest Celebration.

Characters usually greet in 20-minute shifts, so if your favorites head inside for a bit just hang around and they'll be back.

Guests do line up even when the characters aren't there, though, so don't wander away and lose your spot in the queue!

This year, we met the cutest polar bear pals outside of the Christmas Carnival!

Tip: If you want to see the rare characters, line up very early.

CHARACTER APPEARANCES

MAIN STREET, U.S.A.

Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse in their finest holiday looks
Town Square Theater

Santa Jack Skellington, and Sally
Town Square Theater

Mary Poppins
Roaming

Princess Elena of Avalor
Roaming

ADVENTURELAND

Captain Jack Sparrow
Roaming

Abu, Aladdin, Genie, Princess Jasmine, Genie
Agrabah

Moana
Enchanted Tiki Room

LIBERTY SQUARE

Tiana & Naveen



FANTASYLAND

Ariel and Prince Eric
Roaming

Alice, The Mad Hatter, Queen of Hearts, Tweedle Dee & Tweedle Dum
Mad Tea Party

Cinderella and Prince Charming
Princess Fairytale Hall

Anna & Elsa in their Christmas attire
Princess Fairytale Hall

Rapunzel and Flynn Rider
Princess Fairytale Hall

Snow White & Prince
Roaming

Belle
Maurice's Cottage

Princess Aurora & Prince Phillip
Roaming

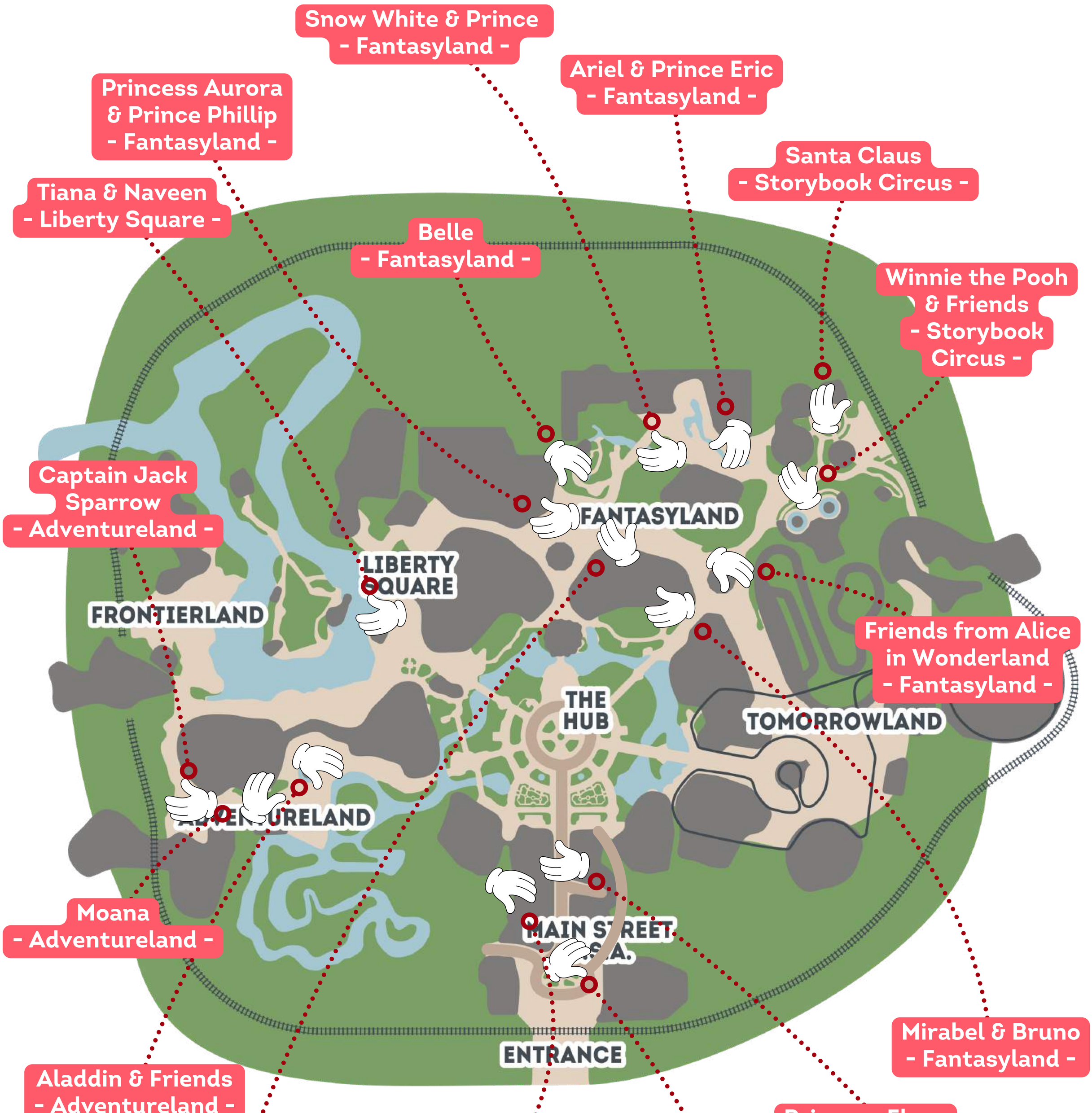
Pluto
Roaming

Eeyore, Piglet, Tigger, Winnie the Pooh
Pete's Silly Sideshow

Mirabel and Bruno
Fairytale Garden

Santa Claus
Santa's Christmas Carnival

MVMCP CHARACTER MAP







Be sure to catch your favorites in the spots listed above! Remember, characters and locations are always subject to change–check your Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party brochure (or My Disney Experience app) for details when you arrive.

Knowing who has the longest lines can help you strategize and make the most of your magical evening.

Jack Skellington as Sandy Claws is another *hot* ticket.

This unique character from "The Nightmare Before Christmas" dressed as Santa is a big draw, especially for fans looking for something a little different. The line can get long, but it's worth the wait for that one-of-a-kind photo op.





RIDES AND ATTRACTIONS

Of course, one of the BIG draws of Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party is that it's a limited-capacity event, meaning that lines for rides are generally short. **You'll be able to enjoy the following attractions:**

Adventureland

- Jingle Cruise – **Jungle Cruise with a holiday twist**
- The Magic Carpets of Aladdin
- Pirates of the Caribbean

Frontierland

- Big Thunder Mountain Railroad

Liberty Square

- Haunted Mansion

Storybook Circus

- Dumbo the Flying Elephant
- The Barnstormer

Fantasyland

- Prince Charming Regal Carrousel
- "it's a small world"
- Peter Pan's Flight
- The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh
- Seven Dwarfs Mine Train
- Mad Tea Party (holiday song)
- Under the Sea – Journey of The Little Mermaid

Tomorrowland

- Astro Orbiter
- Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin
- Monsters, Inc. Laugh Floor (holiday twist)
- Tomorrowland Transit Authority PeopleMover
- TRON Lightcycle / Run presented by Enterprise

Watch the fireworks from Tomorrowland. Grab a seat at a table near Space Mountain, overlooking Tomorrowland Speedway. You'll be able to enjoy a snack, too!

FIREWORKS

Minnie's Wonderful Christmastime Fireworks will light up the sky, courtesy of your host, Minnie Mouse.

Accompanied by festive carols such as Deck the Halls and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

Shown nightly at 10:00PM.

FROZEN HOLIDAY SURPRISE

The Frozen Holiday Surprise show takes place nightly at the Castle Forecourt Stage.

The showtimes are at 6:15PM and 8:15PM.

HOLIDAY OVERLAYS

There will also be returning holiday overlays at certain attractions during the party!

You will be able to experience the infamous Jingle Cruise (Jungle Cruise), as well as the special Space Mountain overlay–Space Mountain–Holiday Run! Also, Tomorrowland Speedway, Monsters Inc. Laugh Floor, and Mad Tea Party typically receive a special holiday makeover for the party.

PHOTO OPS & MAGIC SHOTS

Don't forget to pose for some Magic Shots!



MVMCP ITINERARY

Yes, the park will stay open after the official 12AM closing to allow time for guests to exit the park. You'll be able to shop or snack at locations along Main Street. If shopping or snacking is not of interest, get in line for one last ride just before midnight. Then take your time strolling out of the park while soaking up the magical atmosphere.

Now that you've made plans for the Christmas Party, it's time to figure out a touring strategy. Whether you're interested in seeing all the characters, tasting the exclusive treats, or tackling the popular rides, we've got an itinerary for you!

And feel free to mix and match our suggested itineraries to customize a plan that's just right for your family.

Tip: Watch our video!





THE VERY MERRY BEST OF MVMCP

- 🎄 **Sleep in and keep it low-key**—this is not the morning for rope-drop heroics. Save your energy for the big night
- 🎄 If you're itching for Disney holiday fun, walk around your resort to spot Gingerbread and other Holiday Displays. If you're staying off property, pop into Disney Springs for some holiday magic 🍪
- 🎄 **Enjoy a leisurely brunch** or late breakfast at your resort and let everyone recharge before the party marathon ☕
- 🎟️ **Relax at your hotel** for a couple of hours—swim, nap, or just hide under a blanket of holiday TV. You'll want all your stamina for tonight
- 🎟️ **Book a late lunch or early dinner** at a Magic Kingdom resort restaurant so you're close to the action, like Whispering Canyon Cafe at Disney's Wilderness Lodge or Steakhouse 71 at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort 🍽️
- 🎟️ **Head to Magic Kingdom by 4PM** to snag your party wristband and slip into the park early
- 💃 At 6PM, day guests exit—the party officially begins. Make a **beeline for exclusive character meets** (Jack & Sally are fan faves) or squeeze in a Jingle Cruise run 🏝️
- 💃 From 7–8:30PM, **hit rides with holiday overlays** and short lines while everyone else is camped out for parades
- 💃 Slot in the big entertainment must-sees—**Mickey's Once Upon a Christmastime Parade, fireworks**, and any stage shows that sparkle on your list 🎆
- 💃 **Indulge in complimentary cookies and cocoa**, and splurge on at least one exclusive sweet or savory party treat 🍩
- 💃 Stop for **festive Magic Shots with PhotoPass photographers** and dance it out at a holiday dance party
- 💃 **Keep shopping till the last jingle**—Main Street is perfect for a 12:30–1AM merch run once crowds thin out 🛍️

🎄 Morning 🎟️ Afternoon 💃 Evening



MVMCP FAQS

Whether it's your first time at Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party or your 50th, you probably have questions about how the party works, what's different or new this year, what things you should definitely not miss, what crowds are like at the party, and so on. We've gathered up a list of your questions, and we have all the answers!

IS THE PARTY WORTH THE PRICE TAG?

Note that you do NOT need separate Magic Kingdom tickets or a Park Pass for this event. As an extra reminder, your ticket to the party will give you access to the park starting at 4PM, and then the party at 7PM. So it could take the place of a "regular" park ticket if you want to justify the cost that way. But you will not have as many hours in the park as a regular park ticket would give you. However, you may get on more rides than during a normal day since crowds will likely be lower during the party.

Is the party **worth the price tag**? Overall, Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party is not a cheap experience, and it's really up to you to decide whether it's worth it. If you're looking for lower ride wait times and smaller crowds (along with exclusive entertainment) and you can swing the cost in your budget, it might be a worthy investment.





DO I HAVE TO LEAVE AND RE-ENTER THE PARK?

If you choose to buy a park ticket for Magic Kingdom on the day you're going to Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party, you will not have to leave Magic Kingdom and re-enter once the party begins. You can stay inside the park and hop right into the celebrations once they begin!

Remember to get your wristband from one of the designated wristband stations so that Cast Members know you're staying for the party. There are a few different stations throughout the park.

WHAT TIME DOES MAGIC KINGDOM CLOSE ?

Magic Kingdom closes for day guests at 6PM on days when there's a Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party.

If you have a park ticket for Magic Kingdom but do NOT have a Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party ticket, you will have to exit the park by 6PM. Disney hands out wristbands to partygoers so that Cast Members know who is staying for the party.

WHAT ABOUT CROWDS?

From our experience at different Mickey's Very Merry Christmas parties, Magic Kingdom feels much less crowded during most of the party. There are pretty big crowds at the entrance to get inside around 4PM, and you'll be surrounded by a lot of people during the fireworks and parade as well. See **sold out crowds here**.

But many of the rides may have wait times of 20 minutes or less, and you won't have to wait in any long lines for complimentary treats.



IS LIGHTNING LANE AVAILABLE DURING THE PARTY?

No, Lightning Lane Multi Pass has not been available during parties. However, from our experience, ride wait times are usually very low. Most rides didn't have wait times over about 25 minutes, and many popular rides were walk-ons while we were there.

WHAT ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER?

While winter in Florida is not the rainy season, we have seen days of rain in December as well as torrential downpours.

If you're at Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party and some of the entertainment is canceled due to weather, Disney might offer you a "rain check." Head to a Guest Relations desk and ask about this possibility–they may be able to give you a new party ticket for another night as compensation. Often, these compensations are offered on a case-by-case basis, and they will not always be offered at all. But it never hurts to (politely) ask!

If a party night is canceled, learn how to get a refund.

But one thing you may not be thinking about is cold weather. And yes, there are hot cocoa days in Walt Disney World.

December weather can be variable. Our BIGGEST tip for the cooler seasons in Disney World is to bring LAYERS. Seriously, you can be overheating at 3PM and shivering at 6PM.

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EPCOT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF THE HOLIDAYS



FESTIVAL OF THE HOLIDAYS

EPCOT's International Festival of the Holidays is a global celebration of the Season!

The 2026 Festival of the Holidays runs from Nov 27th - Dec 30th. Plus, EPCOT will be open until 9:30PM each night!

During the Festival, guests can enjoy enhanced offerings around EPCOT'S World Showcase (and beyond) and experience holiday traditions from various cultures as expressed through decorations, stories, music, cuisine, and additional special events.

For many years, EPCOT's celebration of the season was known as Holidays Around the World. The offerings were expanded in 2016 with the addition of Holiday Kitchens.

In addition to the Storytellers (and atmosphere artists), EPCOT is also known for having unique holiday specialties (Gluhwein!) in the World Showcase.

Some restaurants (Biergarten, for example) add seasonal items to their menus.

You can meet Santa at CommuniCore Hall daily from November 27-December 24.



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insider TIPS

NEW for this year!! After you're done enjoying Festival of the Holidays, make sure to ride Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind! From November 25th, 2026 through January 6th, 2027 there will ONLY be holiday tunes! You'll be able to hear: It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year, Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24, and Christmas Wrapping.

GETTING TO/ FROM THE EPCOT EVENTS

If you're staying at a hotel on Walt Disney World property, you can get to EPCOT by taking a Disney Transport bus from your resort to the theme park directly. You may also have options to walk or take a boat or the Monorail from your resort to get to EPCOT depending on where you stay. Let's explore **all of the Disney transportation options** for getting to EPCOT.

If you're staying at an EPCOT-area resort (including Disney's BoardWalk Inn or Yacht and Beach Club Resorts or Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resorts), you can simply walk or take a Friendship Boat to EPCOT! Friendship Boats are also available to take guests from Disney's Hollywood Studios to EPCOT.

You can also walk to EPCOT from Disney's Hollywood Studios. The walkway along the picturesque Crescent Lake can be found past the Hollywood Studios bus stop. You may also get to EPCOT from Hollywood Studios by way of the **Disney Skyliner**, including a transfer at Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort.

You can also travel to EPCOT via the **Disney Skyliner** from Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort, Disney's Pop Century Resort, Disney's Art of Animation Resort, and Disney's Riviera Resort. Caribbean Beach Resort is the hub for Skyliner, so you'll have to change lines there unless you're at Riviera Resort, which has a direct line to EPCOT.

You can reach EPCOT's parking lot via personal car, taxi, **rideshare service**, or **Minnie Van**.



Don’t overlook the holiday overlay, Glimmering Greenhouses, at Living with the Land.

ARRIVAL

No special tickets are needed to enjoy the EPCOT International Festival of the Holidays.

Don’t forget that guests walking from WDW Swan & Dolphin, Disney’s BoardWalk Inn, Disney’s Yacht and Beach Club Resorts, as well as those arriving via Disney Skyliner can enter via EPCOT’s International Gateway.

If you are headed to World Showcase, this entrance will save you some steps!

As you enter the park, don’t forget to grab your **Festival Passport**! These booklets are free and also make a fun souvenir.





HOLIDAY KITCHENS

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The EPCOT Festival of the Holidays runs Nov 27–Dec 30, 2026, spotlighting holiday traditions from around the world with food as a centerpiece. Holiday Kitchens and CommuniCore Hall open daily at 11 a.m., featuring global eats and seasonal entertainment. Use the following pages to plan your day, check out DFB's top picks, and don't miss the Cookie Stroll.

editor's NOTE

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BEST OF THE FEST

Items noted with this star symbol were DFB's picks for the **Best of the Fest** eats and drinks at the 2025 EPCOT Festival of the Holidays.

Items noted with this star symbol were DFB's picks for our top recommendations at last year's festival.

Finally, watch our **Best of the Fest video** for last year's Festival on YouTube!

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHT

Items noted with this cheese symbol are included on the Festival's Cookie Stroll.

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GLUTEN/ WHEAT-FRIENDLY

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NON-ALCOHOLIC

DISNEY DINING PLAN

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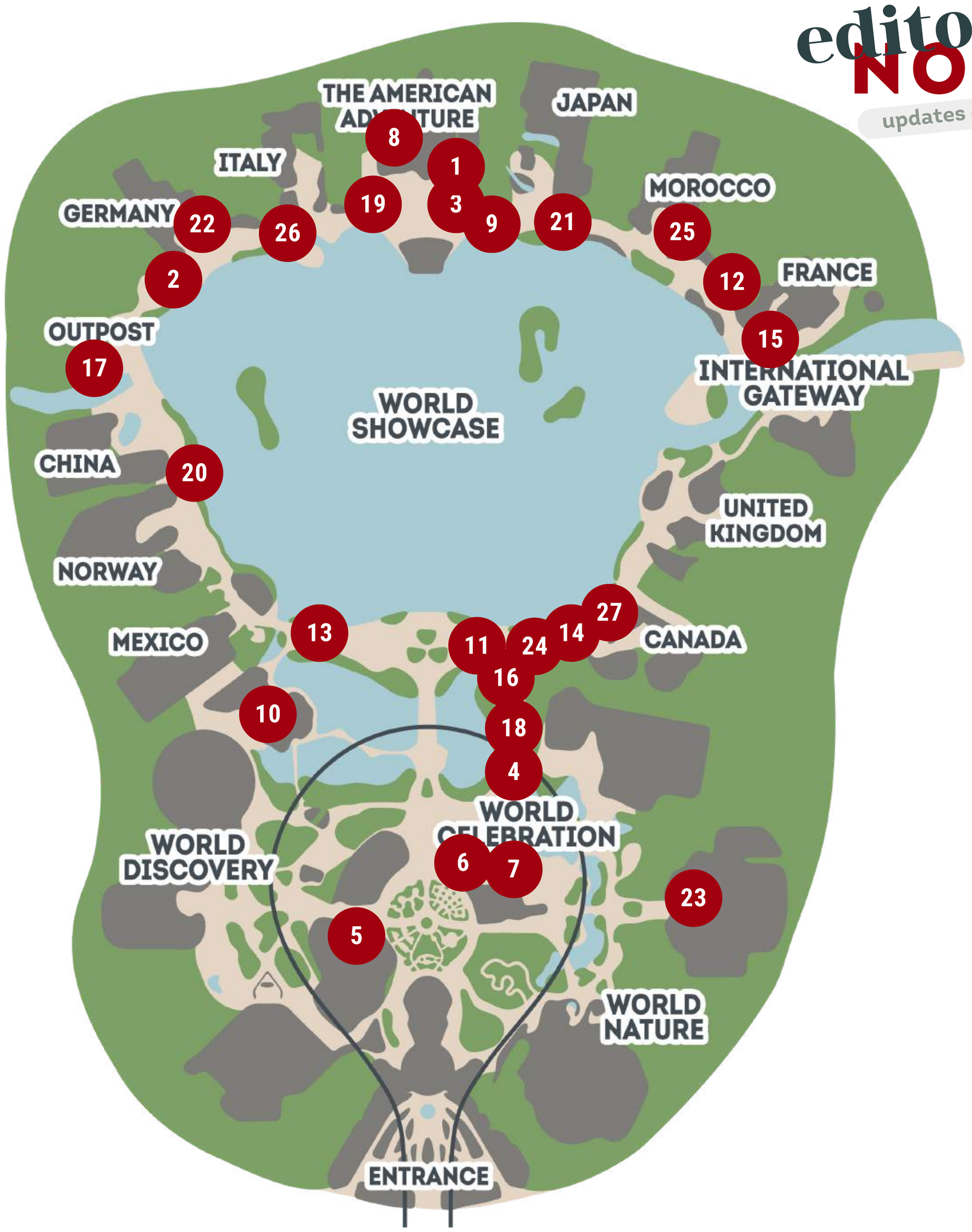
PLANT BASED

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HOLIDAY KITCHENS MAP

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1. American Holiday Table
2. Bavaria
3. Block & Hans
4. Chestnuts & Good Cheer
5. Connections Eatery & Café
6. Experimental Prototype Cookies of Tomorrow
7. Favorites of Festivals Past
8. Fife and Drum
9. Funnel Cakes
10. Holiday Hearth Desserts
11. Holiday Sweets & Treats
12. L'Chaim!
13. Las Posadas
14. La Poutinerie
15. Le Marché de Noël
16. Mele Kalikimaka
17. Nochebuena Cocina
18. Refreshment Outpost
19. Regal Eagle Smokehouse
20. Shanghai
21. Shi Wasu
22. Sommerfest
23. Sunshine Seasons
24. Swirled Showcase
25. Tangierine Café
26. Tuscany
27. Yukon



AMERICAN HOLIDAY TABLE ↗

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Slow-roasted Turkey

$TBD

with stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, and cranberry sauce



Blackened Catfish

$TBD

with Hoppin' John and comeback sauce



Chocolate Cookie

$TBD

featuring SNICKERS bar pieces and salted caramel

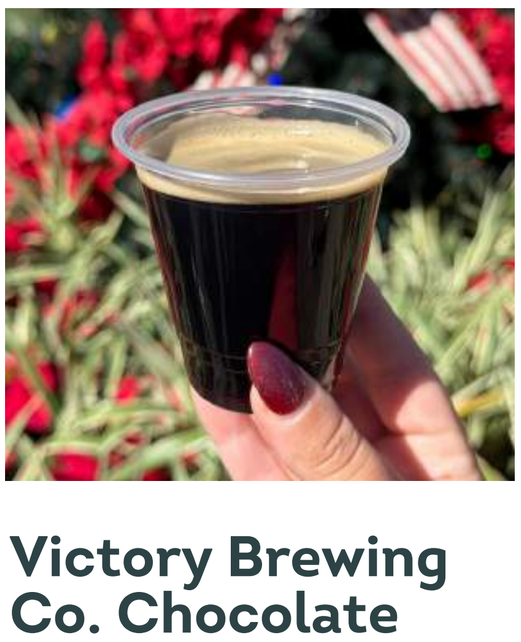


Beer Flight

$TBD

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Victory Brewing Co. Chocolate Cherry Stout

$TBD/$TBD

6/12 oz



3 Daughters Brewing Eggnog White Porter

$TBD/$TBD

6/12 oz



Crooked Can Brewing Company Bah HOPbug IPA

$TBD/$TBD

6/12 oz

Regional White Wine

$TBD

Regional Red Wine

$TBD



BAVARIA HOLIDAY KITCHEN ↗

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Pork Schnitzel
$TBD
with mushroom sauce, Spätzle, and braised red cabbage



Cheese Fondue
$TBD
in a Bread Bowl with steamed baby vegetables and marble potatoes



Hazelnut Linzer Cookie
$TBD



Beer Flight
$TBD



Possmann Pure Hard Apple Cider
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz



Weihenstephaner Kristallweissbier
$TBD0/$TBD
6/12 oz



von Trapp Brewing Trösten Smoked Dark Lager
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz



Glühwein: House-made Hot Spiced Wine
$TBD

Regional Riesling
$TBD



CHESTNUTS AND GOOD CHEER ↗

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Cinnamon-glazed Almonds
$TBD



Cinnamon-glazed Cashews
$TBD



Cinnamon-glazed Pecans
$TBD



Fire-roasted Chestnuts
$TBD



Eggnog
$TBD

$TBD

With choice of cordial: Fireball Cinnamon Whisky, Mozart Chocolate Liqueur, or Skrewball Peanut Butter Whiskey



Southern Tier Brewing Co. Chestnut Praline Imperial Ale
$TBD/$TBD

6/12 oz



CONNECTIONS CAFE & EATERY ↗

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Holiday Sugar Cookie
$TBD



Figment Holiday Sweater Liege Waffle
$TBD

Chocolate-coated gingerbread waffle with a flurry of blizzard themed sprinkles and white chocolate garnish



Spiced Caramel Apple
$TBD

Minute Maid Cranberry Juice, apple cider, and caramel syrup garnished with a cinnamon stick.

$TBD

Spirted version available with Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey



EXPERIMENTAL PROTOTYPE COOKIES OF TOMORROW ↗

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Prototype Cookie
$TBD
Sugar cookie with orange-cranberry icing and dark chocolate



Gingerbread Milk Shake
$TBD

Boozy version with whipped cream vodka
$TBD



Ginger-Molasses Cookie
$TBD



Salted Caramel Spaceship Earth Cookie
$TBD



Hot Cocoa by Joffrey's Coffee
$TBD



Crooked Can Brewing Company Gingerbread Bock
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz



Gulf Stream Brewing Baking Spirits Bright Gingerbread Red Ale
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz



Ivanhoe Park Brewing Co. Frosted Gingerbread White Stout
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz

$TBD
Boozy version with whipped cream vodka



Beer Flight
$TBD

Seasonal Wine
$TBD

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FAVORITES OF FESTIVALS PAST ↗

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Reuben Croquettes

$TBD

with pastrami, sauerkraut and Swiss cheese with thousand island dipping sauce



Brown Sugar and Mustard-glazed Ham Sliders

$TBD

with cranberry and apple coleslaw on a Hawaiian roll



Panettone Holiday Trifle

$TBD

with eggnog custard and cranberry cherry compote



Beer Flight

$TBD

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Cigar City Brewing Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Brown Ale

$TBD/$TBD

6/12 oz



Southern Tier Brewing Co. Tiramisu Imperial Stout

$TBD/$TBD

6/12 oz



Keel Farms Pecan Pie Hard Cider

$TBD/$TBD

6/12 oz

Seasonal White and Red Wine

$TBD

Katherine Goldschmidt Cabernet Sauvignon

$TBD

Martin Ray Chardonnay

$TBD



FIFE AND DRUM ↗

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Apple Pie Sundae
$TBD
Apple pie filling with vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce topped with streusel



FUNNEL CAKES ↗

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Red Velvet Cookie Funnel Cake

$TBD

topped with powdered sugar, vanilla ice cream, cream cheese whipped cream, red velvet cookie pieces, mini chocolate chips, and chocolate syrup



HOLIDAY HEARTH DESSERTS ↗

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Cranberry-Oatmeal Cookie
$TBD



Red Velvet Cake Pop
$TBD
with festive sprinkles



Reindeer Chow
$TBD
featuring M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies Holiday Blend



Chocolate-covered Toffee Brittle
$TBD



Apple Caramel Crumb Cake
$TBD



Cocoa Peppermint Warmer
$TBD
Hot cocoa by Joffrey's Coffee with Peppermint Schnapps



Frozen Caramel Hot Chocolate
$TBD
Featuring TWIX cookie bar pieces and whipped cream



Beer and Hard Cider Flights
$TBD

$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz

- **BRLO Winter Hard Cider**
- **Keel Farms Yukon Maple Bourbon Hard Cider**
- **3 Daughters Brewing Peppermint Hard Cider**
- **Brewery Ommegang Gilded Noel White Chocolate Imperial Blonde Stout**
- **Ivanhoe Park Brewing Co. Cranberry Vanilla Wheat Ale**

Wicked Weed Brewing Jack Frost IPA
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz

Hot Cocoa
$TBD



HOLIDAY SWEETS & TREATS ↗

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Peppermint Sundae

$TBD

Chocolate ice cream, whipped cream, and peppermint candy



Hot Cocoa

$TBD

$TBD-$TBD

with assorted alcoholic liqueur (Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur, Buffalo Trace Bourbon Cream Liqueur, or Skrewball Peanut Butter Whiskey)



Chocolate Peppermint Shake

$TBD

featuring Twinings Peppermint Cheer Tea

$TBD

Boozy version with whipped cream vodka



Festive Flight

$TBD

Christmas Sugar Cookie Hot Cocoa topped with whipped cream and sprinkles; **Gingerbread Hot Cocoa** topped with whipped cream and a gingerbread garnish; **Cookie Butter Hot Cocoa** topped with whipped cream and speculoos spice

Carib Brewery Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree IPA

$TBD

Stevens Point Brewery Whole Hog Hazelnut Brownie Porter

$TBD

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Holiday Cookie Latte

$TBD

Espresso, caramel sauce, almond syrup, and choice of milk topped with whipped cream and merry sugar sprinkles

$TBD

Spirited version available with Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur



Yuletide Log Mocha

$TBD

A warm and toasty latte with dark chocolate sauce and toasted marshmallow syrup, topped with whipped cream, chocolate and graham cracker crumbs. ***AP Exclusive.***



L'CHAIM! HOLIDAY KITCHEN ↗

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Pastrami on Rye
$TBD
with house-made pickles and deli mustard



Smoked Salmon Potato Latke
$TBD



Potato Latkes
$TBD



Rugelach
$TBD
Pastry filled with raspberry jam, walnuts, and cinnamon



Mickey-shaped Almond Black & White Cookie
$TBD



Frozen New York Whiskey Sour
$TBD
featuring Manifest Whiskey and Manischewitz Blackberry Wine



Brooklyn Brewery Black Chocolate Stout
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz



LAS POSADAS ↗

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Tostada de Carne
$TBD
Braised beef tips slowly cooked Mexican-style atop a fried corn tortilla with black beans, crispy onions, and queso fresco



Tamal de Pollo con Mole
$TBD
Shredded chicken and mole in corn masa topped with mole negro, queso fresco, crema Mexicana, slivered almonds, and sesame seeds



Dulce de Leche Churro
$TBD
sprinkled with cinnamon-sugar



Horchata Margarita
$TBD
Cinnamon-infused Ilegal Mezcal, Abasolo Corn Whiskey, agua de horchata, and cinnamon horchata rum



Chai-mazing Margarita
$TBD
Chai-infused Dulce Vida Tequila Blanco, apple-ginger juice, and chai liqueur



Holiday Cerveza
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz
Mexican Artisanal Craft Lager with black currant liqueur



LA POUTINERIE ↗

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Turkey Poutine
$TBD
Sweet Potato Fries with turkey gravy, cranberry relish, and crispy onions



Keel Farms Cinnamon Sugar Donut Hard Cider
$TBD

Pasek Cellars Cranberry Wine
$TBD



2025 RUNNER-UP

LE MARCHE DE NOËL ↗

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Crème De Saumon Fumé en Brioche aux Grains de Sesames, Concombre Et Radis

$TBD

Smoked salmon spread on a sesame brioche roll with cucumber and radishes



Dinde Rôtie, Sauce et Garniture, servi avec Patates Douces

$TBD

Roasted turkey with mushrooms, pearl onions, bacon, turkey gravy, and roasted sweet potatoes



Macaron de Noël aux Épices

$TBD

Large gingerbread macaron with spiced filling

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Frozen Hot Chocolate Martini

$TBD

Grey Goose La Vanille Vodka, vodka, chocolate milk, and whipped cream



Vin Chaud French Mulled Wine

$TBD

flavored with orange and cinnamon spices. Served warm

Pierre Sparr Crémant d'Alsace Brut Rosé

$TBD



MELE KALIKIMAKA ↗

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Kālua Pork
$TBD
with Okinawa sweet potatoes and mango salad



Coffee-Mocha Cookie
$TBD
topped with coffee-infused buttercream, cocoa nibs, and chocolate-covered espresso beans



Lomi Lomi Salmon
$TBD
with tomatoes, onions, salmon roe, yuzu-mayonnaise, and yuca chips



Melon Breeze
$TBD
DOLE Pineapple Juice, lime juice, melon liqueur, and Sailor Jerry Spiced Rum



Florida Orange Groves Winery Pineapple Sparkling Wine
$TBD



Maui Brewing Co. Mango Stickee Rice IPA
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz



NOCHEBUENA COCINA ↗

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Chorizo Tamal

$TBD

with cotija and spicy red chile sauce



Pan de Jamón

$TBD

Traditional Latin Christmas bread, rolled ham, raisins, and green olives



Cinnamon-spiced Chocolate Crinkle Cookie

$TBD



Ponche Navideño

$TBD

Christmas punch with apple, pears, guava, oranges, dried hibiscus, brown sugar, tamarind, cinnamon sticks, and cloves served warm

Left Hand Brewing Co. Mexican Hot Chocolate Milk Stout

$TBD/$TBD

6/12 oz

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REFRESHMENT OUTPOST ↗

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Spiced Shrimp Stew
$TBD
with Jollof Rice



DOLE Whip Raspberry
$TBD



Boyd & Blair Chai Tea Mule
$TBD



Ivanhoe Park Brewing Co. Florida Ginger Snap Lager
$TBD



Crooked Can Brewing Company Chocolate Mint Cookie Stout
$TBD

Ciderboys Caramel Apple Hard Cider
$TBD



REGAL EAGLE SMOKEHOUSE ↗

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Frozen Gingerbread Eggnog
$TBD
with gingerbread syrup topped with nutmeg

$TBD
Spirited version available with Thomas Tew Single Barrel Rum



SHANGHAI HOLIDAY KITCHEN ↗

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BBQ Char Siu Pork Fried Rice
$TBD
Chinese La Chang sausage, egg, yellow onion, green onion, and sesame



Beef and Noodle Soup Bowl
$TBD
with slow-braised beef shank, green onion, and house-made chili oil



Vegetable Spring Rolls
$TBD
with citrus sauce



Butterfly Lantern
$TBD
with butterfly pea blossom gin, vodka, prickly pear, lychee, soda water, and boba



Peach of Longevity
$TBD
Peach Schnapps, citrus vodka, piña colada mix, and orange juice



Tiger Milk Tea
$TBD
Assam black tea, whole milk, brown sugar syrup, and tapioca boba

Lychee Martini
$TBD
Vodka, lychee syrup, and vermouth

Brew Hub Year of the Dragon
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz



SHI WASU HOLIDAY KITCHEN ↗

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Sushi Tree Roll
$TBD
Christmas tree-shaped sushi roll with krab meat and cream cheese with ikura salmon roe, spicy mayo



Toshikoshi Soba
$TBD
Buckwheat soba noodle in hot dashi (fish-based) soup with shrimp tempura, chopped green onion



Strawberry Bun
$TBD
Soft pink dessert bao containing sweet strawberry cream filling finished with a light coconut sauce



Yuzu Refresher
$TBD
Yuzu and passion fruit drink with Minute Maid Premium Lemonade and popping green apple boba pearls



Japanese Punch
$TBD
Shōchū, Plum wine, cranberry, and lemon

Chocolate Nigori
$TBD
Creamy texture of Nigori Sake and rich sweetness and gentle bitterness from chocolate

Sapporo Premium Black Beer
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz



SOMMERFEST ↗

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Warm Apfel Cider
$TBD
with Jägermeister liqueur garnished with an orange wedge. Served warm



SUNSHINE SEASONS ↗

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Peanut Butter Cookie

$TBD

made with Red & Green M&M'S Milk Chocolate Minis



Cookie Milk Shake

$TBD

Spiced gelato with whipped cream, a cookie wreath, Mickey-shaped holly, and sprinkles



Check out how precious this detail is!

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SWIRLED SHOWCASE ↗

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Liquid Nitrogen Chocolate-Peppermint Mousse

$TBD

featuring M&M'S Holiday Mint Chocolate Candies



Floats: Barq's Red Crème Soda or Barq's Root Beer

$TBD

with Vanilla Soft-serve



Soft-serve in a Waffle Cone

$TBD

Vanilla, Apple-Cinnamon, and Dark Chocolate



Yuletide Float

$TBD

Fireball Cinnamon Whisky and Barq's Red Crème Soda with apple cinnamon soft-serve



Coffee Float

$TBD

Dark chocolate soft-serve with iced coffee and choice of Mozart Liqueur



TANGIERINE CAFÉ ↗

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Moroccan Wrap

$TBD

with tomato-cucumber relish and garlic sauce served on warm Moroccan flatbread. **Choice of** Chermoula Chicken (pictured above), Moroccan-spiced Lamb, or Falafel



Stone-baked Moroccan Bread

$TBD

With assorted dips



Sparkling Holiday Fig Cocktail

$TBD

Sparkling Wine, Kleiner Feigling liqueur, and white cranberry juice



Hard Cider Flight

$TBD



3 Daughters Brewing Golden Fig Hard Cider

$TBD/$TBD

6/12 oz



Keel Farms Frostbite Blueberry Ginger Hard Cider

$TBD/$TBD

6/12 oz



Gulf Stream Brewing Holiday Snakebite

$TBD/$TBD

6/12 oz



TUSCANY HOLIDAY KITCHEN ↗

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Montanara
$TBD
Fried house-made pizza dough with pomodoro sauce, parmesan, and fresh basil



Salsiccia e Peperoni
$TBD
Sweet sausage, roasted peppers, and focaccia



Pizza e Cioccolato
$TBD
Fried house-made pizza dough with sugar, cinnamon, and chocolate



Italian-inspired Blood Orange Margarita
$TBD
Tequila, triple sec, and blood orange liqueur



Peroni Pilsner
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz



Tiramisu Stout
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz

Prosecco
$TBD

Moscato
$TBD

Chianti
$TBD

Italian Red Sangria
$TBD

Italian Mineral Water
$TBD



YUKON HOLIDAY KITCHEN ↗

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Seared Salmon
$TBD
with butternut squash purée, maple-bourbon glaze, and fennel-arugula salad



Beef Bourguignon
$TBD
with crushed potatoes



Maple Leaf Shortbread Cookie
$TBD
With maple buttercream



Regional Ice Wine
$TBD



Beer Flight
$TBD



Frozen Joffrey's Coffee
$TBD

$TBD
Spirted version available with Tap 357 Maple Rye Whisky

Collective Arts Brewing Brown Sugar Coffee Porter
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz

Playalinda Brewing Co. Maple Cookie Blonde Ale
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz

81Bay Brewing Co. Peanut Butter Banana Porter
$TBD/$TBD
6/12 oz

Regional Red Wine
$TBD

BEST OF THE FEST CRAWL



We've eaten our way through the festival—cookies, snacks, sips, and everything in between—so yo… have to guess what's w… time (or your budg… can't-miss pi… Festival…

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…E EAGLE …OKEHOUSE

- Frozen Gingerbread Eggnog

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…NTAL …OTYPE COOKIES …TOMORROW

- Salted Caramel Spaceship Earth Cookie

TANGERINE CAFE – FLAVORS OF THE MEDINA

- Sparkling Holiday Fig Cocktail

FAVORITES OF FESTIVALS PAST

- Reuben Croquettes

HOLIDAY COOKIE STROLL

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BEST OF THE FEST CRAWL MAP



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5. Reuben Croquettes
Favorites of Festivals Past

6. Red Velvet Cookie Funnel Cake
Funnel Cakes

7. Macaron de Noël aux Épices
Le Marche De Noël

8. Frozen Gingerbread Eggnog
Regal Eagle Smokehouse

9. Sparkling Holiday Fig Cocktail
Tangerine Cafe – Flavors of the Medina

✨ **Holiday Cookie Stroll**
Various Holiday Kitchens

FESTIVAL COOKIE STROLL

HOLIDAY COOKIE STROLL

Cookie fans are gonna love this! The **Holiday Cookie Stroll** has become a favorite Festival tradition! To complete the cookie stroll, you'll need to **buy 5 cookies** from ANY of the cookie stroll locations featured in the Festival Passport.

When you buy a qualifying cookie, make sure to get the matching stamp in your passport to show you've made the purchase.

Once you complete the Cookie Stroll, stop by Holiday Sweets and Treats to **receive a Specialty Prize** when you present your fully stamped Festival Passport! Last year's prize was a baking spoon, a container of mini M&Ms, and a recipe to make!

We love this tasty tradition–who doesn't want to stroll for cookies?! Fun Fact: In 2022, chefs baked 250,000 cookies over five weeks.

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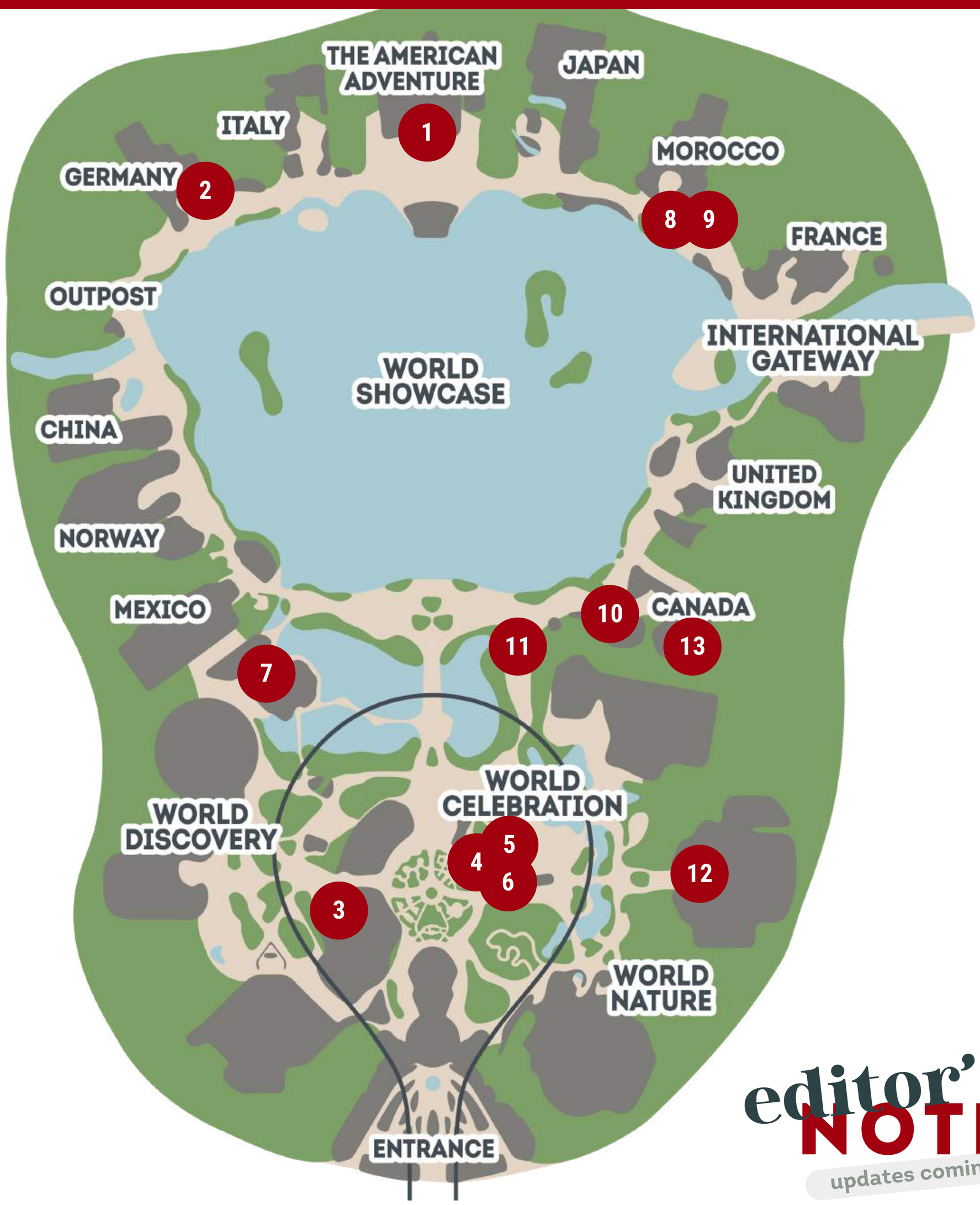




THE 2025 COOKIES WERE:

- Chocolate Cookie featuring SNICKERS bar pieces and salted caramel
- Prototype Cookie a sugar cookie with orange-cranberry icing and dark chocolate
- Ginger-Molasses Cookie with cream cheese icing
- Salted Caramel Spaceship Earth Cookie
- Holiday Sugar Cookie
- Cranberry-Oatmeal Cookie (Plant-based)
- Hazelnut Linzer Cookie with raspberry jam
- Mickey-shaped Almond Black and White Cookie
- Rugelach a pastry with raspberry jam, walnuts, and cinnamon
- Maple Leaf Shortbread Cookie with maple buttercream
- Coffee-Mocha Cookie topped with coffee-infused buttercream, cocoa nibs, and chocoalte-covered espresso beans
- Cinnamon-spiced Chocolate Crinkle Cookie
- Peanut Butter Cookie featuring M&M'S Minis Milk Chocolate Candies Holiday Blend

FESTIVAL COOKIE STROLL MAP



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1. **Chocolate Cookie**
   American Holiday Table
2. **Hazelnut Linzer Cookie**
   Bavaria Holiday Kitchen
3. **Holiday Sugar Cookie**
   Connections Café
4. **Prototype Cookie**
   Experimental Prototype Cookies of Tomorrow
5. **Ginger-Molasses Cookie**
   Experimental Prototype Cookies of Tomorrow
6. **Salted Caramel Spaceship Earth Cookie**
   Experimental Prototype Cookies of Tomorrow
7. **Cranberry-Oatmeal Cookie**
   Holiday Hearth Desserts
8. **Rugelach**
   L'Chaim! Holiday Kitchen
9. **Mickey-shaped Almond Black and White Cookie**
   L'Chaim! Holiday Kitchen
10. **Coffee-Mocha Cookie**
    Mele Kalikimaka Holiday Kitchen
11. **Cinnamon-spiced Chocolate Crinkle Cookie**
    Nochebuena Cocina
12. **Peanut Butter Cookie featuring M&M'S Minis**
    Sunshine Seasons
13. **Maple Leaf Shortbread Cookie**
    Yukon Holiday Kitchen



FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT







STORYTELLERS

This is one of the most highly anticipated parts of the season for many guests– especially kids!

Storytellers from around the globe share seasonal tales at the EPCOT World Showcase pavilions!

Take a moment, too, to read about various cultural traditions in the seasonal scrolls artfully presented near each Storyteller's performance area.

Discover the traditions that are integral parts of the season in the country they represent.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Festival of the Holidays offers guests a glimpse into how different cultures celebrate the holidays that take place during the Winter months.

Check the performance boards at each pavilion or the My Disney Experience app for specific performance times.

GINGERBREAD DISPLAY

We are hoping this display is returning again this year! Last year over at CommuniCore Hall, you'll could find the Spaceship Earth gingerbread display. It was SO magical; it even lit up!

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JAPAN

Hear the fascinating story of the Daruma doll and the Japanese customs of the New Year! These 15-minute performances are featured daily.



UNITED KINGDOM

Join Father Christmas as he rings in the season, sharing the traditions of the United Kingdom and good cheer. These 15-minute performances are featured daily.



FRANCE

What are little Babbette's Christmas wishes? Père Noël will fill you in! Rediscover the magic of Christmas through the letter of a delightful child. These 15-minute performances are featured daily.



ITALY

La Befana leaves treats for bambinos (children) after she comes down the chimney. Come hear the tale of La Befana, the kind-hearted witch who visits sleeping young children on the Eve of the Epiphany.



MOROCCO/FRANCE

Guests will discover an entertaining celebration of Hanukkah between Morocco and France, where a storyteller recounts traveling abroad to explore the diverse music and traditions of Hanukkah around the world.



CHINA

Fun to watch! The vibrant Chinese Lion Dancer brings good fortune and happiness to all visitors in honor of the Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival.



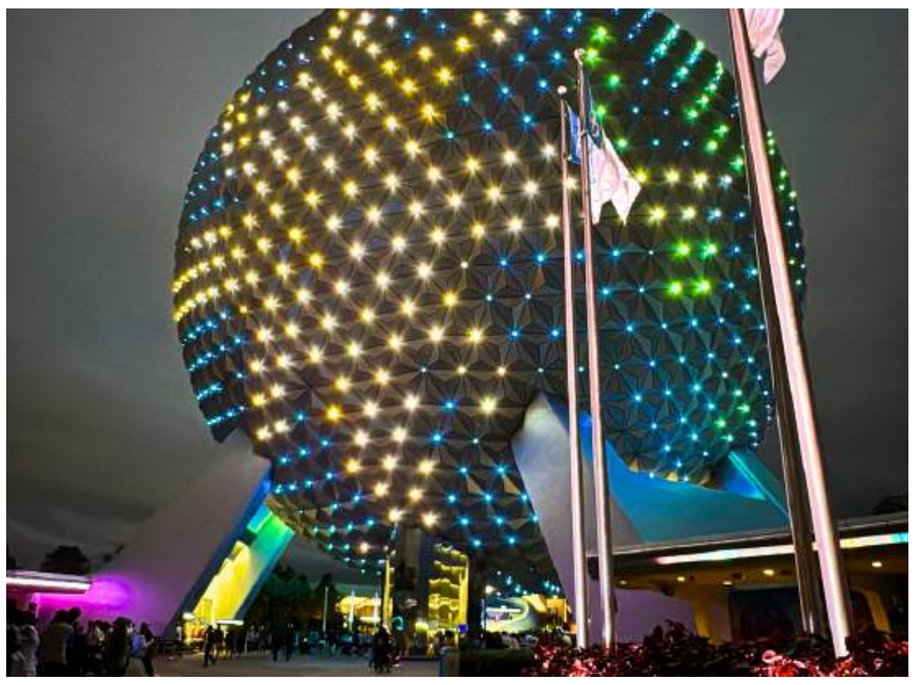
NORWAY

Celebrate the season with laughter as a mischievous Barn Santa visits Sigrid, an unsuspecting Christmas storyteller. These 15-minute performances are featured daily.



AMERICAN ADVENTURE

The “**Voices of Liberty**” choral group delights guests with Christmas carols throughout the holiday season, decked out in beautiful holiday costumes.



WORLD CELEBRATION

There's a **special show** for the Festival of the Holidays. Look for a cozy performance with some holiday classics

Shown several times nightly on Spaceship Earth!



CANADA

The **Canadian Holiday Voyageurs** will be up on stage in the Canada pavilion. Explore holiday customs from the various regions of Canada on a musical tour of the Great White North.



MEXICO

¡Feliz Navidad! Join the fun and pageantry of **Las Posadas** with dancers, piñatas, and the music of Mariachi Cobre.



COMMUNICORE PLAZA

Guests heading to the festival will also experience the joy of Christmas and Kwanzaa with the uplifting Gospel, R&B and holiday songs of the **JOYFUL!** ensemble in CommuniCore Plaza.

Showtimes in 2025 were: 2:00, 3:05, 4:05 and 5:10PM.

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SANTA CLAUS

Santa will **greet guests inside CommuniCore Hall** from Nov 27 – Dec 24, 2026. You can even sit in Santa's Sleigh!

2025 Times: 10AM, 11:30PM, 1PM, 2:30PM, and 4PM. We will update you with the 2026 times when they are announced.

What happens after Santa has to leave EPCOT for his midnight ride on Christmas Eve?

Well...Santa Goofy is also meeting throughout the Festival in The Odyssey Pavilion! That means both "real Santa" and Santa Goofy were in the park during the Festival.



Guests can confirm Santa Goofy's appearance times in My Disney Experience.

LUMINOUS: THE SYMPHONY OF US

Ready to check out the new nighttime spectacular?

Luminous, the Symphony of Us will return to light up EPCOT at night.

It features fireworks, fountains, lasers, lighting effects, and fabulous Disney music.

MEET FIGMENT

Are you ready for this? Last year you can MEET Figment in his holiday sweater! We're hoping he's wearing festive garb again this year!!







OLAF'S HOLIDAY TRADITION EXPEDITION

Olaf's Holiday Tradition Expedition is a **scavenger hunt** that debuted in 2020.

Olaf has gathered (and lost) holiday traditions around the world, and he is hiding in each World Showcase pavilion.

Kids (and adults!) can hunt for Olaf in each of the countries and learn about holiday traditions along the way.

To participate, you can head to Creations Shop or World Traveler in EPCOT to buy the map and stickers for $11.99 plus tax, and it is compatible with AP/DVC discounts.

You'll use the stickers to mark each holiday tradition as you find them in the World Showcase pavilions.

When you've finished, you can bring your map to Disney Traders, the Creations Shop, or World Traveler to redeem for a special prize.

Last year's prize was a choice of a plate with your favorite Frozen characters! You could choose from Sven and Kristoff, Olaf, and Elsa and Anna plates. *Note that prizes are subject to change, and popular options may run out.*

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FESTIVAL FRAGRANCES

Along the walkway between the Imagination! Pavilion and World Showcase, this seasonal display is returning for its third year.

Festive Fragrances by Scentsy is a fun diversion where you can stroll through a snow globe garden, inspired by Scentsy's seasonal aromas!



GLITTERING GROVE

After checking out the new gingerbread Spaceship Earth, you'll want to stroll through the Glittering Grove–new in 2024!

This enchanting forest by Balsam Hill features twinkling trees.

Don't leave CommuniCore Hall without seeing all of the seasonal decorations inspired by EPCOT's unique design.



SNOWFLAKE DECORATING

A new activity for kids debuts this year in CommuniCore Plaza.

Stop by to decorate a snowflake!

AN EXCLUSIVE SOUVENIR FOR ANNUAL PASSHOLDERS

Last year at Refreshment Station, you could find a Fanta blue raspberry slushy topped with assorted candies **served in an adorable Figment glass**! *This was only available to annual passholders.*



DINING PACKAGES

FIREWORKS & DINING

Three options for Dining Packages offer a meal at a participating restaurant in EPCOT with great viewing of the nighttime spectacular!

PACKAGE COMPONENTS

The Rose & Crown Fireworks Dining Package offers a prix-fixe meal, including an appetizer, an entrée, a dessert platter, and unlimited beverages. Guests will be seated on the outdoor patio.

The Spice Road Table Dining Package includes the guest's choice of two small plates, a dessert platter, and unlimited beverages. Guests will be seated on the covered outdoor dining room.

The Shiki-Sai Fireworks Dining Package includes an appetizer, traditional sashimi, a selection of sushi, and "an exclusive dessert and beverages available only with this package."

Check-in begins 45 minutes prior to the evening's showing of Luminous. (Typically, the show begins at 9:30PM, but is subject to change.) Each dining experience will last approximately 90 minutes and will conclude when the show ends.

RESTAURANTS

The cost for the Rose & Crown Dining Package starts at $92.00 for adults and $41.00 for children ages 3 to 9. The cost for the Spice Road Table Dining Package starts at $81.00 for adults and $31.00 for children ages 3 to 9. Price includes tax and gratuity. The Shiki-Sai Fireworks Dining package starts at $81.00 for adults and $31.00 for children ages 3 to 9.

You can see our full review of this experience–which we enjoyed at Rose & Crown–here!

This experience can be booked through the Disney website or by calling (407) 939-3463.



FESTIVAL MERCHANDISE

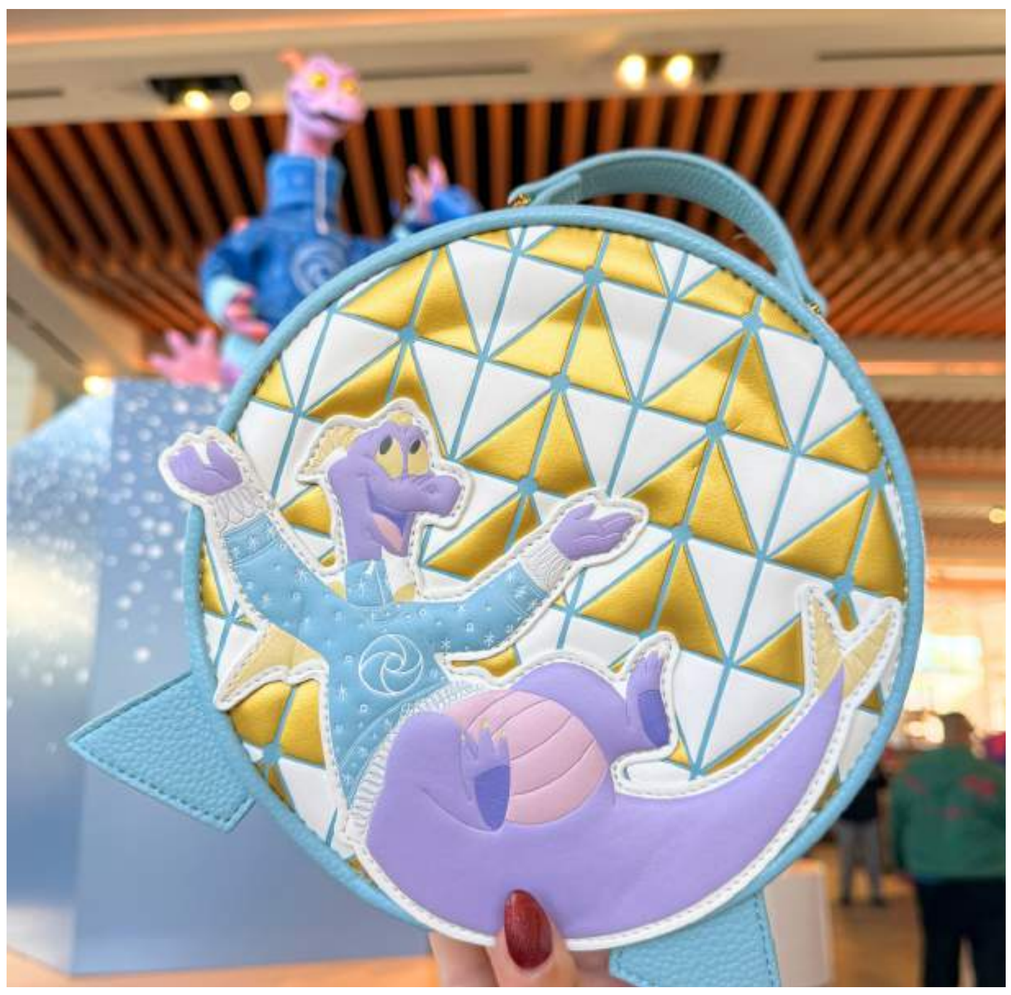
SHOPPING

You'll find festival merchandise at the Creations Shop, World Traveler gift shop (at International Gateway), CommuniCore Hall, and at kiosks around World Showcase.

There are always some gorgeous items. **Last year**, items included a spirit jersey, Loungefly bag, mug, blanket, plush figment, pins, and more.

Our Christmas dreams came true last year when we saw the **Figment-inspired sweater**! And there were possibly the **best Minnie ears we've seen in YEARS!**

We can't wait to see what **merchandise arrives this year**!







FESTIVAL OF THE HOLIDAYS ITINERARY

EAT, STROLL & CELEBRATE

- 🎄 Grab a festival map on your way in and **head toward Mexico in World Showcase** (opens at 11 AM). Your holiday world tour starts here! 🗺️
- 🎄 Begin your eat-around-the-world adventure at the **Holiday Kitchens**, sampling must-eat dishes and drinks from each country as you go 🍴
- 🎄 Watch for surprise character sightings and **catch Jolly Old St. Nicholas in CommuniCore Hall** 🎅
- 🎄 Midway around, stop at The American Adventure to hear **Voices of Liberty** present their stirring Voices of the Season performance 🎶
- 🎄 Lunch is basically built in as you keep **snacking your way from Mexico to Italy** and beyond
- ✨ Pause at the **miniature train village in Germany**–holiday cargo included 🚂
- ✨ **Meet storytellers and characters** sharing holiday traditions in each country
- ✨ Swing by Canada to **enjoy a live band** on the Mill Stage 🎸
- ✨ Don't miss **JOYFUL! A Celebration of the Season at CommuniCore Plaza** for high-energy gospel, R&B, and holiday classics ✨
- 🎆 Keep tasting your way through Holiday Kitchens or pivot to headliner rides like **Soarin' Around the World and Frozen Ever After**
- 🎆 Cap your night with **Luminous: The Symphony of Us**, EPCOT's dazzling fireworks and fountain spectacular 🎆

🎄 Morning ✨ Afternoon 🎆 Evening

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CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL



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An inspirational retelling of the Christmas story takes place at the **Candlelight Processional** in EPCOT.

A full 54-piece orchestra joins a choir of Disney Cast Members (or guest choirs) to sing beautifully arranged Christmas carols at the massive America Gardens Theater in EPCOT. A **celebrity narrator** reads excerpts from the Christmas story between songs.

This event is absolutely free for EPCOT guests (though park admission is required). However, it is a very popular happening, and guests line up outside the theater for entry hours in advance for every show. Seating is not guaranteed. Only a Candlelight Processional Dining Package can guarantee you a spot.

Showtimes this year are slightly different; you can catch a performance at 4:45PM, 6:30PM, and 8:00PM.

NARRATORS

Each year, Disney fans are excited to find out who the Candlelight Processional narrators will be!

Note: Narrators are subject to change. 2026 Narrators are:

- **Nov 27-28**: Jordan Fisher
- **Nov 29- Dec 01**: Gary Sinise
- NEW! **Dec 02-03**: Benjamin Bratt
- **Dec 04-05**: Whoopi Goldberg
- **Dec 06-07**: Robin Roberts
- NEW! **Dec 08-09**: Jason Kelce
- **Dec 10-12**: Neil Patrick Harris
- NEW! **Dec 13-14**: Josh Groban
- **Dec 15-16**: Lauren Daigle
- **Dec 17-19**: Ralph Macchio
- **Dec 20-21:** Harry Winkler
- NEW! **Dec 22-23**: Lacey Chabert
- **Dec 24-25**: Jodi Benson
- **Dec 26-27**: Simu Liu
- **Dec 28-30**:Eva Longoria

Joy to the (Disney) World!

DINING PACKAGES

Because seating for the Candlelight Processional is scarce and first-come, first-served, many guests choose to guarantee their seat by purchasing a Candlelight Processional Dining Package. This coveted ticket provides guests with a breakfast, lunch, or dinner meal at a participating EPCOT restaurant and guaranteed seating to the popular Candlelight Processional holiday spectacular held at 4:45PM, 6:30PM and 8PM. (Reserved fireworks viewing is not included.)

RESERVATIONS

Advance Dining Reservations may be made 60 days out starting at 6AM as of October 14, 2026, and interested guests may **book online**, through the **My Disney Experience app**, or by calling (407) WDW-DINE. (Please note, however, that WDW-DINE phone line does not open until 7AM, so booking online or via the My Disney Experience app is recommended for the quickest results and best availability.)

Each reservation requires a "credit card guarantee," which means that a credit card number is required for booking. Your card won't be charged at booking, but it will be held and charged a fee of $10 per guest on the reservation if you don't show up for the meal or **cancel up to two hours in advance**.

PACKAGE COMPONENTS

The package includes your choice of an appetizer, entree, dessert, and non-alcoholic, non-specialty beverage from the chosen restaurant's menu or 1 full buffet where applicable.

Prices exclude tax and gratuity, and park admission is not included.

SPICE ROAD TABLE

At Spice Road Table: 2 small plates, a shared tagine, a shared dessert platter and a nonalcoholic beverage (or alcoholic beverage for Guests 21 and older).

SAME DAY PACKAGE

Simply walk-up to **Regal Eagle Smokehouse** and request the package. You will likely see signage in front of the location notifying of the day's availability since these walk-up options can sell out quickly.

The package includes a guaranteed seat at the show, an entree, non-alcoholic beverage, and dessert are $43 for Adults, and $26 for Children ages 3 to 9.

TABLE SERVICE RESTAURANTS

Akershus Royal Banquet Hall↗

- Adult: $87
- Child: $59
- 2 DDP TS Credit

Biergarten Restaurant ↗

- Adult: $75
- Child: $40
- 1 DDP TS Credit

Chefs de France ↗

- Adult: $89
- Child: $37
- 1 DDP TS Credit

Coral Reef Restaurant ↗

- Adult: $82
- Child: $34
- 1 DDP TS Credit

Garden Grill ↗

- Breakfast
  - Adult: $73
  - Child: $46
  - 1 DDP TS Credit
- Lunch & Dinner
  - Adult: $86
  - Child: $55
  - 1 DDP TS Credit

La Crêperie de Paris ↗

- Adult: $59
- Child: $31
- 1 DDP TS Credit

La Hacienda de San Angel ↗

- Adult: $86
- Child: $37
- 1 DDP TS Credit

Le Cellier ↗

- Adult: $109
- Child: $44
- 2 DDP TS Credits

Nine Dragons Restaurant ↗

- Adult: $70
- Child: $30
- 1 DDP TS Credit

Rose & Crown Dining Room ↗

- Adult: $68
- Child: $31
- 1 DDP TS Credit

Shiki-Sai: Sushi Izakaya ↗

- Adult: $85
- Child: $40
- 1 DDP TS Credit

Spice Road Table ↗

- Adult: $63
- Child: $26
- 1 DDP TS Credit

Teppan Edo ↗

- Adult: $89
- Child: $40
- 1 DDP TS Credit

Tutto Italia Ristorante ↗

- Adult: $85
- Child: $36
- 1 DDP TS Credit

Via Napoli Ristorante e Pizzeria ↗

- Adult: $71
- Child: $33
- 1 DDP TS Credit



The theater is small, and it's also an amphitheater, meaning that many of the seats are outdoors and uncovered. This can make for a cold, rainy show if you're not one of the lucky ones with covered seating in the front. That means: line up early no matter what!

DISNEY DINING PLAN

Guests are able use the Disney Dining Plan to pay for the packages (1 table service credits per person for most restaurants, with one alcoholic beverage per 21+ diner included.)

STAND-BY LINE

If you're planning to wait in the standby queue, we strongly encourage you to get there EARLY. We've seen people lining up for the first show as early as 3PM for popular narrators.





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DISNEY JOLLYWOOD NIGHTS



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Disney Jollywood Nights is a separately ticketed event that debuted in 2023 and we're looking forward to experiencing it all again!

Jollywood Nights returns to Disney's Hollywood Studios on select nights November 7th, 2026 – January 5th, 2027!

While adhering to Disney's dress code, guests are encouraged to wear their holiday best. Look dapper while celebrating a night of holiday glamour. However Disney reminds guests to wear comfortable shoes!

As part of the event, guests can enjoy the "Jingle Bell, Jingle BAM!" nighttime spectacular, exclusive treats, festive characters, and more!

Hot Tip: Oga's Cantina is a walk-in restaurant during Jollywood Nights!

New this year? In Animation Courtyard you'll find the NEW Checkin' It Twice Lounge. Here you'll find interactive games and really cute mid-century modern decor!

The dazzling "Disney Holidays in Hollywood" show hosted by Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy and starring Mickey, Minnie, Belle, and Tiana is back this year. Catch the show at the Theater of the Stars.

Also new this year: Rock 'n' Roller Coaster Starring The Muppets with the ogligatory holiday overlay will be open during the party!

Along with all the entertainment, ten select attractions are open to Jollywood Nights guests as well.

See our ultimate guide video here.

JOLLYWOOD PRICE CALENDAR

Guests of select Disney Resorts hotels, Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin hotels, and Shades of Green could purchase tickets starting July 9, 2026.

For all other guests, tickets went on sale July 16, 2026.

Annual Passholders and Disney Vacation Club Members can save $10 per ticket.

If you're intrigued by this holiday offering, make sure to check the calendar and grab those tickets! But, **is it worth the price**?

Your party ticket includes a complimentary sweet treat by Wondermade. Usually, every guest will receive a special "gift" when exiting the park.

Disney Vacation Club Members also can grab a FREE Souvenir on six dates!!

NOVEMBER 2026

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JOLLYWOOD PRICE CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2026

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JOLLYWOOD PRICE CALENDAR

JANUARY 2027

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TRANSPORTATION

Unless you are staying at a nearby resort, we recommend allowing at least an hour of travel time.

DRIVING TO THE PARTY

Whether you're staying off-property or prefer using your own car, you can park at Disney's Hollywood Studios.

PARKING FEES

Disney Resort Hotel Guests and Annual Passholders receive complimentary standard theme park parking. Standard parking fees are $35 per day for cars or motorcycles. Oversized Vehicle Parking is $40 per day.

TRANSPORTATION FROM DISNEY RESORTS

Free Disney transportation is available from all Disney Resorts to Hollywood Studios and typically runs until 1AM on event nights.

TRANSPORTATION FROM ANOTHER DISNEY PARK

If you're headed to the event from another park, you can use Disney's free transportation.

RIDESHARE OR MINNIE VAN

During the event, or any time you're headed to Hollywood Studios, non-Disney ride share services can drop you off. Minnie Vans, which cost substantially more, are also an option.

SKYLINER

The Skyliner ***is only operating until 90 minutes post-closure of normal park hours, around 8:30PM*** **on party nights**, and a Cast Member confirmed that this was the case for all Jollywood Nights.

So, guests had to take a bus back to their resorts.

Keep your wristband and lanyard on. We saw several cast Members informing guests that they had to keep both their wristbands and commemorative lanyards on throughout the night.

ARRIVAL

Party guests can enter Disney's Hollywood Studios at 5:30PM. Expect lines to likely start forming by 4:00PM.

If you have a regular park ticket or an Annual Pass, you can enter the park during regular hours.

WRISTBANDS

To reduce lines, more wristband locations were added. In addition to the front of the park, wristbands for guests already in the park are available at Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge, coming from Grand Avenue and at Walt Disney Presents.

SHOPPING

This year's party guests have the opportunity to **purchase an an exclusive Gertie Loungefly.**
Additionally, guests have access to an exclusive spirit jersey,, mug, and ornament all featuring the event's mascot, Ollie!

PARTY MAP

Grab a **Jollywood Nights map** for all the event details. The map this year is jam-packed with information, and it is a hefty guide!

You'll find attractions, dining, merchandise, and entertainment information.

WEATHER POLICY

Rain at Jollywood Nights? **The party goes on in most weather.**

Glisten! and Twilight Soirée at the Tip Top Club may be cancelled, but Disney will add a midnight showing of Disney Holidays in Hollywood. The Nightmare Before Christmas Sing-Along stays on schedule.

Outdoor character meets move indoors. Below are the inclement weather character meet locations:

- **Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Spectacular:** Chip 'n' Dale, Baloo or King Louie, Max as Powerline, Phineas and Ferb
- **ABC Commissary**: José Carioca or Panchito
- **Near First Order Cargo**: The Mandalorian and Grogu
- **Near Toy Story Mania!:** Bo Peep and Sarge
- **Near Roundup Rodeo BBQ:** Partysaurus Rex
- **Pixar Place**: Bing Bong, Joy, Sadness, Mike Wazowski, George Sanderson, Needleman
- **Edna Mode** Experience: Edna Mode and Frozone
- **Magic of Disney Animation**: Mickey, Minnie, Donald, Daisy, Goofy, Pluto

Chewbacca, Santa Stitch, Scrooge McDuck, and Santa Duffy stay in their usual spots.



MAGIC SHOTS

To commemorate the event, look for special holiday-themed Magic Shots and Disney PhotoPass experiences.

Your ticket comes with complimentary digital downloads of your Disney PhotoPass photos from the event.

At **Welcome to Disney Jollywood Nights**, pose with family and friends in front of a stunning neon sign.

If you're looking for these photo ops, you'll find them on the party map (look for the camera icons):

Ollie
Near ABC Commissary

Disney Jollywood Nights Sign
Entrance of the park between Oscar's Super Service and Sunset Boulevard

Hollywood Tower Hotel Ollie
Near the exit of the Hollywood Tower Hotel

Gift Box
Sunset Boulevard near the entrance of Fantasmic!

Sci-Fi Dine-In Theater Car
Near the Sci-Fi Dine-In Theater Restaurant

Ollie Slate Board
On Hollywood Boulevard and at Echo Lake

Muppets Holiday
On Sunset Boulevard

Life Day
Near the X-Wing in Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge

Holiday Studio
Inside of Sid Cahuenga's One-of-a-Kind (at park entrance)



ATTRACTIONS

You will also **have access to select rides:**

- Slinky Dog Dash, Aliens Swirling Saucers, and *Toy Story* Mania in Toy Story Land
- Rock N' Roller Coaster Starring the Muppets and The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror on Sunset Boulevard
- Mickey & Minnie's Runaway Railway
- Star Tours
- In Star Wars Land, ride Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run and Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance

Ride wait times for most rides were very low early in the evening. Tower of Terror only had a 13-minute wait time, Millennium Falcon only had a 15-minute wait time, and Toy Story Mania! had a 5-minute wait.

We checked the wait times again later in the evening, and interestingly,

Toy Story Mania! jumped up to a 40-minute wait! In comparison, the wait for Slinky Dog Dash was only 25 minutes. Alien Swirling Saucers was pretty much a walk-on.

NEW this year, **Alien Swirling Saucers AND Rock 'n' Roller Coaster Starring the Muppets: Obligatory Holiday Overlay** will undergo a holiday transporformation! From November 4th, 2026 to January 6th, 2027 you'll be able to hear Toyland, Deck the Halls, Swirling, Swirling Saucers, and Joy to the Swirl on Alien Swirling Saucers. **Rock 'n' Roller Coaster Starring The Muppets: Obligatory Holiday Overlay gets an overlay** and three new songs: Holiday Road, Christmas (Baby Please Come Home), and Silver Bells.

Fantasmic! will be shown at 6:30PM on event nights, so folks who arrive within that 6PM early window can catch it, if they'd like!

If you're a huge ride fan, you'll be thrilled to know you can ride your favorite rides as many times as you'd like during the party.

Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance sees much lower wait times during the party! This is a great time to ride this popular ride.



CHARACTER APPEARANCES

Meet over 20 of the most iconic Disney characters from your childhood.

GRAND AVENUE

- Scrooge McDuck
- Goofy & Pluto
- Bing Bong

ECHO LAKE

- Chip 'n Dale as Rescue Rangers
- Max Goof as Powerline Max
- Phineas and Ferb
- Baloo and King Louie
- Santa Stitch

BETWEEN PIXAR PLACE AND TOY STORY LAND

- Edna Mode and Frozone
- Mike Wazowski
- Joy from Inside Out
- George Sanderson and Needleman

ANIMATION COURTYARD

- Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse

COMMISSARY LANE

- Donald Duck and Daisy Duck

STAR WARS: GALAXY'S EDGE

- The Mandalorian and Grogu
- Chewbacca celebrating Life Day

TOY STORY LAND ENTRANCE

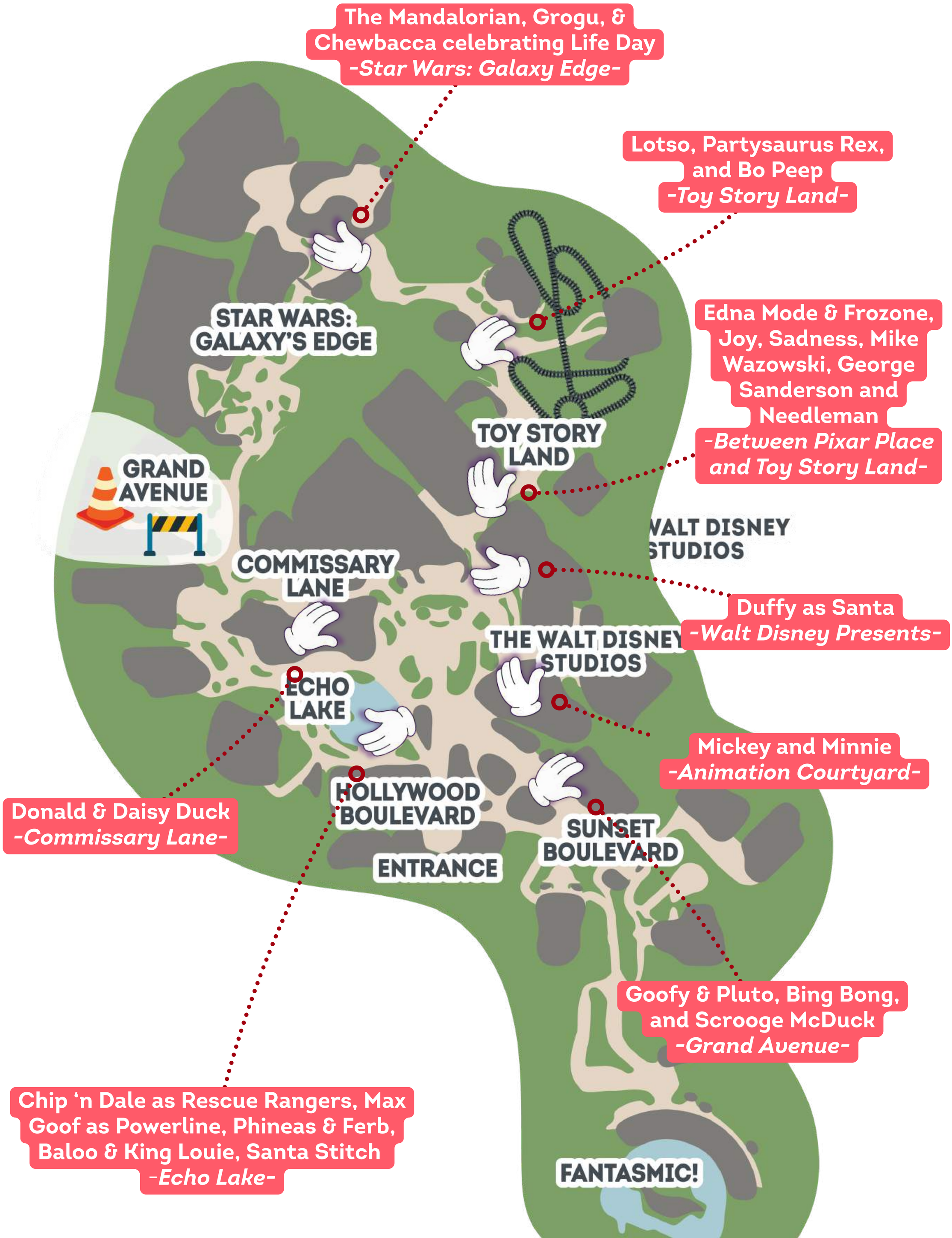
- Lotso
- Partysaurus Rex
- Bo Peep

WALT DISNEY PRESENTS

- Duffy dressed as Santa



JOLLYWOOD CHARACTER MAP



The Mandalorian, Grogu, & Chewbacca celebrating Life Day
-Star Wars: Galaxy Edge-

Lotso, Partysaurus Rex, and Bo Peep
-Toy Story Land-

Edna Mode & Frozone, Joy, Sadness, Mike Wazowski, George Sanderson and Needleman
-Between Pixar Place and Toy Story Land-

Duffy as Santa
-Walt Disney Presents-

Mickey and Minnie
-Animation Courtyard-

Donald & Daisy Duck
-Commissary Lane-

Goofy & Pluto, Bing Bong, and Scrooge McDuck
-Grand Avenue-

Chip 'n Dale as Rescue Rangers, Max Goof as Powerline, Phineas & Ferb, Baloo & King Louie, Santa Stitch
-Echo Lake-







CHARACTER WAITS

We recommend waiting until later in the evening for some characters–last yearat 12AM the line for Duffy was only 20 minutes! Last year at the start of the party, it took us 60 minutes to see Duffy.





MICKEY & FRIENDS

Watch for returning characters wearing holiday costumes with vintage, glam vibes featuring soft pastel colors.



MEET OLLIE

There was a NEW Disney parks character introduced in 2023!

When you walked into the event there is a big, light-up sign. It's a cute way to introduce guests to the party, but that adorable gingerbread man is more than just a holiday decoration.

The gingerbread man is none other than **Ollie**!

Ollie isn't available as a walk-around or meet-and-greet character, but as the mascot for Jollywood Nights, he is featured on the park map and merchandise.



MEET TWO NEW CHARACTERS

NEW this year, you can **meet George Sanderson and Needleman** from Monsters, Inc!!



GLISTEN

Glisten debuted last year! **This holiday ice skating show** takes place in front of the Chinese Theater, with international champion skaters performing to Disney and holiday favorites alongside festive projections.

The 15-minute performances are at 8:05PM, 9:05PM, 10:30PM, 11:15PM, and 12:15AM. It's a fun one to add to your holiday night!



CHECKIN' IT TWICE LOUNGE

NEW this year? Get ready to sip, socialize and soak up the atmosphere in the new **Checkin' It Twice Lounge** in Animation Courtyard!

You'll find interactive games and mid-century modern decor here.







NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

One of the most anticipated shows at this returning event is **What's This? Tim Burton's Nightmare Before Christmas Sing-Along.**

You'll join Jack Skellington for a "dreamlike adventure inspired by Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas" during this event. Guests are invited to sing along with the Pumpkin King to beloved songs from Nightmare Before Christmas while following two friends on a larger-than-life journey!

During the show, we sang along to:

- What's This
- Kidnap the Sandy Claws
- Sally's Song
- Oogie Boogie's Song
- This is Halloween
- Jack and Sally's Song

And yes, Oogie Boogie made an appearance, too. The crowd went wild when he arrived!

It's a cute little show that's perfect for all the people who still want a little Halloween-themed celebration during the holidays.

Shows are at 6:30PM, 7:30PM, 8:30PM, 9:30PM and 11:30PM.







HOLIDAYS IN HOLLYWOOD

One of the most anticipated shows at the party–**Holidays in Hollywood**–features singing and dancing (as well as some antics, of course) from Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, and more.

We don't want to spoil too many details, but we want you to know how good this show is. It's quite wonderful and we highly recommend seeing it during your time at Jollywood Nights!

This musical variety show takes place at the Theater of the Stars on Sunset Blvd. Shows are at 7PM, 8:15PM, 9:15PM, and 11PM, and last around 30 minutes.

JINGLE BELL JINGLE BAM

Jingle Bell, Jingle BAM! returns! This is a holiday fireworks and projection show that happens in front of the Chinese Theater each night of the after-hours event.

The holiday-themed show has lights, projections, lasers, and fireworks.

Grab a spot around midnight to watch the show.

There will be just one show each night, at 10PM.



EXCLUSIVE FOOD

This year, over **25 NEW snacks and drinks** were announced for the party.

You can **check out ALL of our Jollywood Nights reviews here**!



ABC COMMISSARY

- **Cauliflower Taco**: Fried cauliflower dusted with chili-lime seasoning on top of a corn tortilla with diced onions, cilantro, and plant-based chipotle crema. Plant-based
- **Birria Taco**: Shredded beef and Monterey Jack served with a beef consommé
- **Street Corn Chicken Empanada**: Topped with cilantro-lime crema, Cotija, and chili-lime seasoning



ABC COMMISSARY

CONTIUNED

- **Arepas de Choclo**: Sweet corn cakes with cheese topped with cilantro aïoli and served with jicama slaw
- **Christmas Taco Cookie**: Cranberry cheesecake-filled chocolate cookies dipped in cranberry-white chocolate topped with pistachio whipped cream, gold crispy pearls, chocolate holly leaf décor, and holiday sprinkles
- **Mexican Hot Cocoa Cheesecake**: Chocolate cookie streusel, whipped cinnamon-chocolate cheesecake, and spiced whipped cream topped with a sprinkle of cinnamon and mini marshmallows
- **Coquito**: Coconut cream, coconut milk, sweetened condensed milk, Bacardí Superior Rum, and Captain Morgan Original Spiced Rum topped with cinnamon

NEW!

- **Prickly Pear Margarita:** Patrón Sliver Tequila, Cointreau Liqueur, lime juice, agave, and desert pear with a lime wheel

NEW!

- **Berry Lime Cheer:** Blackberry, pomegranate, and lime blended with Topo Chico Blueberry Hibiscus Sparkling Water. Non-Alcoholic







ANAHEIM PRODUCE

- **Gingerbread Bites:** Plant-based

BACKLOT EXPRESS

- **Hickory Holiday Mac:** Macaroni & cheese with burnt ends, crispy onions, and chili pepper sauce
- **Jolly Jam Slider:** Angus burger with bourbon-garlic-bacon jam, smoky paprika aïoli, and chili pepper sauce served on a Hawaiian roll
- **Sleigh Bell Brussels Sprouts:** with bourbon-onion jam and crispy onions. Plant-based
- **Sweet Chili Cheer Chicken Slider:** Chicken thighs tossed in sweet chili aïoli topped with Asian slaw and cilantro served on a brioche roll

NEW!
- **Blitzen Banana Bread Pudding:** Banana bread pudding with banana-rum caramel and sprinkles

NEW!
- **Frozen Hot Cocoa:** Frozen hot cocoa by Joffrey's topped with house-made marshmallow whipped cream. Non-alcoholic

NEW!
- **Frozen Hot Cocoa with Creme Liqueur:** Frozen hot cocoa by Joffrey's and Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur topped with house-made marshmallow whipped cream

NEW!
- **Seas and Greetings Colada:** Stoli Vanilla Vodka, Bols Blue Curaçao Liqueur, coconut cream, DOLE Pineapple Juice, and lime juice





BASELINE TAP HOUSE

- Macaroni and Cheese Croquette: Fried macaroni and cheese with aïoli dipping sauce
- NEW! **Merry Mango Shady:** Golden Road Brewing Mango Cart Wheat Ale with cranberry juice and Minute Maid Premium Lemonade



DINOSAUR GERTIE'S ICE CREAM OF EXTINCTION

- **Christmas Gertie Cookie**: Gertie sugar cookie with a Santa hat



DOCKSIDE DINER

- **Loaded Samosas**: Potato and pea-stuffed samosas with curried chickpeas, plant-based herb crema, and tomato-pomegranate chutney
- **Meatball and Polenta**: Meatball with marinara and creamy cheese polenta
- **Christmas Tree Cookie Stack**: Vanilla cookie stack filled with eggnog buttercream and cranberry-raspberry spiced jam topped with sprinkles and a yellow candy star
- **Holiday Mickey Hot Cocoa**: Hot cocoa by Joffrey's topped with whipped cream, caramel-chocolate brownie Mickey ears, and holiday sprinkles. Non-alcoholic
- **Stroopwafel Bourbon Coffee**: Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon, salted caramel syrup, half & half, Joffrey's Cold Brew Coffee, and caramel sauce garnished with crushed waffle

EPIC EATS

- NEW! **Cookie Butter Croissant Beignets:** Croissant beignets filled with cookie butter cream topped with powdered sugar
- **Warm Spiced Chai Cocktail**: Chai Tea, RumChata Cream Liqueur, vanilla, and cinnamon



FAIRFAX FARE

- **Holiday Turkey Popover**: Roasted turkey and creamy mashed potatoes topped with gravy and cranberry chutney in a house-made popover
- NEW! **Yuletide Ham Popover**: Honey-glazed ham and creamy mashed potatoes topped with gravy and cranberry chutney in a house-made popover
- NEW! **A TWIX on a Classic Pie**: TWIX cookie bar pieces, caramel mousse, and chocolate ganache on a shortbread cookie crust topped with whipped cream, holiday sprinkles, and a white chocolate gingerbread man
- **Eggnog**: Traditional eggnog with caramel swirl. Non-alcoholic.
- **Eggnog with Whisky**: Traditional eggnog with Fireball Cinnamon Whisky and caramel swirl
- **Mistletoe Martini**: Tito's Handmade Vodka and St-Germain Elderflower Liqueur mixed with cranberry juice and topped with fresh cranberries and mint leaves







HOLLYWOOD SCOOPS

- NEW! [Kermit Chocolate-Pistachio Sundae]: Chocolate cake, pistachio gelato, green cookie crumbs, kataifi, and fudge sauce topped with whipped cream M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies and sprinkles. (Served in a souvenir cup, while supplies last)
- [Miss Piggy Strawberry Sundae]: Strawberry shortcake, strawberry compote, strawberry ice cream, and strawberry juice-filled pearls topped with whipped cream, crispy pearls, and sprinkles. (Served in a souvenir cup, while supplies last)





ICE COLD HYDRAULICS

- **Gingerbread Bites:** (Plant-based)
- NEW! [Salted Caramel Mini Churros]**:** Chocolate-filled mini churros, cinnamon sugar, salted caramel sauce, and sprinkles
- NEW! [Popcorn Crafted Soda]**:** Popcorn-flavored oat milk over Coca-Cola Zero Sugar topped with freshly popped popcorn. Non-alcoholic
- NEW! [Churro Crafted Soda]: Churro-flavored oat milk over Coca-Cola with gingerbread syrup topped with a mini churro. Non-alcoholic



JOFFREY'S COFFEE & TEA COMPANY

- **Peppermint-Tini:** Joffrey's Cold Brew, frosted mint syrup, Kahula, Grey Goose Vodka, and light cream topped with whipped cream candy cane treat

MARKET

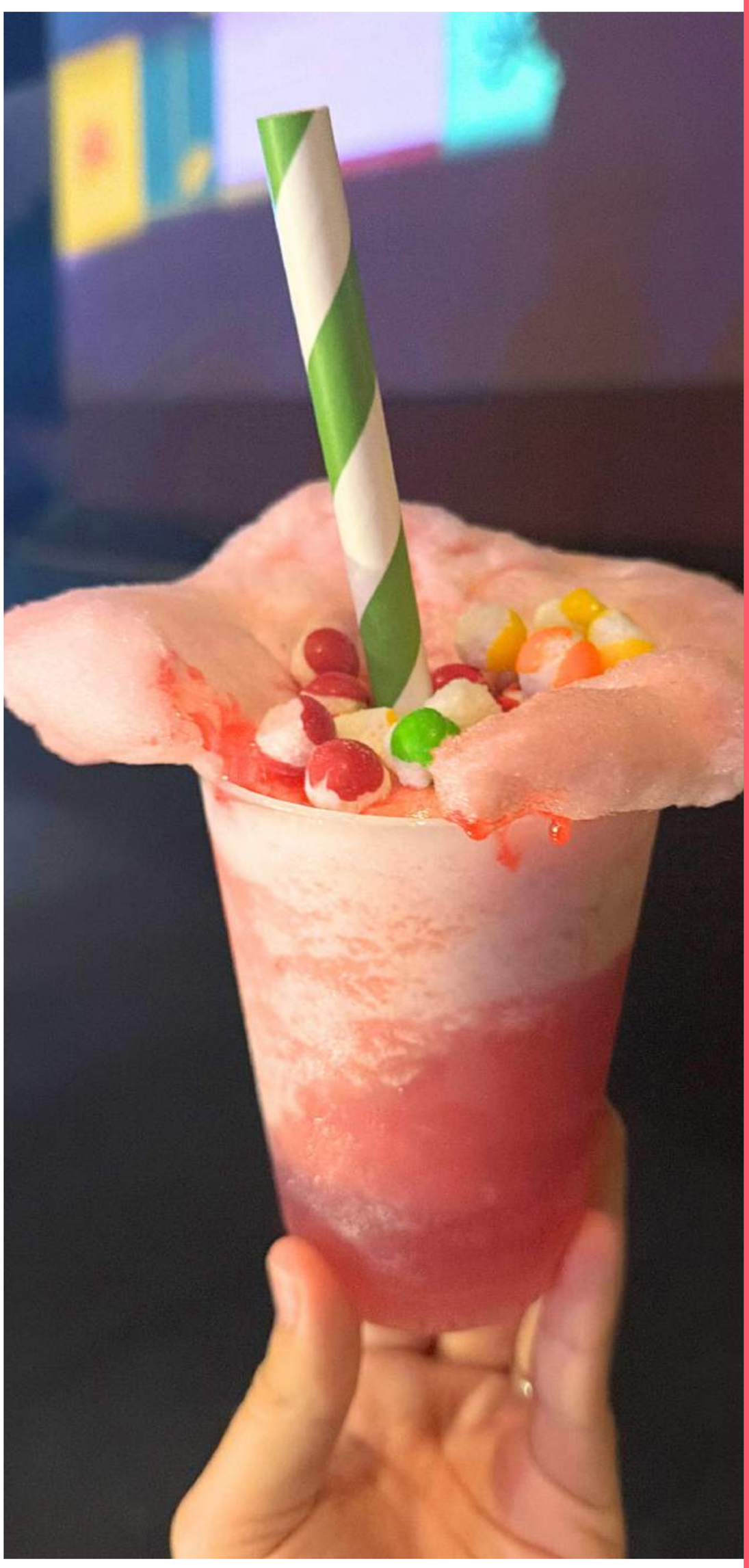
NEW!

- Partysaurus Rex Brookie: Chocolate chip cookie brownie topped with white chocolate ganache, rainbow sprinkles, and a sugar cookie

NEW!

- Teriyaki Chicken Pot Stickers with sweet chili aïoli
- Bing Bong Candy Lemonade: Frozen strawberry lemonade slushy and butterfly pea flower tea topped with pink cotton candy and freeze-dried candy. Non-alcoholic
- **Caramel-Apple Cider:** Werther's Original Caramel, apple cider, and cinnamon topped with Werther's Original Caramel Popcorn. Served warm. Non-alcoholic.
- **Caramel-Apple Cider with Moonshine:** Werther's Original Caramel, apple cider, cinnamon, and Ole Smoky Apple Pie Moonshine topped with Werther's Original Caramel Popcorn. Served warm.





THE TROLLEY CAR CAFE

- **Gingerbread Bites:** Plant-based

SNACK CART

Across from Beverly Sunset Boutique
(Annual Passholder Exclusive)

NEW!
- **Golden Gimlet:** Hendrick's Gin, cranberry juice, limeade, and edible glitter topped with Sprite

NEW!
- **Golden Cheer**: Cranberry juice, Minute Maid Limeade, and edible glitter topped with Sprite. Non-alcoholic

VARIOUS OUTDOOR VENDING CARTS

- **Gingerbread Bites:** Plant-based
- **In Holiday Fashion:** Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon, rosemary syrup, cranberry and lime juices, and cinnamon
- **Sugar Cookie Martini:** Stoli Vanilla Vodka, Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur, and Disaronno Originale Liqueur mixed with milk and sugar topped with a sugar cookie and holiday sprinkles



TABLE SERVICE LOCATION
PARTY EXCLUSIVE TREATS & SIPS

JAZZY HOLIDAYS
Hollywood Brown Derby

- **Char-grilled Chicken Yakitori:** Crispy rice, passion fruit-soy marinated chicken, cilantro aïoli, and watermelon radish
- **Hamachi**: With caper aïoli, Dijon-avocado mousse, citrus-Champagne vinaigrette, and caviar
- **Shrimp Cocktail**: With house-made cocktail sauce, spicy avocado spread, and citrus pearls
- **Pork Belly Bao**: Korean barbecue, cucumber slaw, and soy vinaigrette
- **Jazzy Sliders**: Bison and pork, onion jam, and Gorgonzola cheese on a brioche roll
- **Tofu Bao**: Seared tofu, cucumber slaw, and soy vinaigrette. Plant-based
- **Chorizo Arancini:** With shaved Parmesan and salmorejo tomato sauce
- **The Sleigh Bell**: Ginger beer, rosemary syrup, pomegranate, cranberry, and lime juice. Non-alcoholic.
- **Holiday Mickey Hot Cocoa**: Hot cocoa by Joffrey's topped with whipped cream, caramel-chocolate brownie Mickey ears, and holiday sprinkles. Non-alcoholic.

NEW!
- **Cranberry-Jalapeño Margarita**: Flecha Azul Reposado Tequila, Cointreau Liqueur, lime juice, and a house-made cranberry-jalapeño simple syrup
- **Charcuterie:** House-made cured meats, artisanal cheeses, accompaniments, and sourdough
- **Spiced Pear Martini:** Grey Goose Vodka, spiced pear syrup, and lemon juice
- **Salted Caramel Hot Chocolate:** Stoli Vanilla Vodka, Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur, salted caramel syrup, and hot cocoa by Joffrey's garnished with whipped cream and caramel crispy pearls
- **Vodka Martini:** Grey Goose Vodka and Dolin Dry Vermouth de Chambéry
- **Hollywood Lights:** Captain Morgan Original Spiced Run, Parrot Bay Coconut Rum, DOLE Pineapple Juice, and cranberry juice
- **Mocha Espresso Mint-tini:** Tia Maria Cold Brew Coffee Liqueur, Bols Peppermint Schnapps Liqueur, Mozart Chocolate Liqueur, and vanilla cream garnished with chocolate and crushed peppermint mix
- **Old Fashioned:** Knob Creek Kentucky Straight Bourbon, house-made orange syrup, and Luxardo Cherries
- **Peanut Butter Whiskey Cream:** RumChata Cream Liqueur and Skrewball Peanut Butter Whiskey
- **Poinsettia Fizz:** Grand Marnier Liqueur, cranberry juice, simple syrup, and prosecco garnished with cranberries

TABLE SERVICE LOCATION
PARTY EXCLUSIVE TREATS & SIPS *CONTINUED*

TUNE-IN LOUNGE

- **Holiday Dill-light:** Hendrick's Gin, J.D. Taylor's Velvet Falernum Liqueur, St-Germain Elderflower Liqueur, lime juice, and pickle juice with a chili-lime rim and pickle garnish
- **In Holiday Fashion:** Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon, rosemary syrup, cranberry and lime juices, and cinnamon
- **Sugar Cookie Martini:** Stoli Vanilla Vodka, Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur, and Disaronno Originale Liqueur mixed with milk and sugar topped with a sugar cookie and holiday sprinkles
- NEW! **The Tinsel Twist**: Tito's Handmade Vodka, Hendrick's Gin, Bacardí Superior Rum, Corazón Blanco Tequila, Cointreau Liqueur, lemon juice, cinnamon syrup, pomegranate juice, and Sprite topped with a dehydrated star fruit
- NEW! **The Bauble & Bright:** Flecha Azul Reposado Tequila, Grand Marnier Liqueur, white cranberry juice, glitter simple syrup, and lime juice garnished with cranberries. (Served in a souvenir cup, while supplies last)

TWILIGHT SOIRÉE

Tip Top Club

- **Sparkling Pomegranate-Apple Cider:** Pomegranate green tea topped with sparkling apple cider. Non-alcoholic
- **1939 Royale:** Teremana Blanco Tequila, Cointreau Liqueur, desert pear, agave nectar, and lime juice topped with Domaine Ste. Michelle Brut (Served in a souvenir champagne flute, while supplies last)
- **Top Floor Daiquiri:** Parrot Bay Coconut Rum, ube, lime juice, and a splash of shimmer (Served in a souvenir champagne flute, while supplies last)
- **Sparkling Cider**: Non-alcoholic
- **Domaine Ste. Michelle Brut**

TABLE SERVICE LOCATION

PARTY EXCLUSIVE TREATS & SIPS *CONTINUED*

CHECKIN' IT TWICE LOUNGE

NEW!

- **Candy Cane Cooler:** Minute Maid Premium Lemonade with mint syrup, pomegranate, and sweet cream topped with crushed peppermint. Non-alcoholic.

NEW!

- **Fizz the Season:** Domanie Ste. Michelle Brut with vanilla, G.E. Massenez Crème de Cassis de Dijon Liqueur, and edible glitter
- **Lump of Coal:** Ghost Spicy Blanco Tequila, lime, and spicy agave with a salt and pepper rim

NEW!

- **Not-So-Hot-Toddy:** Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey, Amarena cherry, hot honey, and Sprite

NEW!

- **Snow-hopper:** Bols Crème de Cacao White Liqueur, Bols Crème de Menthe Liqueur, and half & half with chocolate curls



EXCLUSIVE EVENTS

LIMITED CAPACITY EXPERIENCES

Meanwhile, look out for two limited-capacity entertainment experiences happening during the event:

- The Hollywood Brown Derby will transform into a **jazz lounge**
- The Hollywood Tower Hotel Courtyard will host an “other-worldly soiree” with a ghostly band

The jazz lounge at the Hollywood Brown Derby will be a singalong piano bar with live music. Songs from the 20s through the 50s will be featured during this swinging, speakeasy-inspired party.

And, over at the Hollywood Tower Hotel Courtyard, this “other-worldly soiree” is set to be complete with a ghostly band. The idea here is that Disney has recreated the Tip Top Club from the Tower of Terror lore. You’ll also be able to indulge in custom food!



JAZZY HOLIDAYS

Jazzy Holidays takes place from November 7th, 2026-January 5th, 2027 at The **Hollywood Brown Derby** each party night. This iconic restaurant turns into a sophisticated jazz joint with holiday music, craft cocktails, and an exclusive menu of light bites. Capacity will be very limited though.

There's festive holiday decor all around, and the jazzy music really elevates the scene. The restaurant has various Christmas decorations up including garlands and lights.

In 2024, Jazzy Holidays utilized a waitlist for guests wishing to dine here.

For 2026, reservations became available on Sepember 15th. This is a welcome change as guests will be able to pre-plan their Jollywood Nights evening.

You'll need to visit the My Disney Experience website or app to book the reservation for Jazzy Holidays and don't forget to include each member who plans to join you!





JAZZY HOLIDAYS MENU

Hollywood Brown Derby

- Chorizo Arancini with parmesan dust and salmorejo tomato sauce
- Hamachi with caper aïoli, Dijon-avocado mousse, citrus-champagne vinaigrette, and caviar
- Jazzy Sliders: Bison and pork, onion jam, gorgonzola cheese, and a brioche roll
- Pork Belly Bao: Korean BBQ, cucumber slaw, and soy vinaigrette
- **Tofu Bao**: Seared tofu, cucumber slaw, and soy vinaigrette. Plant-based
- **Shrimp Cocktail** with house-made cocktail sauce, spicy avocado spread, and citrus pearls
- **Charcuterie**: House-made cured meats and accompaniments, blue cheese mousse, and toasted sourdough
- Holiday Mickey Hot Cocoa: House-made hot cocoa topped with whipped cream, caramel-chocolate brownie Mickey ears, and holiday sprinkles. Non-alcoholic
- **The Sleigh Bell**: Ginger beer, rosemary syrup, pomegranate, cranberry, and lime juice. Non-alcoholic







JAZZY HOLIDAYS MENU

Hollywood Brown Derby Cont'd

- **Old Fashioned**: Knob Creek Kentucky Straight Bourbon, Carpano Antica Formula Vermouth, and Maraschino Cherries
- **Mocha Espresso Mint-tini**: Stoli Vanilla Vodka, Kahlúa Coffee Liqueur, and Joffrey's Coffee Cold Brew
- **Peanut Butter Whiskey Cream**: RumChata Cream Liqueur and Skrewball Peanut Butter Whiskey
- **Poinsettia Fizz**: Grand Marnier Liqueur, Cranberry Juice, Simple Syrup, and Prosecco garnished with Frozen Cranberries
- **Hollywood Lights**: Captain Morgan Original Spiced Rum, Parrot Bay Coconut Rum, pineapple, and cranberry
- **Vodka Martini**: Grey Goose Vodka and Dry Vermouth
- **Salted Caramel Hot Chocolate**: Stoli Vanilla Vodka, Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur, Salted Caramel Syrup, and Hot Cocoa by Joffrey's™ garnished with Whipped Cream and Caramel Crispy Pearls
- Spiced Pear Martini: Grey Goose Vodka, spiced pear syrup, and lemon juice

NEW!

- **Cranberry-Jalapeño Margarita:** Flecha Azul Reposado Tequila, Cointreau Liqueur, lime juice, and a house-made cranberry-jalapeño simple syrup







TWILIGHT SOIRÉE AT THE TIP-TOP CLUB

The Twilight Soirée at the Tip Top Club is located in the courtyard of The Hollywood Tower Hotel (or Tower of Terror, as most people know it).

At this event, you can sip on cocktails and listen to the live band known as Rachel and the Alley Cats. They were AMAZING, by the way.

But really, most people were here for the DRINKS!

2026 beverages:

- **Sparkling Pomegranate-Apple Cider**: Pomegranate green tea topped with sparkling apple cider. Non-alcoholic
- **1939 Royale**: Teremana Blanco Tequila, Cointreau Liqueur, desert pear, agave nectar, and lime juice topped with Domaine Ste. Michelle Brut
- **Top Floor Daiquiri**: Parrot Bay Coconut Rum, ube, lime juice, and a splash of shimmer
- **Sparkling Apple Cider**. Non-alcoholic
- **Domaine Ste. Michelle Brut**









JOLLYWOOD ITINERARY

GLITZ & HOLIDAY HITS AT JOLLYWOOD NIGHTS

- 🍩 **Sleep in** and stay chill–no reason to burn energy before this late-night bash
- 🍩 Enjoy a **lazy brunch** and start your morning off on a relaxed note. ☕
- ✨ **Rest and recharge** at your resort so you can party deep into the night
- ✨ **Grab an early dinner** around 4–5 PM at your hotel or en route to Hollywood Studios (If you'd rather dine inside the park, plan to Mobile Order something easy–Woody's Lunch Box is a solid choice) 🍔
- ✨ **Arrive at Disney's Hollywood Studios by 5:30 PM** to check in and get your Jollywood Nights wristband for the 7:30 PM start 🎟️
- ✨ Knock out a few easy-access attractions (like **Star Tours**) before the party officially kicks off
- 🎶 Stroll to **Theater of the Stars** for Disney Holidays in Hollywood, snapping photos of the park's glam holiday décor on the way 📸
- 🎶 Once the show ends and day guests have cleared out, **dive into your top priorities**–characters, rides, or food
- 🎶 Splurge on at least one **exclusive sweet or savory treat** 🍰
- 🎶 Catch **PhotoPass magic shots** and enjoy live musical entertainment 🎶
- 🎶 Save the **biggest headliners**–Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance, Slinky Dog Dash, Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run, Rock 'n' Roller Coaster, and Tower of Terror –for later in the night when waits shrink 🎢
- 🎶 At 10 PM, don't miss **Jingle Bell, Jingle BAM!**, the fireworks and projection spectacular 🎆
- 🎶 If you're a fan of **The Nightmare Before Christmas**, fit in a showing of that seasonal production 🎃
- 🎶 Wrap up with one last **character visit or late-night snack** before the final curtain ✨

🍩 Morning ✨ Afternoon 🎶 Evening

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EVENT CALENDAR







HOW TO USE THE EVENT CALENDAR

Whether you're just starting to plan your holiday vacation to Walt Disney World, or already have your hotel and tickets booked, our Event Calendar will help complete your itinerary.

If attending Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party (MVMCP) or Jollywood Nights is important to you, focus on the dates that showcase those events.

Of course, you might want to check out one of the celebrity narrators at EPCOT's Candlelight Processional. In the green row, look for the narrators that you don't want to miss and jot down those dates.

Worried about crowds? Take a glance at our Crowd Notes so you know when to visit (or avoid) the parks.

At the bottom of our exclusive calendars, we've highlighted the other Walt Disney World happenings that may be of interest to you.

Our weekly calendars will help make your trip the merriest one yet!



NOV 01 - NOV 07

OVERVIEW

In 2026, extra ticketed events kick off on November 7th.

Jollywood Nights kicks off on Saturday, November 7th.

CROWD NOTES

- Crowds will increase towards the holiday weekend.

Here's what you'll want to know before you go.

EVENTS						
Sun, Nov 01	Mon, Nov 02	Tues, Nov 03	Wed, Nov 04	Thur, Nov 05	Fri, Nov 06	Sat, Nov 07
						Jollywood Nights

Magic Kingdom	Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom	EPCOT	Disney Springs
Jingle Cruise in Magic Kingdom starts November 3.				



NOV 08 - NOV 14

OVERVIEW

The official Holiday Season kicks off on November 13th and continue into the first week of January 2027. **This means November 13th is when you can count on seeing holiday decor!**

This is a good week to experience MVMCP and/or Jollywood Nights.

CROWD NOTES

- Veterans Day weekend (November 8-11) will see an influx of families taking advantage of the long weekend.

EVENTS						
Sun, Nov 08	**Mon, Nov 09**	**Tues, Nov 10**	**Wed, Nov 11**	**Thur, Nov 12**	**Fri, Nov 13**	**Sat, Nov 14**
MVMCP	MVMCP			MVMCP	MVMCP	Jollywood Nights

Magic Kingdom	Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom	EPCOT	Disney Springs
Jingle Cruise Overlay, Frozen Holiday Surprise (starts November 13)	Sunset Seasons Greetings, Minnie's Holiday Dine (starts November 13)	Merry Menagerie, Tree of Life Awakenings - Holiday Edition, Santa Claus (starts November 13)		Christmas Tree Stroll (begins November 13th)



NOV 15 - NOV 21

OVERVIEW

Thanksgiving is late this year, therefore this is another good week to visit Walt Disney World!

CROWD NOTES

- Expect Thanksgiving vacationers to begin arriving on Saturday, November 21st!

EVENTS						
Sun, Nov 15	**Mon, Nov 16**	**Tues, Nov 17**	**Wed, Nov 18**	**Thur, Nov 19**	**Fri, Nov 20**	**Sat, Nov 21**
MVMCP	Jollywood Nights	MVMCP		MVMCP	MVMCP	Jollywood Nights

Magic Kingdom	Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom	EPCOT	Disney Springs
Jingle Cruise Overlay, Frozen Holiday Surprise	Sunset Seasons Greetings, Minnie's Holiday Dine	Merry Menagerie, Tree of Life Awakenings – Holiday Edition		Christmas Tree Stroll



NOV 22 – NOV 28

OVERVIEW

All parks are open on Thanksgiving, November 26, 2026, and there are many opportunities to delight in a traditional Turkey Day feast.

Festival of the Holidays at EPCOT begins on November 27th! And Santa will begin appearing daily in the Magic Kingdom.

CROWD NOTES

- You'll find heavy and peak crowds this week due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.
- With many travelers starting their journey home, Saturday will likely be the least crowded day.

EVENTS						
Sun, Nov 22	**Mon, Nov 23**	**Tues, Nov 24**	**Wed, Nov 25**	**Thur, Nov 26**	**Fri, Nov 27**	**Sat, Nov 28**
	Jollywood Nights	MVMCP	MVMCP		MVMCP First Day of Festival of the Holidays	Jollywood Nights
EPCOT CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL NARRATORS						
					Jordan Fisher	Jordan Fisher

Magic Kingdom	Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom	EPCOT	Disney Springs
Jingle Cruise Overlay, Frozen Holiday Surprise	Sunset Seasons Greetings, Minnie's Holiday Dine	Merry Menagerie, Tree of Life Awakenings – Holiday Edition	Festival of the Holidays, Holiday Storytellers, Santa Appearances (Begins November 27, 2026)	Christmas Tree Stroll



NOV 29 – DEC 05

OVERVIEW

This is a great week to attend an event or tour the parks and resorts. Please note only WDW Resort Guests have access to the resorts or if you have a dining reservation.

CROWD NOTES

- Tuesday – Friday will likely be your best days for touring.
- Throughout December, popular Candlelight Processional narrators will draw crowds to EPCOT.

EVENTS						
Sun, Nov 29	**Mon, Nov 30**	**Tues, Dec 01**	**Wed, Dec 02**	**Thur, Dec 03**	**Fri, Dec 04**	**Sat, Dec 05**
MVMCP		MVMCP		MVMCP	MVMCP	Jollywood Nights

EPCOT CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL NARRATORS						
Gary Sinise	Gary Sinise	Gary Sinise	Benjamin Bratt (NEW)	Benjamin Bratt (NEW)	Whoop Goldberg	Whoop Goldberg

Magic Kingdom	Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom	EPCOT	Disney Springs
Jingle Cruise Overlay, Frozen Holiday Surprise	Sunset Seasons Greetings, Minnie's Holiday Dine	Merry Menagerie, Tree of Life Awakenings – Holiday Edition	Festival of the Holidays, Holiday Storytellers, Santa Appearances	Christmas Tree Stroll



DEC 06 – DEC 12

OVERVIEW

This is a good time to see a Candlelight Processional or attend a holiday event.

Tour your resort during the early afternoon to see the beautiful decorations. Please note only WDW Resort Guests have access to the resorts or if you have a dining reservation.

CROWD NOTES

- As the Christmas holidays get nearer, you'll see larger crowds in WDW.
- Best days are likely to be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

EVENTS						
Sun, Dec 06	**Mon, Dec 07**	**Tues, Dec 08**	**Wed, Dec 09**	**Thur, Dec 10**	**Fri, Dec 11**	**Sat, Dec 12**
MVMCP	Jollywood Nights	MVMCP		MVMCP	MVMCP	Jollywood Nights

EPCOT CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL NARRATORS						
Robin Roberts (NEW)	Robin Roberts (NEW)	Jason Kelce (NEW)	Jason Kelce (NEW)	Neil Patrick Harris	Neil Patrick Harris	Neil Patrick Harris

Magic Kingdom	Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom	EPCOT	Disney Springs
Jingle Cruise Overlay, Frozen Holiday Surprise	Sunset Seasons Greetings, Minnie's Holiday Dine	Merry Menagerie, Tree of Life Awakenings – Holiday Edition	Festival of the Holidays, Holiday Storytellers, Santa Appearances	Christmas Tree Stroll



DEC 13 - DEC 19

OVERVIEW

As college students finish semester exams, families may pick this week to travel before the holiday.

If you want to be home for the holidays, you may want to travel during this week of December.

CROWD NOTES

- We suggest touring on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday.
- December 18th is the last day that some Passholders can visit the parks before a blockout period of 2+ weeks.

EVENTS						
Sun, Dec 13	**Mon, Dec 14**	**Tues, Dec 15**	**Wed, Dec 16**	**Thur, Dec 17**	**Fri, Dec 18**	**Sat, Dec 19**
MVMCP	Jollywood Nights	MVMCP	Jollywood Nights	MVMCP	MVMCP	Jollywood Nights
EPCOT CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL NARRATORS						
Josh Groban (NEW)	Josh Groban (NEW)	Lauren Daigle	Lauren Daigle	Ralph Macchio	Ralph Macchio	Ralph Macchio

Magic Kingdom	Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom	EPCOT	Disney Springs
Jingle Cruise Overlay; Frozen Holiday Surprise,	Sunset Seasons Greetings, Minnie's Holiday Dine	Merry Menagerie, Tree of Life Awakenings – Holiday Edition	Festival of the Holidays, Holiday Storytellers, Santa Appearances	Christmas Tree Stroll



DEC 20 – DEC 26

OVERVIEW

Magic Kingdom day visitors will be treated to entertainment that was exclusive to Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party guests.

Santa will make appearances through December 24th. Santa Stitch appears on December 25th!

CROWD NOTES

- Watch for park closures (and **sold out crowds**) due to capacity limits as **this week** brings peak crowds on **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas**.
- Historically, this is one of the busiest weeks of the year.
- Stores will be packed with last-minute shoppers.

EVENTS						
Sun, Dec 20	**Mon, Dec 21**	**Tues, Dec 22**	**Wed, Dec 23**	**Thur, Dec 24**	**Fri, Dec 25**	**Sat, Dec 26**
MVMCP	Jollywood Nights	MVMCP	Jollywood Nights			
EPCOT CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL NARRATORS						
Jenry Winkler	Jenry Winkler	Lacey Chabert (NEW)	Lacey Chabert (NEW)	Jodi Benson	Jodi Benson	Simu Liu

Magic Kingdom	Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom	EPCOT	Disney Springs
Jingle Cruise Overlay; Frozen Holiday Surprise, Mickey's Once Upon a Christmastime Parade (12PM & 3PM, Dec 23–Dec 31), Minnie's Wonderful Christmastime Fireworks (8PM, Dec 23–Dec 29), Mickey's Most Merriest Celebration (7:05 PM, 8:35PM, 9:40PM, & 10:35PM, Dec 23–Dec 29)	Sunset Seasons Greetings, Minnie's Holiday Dine	Merry Menagerie, Tree of Life Awakenings – Holiday Edition	Festival of the Holidays, Holiday Storytellers, Santa Appearances (through Dec. 24)	Christmas Tree Stroll



DEC 27 – JAN 2

OVERVIEW

While WDW is an exciting place to ring in the New Year, you'll want to be prepared for **park closures** due to capacity limitations.

Bring your patience!

CROWD NOTES

- Peak crowds remain throughout the New Year celebrations, including **New Year's Day**.
- With kids (especially college students) still out of school, this week can be extremely busy.
- Usually, crowds begin to decrease on Saturday.

EVENTS						
Sun, Dec 27	**Mon, Dec 28**	**Tues, Dec 29**	**Wed, Dec 30**	**Thur, Dec 31**	**Fri, Jan 01**	**Sat, Jan 02**
			LAST Day for Festival of the Holidays			
EPCOT CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL NARRATORS						
Simu Liu	Eva Longoria	Eva Longoria	Eva Longoria			

Magic Kingdom	Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom	EPCOT	Disney Springs
Jingle Cruise Overlay; Frozen Holiday Surprise, Mickey's Once Upon a Christmastime Parade (12PM & 3PM, Dec 23–Dec 31), Minnie's Wonderful Christmastime Fireworks (8PM, Dec 23–Dec 29), Mickey's Most Merriest Celebration (7:05 PM, 8:35PM, 9:40PM, & 10:35PM, Dec 23–Dec 29)	Sunset Seasons Greetings, Minnie's Holiday Dine	Merry Menagerie, Tree of Life Awakenings – Holiday Edition		Christmas Tree Stroll



JAN 03 - JAN 09

OVERVIEW

This is the first time that Jollywood Nights has offered dates into January!

CROWD NOTES

- Crowds will begin to decrease on Sunday through Tuesday, but there are typically BIG crowds for New Years Eve.

EVENTS

Sun, Jan 03	Mon, Jan 04	Tues, Jan 05	Wed, Jan 06	Thur, Jan 07	Fri, Jan 08	Sat, Jan 09
Jollywood Nights	LAST Day for Minnie's Holiday Dine	Jollywood Nights	LAST offical day of the Holidays at Walt Disney World			

Magic Kingdom	Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom	EPCOT	Disney Springs
	Sunset Seasons Greetings, Minnie's Holiday Dine	Merry Menagerie, Tree of Life Awakenings – Holiday Edition		Christmas Tree Stroll

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HOLIDAYS



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

HOLIDAY SEASON

Are you headed to Walt Disney World during the holiday season? The festivities begin in early November and last until the first week of January.

During this timeframe, Disney's Parks and Resorts are filled with delights like food, festivities, and FUN. And if you ask us, it's never too early to start planning for the holiday happenings.

We've compiled years of Disney Parks holiday experience so that you don't miss a single treat, holiday meal, event, or activity.

For Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's, guests can expect specialty menus and holiday meals at many Disney restaurants in the Parks, at the Resorts, and in Disney Springs.

CROWDS

It's an extra-magical time to visit; however, holidays are the busiest days of the year at Disney World.

On the actual holidays, it's going to be **crowded**. Wall to wall people, really. The largest pedestrian jams will occur near fireworks viewing areas, during parade times, and at closing time.

Be prepared with a touring strategy, a dining reservation, and a sense of humor. Enjoy the excitement rather than trying to see your entire list of attractions.

Note that **Disney Park Pass reservations** are not required for most guests. Annual Passholders should plan to book Park Passes (when required) as soon as you're able to ensure entry on your preferred touring days.

DINING DETAILS

One of the best parts of visiting Disney World during the Winter holiday season is EATING.

There are lots of fun additions to menus during this time, from holiday entrees, desserts, and drinks, to specialty candy options in shops. 'Tis the season for temptations!

RESERVATIONS

Holiday meals for **Thanksgiving**, **Christmas**, and New Year's Eve book up fast in Walt Disney World.

And by fast, we mean lightning fast. The holiday season is the most popular and busy time in Disney World.

If there's a particular restaurant you'd prefer for your holiday meal, make an **Advance Dining Reservation** immediately when the 60-day window for restaurant booking opens. (Disney World Resort hotel guests may make reservations up to 60 days in advance plus the length of their stay up to 10 days.)









Don't have a reservation? Don't sweat it.

What's simply amazing is that yes, last minute Advance Dining Reservations can be found!

Read our **tried-and-true tips for finding a last minute–or even an in-demand–reservation**!

And did you know that a terrific feature is available on the **My Disney Experience app**? The **Walk-up Waitlist** allows guests to view Table Service restaurants that have available seating for walk-up guests with just a few taps on their phone.

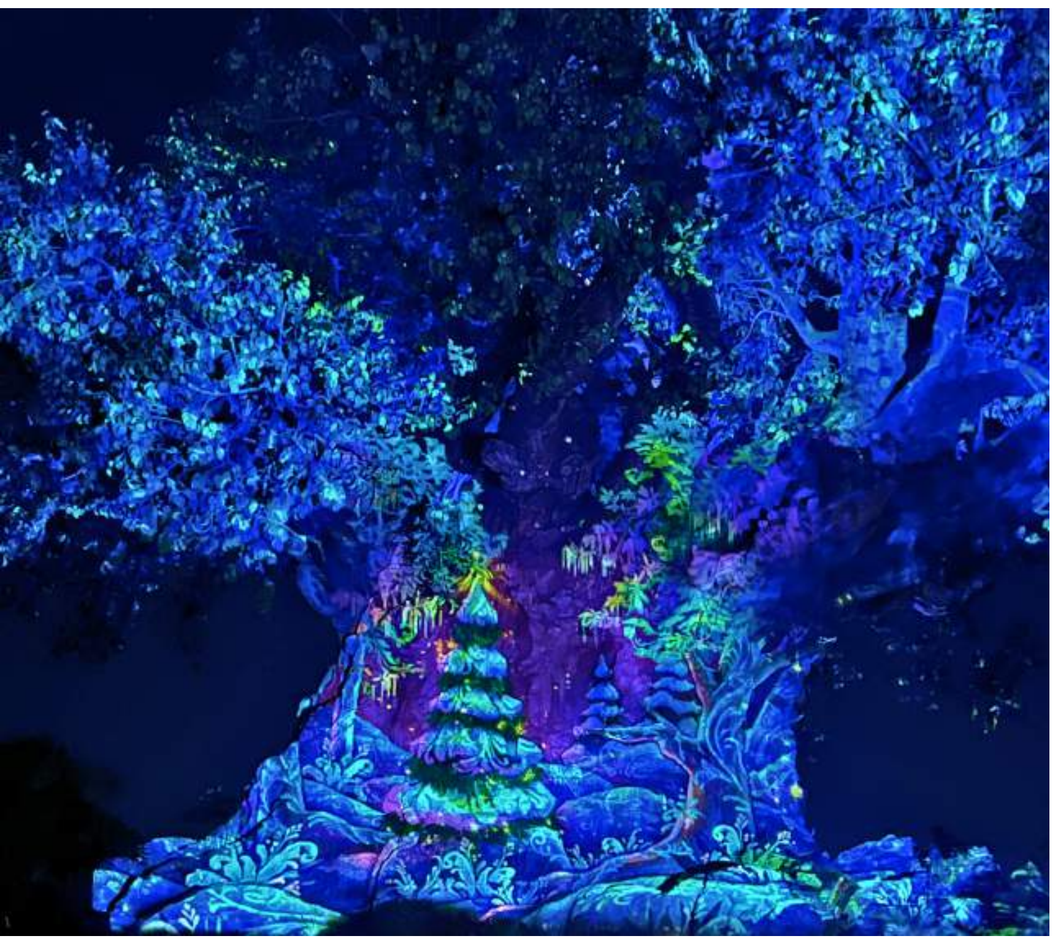
GROUP DINING

Large group dining adds some extra challenges, especially during the crowded holiday season.

Your options include working with Disney Catered Events, contacting Disney Springs restaurants directly, inquiring with WDW Swan and Dolphin restaurants, speaking with DVC resorts, or by calling Group Dining (call 407-WDW-DINE and ask to be transferred).







CANCELLATIONS

Each Disney World restaurant has its own cancellation policy, but most will allow you to cancel without a fee if you do so more than 2 hours ahead of the reservation. You can cancel a reservation online, via the My Disney Experience app, or by calling (407) 824-1391. If you need to cancel within 2 hours of the reservation, though, you may be charged a cancellation fee, depending on the restaurant.

MOBILE ORDER

Mobile Order allows guests to pre-order and pay for their food at participating Quick Service Restaurants.

Upon arrival to the restaurant, guests using Mobile Order can then bypass the ordering queue and go straight to a designated Pick-Up Counter to get their food.

During peak holiday crowds and dining times (12PM and 5PM) using Mobile Order is crucial to keeping spirits high and bellies fed.

Plan to order 1-2 hours in advance for your best shot at getting your desired return window.

Note that **mobile order may not be available** at some resort restaurants during especially busy times.







SPECIAL DIETS

Walt Disney World strives to make dining with a **Special Diet** an enjoyable (rather than stressful) experience whenever possible.

When **planning a holiday meal** at a Disney restaurant, first tell the Cast Member assisting with your order that you have a special diets request. For table-service restaurants, this will be your server. When they know the modification requested is more than just a taste or texture preference, they will inform the kitchen to use the allergy request process, which involves a Special Diets-Trained Cast member.

And when you arrive at a Quick Service location, ask the Cast Members for the allergy binder containing ingredients for the food items offered there.

If you have time before your trip to peruse Disney World's website, you'll find that **several Quick Service locations have allergy-friendly items** listed on their online menus!

Allergy menus include Gluten/Wheat, Egg, Fish/Shellfish, Milk, Peanut/Tree Nut, and Soy.

Guests using **Mobile Order** will also see Allergy-Friendly foods categorized by dietary needs where available.

MEALS WITH SURCHARGES

Some restaurants may charge premium “holiday” pricing from mid-December until early January, so budget accordingly. If affected, Table Service meal prices may be increased by around $4 per person. Expect higher rates at buffets (when offered) and character meals, including the following locations:

- **1900 Park Fare** in Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort
- **Akershus Royal Banquet Hall** in EPCOT
- **Biergarten** in EPCOT
- **Boma** in Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge
- **Cape May Cafe** in Disney's Beach Club Resort
- **Chef Mickey's** in Disney's Contemporary Resort
- **Cinderella's Royal Table** in the Magic Kingdom
- **The Crystal Palace** in the Magic Kingdom
- **Garden Grill** in EPCOT

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updates coming soon!





- **Hollywood and Vine** in Disney's Hollywood Studios
- **Liberty Tree Tavern** in the Magic Kingdom
- **'Ohana** in Disney's Polynesian Village Resort
- **Story Book Dining at Artist Point** in Disney's Wilderness Lodge
- **Topolino's Terrace** in Disney's Rivera Resort (Breakfast is a prix-fixe experience. Dinner remains a la carte.)
- **Tusker House** in Disney's Animal Kingdom
- **Whispering Canyon Cafe** in Disney’s Wilderness Lodge







MINNIE'S HOLIDAY DINE

Minnie's Holiday Dine at **Hollywood & Vine** returns once again this year.

Celebrate the season with Minnie, Mickey, Pluto, and Goofy (in their "holiday finery!") from **November 4, 2026 – January 6, 2027**.

The friendly Disney characters don especially festive costumes for this holiday feast.

The Disney pals will stroll around the restaurant posing for pictures and greeting guests.

The buffet-style menu is a holiday feast that caters to all tastes. You'll find traditional favorites like roast turkey and stuffing, alongside vegan and gluten-free options.

And let's not forget the dessert table, laden with seasonal treats like gingerbread cookies and peppermint bark.

To make an **Advance Dining Reservation**, call (407) WDW-DINE, or book online. A credit card guarantee is required at time of booking.

We're happy to report that Minnie's Holiday Dine hosts a Character Breakfast these days (instead of simply Lunch and Dinner), too!

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THANKSGIVING



THANKSGIVING

Ever wonder **what it's really like to spend Thanksgiving in Disney World**? Well, we've got ALL the information you need to know.

While you are out and about, look for **specialty snacks** around Walt Disney World.

If you're looking for a **traditional meal**, you won't have far to go. However, you'll want to be sure to reserve table service meals as far in advance as possible. For 2026, that means calling on September 27th, which is 60 days in advance!

Many Table Service Restaurants will offer a special entree. The buffet spots add holiday dishes to their offerings. **Many Thanksgiving Day menus** include turkey, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, and seasonal vegetables.



It's a great time to try a restaurant that's outside of a Park, like Todd English's bluezoo or one of the eateries in Disney Springs like Chef Art Smith's Homecomin'.

You'll get to have a new dining experience AND eat a traditional meal. It's a good way for picky eaters to try a restaurant that typically serves food that is too adventurous for them.

Disney and Macy's are celebrating 90 years of collaboration by debuting a Minnie Mouse float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

CHOOSE ONE PARK

If your heart is set on going to a **theme park on Thanksgiving Day**, choose one Park, and do not plan on **Park Hopping**.

A great idea is to make your dinner reservation at your chosen Park or at a Resort restaurant that you plan to visit upon exiting the Park.

Of course, you don't want to miss the Black Friday deals. If **park crowds** are too much for your family, hang out at your resort to swim, watch a game, and/or do some online shopping.



SOLD OUT CROWDS

Yes, you'll want to keep an eye on **sold out crowds**.

And Lightning Lane Multi Pass? This year we've **already seen the Multi Pass price in Magic Kingdom a whopping $45 per person.**





TRADITION

Consider creating a new tradition, such as going to a water park when they are open or your resort's pool! It'll be a relaxing day, you'll build a huge appetite, and you'll have your evening free for a wonderful meal.

THANKSGIVING DAY MEALS

Disney World's restaurants add a touch of Thanksgiving flair to their regular menus, offering a blend of exceptional cuisine and festive ambiance.

While the restaurant decorations remain relatively understated, they're adorned with charming ornaments, garlands, wreaths, and trees that immerse diners in the holiday spirit.

Even Quick Service Restaurants at Disney World join the festivities. On Thanksgiving Day, Disney's resort hotels serve up **Thanksgiving Feasts** with roasted turkey and all the fixings among other delights. Last year, we loved the Pumpkin Cheesecake at The Polite Pig, and the Sweet Potato Pecan Pie Mash-Up Donut at Everglazed.

Whether enjoying a Table Service character meal, or a quick nosh between rides, Disney World ensures a wealth of festive culinary experiences during the holiday season.

PRO TIP: Some restaurants at Disney Springs, like Homecomin', have a Take-Home Thanksgiving Dinner-for-Four option, so you can order your meal in advance, take it back to your resort, and enjoy it with your family without the crowds!



The menu items below have traditionally been served on Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING DAY MEALS
DISNEY PARKS

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RESTAURANT	LOCATION	RESTAURANT TYPE	THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS
Satu'li Canteen	Animal Kingdom	Quick Service	Thanksgiving Duo Bowl and Thanksgiving Turkey Bowl.
Tiffins Restaurant	Animal Kingdom	Table Service	Turkey Roulade with various Thanksgiving dishes.
Tusker House Restaurant	Animal Kingdom	Table Service	Normal buffet with festive additions including roasted turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin tart desserts.
Biergarten Restaurant	EPCOT	Table Service	Turkey with mashed potatoes and stuffing.
Coral Reef Restaurant	EPCOT	Table Service	Expect to see a Thanksgiving plate along with holiday desserts.
The Garden Grill Restaurant	EPCOT	Table Service	You can find a lot of Thanksgiving items on this all-you-care-to-enjoy menu. And the best part? It's a character meal, featuring Chip 'n Dale along with Pluto and Mickey Mouse
Le Cellier Steakhouse	EPCOT	Table Service	Turkey Plate
Sunshine Seasons	EPCOT	Quick Service	Rotisserie-smoked turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, turkey gravy, and cranberry sauce.
Via Napoli	EPCOT	Table Service	Fall-inspired pizza, the Autunno, topped with butternut squash, fresh ricotta, fried crispy prosciutto and arugula, available until Nov. 30.
Cosmic Ray's Starlight Cafe	Magic Kingdom	Quick Service	Roasted Turkey, Gravy, Green Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, and Cranberry Sauce served with a Roll.
Crystal Palace	Magic Kingdom	Table Service	Traditional oak-roasted turkey, hand-carved prime rib, sweet potato casserole, cornbread stuffing, and apple or pumpkin pie.
Diamond Horseshoe	Magic Kingdom	Table Service	Similar Thanksgiving options to Liberty Tree Tavern.
Liberty Tree Tavern	Magic Kingdom	Table Service	Roast turkey breast, pot roast, pork, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, herb stuffing, and mac & cheese.
50's Prime Time Café	Hollywood Studios	Table Service	Holiday Plate with oven-roasted turkey breast, turkey gravy, cornbread stuffing, cranberry relish, green beans, and mashed potato.
Hollywood & Vine	Hollywood Studios	Table Service	Thanksgiving add-ons to their buffet.
The Hollywood Brown Derby	Hollywood Studios	Table Service	Thanksgiving favorites like carved turkey breast with cornbread stuffing and more.

The menu items below have traditionally been served on Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING DAY MEALS
DISNEY RESORTS: TABLE SERVICE

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RESTAURANT	LOCATION	THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS
Boma	Animal Kingdom Lodge	Thanksgiving enhancements with African-inspired dishes like carved turkey, Doro wat, and cranberry chutney.
Jiko	Animal Kingdom Lodge	Thanksgiving Day Feast with turkey breast ballotine, Doro wat, and more.
Sanaa	Animal Kingdom Lodge	Confirmed for 2025. From 11:30 AM to 9 PM, on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, the dinner menu and some holiday-inspired items will be served. The Thanksgiving menu will include: Thanksgiving Day Dinner, Seasonal Salad, and Giraffe Tower Mousse. Sanaa will not offer the regular lunch menu on Thanksgiving Day.
Beaches and Cream	Beach Club Resort	Slow-roasted turkey breast on top of cornbread stuffing on a focaccia bun covered in house-made turkey gravy and crispy onions.
Cape May Cafe	Beach Club	Buffet Enhancements with all the traditional holiday meal favorites.
Flying Fish	BoardWalk Resort	Slow-roasted turkey, herb gravy, and Yukon gold potatoes.
Trattoria al Forno	BoardWalk Resort	Sage and Thyme Oven-roasted Turkey with corn and sausage stuffing, mashed potatoes.
California Grill	Contemporary Resort	Rotisserie All Natural Joyce Farms Turkey: Braised leg and thigh, cornbread dumpling, butter-whipped potatoes, brown butter sautéed green beans, gravy, and cranberry relish.
Chef Mickey's	Contemporary Resort	Oven-roasted turkey and gravy, baby carrots with tarragon-dijon butter and brown sugar, haricot verts with stewed tomatoes and roasted garlic, garlic mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole brûlée, cornbread stuffing, and cranberry compote.
Steakhouse 71	Contemporary Resort	The breakfast menu will be served from 7:30 AM to 11 AM, while select items from the dinner menu plus some holiday-inspired items will be served from noon to 9:15 PM. The regular lunch menu will not be available on that day.
Three Bridges Bar & Grill	Coronado Springs Resort	Thanksgiving Feast with carved turkey, dressing, choice of sides, cranberry relish, & gravy.
Toledo	Coronado Springs Resort	Thanksgiving meal with turkey roulade, olive oil whipped potatoes, honey-glazed carrots, and more.
Citricos	Grand Floridian Resort	Roulade of Turkey with corn cake “stuffing”, cranberry gastrique, and sweet potato.
Grand Floridian Cafe	Grand Floridian Resort	Slow Roasted Turkey with Cornbread Dressing, Seasonal Vegetables, Buttery Mashed Potatoes, Candied Sweet Potato, Traditional Gravy, and Cranberry Relish.

The menu items below have traditionally been served on Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING DAY MEALS
DISNEY RESORTS: TABLE SERVICE *CONTINUED*

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RESTAURANT	LOCATION	THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS
Narcoossee's	Grand Floridian Resort	Oven-roasted Bell & Evans Farms Organic Turkey served with Buttery-whipped Potatoes, and more.
Olivia's Café	Old Key West Resort	On Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025, select items from the dinner menu and some holiday-inspired dishes were served from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. On Christmas Day, December 25, 2025, the regular brunch menu was served from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The regular dinner menu was available from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
Kona Cafe	Polynesian Village Resort	Chef's holiday special.
Boatwright's Dining Hall	Port Orleans Resort – Riverside	Thanksgiving Feast with herb-crusted turkey roulade, sweet potato purée, and more.
Topolino's Terrace	Riviera Resort	Topolino's Thanksgiving Feast with turkey, sweet potato casserole, cranberries, and more.
The Turf Club	Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa	Holiday Turkey Dinner with roasted turkey breast, cornbread stuffing, and more.
Whispering Canyon Cafe	Wilderness Lodge	A special prix fixe holiday meal for lunch and dinner on Thanksgiving Day. A 3-course meal will start with Parker House Rolls and a house salad. Then guests may choose from two all-you-care-to-enjoy skillets, a Thanksgiving Skillet and a Plant-Based Skillet.
Ale & Compass	Yacht Club Resort	The regular dinner menu and some Thanksgiving-inspired menu items will be served from noon to 9:00 PM. The regular lunch menu will not be available.
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bluezoo	WDW Dolphin	Not so Traditional Turkey Dinner...Willie Bird Organic Turkey with bluezoo Style Sides.
Garden Grove	WDW Swan	Thanksgiving buffet featuring some made-to-order options.
Il Mulino	WDW Swan	Traditional fare added for the holiday.

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THANKSGIVING DAY MEALS
DISNEY RESORTS: QUICK SERVICE

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RESTAURANT	LOCATION	THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS
All Star Food Courts	All-Star Resorts	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish.
The Mara	Animal Kingdom Lodge	Turkey Dinner with carved turkey, turkey gravy, cornbread stuffing, cranberry chutney, and green beans.
Landscape of Flavorts	Art of Animation	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish.
Beach Club Marketplace	Beach Club Resort	Slow-roasted turkey breast on top of cornbread stuffing on a focaccia bun covered in house-made turkey gravy and crispy onions, garnished with green onions.
BoardWalk Deli	BoardWalk Resort	**Gobbler Sandwich** with with Hot Roasted Turkey, Italian Sausage Stuffing, Cranberry Relish, and Turkey Gravy on House Baked Ciabatta.
Centertown Market	Caribbean Beach Resort	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish.
Contempo Cafe	Contemporary Resort	**Roasted turkey dinner**, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish.
Gasparilla Island Grill	Grand Floridian Resort	Oven-roasted turkey with cornbread stuffing, cranberry sauce, and gravy on a freshly-baked ciabatta roll from the Grand Floridian Bakery.
Good's Food To Go	Old Key West Resort	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish.
Captain Cook's	Polynesian Village Resort	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish.
Everything POP	Pop Century Resort	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish.
Riverside Mill	Port Orleans Resort	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish.
Sassagoula Floatworks and Food Factory	Port Orleans Resort	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish.
Bar Riva and Primo Piatto	Riviera Resort	Roasted turkey breast with stuffing, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin cheesecake.
The Artist's Palette	Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish.
Picabu	WDW Dolphin	Traditional fare added for the holiday.
Roaring Fork	Wilderness Lodge	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish.
Market at Ale & Compass	Yacht Club Resort	Thanksgiving Sandwich and Thanksgiving Family Meal with turkey, gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, and more.

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THANKSGIVING DAY MEALS
DISNEY SPRINGS: TABLE SERVICE

RESTAURANT	THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS
City Works Eatery & Pour House	**Confirmed for 2026:** Thanksgiving Dinner: Herb-roasted turkey with classic fixings
Paddlefish	**Confirmed for 2026**: Herb Roasted Turkey Breast, Andouille Cornbread Stuffing, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Relish, Pan Gravy.
Terralina Crafted Italian	**Confirmed for 2026**: Thanksgiving Day Special - Apple Pie Martini: Caramel vodka, allspice dram, apple cider, and cream topping. Traditional Turkey Feast: Rosemary roasted turkey, applewood smoked bacon and Granny Smith apple stuffing, mascarpone whipped mashed, roasted asparagus, sage and thyme gravy, and cranberry sauce. Pumpkin Cheesecake with brown butter sage caramel
Splitsville	Thanksgiving Sammy features roasted turkey breast piled on toasted ciabatta bread and dressed with fresh greens, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, and a side of sweet & savory sweet potato fries!
Steakhouse 71	Selections from the breakfast menu will be served 7:30am to 11:00am. Select items from the dinner menu and some holiday-inspired dishes will be served from noon to 9:15pm. The regular lunch menu will not be available.
STK	STK Signature Turkey with all the trimmings (also available for takeout).
Summer House on the Lake	Your choice of Harvest Salad or Roasted Honeynut Squash Soup, a Roast Turkey Dinner or Maple Glazed Faroe Island Salmon, and Pumpkin Chiffon Pie or Chocolate Cake for dessert.
T-Rex Cafe	Roasted Turkey, Turkey Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans & Mushrooms, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, and Pumpkin Pie.

THANKSGIVING DAY MEALS
DISNEY SPRINGS: QUICK SERVICE

RESTAURANT	THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS
Cookes of Dublin	Starting on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, and continuing through Christmas Day, Dec. 25 were two new dishes: Thanksgiving Turkey Pie served with chips (aka fries), stuffing, and cranberry sauce, and Buttermilk Cajun Turkey Sandwich with garlic mayonnaise, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and chips (aka fries). $15.99

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MORE MEAL IDEAS

Forgot to make a dinner reservation, but still want a taste of turkey? Try some of these options:

- Get an iconic **Turkey Leg**! Or, if 1,000 calories per meal isn't your thing, turkey sandwiches are available on many Quick Service menus.
- One of our favorite sammies is at **Earl of Sandwich** at Disney Springs. You can order the popular **Holiday Turkey Sandwich** year-round!
- Satu'li Canteen at Disney's Animal Kingdom may offer a fun **menu item** for the holiday.
- The Daily Poutine at Disney Springs often has a **poutine-twist** at Thanksgiving.
- **American Holiday Table** at EPCOT's Festival of the Holidays has a small meal on the menu.
- Read our **FULL review of a Thanksgiving Feast** we tried at a Disney World quick service spot!

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Craving turkey and can't find it on the regular menu? Try the children's menu where you can often find a turkey sandwich!

SEASONAL MENU ITEMS

While many offerings will only be available on Thanksgiving Day, throughout November, we often see seasonal desserts featured at Quick Service and Table Service restaurants.

Fall flavors infused into classic desserts? SIGN US UP! Yes, these treats feature all the classic Turkey Day flavors you know and love–cranberry, pumpkin, and maple.

THE EDISON

Last year these fall cocktails were available Nov. 1 – Dec. 31:

- **Fall for You**: Angel's Envy, Italicus Rosolio di Bergamotto, spiced apple tincture, Fee foam, lemon juice, ghost leaf. $18
- **Peppermint Patty**: peppermint-infused vodka, Caffè Borghetti espresso liqueur, Tempus crème de cacao, half-crushed peppermint rim. $16
- **Cosmic Poinsettia**: infused Stoli Elit, Belle de Brillet pear brandy, St. George spiced pear, cinnamon syrup, lime juice. $30
- **Cup o' Cheer**: apple cider, cinnamon syrup, cranberry juice, lemon juice. Non-alcoholic. $12

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SALT & STRAW

Salt & Straw features savory to sweet flavors during the fall season. These seasonal favorites will help amplify your Thanksgiving feast and they're really inventive! Put together, this year's lineup once again invokes a full five-course "meal" in frozen form.



EVERGLAZED DONUTS

And don't forget to stop by Everglazed Donuts. Once again, they typically offer seasonal options, like a Sweet Potato Pecan Pie Mash-Up Donut.



PIZZA PONTE

For 2024, Pizza Ponte offered an Orchard Chill made with Absolut Vanilia, Pinnacle salted caramel, apple cider, and allspice dram.

L'ARTISAN DES GLACES

To our surprise, we really enjoyed the Pumpkin Ice Cream at L'Artisan des Glaces last year.



SCAT CAT'S CLUB-CAFÉ

We hope the Pumpkin Pie-spice Beignets return to Scat Cat's Club-Café at Disney's Port Orleans French Quarter Resort. A pumpkin Mickey-shaped dessert is always a top pick for us.

LANDSCAPE OF FLAVORS

Over at Landscape of Flavors and Everything POP, Art of Animation, and Pop Century Resorts, if you see the Maple Pot de Créme, try this dessert. We've had it before and LOVED it!

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GASPARILLA ISLAND GRILL

If offered, head to Disney's Grand Floridian Resort to try the **Pumpkin Cheesecake** at Gasparilla Island Grill! This is another DFB-approved treat.

SATU'LI CANTEEN

Satu'li Canteen usually showcases a Pumpkin Cheesecake Mousse in Disney's Animal Kingdom. It's so orange!

ANOTHER ANIMAL KINGDOM OPTION

S'more Martini: Stoli Vanilla Vodka, Mozart Chocolate liquor, House-made toasted s'more syrup, and house-made graham cracker cream garnished with a chocolate drizzle, toasted marshmallow, and a crushed graham cracker rim available at Tiffins Restaurant and Nomad Lounge

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HANUKKAH



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Yes, Hanukkah is celebrated in Walt Disney World. This year, Hanukkah is December 4 – December 12, 2026.

Watch for a vivid assortment of blue, white, silver, and gold merchandise items featuring the Festival of Lights, the celebration of Hanukkah. Hanukkah-inspired housewares, décor, and pins can typically be found on the store shelves throughout Walt Disney World.

A Hanukkah storyteller will share traditions along the World Showcase Promenade as part of the Festival of Holidays. Most recently, the Hanukkah storyteller has been presenting near the L'Chaim Holiday Kitchen. A celebration of eight days in length is commemorated with the lighting of eight candles on the menorah.

KOSHER MEALS

As with any other time of the year, Disney Table Service restaurants will cater to kosher needs with at least 24 hour's notice at most restaurants. (The rule of thumb, however, was previously two days in advance, and we suggest following that guideline, if possible.) Call 407-WDW-DINE or 407-939-3463 for reservations and/or to place an order for a kosher meal.

Restaurants at the WDW Swan and Dolphin resort require four day's notice by calling 407-934-1717.

Select Quick Service restaurants will have a kosher menu. If you do not see a restaurant indicated **on this list**, it still never hurts to ask if kosher options may be available.

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CHRISTMAS



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It's never too early to talk about the winter holidays, right?

If you're looking for a **meal with traditional trimmings** on Christmas Day, book an Advance Dining Reservation. Many restaurants will serve at least one entree that includes traditional fare over the Christmas holidays.

If you make reservations when an after-hours party is taking place, you will need to purchase admission for the event.

Book online or by calling 407-939-3463.

Consider spending Christmas in a not-so-ordinary way! Lounge by the pool, visit a water park, go to Disney Springs and/or rent a watercraft.

It's time to bust out the jingle bells and put on your Christmas sweaters, people!

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

During regular park hours, you can catch some of the entertainment that is usually exclusive to Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party after the Party concludes. Typically they'll last until December 29th (before the New Year's takover!). This year, the following are confirmed:

- Minnie's Wonderful Christmastime Fireworks nightly at 8pm from December 23rd - 29th.

Follow @disneyfoodblog on Instagram for updates on park capacity closures. We've got you!

PARK CAPACITY

Does Disney World ever hit capacity? Yes, and historically Magic Kingdom has hit **capacity** on Christmas Day, even if for only a few hours.

When a **park closure** happens, it's usually during afternoon hours when crowds typically peak. Along with those with Park Reservations, Park Hopping ticket holders may lead to capacity issues after noon.

To secure your spot, make a Park Reservation (if required) for your preferred park as early as possible and commit to it for the entire day.

You can monitor park updates and consider a late-day visit, although expect massive crowds.

Usually, Disney World will send out notifications on the **My Disney Experience app** regarding capacity.

Or call the park capacity hotline, a.k.a the park hopping hotline at (407) 560-5000 before you head to your preferred park.

Disney will use a number of transportation tactics to persuade you to stay away from the near-capacity parks, including running buses less frequently, shutting down the monorail, and diverting cars to larger lots.

For example, Disney's Hollywood Studios guests may have to park at EPCOT and then take a provided bus to the Studios.

It's so festive around the parks during the holidays. Everything is decorated, Christmas music can be heard everywhere, and we can't forget about the SNOAP. That's why we ALL want to be there!

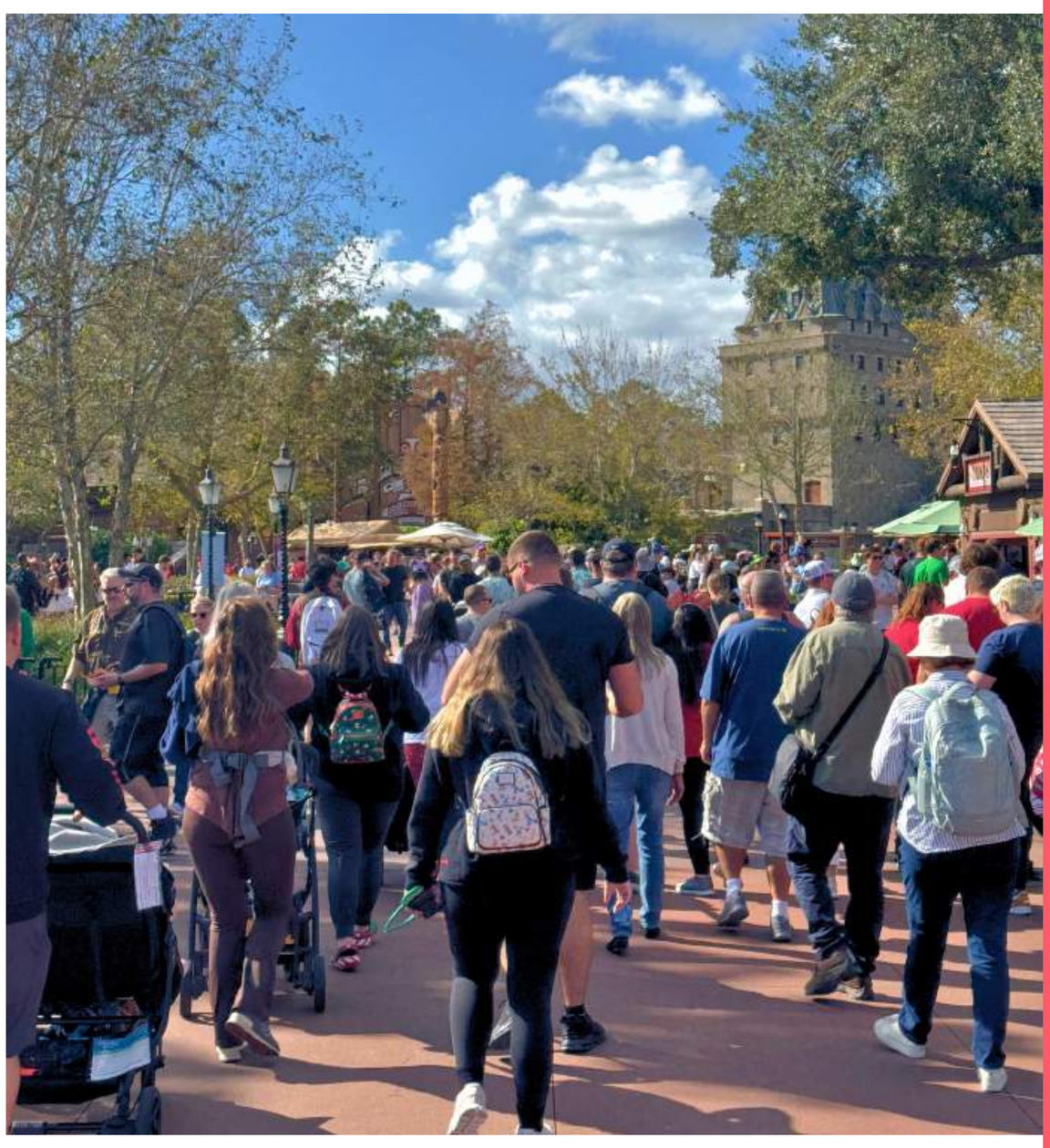


PARK CLOSURE PHASES

In the past, Disney used this phase system to Indicate who can and cannot enter the parks on high capacity days. The phases only apply to a single park, meaning Magic Kingdom can be at Phase 4, while Hollywood Studios is at Phase 1.

- **Phase 1 –** Ticket sales are stopped at the theme park that has reached Phase 1. Multi-day ticketholders, Annual Passholders, and Disney Resort guests will be allowed admittance to the parking lot and theme park. Guests re-entering the Park, Park Hopping from another Park, holding a reservation, or arriving via Disney transportation (not car) will be able to enter.
- **Phase 2** – Guests staying at a WDW Resort hotel, with an Annual Pass, Park Hopping from another Park, holding a reservation, or arriving via Disney transportation are allowed in the parking lot and turnstiles.
    - **Phase 2A** – Allows only guests using the last day of their multi-day admission.
- **Phase 3** – The Park and parking lot will only allow Walt Disney World Resort guests staying at a WDW-owned hotel, Annual Passholders, and guests with dining reservations to enter.





- **Phase 4** – Capacity has been reached. No one will be allowed to enter for safety purposes!

Sticking with one park on Christmas Day, and dare we say it, preferably not Magic Kingdom, will reduce the amount of stress around park capacity closures.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MEALS

Ah, Christmas at Disney World–where the magic of the holidays meets culinary delight! Imagine dining in a winter wonderland, complete with twinkling lights, festive decorations, and even a sprinkle of Disney magic. From Magic Kingdom's seasonal snacks like gingerbread churros to Minne’s Holiday Dine, there's something for every palate.

We’ve gathered up the limited-time holiday offerings featuring festive twists on classic dishes. If you have dietary restrictions, check in advance as not all seasonal offerings may suit your needs. Don’t forget to take in the magical atmosphere–each restaurant is decked out in holiday decor, making your meal extra special.

Whether you're a foodie or just looking to soak in the holiday spirit, Disney World's Christmas dining options are sure to make your season merry and bright. Reservations fill up fast, so plan ahead!



The menu items below have traditionally been served on Christmas.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MEALS

DISNEY RESORTS: TABLE SERVICE

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RESTAURANT	LOCATION	HOLIDAY OFFERINGS
Ale & Compass	Yacht Club	A special Christmas menu will be offered for breakfast and lunch. The regular menu will be offered for dinner.
Amare	WDW Swan Reserve	Christmas Eve last year was: Pan seared Florida snapper, potato puree, winter black truffle, crispy brussel sprouts, lemon glazed carrots, sauternes sauce. Christmas 2025 was: Cabernet braised ossocuco with creamy polenta, blistered cherry tomatoes, roasted wild mushrooms and mulled wine bordelaise
bluezoo	WDW Dolphin	Christmas Eve 2025 was: Seared black cod with caradamom pilaf, Hollander mussels, pearl onions, fennel escabeche and madras emulsion, Christmas 2025 was: Braised Beef Cheek with whipped parsnip, roasted winter squash, cherry agrodolce, pine nuts, and juneberry marsala reduction
Boatwright's	Port Orleans Riverside	Dijon-rubbed pork loin with bourbon sweet potato purée, crispy Brussel sprouts, and apple fennel chutney.
California Grill	Contemporary	Fire-Roasted Venison with sweet potato fondant, roasted root vegetables, and sour cranberries.
Chef Mickey's	Contemporary	Apricot and gruyere stuffed pork tenderloin with apricot demi, classic stuffing, garlic mashed potatoes, and Haricot verts with stewed tomatoes.
Citricos	Grand Floridian	Chipotle-Maple Glazed Dry-Aged Pork Chop with squash au gratin, swiss chard, and almond mole.
Flying Fish	BoardWalk Resort	Oak-grilled filet mignon and coldwater lobster.
Garden Grove	WDW Swan	Buffet featuring Smoked Berkshire Pork Loin with apple chutney, Herbed panade crusted salmon with whole grain mustard and caper hollandaise, Eggs benedict with potato home fries, Seared airline chicken breast with risotto and foraged mushroom cream.
Grand Floridian Cafe	Grand Floridian	Braised Pork Shank with Chocolate Stout Reduction, Black Diamond Cheddar Polenta, Roasted Mushrooms, and Citrus Gremolata.
Il Mulino	WDW Swan	Christmas Eve 2025: Pesce Pompano Francese of Florida pompano with confit artichoke, romesco, pickled chantarelles and peal onions, leek terrine and champagne beurre blanc, "Lasagna" of kale pinwheel pasta stuffed with veal bolognaise, vodka sauce, walnut gremolada and a parmesan crisp. Christmas 2025 : Agnello Cotto Lentamenta of lamb shake with brown butter farro risotto with charred baby fennel, roasted candy beets and blood orange bordelaise, "Lasagna" of kale pinwheel pasta stuffed with veal bolognaise, vodka sauce, walnut gremolada and a parmesan crisp.

The menu items below have traditionally been served on Christmas.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MEALS
DISNEY RESORTS: TABLE SERVICE *CONTINUED*

RESTAURANT	LOCATION	HOLIDAY OFFERINGS
Jiko	Animal Kingdom Lodge	Bone-in ribeye, preserved lemon and almond haricot verts, herb-roasted potatoes, roasted radicchio, and tart cherry wine reduction.
Sanaa	Animal Kingdom Lodge	On December 25, 2025 in addition to select items from the dinner menu, holiday inspired dishes were offered. The Christmas Day menu included: Spice-Glazed Prime Rib with Jeera Jollof and Saag Cassava Puree, Smoke Indian Curry Reduction, Saute East African Greens, and Dates Relish. Sanna did not offer the regular lunch menu on Christmas Day.
Shula's Steakhouse	WDW Dolphin	Christmas Eve: Swordfish "Ribeye" with champagne béarnaise, sturgeon & salmon roe. Christmas Day: 16oz Veal Chop with Oscar-Style Crust, Sauce Choron.
Steakhouse 71	Contemporary Resort	The regular dinner menu with special holiday options added.
Toledo	Coronado Springs	Prime rib of beef, potato silk, pearl onion-tomato confit, and chimichurri.
Trattoria al Forno	BoardWalk Resort	Steak al Forno with Yukon potatoes, cipollini agrodolce, and chianti reduction.
Turf Club	Saratoga Springs	Pork shank with au gratin potatoes, house-made green bean casserole, roasted carrots, and a Parker House roll.
Whispering Canyon Cafe	Wilderness Lodge	A special 3-course meal will be offered in lieu of the regular lunch and dinner menus on Christmas day. Modified breakfast menu.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MEALS
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RESTAURANT	LOCATION	HOLIDAY OFFERINGS
All-Star Resort Food Courts	All-Star Resorts	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish
Captain Cook's	Polynesian Resort	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish
Centertown Market	Caribbean Beach Resort	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish
Contempo Cafe	The Contemporary	Turkey, Stuffing, Cranberry Dressing, Carrots, Haricot Verts, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, and Gravy
Everything Pop	Pop Century	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish
Landscape of Flavors	Art of Animation	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish
Riverside Mill	Port Orleans – Riverside	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish
Sassagoula Floatworks	Port Orleans – French Quarter	Roasted turkey dinner, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, seasonal vegetables, and cranberry relish



CHRISTMAS MEALS
DISNEY SPRINGS

RESTAURANT	CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS
Chef Art Smith's Homecomin'	Homecomin' **Brunchmas** started on December 20th, 2025 and was available for guests till January 4th. The brunch took place from 9 AM to 1 PM every day during that timeframe.

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RESORT EVENTS

HOOP DEE HOLIDAYS

If you're looking for dinner and a show, we recommend **Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue** at **Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort**. This entertaining Wild West-themed show offers special holiday events for Disney Vacation Club (DVC) members. Typically, dates are announced in late October.

Hoop Dee Holidays will allow DVC members to celebrate the holidays in true pioneer fashion. The show and meal will have additional holiday touches to match the season, and attendees will also get a Member-exclusive pre-show and a special keepsake to remember the evening.



Each DVC member can bring up to 11 guests with them, even if the guests are not members themselves.

The 2026 dates are:

- December 1st with 4PM and 6:15PM showtimes
- December 8th with 4PM and 6:15PM showtimes

There are 3 different seating categories to choose from, with Categories 1 and 2 being on the ground floor and Category 3 on the second floor (not wheelchair accessible). 2026 pricing is:

Category 1

- Adult (ages 10+): $83 ea
- Child (ages 3-9): $45 ea

Category 2

- Adult (ages 10+): $79 ea
- Child (ages 3-9): $41 ea

Category 3

- Adult (ages 10+): $75 ea
- Child (ages 3-9): $40 ea

Remember that getting to Fort Wilderness is harder than you may expect–there are no direct routes from other Disney hotels. You'll want to take a bus to Magic Kingdom, and then the ferry to Fort Wilderness, drive your own car, or take a rideshare.

To book your reservation, Members can call Member Services at 800-800-9800.

THE CAKE BAKE SHOP

While not *technically* in a resort, it's so close to the Boardwalk Inn, that we had to include it! The Cake Bake Shop goes all out for the holidays! Here are some fun facts about what you can find:

- The Santa Claus (to the right) was completely custom made. Every single aspect of the design was the creation of Gwendolyn Rogers. Then, she sent it to France to be turned into an animatronic.
- The tree is steel based and looks like an outdoor Alpine tree. Fifteen extra alpine branches were added so that it was full and each branch was lit independently.
- It takes a full 30 minutes to do one rotation on the specially built turntable.
- Special seasonal food is also typically available. For example, last year we had a slice of peppermint cake!

This year, on November 24th, December 1st, December 8th, and December 15th **you can have dinner with Santa**!

The dinner with Santa event offers a festive evening filled with sparkling cocktails and Champagne, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, and a gift to take home, as well as a family photo and visit with Santa!







DISNEY SPRINGS EVENTS

12 BEERS OF CHRISTMAS

12 Beers of Christmas will be held at Morimoto Asia on Sunday, December 6, 2026, and is hosted by Chef Morimoto.

Ticketed guests are able to enjoy 12 beers paired with 12 bites to eat. For this event, nonalcoholic options are available, so this is a family-friendly event.

There are two different time slots to choose from 11:30AM –1:30 PM or 2PM – 4PM, and guests are able to choose general admission or a booth with bottled water and a dedicated server.

Tickets start at $89 for adults and $66 for children, Booths (4 people max), started at $624 (including fees).





T-REX BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

At T-Rex Cafe, on select dates, you can sit down for breakfast with dinosaurs...and santa!

Presented on December 18th-20th, 2026, the family-style breakfast includes letters to Santa, goodie bags, a raffle and prizes, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and even more!

If your kiddo loves dinos, **this can be a fun way to start a morning.**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Maria & Enzo's Ristorante celebrates the holidays with Santa at a breakfast.

The special ticketed event is scheduled for:

- December 12
- December 13
- December 19
- December 20
- December 24

Seatings are at 9:30AM, 9:45AM, and 10:00AM.

Tickets vary by seating category (Gold or Platinum) and start at $69 for adults and $45 for children,The Platinum tier offers the best seating at $79 for adults and $45 for children.

Platinum tier also sees Santa before Gold tier, but all who purchase a ticket meet Santa.

You can find out more information here. The experience includes the following:

- Family-style breakfast
- Visit with Santa and elves
- Family photo with Santa
- Takeaway treats
- Holiday carolers
- Prosecco mimosa (21+)

We had breakfast with Santa in 2022 at Maria & Enzo's, so if you're curious as to what it's all about, be sure to read our full review.







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NEW YEAR'S



NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY

NEW YEAR'S

Probably the MOST typical activity for any New Year's Eve is the countdown to midnight, and that's been an option in many of the Disney Parks for years. Traditionally, Magic Kingdom, EPCOT, and Disney's Hollywood Studios are open for the holiday countdown:

- **Magic Kingdom** features the Fantasy in the Sky Fireworks at both 6:30PM and 11:50PM on Dec. 31st, 2026.
- **EPCOT:** Cheers to the New Year: A Sparkling Celebration show will begin at 11:54PM on December 31st, 2026.
- **Disney's Hollywood Studios** features a New Year Countdown Fireworks at 11:57pm on December 31st, 2026.



You'll discover a wide range of activities going on at the resorts. For instance, in the past, All-Star Movies hosted a New Year's Eve party by the Fantasia Pool from 8PM to 12AM. It sure sounds like a fun way to welcome the new year!

Ring in the New Year at The Most Magical Place on Earth. Okay, it just might be the most crowded, too. But it's a bucket list kind of experience, right?!

See MK fireworks from afar. For a less crowded experience, make plans to see Magic Kingdom fireworks from outside the Park. We recommend a fireworks cruise or watching from a Magic Kingdom-area Resort.

PARK CAPACITY

Choose one park!

Yep, we've gotta say it again. This day is historically jam-packed, especially at Magic Kingdom (followed closely by EPCOT). If you plan to visit Magic Kingdom or EPCOT and see the fireworks in the evening, you'll want to stay all day as the Park will likely reach capacity.

An alternative strategy that we successfully used on a previous New Year's Eve was to follow Park closures and then head to the Park in the evening. The Park re-opened to all guests by 8PM. We arrived about 7PM with Magic Kingdom still at a Phase 3. Was it crowded? Like nothing we'd ever seen before. We formed a family chain holding onto each others' shirts and made our way to the back of the Park.





Crowds thinned back by Big Top Treats in Fantasyland. In the front of the Park, it was madness with barely any room to walk, and people were camped out EVERYwhere. Yes, we spotted people sleeping on blankets! We had a reservation at Cinderella's Royal Table for the last seating of the day. After dinner, we were perfectly situated to see the fireworks in the back of the castle. Bucket list!



NEW YEAR'S DINING

MEMORABLE DINING

An outstanding dining experience would make this holiday truly special. **Ring in the New Year with a meal** at Narcoossee's or 'Ohana at Disney's Polynesian Village Resort, and you'll get a view of the fireworks, too!

For a magical meal away from Magic Kingdom, try rooftop dining at Topolino's Terrace at Riviera Resort or at Toledo: Tapas, Steak, & Seafood atop Coronado Springs' Gran Destino Tower. From either of these lofty locations, you may be able to see fireworks shows at EPCOT and/or Hollywood Studios.

Here's another suggestion: Consider booking a table for New Year's Eve at the Grand Floridian Cafe for around 5PM. Watch the Magic Kingdom fireworks at the 6:30PM showing. Yes, there are some less difficult ADRs to get where you can still enjoy the fireworks experience.

CALIFORNIA GRILL

Returning again, Disney is hosting a two-night event at the Contemporary Resort–**The Magic of New Year's Eve!** This party at **California Grill**, and the price tag started at $799 in 2026 (ringing in 2026). **Pricing and booking information for this year will be announced on November 11, 2026.**

Mingle with Mickey & Minnie, dance to live music, savor a four-course meal, and say cheers to the new year with a champagne toast.

Learn more **here** about the event.

To book a reservation, please call 407-824-2284.

The menu items below have traditionally been served on New Year's Eve.

NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLIDAY MEALS

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RESTAURANT	LOCATION	NEW YEAR'S OFFERINGS
Amare	WDW Swan Reserve	Celebration menu offered.
California Grill	Contemporary Resort	The Magic of New Year's Eve at California Grill
Citricos	Grand Floridian	Celebration menu offered.
Flying Fish	BoardWalk Resort	Oak-grilled filet mignon and coldwater lobster.
Il Mulino	WDW Swan	Celebration menu: Ilsalata di giardino, polpo color cavolo rosso, dentice in crostada di patate, ossobuco con polenta cremosa
Jiko	Animal Kingdom Lodge	Bone-in ribeye, preserved lemon and almond haricot verts, herb-roasted potatoes, roasted radicchio, and tart cherry wine reduction.
La Cava del Tequila	EPCOT	Exclusive agave tasting event.
Paddlefish	Disney Springs	In previous years, a Holiday Surf & Turf–a savory combination of Maine lobster, andouille sausage, PEI mussels, cornbread, red potatoes, and sweet corn for $85.
Raglan Road	Disney Springs	Raglan Road typically celebrates TWICE in one night.
Shula's Steak House	WDW Dolphin	Celebration menu offered.
Terralina Crafted	Disney Springs	We've seen a Lobster-Saffron Pappardelle, which is a decadent dish featuring half a Maine lobster, mussels, and baby scallops tossed in a tomato-saffron butter broth over pappardelle pasta ($47). Pair your meal with a festive Champagne Margarita–Cimarron Tequila, Triple Sec, and Sweet and Sour Mix, topped with Prosecco and garnished with lime and orange ($16.50).
Todd English's bluezoo Lounge	WDW Dolphin	A chic lounge offering a special New Year's Eve menu featuring seafood and cocktails.
Trattoria al Forno	BoardWalk Resort	Steak al Forno with Yukon potatoes, cipollini agrodolce, and chianti reduction.



QUICK SERVICE

Celebrating New Year's Eve in Disney World is SPECIAL, but what makes it even better is that Disney releases limited-time snacks!

If you find yourself looking for some fun quick service eats on New Year's Eve, watch for specialty items.

Some restaurants will add a limited time dessert and/or a special entree. So, keep an eye out. We'll show some examples of fun finds on the next page!

Don't forget to use Mobile Order to help manage long queues. You can even schedule your meal pickup several hours in advance to help navigate crowded mealtimes.

In the evening, enjoy a quick meal before watching the show on Spaceship Earth in EPCOT or any of Disney's fireworks shows.

We've included special treats from previous years for you to peek at. We can't wait to see what debuts this year!

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ANIMAL KINGDOM

Counter Service Restaurants at Animal Kingdom may offer an exclusive cupcake for a very limited time. Last year it was available at Restaurantosaurus and Pizzafari.

The **chocolate cupcake** had a cherry filling, almond frosting, and chocolate crispy pearl sprinkles.



BOARDWALK DELI

The Mickey Brownie got a little bit of a **2024 upgrade** and was topped with dark chocolate ganache, sprinkles, and "2024" icing. We are keeping our eyes peeled to see if it pops back up in 2026!



EVERGLAZED DONUTS

At Everglazed Donuts & Cold Brew, the **Happy New Year Donut** featured all sorts of fanfare and sparkle–just like the actual holiday.

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PINEAPPLE LANAI

Here's an example of a very limited-time snack. Pineapple Lanai offered a **New Year's Float** from December 30th, 2023 – January 1st, 2024.

Basically, this was a pineapple lover's dream! We're hoping this comes back!



ROARING FORK

At Wilderness Lodge, Roaring Fork's **Bear-y Happy New Year Mousse** which was a berry-flavored bar made of strawberry mousse, champagne gel, vanilla cake, mirror glaze, and chocolate decor.



The menu items below have traditionally been served for New Year's Eve.

NEW YEAR'S EVE TREATS
DISNEY RESORTS: QUICK SERVICE

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RESTAURANT	LOCATION	NEW YEAR'S OFFERINGS
World Premiere Food Court	All-Star Movies Resort	Celebration Mickey Piñata: Chocolate Mickey Piñata filled with white chocolate mousse, chocolate sponge cake, and fresh strawberries
Landscape of Flavors	Art of Animation Resort	Pomegranate Trifle Salute: Trifle layered with pastry cream, yellow cake, pomegranate prosecco sauce, gold confetti, and shimmering pomegranate boba
Beach Club Marketplace	Beach Club Resort	Strawberries and Champagne Tart: Champagne panna cotta, crisp pearls, and strawberry mousse with strawberry gelee topped with strawberry whipped cream
BoardWalk Deli	BoardWalk Resort	Mickey Brownie: Brownie with ganache, sparkly sprinkles, and chocolate décor.
Centertown Market	Caribbean Beach Resort	Millionaire Shortbread Bar: Shortbread cookie topped with caramel, chocolate ganache, toffee pieces, and salty pretzels
Pineapple Lanai	Polynesian Village	New Year's Float: DOLE Whip Pineapple Float with passion fruit, orange, and guava juice and boba pearls topped with popping candy
Sassagoula Floatworks and Food Factory	Port Orleans Resort – French Quarter	Millionaire Shortbread Bar: Shortbread cookie topped with caramel, chocolate ganache, toffee pieces, and salty pretzels
Scat Cat's Club – Café	Port Orleans Resort – French Quarter	Champagne Beignet: Classic Mickey beignet topped with a champagne glaze and starry quins
Riverside Mill Food Court	Port Orleans Resort – Riverside	Millionaire Shortbread Bar: Shortbread cookie topped with caramel, chocolate ganache, toffee pieces, and salty pretzels
Roaring Fork	Wilderness Lodge	Bear-y Happy New Year Mousse: Strawberry mousse, champagne gel, vanilla cake, mirror glaze, and chocolate décor.
The Market at Ale & Compass	Yacht Club Resort	Strawberries and Champagne Tart: Champagne panna cotta, crisp pearls, and strawberry mousse with strawberry gelee topped with strawberry whipped cream

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HOLIDAY EATS



HOLIDAY EATS: QUICK SERVICE

QUICK SERVICE

Quick Service (QS) restaurants offer convenience of fast-food style meals, however these venues also offer unique holiday menu items.

SEASONAL HOURS

During the busy holiday season, Walt Disney World accommodates crowds of hungry visitors by opening up seasonal locations and stepping up the game in year-round restaurants with specialty eats.

Keep an eye on your mobile order menus for secret menu options as well.

While more options exist, the quick service restaurants on the following pages have offered Christmas menu items in recent years. Look for sweet and savory offerings.











MAGIC KINGDOM ALL-DAY SNACKS

These snacks will be available at these locations during regular park hours from November 8th, 2026 - January 2, 2027.

Aloha Isle Refreshments

- **Santa Surf Snack Float**: Minute Maid Passion Fruit Orange Guava Juice, coconut soft-serve, and a spiced pineapple pop. Non-alcoholic.

Auntie Gravity's Galactic Goodies

- **Cherry Cordial Cold Brew**: Joffrey's Cold Brew Coffee topped with cherry whipped cream, chocolate sauce, and chocolate curls. Non-alcoholic.

Liberty Square Market

- **Mickey Whoopie Pie**: Flourless chocolate cake sandwiched with marshmallow-mint buttercream. Plant-based.

Columbia Harbour House

- **Gingerbread Cake**: Tree-shaped gingerbread chiffon cake with cream cheese frosting, whipped dulce de leche panna cotta, crispy pearls, and a chocolate piece. Mobile order available.



Plaza Ice Cream Parlor

- **Gingerbread Milk Shake**: Vanilla ice cream, gingerbread syrup, and ginger snap crumbs topped with whipped cream and a chocolate gingerbread man

Plaza Restaurant - *available November 1st. 2026 - January 2, 2027*

NEW!

- **Santa's Floridian Pulled Pork Sandwich**: Shredded cabbage, roasted pineapple chutney, sweet-and-spicy barbecue sauce, and griddled bun
- **Classic Reuben Sandwich:** Sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, thousand island dressing, and griddled rye
- **Red Velvet Cheesecake**: Red velvet cake topped with vanilla swirl cheesecake
- **Merry Berry Cosmopolitan**: Grainger's Deluxe Organic Vanilla Vodka, Cointreau Liqueur, and cranberry and lime juices garnished with a sugar rim







MAIN STREET BAKERY

- The addition of Starbucks products at the **Main Street Bakery** means you can get your favorite **Starbucks holiday treats** and **beverages** while you're here!
- In past years, the bakery featured Holiday sugar cookies, Gingerbread Mickeys, and over-the-top holiday-themed cupcakes. Get the Cranberry Bliss Bar!
- Of course, while at this Magic Kingdom Starbucks location, you'll want to sample a seasonal beverage. Last year, we enjoyed the Iced Gingerbread Oatmilk Chai Latte made with oat milk, pumpkin spice topping, and ice. YUM.
- Peppermint fans should look for beverages such as the Peppermint Mocha Frappuccino.
- Ring in the holiday season with some delicious flavors!



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KRINGLA BAKERI OG KAFE

- In EPCOT's Norway, Kringla Bakeri has an incredible array of beloved Norwegian treats on the menu, like rice cream, sweet pretzels, and more.
- Look for seasonal Kringla with holiday sprinkles.



L'ARTISAN DES GLACES

- L'Artisan des Glaces usually brings the cheerful Holiday Macaron Ice Cream Sandwich to the holiday season.
- Don't miss out on the Gingerbread Ice Cream–it's our favorite treat at L'Artisan during Christmastime.
- Hazelnut may also appear as a featured flavor.



KARAMELL-KÜCHE

- Be sure to check out the popular the super sweet Holiday Caramel Flight.



CREATURE COMFORTS

Creature Comforts may be better known as the Animal Kingdom Starbucks. But they have a seasonal menu item and the themed décor.

Available November 6th., 2026 - January 3rd, 2027

NEW!
- **Festive Chocolate Chip Cookie:** Chocolate chip cookie with holiday sprinkles

NEW!
- **Snowflake Cinnamon Roll** with blue icing and snowflake sprinkles



FLAME TREE BARBECUE

Available November 6th, 2026 - January 3rd, 2027

NEW!
- **Gingerbread Cheesecake Pop**: Gingerbread cheesecake mousse, spiced graham cracker, and milk chocolate



ISLE OF JAVA

Available November 6th, 2026 - January 3rd, 2027

NEW!
- **Snowflake Cinnamon Roll** with blue icing and snowflake sprinkles

NEW!
- **Festive Chocolate Twist:** Chocolate twist with red and white chocolate stripes



TERRA TREATS

Available November 6th, 2026 - January 3rd, 2027

NEW! • **Festive Cookie Dough Brownie Ice Cream Sandwich:** Cookie dough with holiday sprinkles layered with vanilla ice cream and fudgy brownie

NEW! • **Reindeer Sundae:** Dulce de leche ice cream, espresso caramel, coffee-coconut streusel, coconut cake, chocolate antlers, and M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candy



KUSAFIRI COFFEE SHOP & BAKERY

Available November 6th, 2026 - January 3rd, 2027

NEW! • **Festive Chocolate Twist:** Chocolate twist with red and white chocolate stripes



SANTA'S HOLIDAY GROVE

Near Theater in the Wild, available from November 13th, 2026 - January 3rd, 2027

- NEW! **Peppermint-Chocolate Cookie Dough Brownie Ice Cream Sandwich:** Double-chocolate peppermint cookie dough layered with vanilla ice cream and fudgy brownie
- NEW! **Festive Chocolate Chip Cookie:** Chocolate chip cookie with holiday sprinkles
- NEW! **Jalapeño-Cheddar Pretzel**
- NEW! **Santa Hat Croissant:** Croissant filled with hazelnut spread dipped in white chocolate
- NEW! **Chocolate-dipped Mickey Gingerbread:** Mickey gingerbread cookie dipped in chocolate
- NEW! **Pistachio Cookie:** White chocolate chip cookie with Sicilian pistachios, dried cranberries, and candied orange
- NEW! **Mixed Berry Focaccia:** Blackberry, blueberry, and raspberry compote focaccia with lemon icing
- NEW! **Chilled Mulled Wine:** Chilled Cabernet Sauvignon mulled with fresh orange, star anise, cinnamon, and cloves
- NEW! **Chocolate Tree Croissant:** Croissant filled with hazelnut spread dipped in white chocolate
- NEW! **Cookie Butter Milkshake:** Topped with whipped cream, caramel, and a chocolate-dipped cookie
- NEW! **Pan de Jamon:** Smoked ham, olive, and orange raisin bread roll



ABC COMMISSARY

Available Nov 7 – Jan 5; mobile order available

- **Linzer Cookie Mousse Torte**: Layers of hazelnut cake, raspberry-blackcurrent mousse, raspberry jam, and sweet snow-dusted Linzer cookie



BACKLOT EXPRESS AND MILK STAND

Available Nov 7 – Jan 5; mobile order available

NEW!

- **Life Day Wookiee Cookie** - Two oatmeal cookies with cassis eggnog buttercream garnished with a milk chocolate coin



DOCKSIDE DINER

We've seen speciality milkshakes here in previous years that were only available during the holiday season.

ALL 2026 Holiday snack reviews will be here



ROSIE'S ALL-AMERICAN CAFE

Available Nov 7 – Jan 5; mobile order available

- **Coquito Wreath Cupcake** coquito custard-filled vanilla cupcake topped with coquito buttercream, chocolate bow, gold crispy pearls, and rainbow sprinkles

ALL 2026 Holiday snack reviews will be here



THE TROLLEY CAR CAFE

Available Nov 7 – Jan 5

- **Mickey Gingerbread Cookie**: A soft gingerbread cookie with white chocolate Mickey details



WOODY'S LUNCH BOX

Available Nov 7 – Jan 31; mobile order available

- **Hot Cocoa Lunch Box Tart** made with Chocolate fudge filling, hot chocolate-marshmallow fondant, and mini marshmallows

ALL 2026 Holiday snack reviews will be here

AMORETTE'S PATISSERIE

Available Nov 10 - Jan 11

- NEW! **Gingerbread Crème Brûlée:** With gingerbread spices topped with meringue and caramelized pecans
- NEW! **Pluto Reindeer:** Milk chocolate mousse with crunchy hazelnut center and chocolate chiffon
- NEW! **Peppermint Cheesecake Mousse:** Peppermint cheesecake mousse and chocolate sablé cookie with chocolate garnish
- NEW! **Mickey Glove Linzer Cookie:** Almond shortbread cookie sandwich filled with raspberry jam
- NEW! **Mickey and Minnie Cookie Art with Edible Watercolor Paints:** Create-your-own Mickey and Minnie cookie using edible watercolor paints! Kit includes 1 Mickey cookie, 1 Minnie cookie, 1 painter's palette cookie, paint brushes, and water to activate the paints
- NEW! **Hot Cocoa Mickey:** Spiced milk chocolate mousse and whipped ganache in a chocolate shell
- NEW! **Tree Petite Cake:** Layers of peanut butter and dark chocolate mousse, peanut brittle, and chocolate chiffon cake with chocolate bark



JOCK LINDSEY'S HANGAR BAR

Available Nov 10 – Jan 11

- **A Wreath of Wellington**: Strip steak, mushroom duxelles, Gruyère, puff pastry, herbed parmesan, and horseradish-mustard aïoli
- **Boughs of Holly Deviled Eggs**: Deviled eggs with sweet potato filling, fried chicken, herbed butter, cranberry, and parsley

NEW!
- **Holiday Freight Rolls:** Pork, beef, and sweet potato-filled egg rolls with sweet-and-sour cranberry sauce

NEW!
- **North Pole Catch**: Smoked trout dip, lavash chips, smoked salmon pinwheels with caper dill cream cheese, and fish and shrimp cakes with citrus mustard aioli

NEW!
- **Oh Christmas Brie**: Crispy Danish brie, lingonberry marmalade, and candied black pepper bacon

NEW!
- **Present Perfect Croquettes**: Crispy fried turkey croquettes with cherry-orange brandy glaze

NEW!
- **Tinsel and Tender Bites**: Cabernet-braised short ribs, spiced macadamia nuts, and cauliflower purée

NEW!
- **Hangar Holly Jolly:** Minute Maid Apple Juice, kiwi syrup, lime juice, and Seagram's Ginger Ale garnished with cranberries. Non-alcoholic

NEW!
- **Cranberry Apple Compass Mule:** Hendrick's Gin, apple cider, cranberry juice, and lemon juice topped with ginger beer garnished with sugared cranberries

NEW!
- **Frosted Passage Martini:** Tito's Handmade Vodka, Mozart White Chocolate Liqueur, Bols Crème de Cacao White Liqueur, and cream garnished with a white chocolate piece

NEW!
- **Hot Chocolate Around the Globe Flight** Featuring Hot Cocoa by Joffrey's Coffee
  - Dark hot chocolate, Don Julio Reposado Tequila, Ancho Reyes Chile Liqueur, and cinnamon syrup topped with whipped cream and a dusting of cinnamon
  - White hot chocolate, Frangelico liqueur, and Chambord liqueur topped with whipped cream, salted caramel crispy pearls, and raspberry sauce
  - Dark hot chocolate, Malibu Coconut Rum, and Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur topped with whipped cream and garnished with coconut flakes and holiday sprinkles

NEW!
- **Holiday Cranberry Negroni:** Hendrick's Gin, Campari Liqueur, Martini & Rossi Sweet Vermouth, cranberry juice, and simple syrup



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DOCKSIDE MARGARITAS

Available Nov 10 – Jan 11

NEW!

- **White Chocolate Margarita**: Lalo Blanco Tequila, Cointreau Liqueur, white chocolate syrup, plant-based heavy cream, and lime juice garnished with a peppermint sugar rim



EARL OF SANDWHICH

- *Available now through Jan 8*
- **Holiday Turkey Sandwich:** Roasted turkey, cornbread stuffing, cranberry sauce, and savory gravy on freshly baked artisanal bread

EET BY MANEET CHAUHAN



Available December 1st - December 31st

- **The Jolly One's Nachos:** Bubble's seasoned tortilla chips tossed with tender tandoori pulled pork and melted shredded cheddar topped with fresh kachumber, jalapeños, cool raita, and signature Jolly Heat Sauce
- **The Jolly Toffee Pudding:** Warm date cake with rich caramel toffee sauce, and whipped cream
- **Merry Masala:** Coconut cream, coconut milk, condensed milk, evaporated milk, cinnamon, and aromatic cardamom. Non-alcoholic
- **Sandy Claws Nog:** Misunderstood Ginger Whiskey, Misunderstood Oat Nog, and barista oat milk topped with cinnamon



GOOFY'S CANDY COMPANY

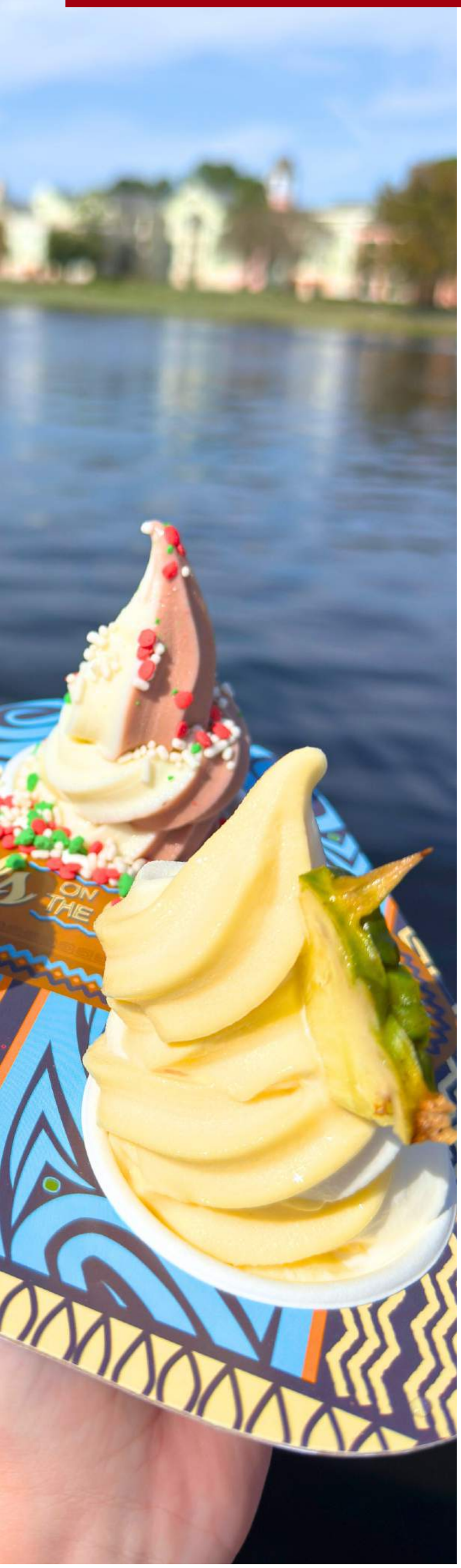
- **Frozen Cocoa:** Frozen Hot Cocoa by Joffrey's Coffee with mini marshmallows, whipped cream, holiday sprinkles, mini candy, and a Mickey marshmallow



CHEF ART SMITH'S HOMECOMIN'

Available Nov 29 – Jan 3

- **HFK Scotch Eggs**: Fried egg white filled with house made deviled egg filling and pimento cheese topped with a pickled serrano pepper and bacon bits
- **Seasonal Ham Steak:** Grilled bone-in ham steak with pineapple chutney served with green beans, mashed potatoes, and a signature biscuit
- **Crispy Pork Belly:** Fried and diced pork belly tossed with spicy guava sauce served over local greens topped with pickled red onion, sesame seeds, and chives
- **Tomato Bisque & Grilled Cheese:** Creamy tomato soup garnished with sour cream and house garlic cheese croutons served with a sourdough grilled cheese with cheddar and American cheese
- **Brussels Sprout Salad:** Shredded Brussels sprouts tossed with a house made honey mustard vinaigrette topped with dried cranberries, bacon, green peas, and shredded parmesan cheese
- **Mistletoe Spritz:** Gin with rosemary, fresh squeezed lemon juice, and simple syrup topped with La Marca Prosecco
- **Cranberry Gin Fizz:** Fords Gin with muddled raspberries and strawberries, fresh squeezed lemon juice, house made simple syrup, and a splash of cream topped with Cheerwine soda. Garnished with a strawberry and a cherry



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CHICKEN GUY

Available Nov 2 - Jan 3

- **Holiday Colossal Cookie** with chocolate, candy, cookie pieces, and pretzels

CITY WORKS EATERY & POUR HOUSE

Available Nov 11 - Nov 25

- **Friendsgiving Platter:** Maple bourbon-glazed Brussels sprouts, grilled chicken sliders, cranberry bourbon barbecue wings, and sage brown butter pretzel bites

FRONTERA COCINA

Available Nov 11 - Jan 11

- **Bombon de Navidad:** Reposado Tequila, corn liqueur, marshmallow cordial, and lime

THE POLITE PIG

Available Nov 11 - Jan 11

- **Open Face Turkey Smash:** Savory smoked turkey, creamy mashed potatoes, and cornbread stuffing served on Texas toast and drizzled with turkey gravy with a side of cranberry BBQ sauce
- **Polite Coquito**

SWIRLS ON THE WATER

Available Nov 10 – Jan 11

NEW!

- **Gingerbread Mickey Cone**: Gingerbread and vanilla soft-serve swirl, holiday sprinkles, and chocolate coin in a red velvet cone



EVERGLAZED DONUTS & COLD BREW

Available Nov 29 - Jan 3

- **Holiday Donug Six-Pack**

SALT & STRAW

Available Nov 6 - Dec 31

- **Almond Brittle Cake:** Double fold vanilla ice cream with slivers of Grandma Malek's almond brittle, and house-made salted chocolate ganache topped with sweet and salty clusters of saltine Florentine cookies. Drizzled in chocolate (Serves 8 to 20)



SPLITSVILLE LUXURY LANES

Available Nov 29 - Jan 3

- **Thanksgiving Leftovers Egg Rolls- available Nov 2 - Nov 29:** Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce served with brown gravy for dipping
- **Roasted Red Pepper and Shrimp Pasta:** Sauteed shrimp, roasted red peppers, cherry tomatoes, and fresh spinach tossed in a classic wine and butter sauce and finished with crumbled goat cheese and fresh basil

Sugar & Spice & Everything Nice Martini: Vanilla-infused vodka, Baileys Original Irish Cream, and Disaronno Originale Amaretto Liqueur



PADDLEFISH

Available Nov 27 - Dec 31:

- **Santa's Good List Boil**: Key West pink shrimp, Cedar Key littlenecks, PEI mussels, corn bread, red potatoes, and sweet corn
- **Gingerbread Martini:** Gilbey's Vodka, Baileys Original Irish Cream, Kahlúa, house-made ginger simple syrup, and gluten free gingerbread cookies

TERRALINA CRAFTED ITALIAN

Available Nov 27 - Dec 31

- **White Christmas Sangria:** Vanilla vodka, allspice dram, prosecco, Sprite, elderflower, lemon juice, and white cranberry juice

WETZEL'S PRETZELS KIOSK

Available Nov 11 - Jan 11

- **Cin-A-Bitz and Sweet Glaze**



RAGLAN ROAD IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT

Available Nov 9 - Jan 1

- Christmas Cocktail Menu



ENZO'S HIDEAWAY & MARIA AND ENZO'S

Available Dec 01 - Dec 31

- **Frosted Holiday:** Absolut Vanilla, crème de cacao, crème de menthe, and half-and-half
- **Smoke and Sugar:** Bubba's Marshmallow Bourbon, crème de cacao, chocolate bitters, graham cracker syrup, and a homemade marshmallow roasted tableside
- **Fig Spritz:** Angry Orchard, Stirrings Ginger Liqueur, Mionetto Prosecco, fig purée, and lemon juice
- **Spiced Apple:** Captain Morgan Spiced Rum, club soda, apple butter syrup, lime juice, and mint
- **Toasty Tidings:** Knob Creek Smoked Maple Bourbon, RumChata, St. Elizabeth Allspice Dram, Stirrings Ginger Liqueur, cinnamon syrup, and gingerbread

THE GANACHERY

Available Nov 10 – Jan 11

- **The Ganachery Hot Sipping Ganache Kit:** The Ganachery hot cocoa mix with a blend of dark, milk, and caramel chocolates and peppermint marshmallows
- **Disney Holiday Ganache Box:** Assorted ganache squares in holiday flavors of milk chocolate, gingerbread, eggnog, peppermint, caramel, and crunchy hazelnut
- **Hot Sipping Ganache:** Our hot chocolate ganache blend
- **Irish Cream Hot Sipping Ganache:** European-style hot ganache made with milk, dark, and caramel chocolates blended with cream and vanilla and served with Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur



HOLIDAY EATS: KIOSKS

KIOSKS

Even the **snacks and treats** are embellished during the holiday season.

Cupcakes appear with festive touches, cookies are bedazzled with Christmas sprinkles, and candy apples take a decidedly holiday turn. Be prepared for dozens of little touches during the holidays.

Rice Krispy treats are a staple of Disney snacks and they don't get much cuter than the Santa Mickey version! It's sweet and delicious, just like you'd expect.

Be sure to take a peek at the bakery cases as well as outdoor vending locations.

Many kiosks will be offering breakfast muffins and coffee during the busy holiday weeks!



While there are more kiosks, the locations listed on the following pages often have holiday items.

MOBILE ORDER

Be sure to use Mobile Order (where available) during the busy holiday season.

And **plan ahead** as waits can be LONG!



ALOHA ISLE

In Adventureland, **Aloha Isle** entices new Magic Kingdom visitors and repeat veterans with the popular DOLE Whip and DOLE Whip Floats–made with soft-serve and pineapple juice.

Be aware, your DOLE Whip (and other soft serve in the park) may take on a holiday hue!



BIG TOP TREATS

Over at **Big Top Treats** in Storybook Circus, you'll find an on-stage kitchen furnishing cupcakes, cookies, and candies as well as frozen slush drinks.

Remember that house-made caramel corn is the specialty here!



MAIN STREET CONFECTIONERY

A holiday visit isn't complete without a stop at **Main Street Confectionery.**

Picture-worthy treats include seasonal cupcakes, cookies, candy apples, popcorn, and more.

In bakery cases around Disney World, you'll find the new Mickey Chocolate Peppermint Sandwich Cookie. This is very similar to the mint chocolate version we've seen in the past, except it's holiday-themed!

Don't miss the **Holiday Peppermint Popcorn** or try the **Holiday Cookie Popcorn**.



PLAZA ICE CREAM PARLOR

All year-long, the Plaza Ice Cream Parlor dishes up delicious fountain goodies and made-in-house waffle cones in an early 1900's setting.

You'll find a **Gingerbread Milk Shake**: Vanilla ice cream, gingerbread syrup, and ginger snap crumbs topped with whipped cream and a chocolate gingerbread man.



POPCORN KIOSKS

Buckets are a little expensive, but they make a fun souvenir.

If you spot one that you love–don't wait! These items can sell out due to popularity, but NEW last year, you could order a popcorn bucket online! We're hoping that comes back this year!

REVIVE COFFEE KIOSK

At Joffrey's Revive, you'll find seasonal eats like sugar cookies and donuts topped with holiday sprinkles!

Also ask about holiday-themed flavors for coffees, like hazelnut and peppermint.

editor's NOTE

updates coming soon!



SLEEPY HOLLOW

When you visit Sleepy Hollow in Liberty Square, check out the seasonal funnel cakes as well as Joffrey's coffee.

You'll also find Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party treats here.



STORYBOOK TREATS

Storybook Treats in Fantasyland serves up some truly stellar soft-serve sundaes. Sometimes your favorite standard treats will get a little holiday makeover. Watch for seasonal flavors like cranberry-vanilla!



VARIOUS SNACK CARTS

At various snack carts, look for festive churros, doughnuts, and more!

editor's NOTE
updates coming soon!



CANADA POPCORN CART

The Canada Popcorn Cart serves up holiday beverages along with the popular Maple Popcorn.

Specialty beverages may include cider, hot toddy, hot cocoa, and/or a cocktail.



KARAMELL-KÜCHE

One of our favorite stops in EPCOT's World Showcase is this caramel paradise: Karamell-Küche. Celebrate the holiday season with festive, caramel snacks you won't want to miss.



THE TEA CADDY

This shop in EPCOT's United Kingdom usually adds a holiday beverage offering. Look for pre-packaged snacks as well as a selection of holiday teas.



WEINKELLER

Watch for holiday additions at Weinkeller in the Germany Pavilion.

Gluhwein is a warm mulled wine and is usually a seasonal item here.



EIGHT SPOON CAFE

In 2024, we saw a **S'mores Churro**: Churro rolled in mixture of chocolate dust, sugar, and salt, topped with whipped cream sprinkled with graham crackers and mini semi-sweet chocolate chips. Served with whipped cream and marshmallow topping.

There's usually a unique flavor churro here.



THE FEEDING GROUND

Watch for specialty popcorn buckets and sippers. Last year, we found the **Santa Sulley popcorn bucket** at **The Feeding Ground** on Discovery Island.



HARAMBE FRUIT MARKET

At **Harambe Fruit Market** watch for seasonal items such as gingerbread muffins.

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ICE CREAM CARTS

Many ice cream carts will feature a seasonal cookie and/or ice cream treat. It's peppermint season so look for soft-serve in this holiday flavor. You never know where you'll find your next favorite snack!



ISLE OF JAVA

Isle of Java serves our favorite hot cocoa in Animal Kingdom! It's rich, chocolatey, and extremely delicious!



ZURI'S SWEET SHOP

You should definitely pop into Zuri's Sweets Shop, Animal Kingdom's candy store, for a look around at the themed treats.

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OUTDOOR VENDING

A Holiday Mickey Brownie with festive sprinkles was offered at outdoor vending carts last year.



HOLLYWOOD SCOOPS

Hollywood Scoops is the place for hand-scooped ice cream and seasonal shakes.

ALL Holiday snack reviews can be found here.



DOCKSIDE DINER

Last year Dockside Diner had a speciality Red Velvet Milk Shake, which was a red velvet milk shake swirled with chocolate sauce and topped with whipped cream, rainbow sprinkles, and a holiday tree sugar cookie

HOLIDAY EATS: RESORTS



Gingerbread Eggnog Entremet ↗
Riviera Resort, Le Petit Cafe
Gingerbread financier, eggnog panna cotta, and raspberry gel



Candy Cane Cheesecake Brownie ↗
BoardWalk Inn, BoardWalk Deli
Peppermint cheesecake, decadent brownie, and dark chocolate 'sleigh bell' truffle



Gingerbread Cookie ↗
Riviera Resort, Le Petit Cafe & Primo Piatto
European-style gingerbread, dark chocolate, and sugar glaze



Snowflake Cinnamon Roll
Coronado Springs Resort, Barcelona Lounge; BoardWalk Inn Carousel Coffee & BoardWalk Deli; Wilderness Lodge, Trail's End
Fondant icing, sugar snowflake decór



'Olu Melat Holiday Float ↗
Polynesian Village Resort, Pineapple Lanai
DOLE Whip Lime with DOLE Pineapple Juice, white chocolate piece, and strawberry popping candy (Non-alcoholic)



Let It Snow Cube ↗
Grand Floridian Resort, Gasparilla Island Grill
Almond-Praline mousse, Confit Apricot, and Orange Chiffon



Peppermint Igloo ↗
Wilderness Lodge, Roaring Fork
White chocolate igloo filled with white chocolate-peppermint mousse and dark chocolate cake



Gingerbread Brownie ↗
Grand Floridian Resort, Gasparilla Island Grill
Gingerbread-spiced brownie with salted caramel ganache



Gingerbread Cake
Various Quick Service Locations
Gingerbread cake, caramel ganache filling, caramel crispy pearls, eggnog pastry cream, and white chocolate



Stollen Bites
Grand Floridian Resort, Gasparilla Island Grill
Available starting Nov 18



Candy Cane Shake
Various Quick Service Locations
Choice of vanilla or chocolate peppermint shake with whipped cream, peppermint pieces, and a cherry



Festive Cupcake
Polynesian Village Resort & Spa, Capt. Cook's and Kona Island
Chocolate cupcake, peppermint mousse, streusel, and chocolate décor



Sausage and Butternut Squash Ragu:
Various Quick Service Locations
Fennel sausage, butternut squash, and kale in a creamy tomato sauce

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HOLIDAY BEVERAGES

BARS AND LOUNGES

Disney's bars and lounges are also wonderful places to hang out, and they continue to get better and better each year. Find a seasonal cocktail and toast to the holidays.

To put some holiday cheer in your day, stop by a pool bar to really remind you that you're not in the land of ice and snow!

Look for **pop-up bars** like the one we found at Animal Kingdom Lodge.



DISNEY SPRINGS

At outdoor carts and kiosks, choose a festive sip. Past offerings have included:

- **Mistletoe:** Coconut rum, melon liqueur, blue curaçao, orange juice, pineapple juice, and Sprite
- **Fireside Cider:** Cinnamon whiskey, vanilla vodka, white cranberry juice, grenadine, and Ginger Ale
- **Merry Margarita:** Tequila, ginger liqueur, cinnamon beverage syrup, white cranberry juice, sweet and sour, and grenadine

Also, don't miss the seasonal coquito at The Polite Pig!

Non-alcoholic seasonal drinks are also available. Over at the Coca-Cola Rooftop Bar, you may want to grab the Cookie Butter Chocolate Milk.

It's always happy hour while on vacation. And your next adventure seeks out seasonal beverages.



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EPCOT

The Japan pavilion had holiday cocktails (and desserts!) last year. Look for one of these specialty items:

- **Teppan Edo:** Jingle Cranberry & Jingle Melon Cocktails (available as mocktails!) and Merry Berry Cream Cake
- **Shiki-Sai:** All-Star Roll Sushi and Jingle Cranberry & Jingle Melon Cocktails
- **Katsura Grill:** Holiday Karaage Bento
- **Kabuki Cafe:** Holiday Choco Tart Box
- **Garden House:** Peppermint Sake Delight



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PARK DECORATIONS & ACTIVITIES



MAGIC KINGDOM DECOR & ACTIVITIES



WALT DISNEY WORLD PARKS

Every year Disney **decks the parks** with impressive trimmings! In addition, special events and shows are presented with Christmas flair.

We **saw holiday decor at Magic Kingdom** on November 2, 2026.



MAGIC KINGDOM

Even before you walk down Main Street, U.S.A., poinsettias, garlands, and Christmas trees decorate the Park's entrance. Most impressive is the gorgeous train station.



TREE

But this is nothing compared to what you'll find when you walk inside the Magic Kingdom! The **65 ft. tall and 25 ft. wide tree** is especially impressive. The base alone is 18,000 pounds. Don't forget to look for Hidden Mickeys.





JINGLE CRUISE

Venture into the jungles of Adventureland and board the "Jingle Cruise," a holiday makeover of the popular Jungle Cruise attraction. Homesick Skippers entertain with new jokes for holiday cheer!

Notice the decorations in the queue and boathouse, and boats with holiday names (Eggnog Annie, for one). Don't forget to check out the Crew Mess Dinner Menu!

Begins November 3, 2026.

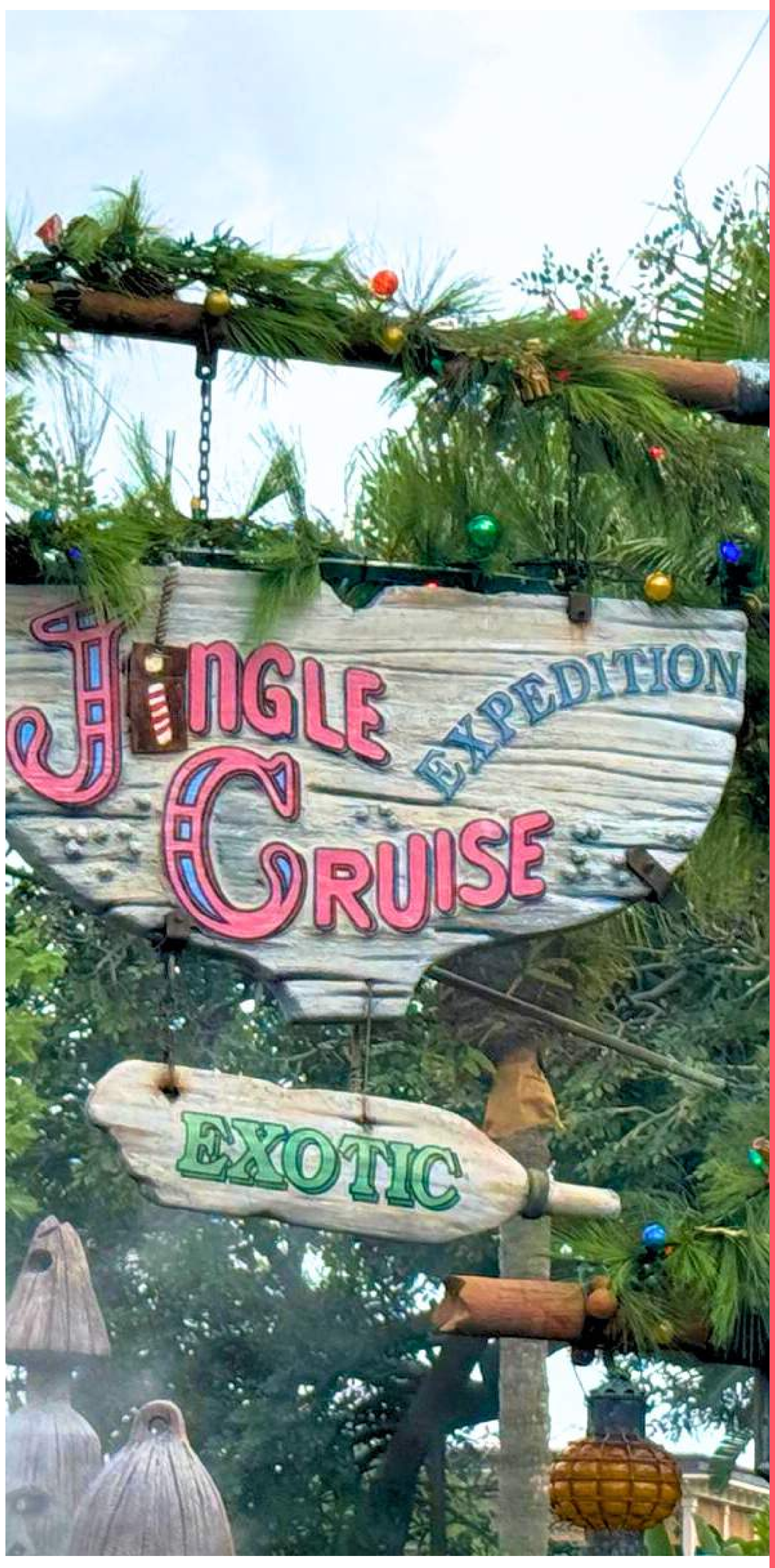
MAGIC KINGDOM DECOR

The park is covered with garlands, wreaths, trees, life-sized toy soldiers, and more–everywhere you look. It takes Holiday Services 3 nights to complete the transformation.

And as many as 119,000 poinsettias are installed around Disney World for the season (with as many as 52,000 in Magic Kingdom).

One of our favorite views is looking down Main Street toward the castle. There's nothing like it!

Take a moment to wander around Magic Kingdom and admire the details that so many people miss. We can't help but love all the holiday decor throughout the parks.



FROZEN HOLIDAY SURPRISE

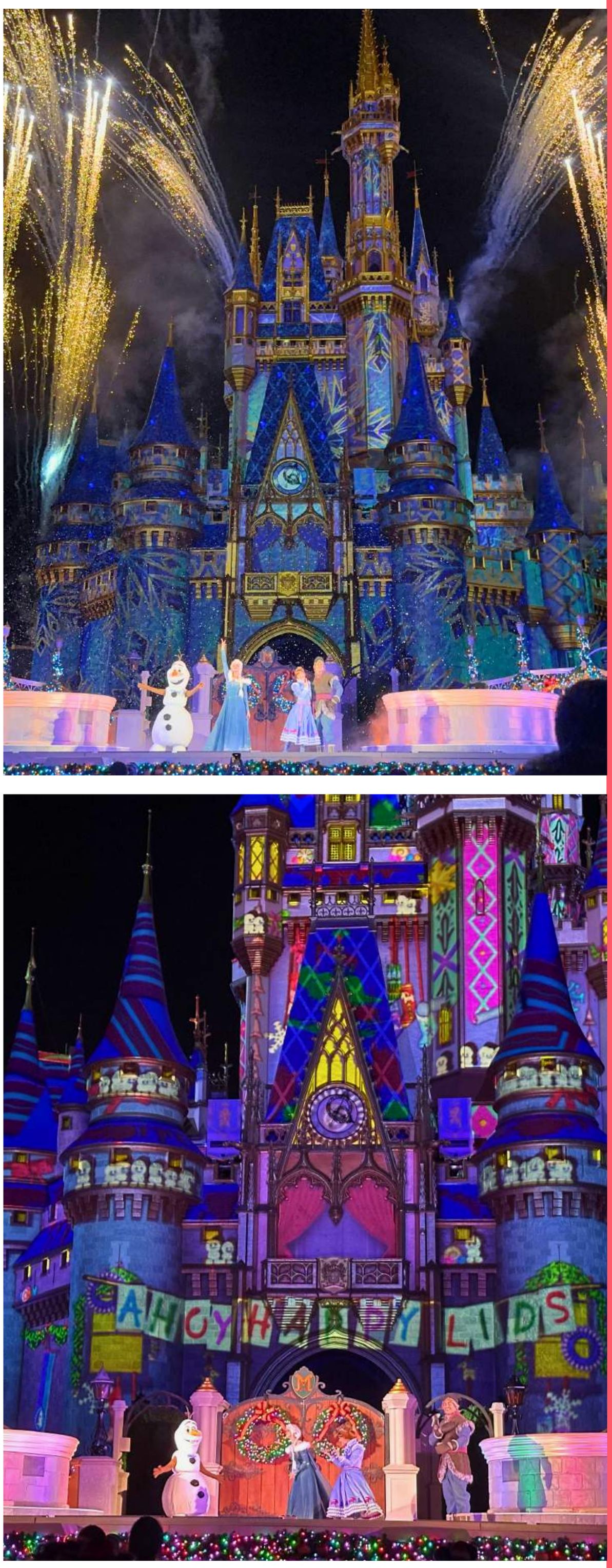
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Join Elsa, Anna, Olaf, Kristoff, and the Snowgies in front of Cinderella Castle for the **Frozen Holiday Surprise** show. The castle is illuminated in a spectacular way!

This show brings Olaf and more than a hundred of his Snowgie siblings, Anna, Elsa, and Kristoff to decorate the castle for the holidays in their festive wear.

The show culminates with Elsa adding shimmering and sparkling touches to Cinderella castle.

This nightly show took place during regular park hours at 6:15PM and Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party at 8:15PM last year.



SWISS FAMILY TREEHOUSE

While climbing Swiss Family Treehouse, listen for **classic holiday tunes**. They're coming from the organ!

WEIRD DOLLS?!

I think it's safe to say that after seeing **these dolls**, it's not going to be sugar plums dancing in our dreams. How many can you find?

MEET SANTA

Starting Thanksgiving Day, **Storybook Circus** gets its first-ever jolly glow-up, and Santa's setting up shop with his own meet-and-greet for all your wish-list dreams.

MAGIC KINGDOM ITINERARY

Are you visiting the Magic Kingdom during the holidays?

There are a few tidbits that we want you to know before setting out for the park. A jolly reminder: plan your family's personal itinerary around any Lightning Lane and/or virtual queue experiences that you've reserved via the My Disney Experience app.

Keep an eye on park hours, which may change as crowds increase.

Yes, holidays are busy in Disney World. Families are out of school and have time off of work, Disney releases limited-time eats and drinks that draw people in, and people like celebrating in the "Most Magical Place on Earth."

Looking for a morning plan? Visit Magic Kingdom on the morning of a Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party, we find these mornings less busy.

Visiting with a thoughtful itinerary will help your family navigate this festive, but crowded time of year.





MAGIC KINGDOM HOLIDAY GAME PLAN

- 🎄 **Arrive early** to stay ahead of holiday crowds
- 🎄 Power-walk straight to Fantasyland and hit **Peter Pan's Flight** before the line gets epic
- 🎄 Snap **holiday PhotoPass pics** on Main Street, U.S.A. 📸
- 🎄 Skip the Starbucks saga and grab your **Joffrey's Revive** in Tomorrowland ☕
- 🎄 Grab a rocking chair in Frontierland or loiter on Main Street and just **take in the seasonal atmosphere** ❄️
- 🍪 **Mobile-order lunch** (think **Pecos Bill Tall Tale Inn & Café** or **Pinocchio Village Haus**) because lines are for elves 🍽️
- 🍪 **Eat early** so you're not hangry mid-parade.
- 🍪 **Stalk ride wait times** in the **My Disney Experience app**
- 🍪 Treat yourself to a **holiday snack**—like a giant Mickey cookie or festive cupcake
- ✨ **Lock down an Advance Dining Reservation** for a Table Service dinner (hello, **Liberty Tree Tavern** and its Thanksgiving-inspired feast)
- ✨ End the day with a **family photo in front of Cinderella Castle** while the sky goes full sparkle spectacular

🎄 Morning 🍪 Afternoon ✨ Evening



EPCOT DECOR & ACTIVITIES



EPCOT

EPCOT dresses up for the season, too. This park features fantastic decorations in World Celebration, World Nature, and World Discovery, and plenty of old-world touches around the World Showcase!



DECOR

Holiday decorations typically go up a bit later in EPCOT due to the later start date of **Festival of the Holidays**, which will kick off on November 27th, 2026!



TREE

A giant Christmas tree decorated in a “Peace on Earth” theme takes center stage as guests step onto World Showcase Promenade.

EPCOT ACTIVITIES

Get ready for a spectacular ceremony as every night at 6PM, a Tree Lighting takes place in World Showcase Plaza!

In past years, the theme of the EPCOT tree has been Peace on Earth! You'll need to look way UP, as the angel that adorns the top of the tree is 70 ft. above the ground. The globe is painted with intricate details–there are penguins painted at the South Pole!

After admiring the beautiful Christmas tree, we love exploring the decor, food, and storytellers around World Showcase!







GLIMMERING GREENHOUSES

The classic attraction **Living with the Land**–located in The Land pavilion in EPCOT's World Nature–gets dressed up for the season with a lovely light display at night. These glimmering greenhouses have special, festive touches that enhance the boat cruise throughout the day, as well. It's truly charming.

Launched in 2024, and coming back this year is the **Behind the Seeds: Glimmering Greenhouses**! This one-hour walking tour can be booked (via the Disney World website or the **My Disney Experience app**) from November 27th to December 11th for $59 per person at 6PM, 7PM, and 8PM daily.





TRAIN VILLAGE

EPCOT's Germany Pavilion is home to a **tiny train village**.

Take a close look and you'll see that the residents have decorated their little town to celebrate the start of the 2026 EPCOT Festival of the Holidays.

The trains are also decked out for the holiday!



JOURNEY INTO IMAGINATION

Don't forget to pay a visit to **Journey Into Imagination with Figment** to see the star of the ride (that's FIGMENT) in his HOLIDAY SWEATER! Last year you could even **buy one for yourself**!



THE SEAS AQUARIUM

The aquarium has a **holiday overlay**. Check out the Menorah, sea urchins wearing santa and antler hats, a fireplace with stockings, and Christmas village.

GINGERBREAD DISPLAYS

This gorgeous display debuted in 2024 and the Gingerbread Spaceship Earth will return this year!

This sculpture takes about 160 hours of crafting, an 8-foot-tall **gingerbread Spaceship Earth** (with lights and music!) wass showcased in Communicore Hall.

Made of 1,300 gingerbread triangles, the sphere took 240 pounds of honey dough, 100 eggs, 100 ounces lebkuchen spice, 55 pounds dark chocolate, and 100 pounds of royal icing. Look for 11 hidden Mickeys to represent the 11 countries of the World Showcase.

Celebration Countdown shows were presented by Citizen every 15 minutes and set to the Beacon of Light soundtrack.





EPCOT ITINERARY

Get ready for some merry making at EPCOT during the holiday season!

For a full day of seasonal entertainment, food, and beverages, take a global tour around World Showcase.

And don't forget to check the My Disney Experience app for showtimes!

There's so much to see that you'll want to work your day around the entertainment and rides that are most important to you.

Of course, if you were out late the night before, you may want to set your alarm for a mid-to-late morning arrival to EPCOT.

By this time of day, guests have moved onto World Showcase. So, you may want to linger in the front of the park for food and entertainment.





EPCOT HOLIDAY HUSTLE

- ❄️ **Start early** and fuel up before getting to the park—your first EPCOT trek is basically a 5K. Skip the Creations Shop temptation and **head straight for rides**
- ❄️ If you've got kids, make a beeline for **Frozen Ever After** in the Norway pavilion before Elsa's line freezes your entire morning ❄️
- ❄️ For early rides: **Soarin'**, **Frozen Ever After**, **Remy's Ratatouille Adventure**—especially if you came in via International Gateway 🐭
- ❄️ Snap **holiday PhotoPass pics** between rides for gifts that scream *festive EPCOT brag* 📸
- ❄️ Break for a seasonal snack from the **Holiday Kitchens**—because EPCOT calories don't count 🎂
- 🥐 Keep clearing your **Must Do list of rides** while everyone else's plan is still forming. Will you **ride Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind to listen to one of the special holiday songs?** (you can only experience these songs November 25t, 2026h- January 6th, 2027.)
- 🥐 **Mobile-order** **lunch** at a counter-service spot **or keep grazing the Holiday Kitchens** like it's your personal buffet 🍴
- 🥐 Tired feet? Good. Use that as an excuse to **catch holiday entertainment** or one of the many shows scattered around 🎶
- 🎆 Settle in for a Table Service dinner—DFB favorites include **Le Cellier Steakhouse or Via Napoli Ristorante e Pizzeria** for wood-fired pies 🍷
- 🎆 Close out with **Luminous: The Symphony of Us**, EPCOT's nighttime spectacular over the World Showcase Lagoon 🎆

❄️ Morning 🥐 Afternoon 🎆 Evening



HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS DECOR & ACTIVITIES



HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

Disney's Hollywood Studios **absolutely glitters** with holiday finery and charming vintage decorations during the Christmas season.

The **first holiday decor was spotted** October 30th, 2026.



DECOR

Good ol' Gertie—of Dinosaur Gertie's Ice Cream of Extinction—dons her Santa hat for the occasion.



TREE

The tree is covered in silver garland, candy canes, and multicolored baubles.

Tree lighting typically takes place nightly at dusk. We love how the tree lights are reflected in Echo Lake.





TOY STORY LAND

With Woody donning a holiday scarf, the Toy Story Land **section of the park** joins in the festive fun. We love watching for Buzz, Woody, and Jessie in their holiday costumes!

The land is also adorned with holiday decorations like giant cranberry and popcorn garlands, a golden macaroni art ornament, a holiday card selfie of the Toy Story characters, a larger-than-life Hamm sugar cookie, Green Alien ornaments, and more.

On Slinky Dog Dash, you'll hear sleigh bells ringing, and the Alien Swirling Saucers will swirl to two holiday tracks (in addition to themed lighting).

HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS DECOR

Look for holiday décor throughout the park. Take a stroll down Sunset Boulevard to see how many glittering stars you can spot. No, not movie stars, but Christmas stars! The elves truly work their magic for the season.

Year-after-year the amount of decorations from previous years surrounding (and IN!) Echo Lake **continues to increase**! And we are still thrilled as they continue to return each year. Chic and nostalgic Tinseltown decorations deck the streets here.

Vintage decor is also found near The Hollywood Brown Derby.



SUNSET SEASONS GREETINGS

Sunset Seasons Greetings debuted in 2017 and is usually presented nightly on Sunset Boulevard when the holidays kick off! The show transforms Sunset Boulevard and The Hollywood Tower Hotel with lasers, falling “snow”, and projections. In 2018, lasers were added to the top and mid-sections of the tower. Not only do they fly over our heads as we take in the vignettes, but they also light up the snow that falls on Sunset Boulevard!

Scenes on the Hollywood Holiday Tower Hotel include Mickey and Minnie reminiscing about a hometown Christmas, Toy Story characters guessing which new toys are coming this Christmas, the Swedish Chef from The Muppets baking a gingerbread house, and Olaf pining over his holiday wish!





OLAF’S FROZEN ADVENTURE

This year-round guest favorite– For the First Time in Forever: A Frozen Sing-Along Celebration– features all the great ear-worms from Frozen, plus hilarious storytelling from two Arendelle historians.

During the holidays, a special version of the show is presented including songs from the Frozen short film “Olaf's Frozen Adventure!”

No matter the time of year, though, you WILL see SNOW during the production!

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Juggling elves debuted in 2024 and enjoy showing off their juggling and comedy skills. The Holiday Spirit Band performs some jolly tunes. As well, Seasonz Jukebox is bringing the pep of a collegiate marching band to the park. These high-energy performances include horns, drummers, and dancers bringing your favorite holiday songs to life!

Keep an eye out for **these performers** at Echo Lake, around Center Stage, and near Baseline Tap House throughout the day. Check the My Disney Experience app for specific times!

Intermittent shows 9:30AM to 4:30PM.



WALT DISNEY PRESENTS

Walt Disney Presents is going all in for the holidays! The attraction's decked out with festive displays featuring props and artifacts from beloved holiday films, plus the theater is running a limited-time lineup of holiday shorts – Walt Disney's On Ice, Pluto's Christmas Tree, and The Art of Skiing starring Goofy.



SANTA

While at Walt Disney Presents, a limited-time meet and greet will be waiting for you inside! You can meet Santa up until December 24, and then Santa Duffy takes over!

PhotoPass will be available.



editor's NOTE

updates coming soon!

HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS ITINERARY

Tackling Disney's Hollywood Studios will require a bit of patience during the holidays.

While this park isn't huge, you'll want to be prepared to crisscross the park as you take advantage of attractions with lower wait times. Watch for bottlenecks, especially in the fun-filled Toy Story Land.

Star Wars fans won't want to miss Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge, which we find much less crowded near park closing time. However, some of you may want to devote a good bit of time to this immersive area.

While the park isn't quite as decked out as the Magic Kingdom, holiday decor is festive. Don't miss the Echo Lake area–it's beautiful.





FROM STAR WARS TO SANTA: HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

- 🎢 Arrive early enough to get a head **start on big-ticket rides**
- 🎢 Choose which must-ride–**Mickey & Minnie's Runaway Railway or Slinky Dog Dash**–you'll tackle first. Or is one of your must-rides one of the rides that has a special overlay and/or songs? Alien Swirling Saucers and Rock 'n' Roller Coaster Starring The Muppets: Obligatory Holiday Overlay will have special holiday details you can only experience November 4t, 2026h- January 6th, 2027.
- 🎢 **Explore Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge**, and if you planned ahead, hit your Oga's Cantina, Savi's Workshop, or Droid Depot reservations ⚡
- 🎅 Keep an eye on wait times in the **My Disney Experience app** and fill your afternoon with other favorites while spacing out the headliners
- 🎅 Mobile-Order **lunch** at Backlot Express or Docking Bay 7 Food and Cargo–perfect fuel for more Star Wars time 🍔
- 🎅 Grab a seasonal snack and meet Santa for that last-minute holiday photo op
- 🌟 Save **Rise of the Resistance** for just before park close if you didn't ride it earlier–often the best combo of low wait and nighttime atmosphere
- 🌟 Check in for your Advance Dining Reservation at Hollywood & Vine for Minnie's Holiday Dine, complete with characters in their festive best. 🍽️
- 🌟 Cap the night with a final lap through Galaxy's Edge or Hollywood Boulevard to **soak up the park's glowing holiday lights**

🎢 Morning 🎅 Afternoon 🌟 Evening



HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS FAMILY VACATION

- 🎢 Gather the crew: **Plan a resort meet-up** with a backup plan—late sleepers can catch up at Hollywood Studios
- 🎢 Tempt everyone with breakfast motivation: maybe **Chef Mickey's** at Disney's Contemporary Resort, **Whispering Canyon Café**, **Ale & Compass**, or **Trattoria al Forno** (Book an **Advance Dining Reservation** if it's not your home resort)
- 🎢 Aim to arrive mid-morning and start with a group pleaser like **Slinky Dog Dash or Mickey & Minnie's Runaway Railway**
- 🎢 No breakfast? Rally at **Trolley Car Café** and embrace vacation logic with a cupcake or cookie for breakfast 🍪
- 🎢 Snap photos of grandparents riding **Toy Story Midway Mania** with the grandkids or hand-in-hand moments on the way to Star Tours—holiday heart-melt material 📸
- 🎢 When thrill rides pop up, remember the "**chicken exit**" option so everyone can walk the queue together and bow out if needed (Tower of Terror's chicken exit? An elevator. Perfect.)
- 🎅 Refuel with a **Quick Service lunch** at Backlot Express—plenty of seating for big groups 🍔
- 🎅 Let anyone needing a **mid-day hotel break** peel off for naps or pool time
- 🎅 **Take a character break** for cheerful photos and last-minute wish-listing—fun for every generation 🎅
- 🎅 Build in a **snack and beverage stop** while thrill-seekers conquer **Tower of Terror or Rock 'n' Roller Coaster Starring The Muppets**
- 🎅 Choose attractions everyone can enjoy next—think group flight on **Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run** (up to 6 can pilot together) 🌌
- 🌟 Go for an early dinner at **50's Prime Time Café** for classic comfort food and laugh-out-loud antics 🍽️
- 🌟 **No reservation?** Head to the Sunset Ranch Market eateries (Fairfax Fare, Rosie's All-American Cafe, and Catalina Eddie's). You don't need advanced reservations, there's plenty of outdoor seating, and you can enjoy Sunset Season's Greetings while you eat!
- 🌟 Cap the night with **cocoa and holiday lights** on Sunset Boulevard, soaking in Sunset Seasons Greetings to wrap your festive family day 🎄✨

🎢 Morning 🎅 Afternoon 🌟 Evening



ANIMAL KINGDOM DECOR & ACTIVITIES



ANIMAL KINGDOM

Disney's Animal Kingdom has some of our favorite holiday displays in Walt Disney World!

The first holiday decor was spotted on October 29th this year!



DECOR

Keep an out for holiday decor throughout the parks and giftshops! You'll usually spot kitschy decor that are wacky, but oh, so fun.



TREE

The holiday tree at the park's entrance is adorned with unique ornaments.The ornaments are inspired by Africa and Asia, and there is, obviously, a BIG animal theme.



ASIA

Started in 2017, the residents of Anandapur decorate the theater district in celebration of Diwali, India's holiday festival of lights.

Glowing flowers, lanterns and more illuminate the square between Anandapur Theater and the waterfront stage, home to authentic and colorful cultural performances.



ANIMAL KINGDOM DECOR

Ranging from earthy and rustic trees to kitschy and wonderful tinsel displays, this is definitely a place you want to tour during the holidays!

In Africa, you'll find a holiday presentation, blending the inspiration and style of Western traditions with the colors and textiles of authentic African celebrations. In Harambe, decorations are made from found objects the way they might be in an African village–look for the soda bottle cap wreaths.

The park often adds holiday cheer with characters in holiday attire, carolers, musical groups, and dancing.

PANDORA

The magic of the holidays also makes its way to Pandora–The World of Avatar! Guests will find kitschy holiday décor at **Pongu Pongu** combining vintage pieces from Earth with items handcrafted from materials indigenous to Pandora. The ex-pats living on the moon of Pandora bring holiday fun to their interstellar home.



DISCOVERY ISLAND

2019 delivered new decorations to Animal Kingdom, starting with Discovery Island! The village is filled with sparkling white holiday decorations, and animal-inspired luminaries lining the rooftops for a celebration of winter!

The **Merry Menagerie** is a form of holiday entertainment that takes place on Discovery Island. Various winter animals are transformed into life-size puppets. Cast Members maneuver these puppets around to greet guests as musicians accompany them. The puppets include reindeer, foxes, polar bears, penguins, and more, and they are SERIOUSLY charming and utterly adorable.

Can be seen intermittently each day between 9:45AM - 1:45 PM



AROUND THE PARK

As part of the holiday season, guests will also find characters like Donald and friends and Goofy with Pluto dressed in festive costumes. Sometimes you can even spot Moana in cold weather gear!

NEW this year, Santa will be meeting friends at Santa's Holiday Grove across from "Finding Nemo: The Big Blue...and Beyond!"



TREE OF LIFE AWAKENINGS

At night, see the Tree of Life Awakenings featured with winter scenes and holiday music. These projections focus on the beauty of nature, showing various scenes, including a winter wonderland!

Along with scenes of snowy nature, you'll also spot some holiday images, like a gorgeous Christmas tree.

The Tree of Life Awakenings show typically begins at 6:15PM and runs every 10 minutes until the park closes.

This park is even more magical once the sun sets.

ANIMAL ENRICHMENT

We love to see the holiday-themed enrichment for the animals!



ADVENTURERS OUTPOST

If you're visiting Animal Kingdom this holiday season, don't skip out on meeting Mickey and Minnie at Adventurers Outpost! In the past they greeted guests in **special holiday costumes**.

Looking for more characters? See **ALL Disney World's meet and greets here**.

The holiday offerings usually take place at Animal Kingdom from mid-November – December 31st. During that time, you can check out the Merry Menagerie, the holiday-themed Tree of Life Awakenings at night, holiday character meets, and seasonal snacks. We can't wait to celebrate!



ANIMAL KINGDOM ITINERARY

If you're staying at a hotel on Walt Disney World property, you can get to Animal Kingdom by taking a Disney Transport bus directly from your resort to the theme park.

Animal Kingdom is unique in that there are no other Disney transportation options for this theme park.

If you're not staying at a hotel on Walt Disney World property but are already in Walt Disney World at another resort or a theme park, you can take a Disney Transport bus to Animal Kingdom from any Disney Resort or theme park.

Private or Hired Vehicle
You can reach Disney's Animal Kingdom via personal car, taxi, **ride share service**, or **Minnie Van**.





ANIMAL KINGDOM HOLIDAY ADVENTURE

- 🐘 Kick off with **Kilimanjaro Safaris** for that early-morning animal action—best time to catch the wildlife awake
- 🐘 Grab a coffee at **Creature Comforts** (aka the park's Starbucks) on your way to the safari ☕
- 🐘 If **Avatar Flight of Passage** is on your must-do list, prioritize it early—still the hottest ticket in Pandora 🌌
- 🐘 Pop over to Adventure's Outpost to meet Mickey and Minnie in their holiday gear! In the mood to meet Santa? You can meet him at Santa's Holiday Grove!
- 🐘 Check out the **Merry Menagerie**, where life-size winter animal puppets parade around Discovery Island
- 🎄 Sneak away to **Nomad Lounge** for a chill break with river views—ask for outdoor seating if the weather's nice 🍹
- 🎄 Hungry? **Flame Tree Barbecue** is a Quick Service favorite with **Mobile Order** and shady riverfront seating 🍖
- 🎄 **Catch a few shows and character encounters**—this park's characters know how to keep the holiday spirit wild 🎭
- 🎄 Before you leave, pause for the **Tree of Life holiday awakenings** 🌳✨
- 🎄 Pick up last-minute gifts in the **Discovery Island shops** 🎁

🐘 Morning 🎄 Afternoon



DISNEY SPRINGS HOLIDAYS

CHRISTMAS TREE STROLL

You don't need a park ticket to see some gorgeous Christmas trees in Disney World. Instead, there's the **Christmas Tree Stroll** in Disney Springs–grab a map and check out the 21 elaborately decorated trees.

You can pick up a Christmas Tree Stroll map at City Works Eatery & Pour House, Crystal Arts by Arribas Brothers, Havaianas, The LEGO Store, The Polite Pig, and Hallmark Holiday Pop-Up Shop.

If you do pick up a map, you can add stickers when you find each tree to it and then turn it in for a prize.

If you have a **MagicBand+**, you can also interact with some of the trees–just make a circular gesture near each tree for something magical!



MAGICBAND+ TREES

NEW!
- Bluey
- Disney Villains
- Encanto
- Fantasia
- Frozen

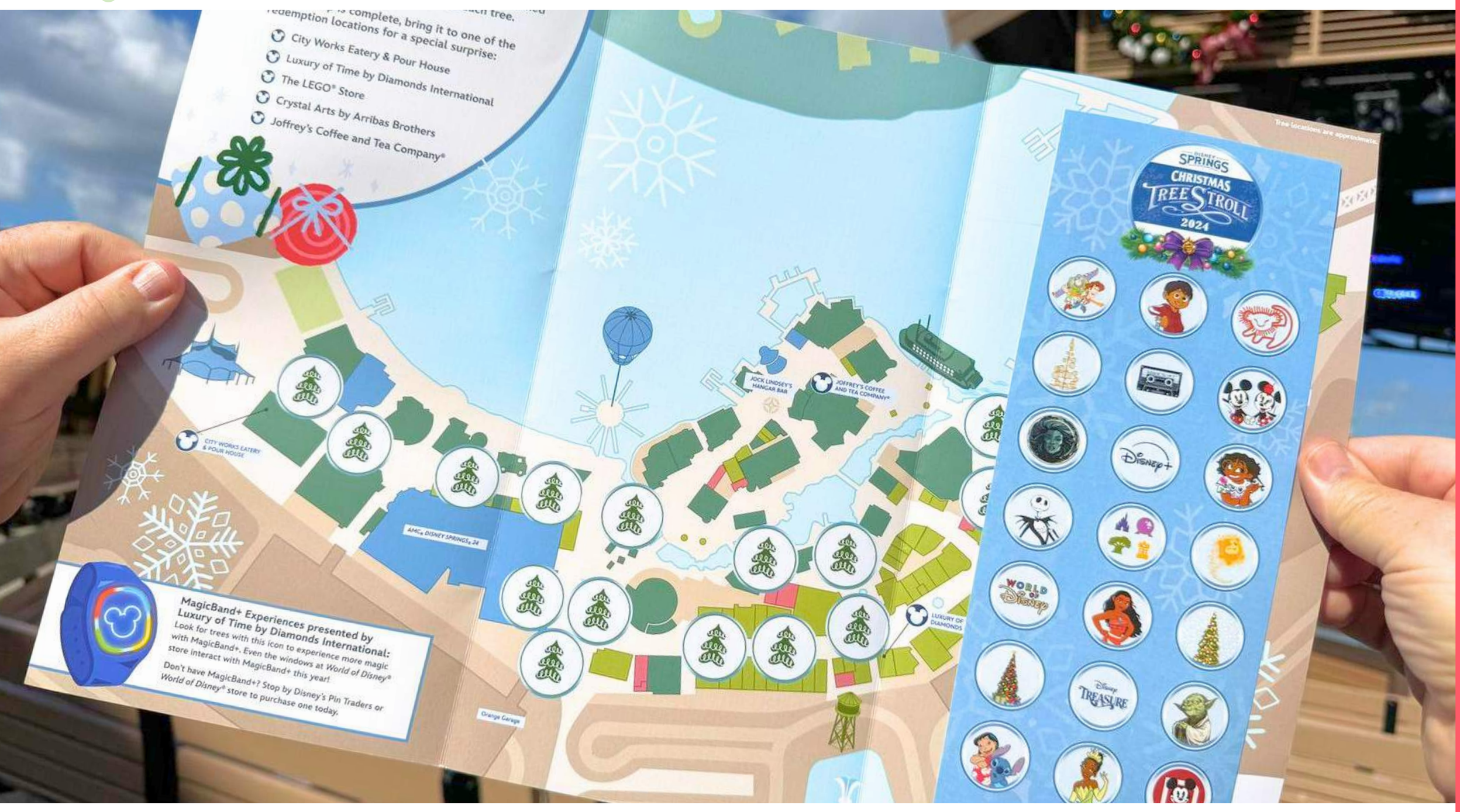
NEW!
- Monsters, Inc.
- Lilo & Stitch
- The Lion King
- Mickey Mouse & Minnie Mouse
- Moana
- The Princess & the Frog
- Star Wars
- Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas
- Toy Story

You'll also be able to spot:

- An Annual Passholder Christmas Tree
- Disney Cruise Link Topiary

NEW!
- Hallmark Christmas Tree





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ENTERTAINMENT

updates coming soon!

- Children can write a letter to Santa at Once Upon A Toy.
- When the sun goes down, the Town Center will experience a shimmering snow fall every half hour.
- Holiday stilt walkers and a rollderblade duo will roam Town Center
- Last year, Santa Sleigh DJ played joyful tunes in the Marketplace area

HOLIDAY DECOR

In addition to the Christmas Tree Stroll, you'll find flagship trees near Once Upon A Toy, World of Disney, and Town Center.

Last year there was a Disney Cruise Line topiary as well as the World of Disney window displays.

At night, Disney Springs sparkles with twinkling lights!







SANTA

You can bring your wish list straight to Santa!

Yes, you can **visit Santa Claus** while shopping and dining at Disney Springs.

You can find the jolly guy at **Santa's Marketplace** near **Disney's Pin Traders**.

You'll need to have your **My Disney Experience app** handy to be able to meet Santa before he heads back to the North Pole. You will need to join a virtual queue to meet Santa. A standby queue will NOT be available. The vitual queue will open throughout the day, at 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, and 5:00pm.

A few things to note,:

- You must be at Disney Springs to enter the virtual queue.
- One person in your party can request to join the virtual queue for your entire party.
- There is a maximum party size of 10 people.



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RESORT DECORATIONS & ACTIVITIES

RESORT DECORATIONS

As part of a Disney World holiday celebration, some resorts turn visions of gingerbread houses and carousels, and guests walking into these Disney hotels are greeted first by the memorable aroma that conjures up memories of long-ago Christmas mornings.

Things start with a honey dough (in May), and the Gingerbread itself is baked and cut into shapes over the summer. Despite the beautiful and appetizing appearance of the displays, the gingerbread display pieces are coated with alcohol to prevent pests from eating them. (Thank goodness!) Atop the gingerbread, there's chocolate and icing to admire as well.

Please note, to see any resort holiday decor you **need to be a guest at that resort or have a valid dining reservation.**









HOLIDAY DISPLAYS

For many Disney World visitors, touring the **holiday displays at the Disney Resorts** is a family tradition. Note, however, that **parking for visiting guests may not be available** during the holiday season and Disney is cracking down on resort touring. You need to have a dinner reservation or resort reservation to access the resort.

While all Disney resorts are decked out for the holidays, at least 6 resort hotels are known for their outstanding displays of seasonal décor or fun holiday activities, including:

- Animal Kingdom Lodge
- Beach Club Resort
- BoardWalk Inn
- Contemporary
- Wilderness Lodge
- Yacht Club

GUEST DECOR

Many resort guests decorate their room windows, placing lights and other holiday décor in their resort room windows. We've even seen full-fledged inflatable decorations on the patios! This definitely encourages smiles from passers-by.

And don't forget the amazing displays and golf cart parade at the Fort Wilderness Campground!

ALL-STAR RESORTS DECOR

If you're looking for budget accommodations at Walt Disney World, the All-Star Resorts offer value-priced rooms.

And don't worry–these hotels decorate for the holidays, too!

If you're staying at All-Star Sports, All-Star Movies, or All-Star Music don't miss checking out the Christmas decorations, mostly found in the lobby areas.





ANIMAL KINGDOM LODGE DECOR

Upon arrival at the African-themed Animal Kingdom Lodge, a holiday touch is seen first thing at the entrance sign with decorative deer, then under the Porte Cochere with earth-toned swags.

Once inside, you'll see that this Deluxe Resort is truly one of Disney's **most delightful and unique hotels during the holidays**.

Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge is one of our favorite hotels for holiday decorations.

In the entryway, the décor includes natural earth tones and muted reds. Entering the lobby, your eyes take in the sweeping garland around the upper floors of the atrium.

Animal Kingdom Lodge erects an enormous, 4-story tree in the atrium during the holiday season with ornaments that reflect the African atmosphere and arts and crafts style. Look for safari-themed bows, animal print ornaments, and brushed gold ornaments here. You'll also discover African instruments, baskets, and animals throughout the holiday décor. Once you get past this colossal tree, though, there are even more decorations to check out. There's another tree in the back of the lobby with equally gorgeous ornaments.

The almost 7-foot-tall **gingerbread giraffe and zebra** (Ginger and Debra) will be on display in the Jambo House lobby. Look for the Hidden Mickeys!

Throughout the resort you'll find decorative seasonal touches carried out in the stores and restaurant entrances. Curl up in front of the library's crackling fireplace!



BEACH CLUB DECOR

Trees, garlands, wreaths, and swags are highlighted with colorful ornaments and silver ribbons. Dive in closer and you'll find tropical fish, starfish, seahorses, turtles, and seashells, too. We also love the hints of traditional Christmas elements such as red roses and poinsettias!

The smell of chocolate will lead you to the **edible carousel,** which is a tradition in its 26th year. The carousel's design changes each year. Last year's theme was "Mickey's Christmas Carol"!

The bakery team utilized an impressive 432 pounds of honey, 200 pounds of icing, 100 pounds of eggs, and 2024 pieces of gingerbread to bring this carousel to life. 24 hidden gold Mickeys make it even more worthwhile to spend time watching the carousel!





BOARDWALK DECOR

Heavy garlands weighed down with ornaments welcome guests to the gorgeous BoardWalk Inn and Villas. We love viewing the uniquely themed holiday decor!

Outside in the center courtyard facing Crescent Lake, a Christmas tree and several garland-wrapped lampposts add a seasonal touch to the old-fashioned, seaside scene.

Poinsettias supplement red coloring to the floral gardens and potted plants.

Watch for signing opportunities by a Pastry Chef. And ask about the 210 hours it took to decorate this display!

Look for the hidden Mickeys.

Gingerbread treats are typically on sale from 2PM until 9:30PM daily.



GINGERBREAD DISPLAY

The **display at Disney's BoardWalk** Inn debuted mid-November last year, and featured a replica of the BoardWalk Deli.



CONTEMPORARY DECOR

The largest tree at WDW is 70 feet tall. Located at Disney's Contemporary Resort, it weighs more than 33,000 pounds and has 1,200 individual branches. The tree has 16,000 lights and more than 200 custom light-up ornaments.

You can usually find the **gingerbread display** on the 4th floor concourse in mid-November.

This is the 15th year of the stunning display that measures over 17 feet tall and 25 feet wide. Last year the Cinderella Castle look-alike debuted a new look with the **Cinderella Castle Dream Lights**.

Want to know how it's made? The ingredients include 613 pounds of sugar, 1013 pounds of flour, 113 pounds of gingerbread spice, 51 pounds of chocolate, and over 4,000 castle gingerbread bricks.

While enjoying a treat from the nearby shop, look for the 13 hidden Mickeys and the 5-legged goat!





GRAND FLORIDIAN DECOR

Opulence reigns at the Grand Floridian Resort, punctuated by Christmas trees, garlands, and other Victorian decorations. New this year, there will be small gingerbread houses throughout the lobby.

Red poinsettias and deer with white lights add seasonal décor to the outdoor gardens.

Flanked by two Victorian trees with white and gold ornaments (look for the swans!), the entryway into the lobby sets the scene for a genteel holiday.

Relaxing in the lobby, guests are transported to a simpler time with Christmas music played live by the pianist.

Garland is woven up the railings of the Grand Staircase in this Deluxe resort–a perfect photo opportunity for your family.

There is one main focal point in the lobby during the holidays, it's the towering white-lit Christmas tree (typically up by mid-November). Trimmings include muted pink and purple flowers, bird cages (similar to the giant Victorian bird cage you'll see in the lobby), and other old-fashioned ornaments. This also makes a great photo op, and there is a PhotoPass photographer at this location.

GRAND FLORIDIAN GINGERBREAD HOUSE

We are sad to report that the stunning large, standalone **Grand Floridian gingerbread house will not be returning.**

DISNEY FOOD BLOG insider TIPS GUIDE

Yes, you *can* relax on vacation at WDW! Resorts are a great place to hide out from the crowded parks.



SWAN & DOLPHIN DECOR

The Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin resorts are quite **festive during the holidays**.

Some of the **delightful decor and activities** include:

ELF MAGICAL WORKSHOP

Imagine a magical workshop bustling with activity, where kids can step into a world of wonder and creativity.

As they enter, they're greeted by cheerful elves who guide them through the enchanting space filled with festive activities from a variety of craft stations where they might decorate ornaments, assemble personalized gift bags, or even create their own stuffed toys.

Each station is designed to spark their imagination and bring their ideas to life.

DECK THE HALLS

The elves are brimming with holiday spirit and are eager to sprinkle some North Pole magic into your stay at the Swan and Dolphin. Whether it's bringing Christmas cheer to your hotel room with their in-room Christmas tree decoration packages, Santa's favorite stocking stuffers, or the winter wonderland gift bags, they'll be spreading joy and cheer throughout the resort this year. Fees apply.

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updates coming soon!

SHOPPING

Don't forget the many stores available at the resorts or utilize the complimentary shuttle service to the Orlando Vineland Premium Outlets during the holidays!

See all the details at **SantasFavoriteResort.com**.



WILDERNESS LODGE DECOR

Wilderness Lodge is extra-special at Christmastime because of its cozy, log-cabin feel. Upon arrival at this soaring Deluxe Resort, earth tones reminiscent of the Pacific Northwest are everywhere.

Look above the porte cochere for the unique, native American wreath, which only hints at the rustic splendor that awaits inside this hotel.

The centerpiece of the lobby is a **massive Christmas tree** decorated in Native American-inspired ornaments, including lighted tee-pees!

The elves took time to weave plaid ribbons into the garlands that festoon the upper railings, adding to the resort's cozy feel. And the old-fashioned wreath hung over the fireplace beckons us to sit in front of the huge fireplace (with or without a warm flannel blanket).

Everywhere you look, wreaths and garlands add to the warm and inviting atmosphere. And bright red poinsettias sit atop tables adjacent to comfy chairs.

A family of decorative bears is set out near the decorated bridge spanning Silver Spring.

This is Christmas!





YACHT CLUB DECOR

The Yacht Club's holiday decor is more understated, however a stop here to view the incredible toy train display is a must on any Disney holiday tour. We love that they've incorporated all of the Yacht and Beach Club's restaurants.

The old-fashioned toy train travels through a huge rock candy mountain, then past candy villages featuring miniature versions of some of our favorite locations, like **Beaches and Cream**!

Make it a tradition to spot different scenes (and Hidden Mickeys) at the train display. Many of the scenes are animated and lit with holiday lights– look for the man using a snowblower on his driveway!

From the water's edge to this Deluxe Resort's lobby, garland-wrapped (with bulbs and bows!) lamp posts highlight your entrance. Red plants line the landscaping beds and potted plants feature red and white floral arrangements, including poinsettia. The holiday tree features nautical touches such as beautiful sailboats. Garlands cascade from railings. White lights add an elegant glow!



GINGERBREAD TREATS

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Gingerbread Mickey
Contemporary Resort
Classic cookie. Gluten/wheat-friendly.



Beverages
Contemporary Resort
Winter Berry Freeze, Frozen Hot Cocoa, and more.



House-made Christmas Tree Butter Cookie
Contemporary Resort
Gluten/wheat-friendly.



Chocolate-Hazelnut Log
Contemporary Resort
Made with vanilla chiffon cake.



Caramel Apple Cake
Contemporary Resort
With a gingerbread streusel and dulce de leche.



Santa Peppermint Hot Chocolate Tart
Contemporary Resort
Filled with a rich chocolate.



Gingerbread Mickey Cookie
Contemporary Resort
With a signature Contemporary Resort touch.



Pistachio, Cranberry, and Cherry Cake
Contemporary Resort
Delicious layers.



Linzer Cookie
Contemporary Resort
With raspberry filling.



Twinings Chai Tea Cupcake Sampler
Grand Floridian Resort
Four cupcakes with various holiday decorations. The Poinsettia Cupcake was our favorite.

GINGERBREAD TREATS

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Gingerbread Buddy
Grand Floridian Resort
He reminded us of the Little Debbie gingerbread cakes, except this cookie is a more true gingerbread flavor.



Gingerbread Shingle
Beach Club Resort
Brushed with sugar glaze and backed with dark chocolate.



Gingerbread House Ornament
Grand Floridian Resort
Made denser than the shingles, you'll probably want to pick this ornament up for display purposes only.



Hot Cocoa Brownie
Beach Club Resort
Cinnamon Brownie with marshmallow cream swirl.



Gingeraffe Cookie
Animal Kingdom Lodge
Signature **gingerbread cookie** with milk chocolate buttercream filling. It is a soft, chewy, and thick cookie.



Linzer Cookie
Beach Club Resort
Linzer cookie with raspberry filing.



Peppermint Bark
Beach Club Resort
Dark chocolate and peppermint.



Gingerbread Cookie
Beach Club Resort
A gingerbread cookie.



Stollen Bread
Beach Club Resort
Traditional German Christmas bread.



Gingerbread Macrons ↗
Beach Club Resort
Filled with gingerbread ganache.

GINGERBREAD TREATS

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Spiced Orange & Cranberry Bundt Cake ↗
BoardWalk Inn
A bundt cake.



Holiday Mickey and Minnie Sugar Cookie
BoardWalk Inn
Iced sugar cookie.



Wheat-friendly Gingerbread Shingle
BoardWalk Inn
Soft-baked cookie with a sugar glaze.



Mickey Caramel Corn Cookie ↗
BoardWalk Inn
A gingerbread cookie topped with caramel corn.



Gingerbread Loaf
BoardWalk Inn



Peppermint Bark
BoardWalk Inn
Dark chocolate and peppermint.



Drinking Chocolate
BoardWalk Inn
Additional flavors of gingerbread and peppermint. Alcohol options also available.







RESORT ACTIVITIES



CHIP 'N' DALE

Fort Wilderness is our top pick where Chip and Dale join in the fun! Chip 'N Dale's Campfire Sing-A-Long is located at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort & Campground.



CAMPFIRES

Watch your resort's activity schedule for evening campfires with storytelling, s'mores, and more. Campfires are typically offered at the Deluxe and Moderate Resort hotels.



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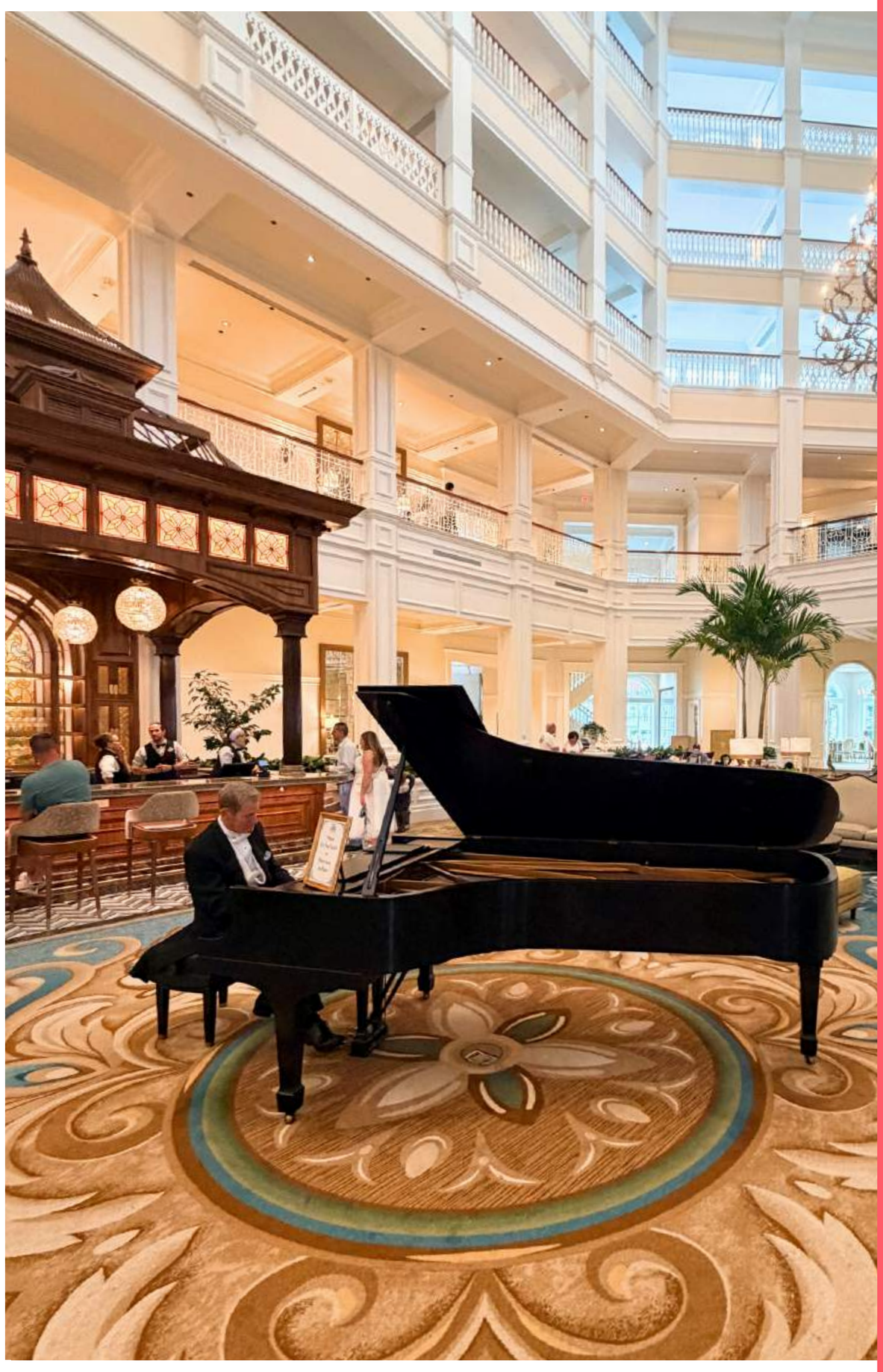
Try activities that are new to you! Maybe a sleigh ride, cookie decorating, campfire, outdoor movie, or gingerbread house demo!

Here are ALL the Holiday Experiences you can book!

LIVE MUSIC

Keep your ears and eyes open for carolers and other live music performances throughout the Disney World Resorts!

At the Deluxe resorts, including the Grand Floridian, Wilderness Lodge, and Yacht Club, carolers periodically sing in the lobby. The Grand Floridian also often has live holiday music provided by a **pianist**.





Port Orleans Resort Riverside, showcases live musicians in the lobby area. Check with the resort concierge or front desk for an entertainment schedule.

And **Yehaa Bob**, the popular performer at the River Roost Lounge at Port Orleans Resort Riverside, often includes familiar holiday tunes in his show throughout the season!

And the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin resorts also offer live holiday music at select times.

CARRIAGE RIDES

At Disney's Port Orleans Resort–Riverside and Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort, 25-minute horse-drawn carriage rides can accommodate up to 4 adults, or 2 adults and three small children.

Rides at Port Orleans Resort-Riverside are $65 plus tax and tickets are sold by the carriage drivers. Holiday Sleigh Rides at Fort Wilderness Resort are $80.

Make reservations in advance (up to 60 days prior) **online** or via the My Disney Experience app.







CHARACTERS

During the busy Christmas week, Disney seeks to entertain guests in even more ways, including character greetings at Deluxe resorts. Ask your Front Desk for more information.

For example, at the Grand Floridian, sometimes Victorian Mickey and Minnie will pose for pictures in front of the Christmas tree!

In past years, characters were featured on Christmas Eve at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort in front of Pioneer Hall.

Note that character meet 'n greets are always subject to change and may not happen at all, or perhaps may be kept on a “surprise” basis rather than scheduled.





CAST MEMBER CONTESTS

Watch for Cast Member contests at the resorts.

During the holiday season, Cast Members add extra fun by decorating wreaths, gingerbread houses, and more.

Various teams join together to create their own masterpieces.

These smaller displays have a charm all their own. Vote for your favorites!

You'll also spot small gingerbread creations at the Grand Floridian!



DECORATING COOKIES

Holiday time isn't the same without cookies and icing! And Disney often makes sure you (and the little ones!) can enjoy a little of this classic holiday-time activity even while you're on vacation.

Check with the front desk or Concierge to determine exact times for cookie decorating activities or other seasonal offerings.

The kids will love decorating (then eating!) their own gingerbread men and other cookies.





WDW SWAN & DOLPHIN

You'll be able to take part in some holiday Pastry Decorating (cookies, brownies, or cupcakes) on select evenings! Children can create their own masterpiece as cast members help them decorate and create festive holiday cookies.

Located at Santa's Holiday Hangout area at the Swan pool on select nights.

Icing and sprinkles will be provided (while supplies last).

For more information, visit **Santa's Favorite Resort**.

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updates coming soon!



CRAFTS

Throughout the year, Disney resort guests have the opportunity to take part in fun craft activities at the hotels, but these take on a decidedly seasonal theme during the holidays!

Don't forget to check out the Activity Schedule for holiday crafts, where kids can show off their artistic talents and take home their creations.

Most activities are free of charge, though some do have a nominal fee. Here's a Tip: Usually, these activities are for all guests, including those not staying at the resort itself.

We recommend escaping the crowds to participate in a resort activity.

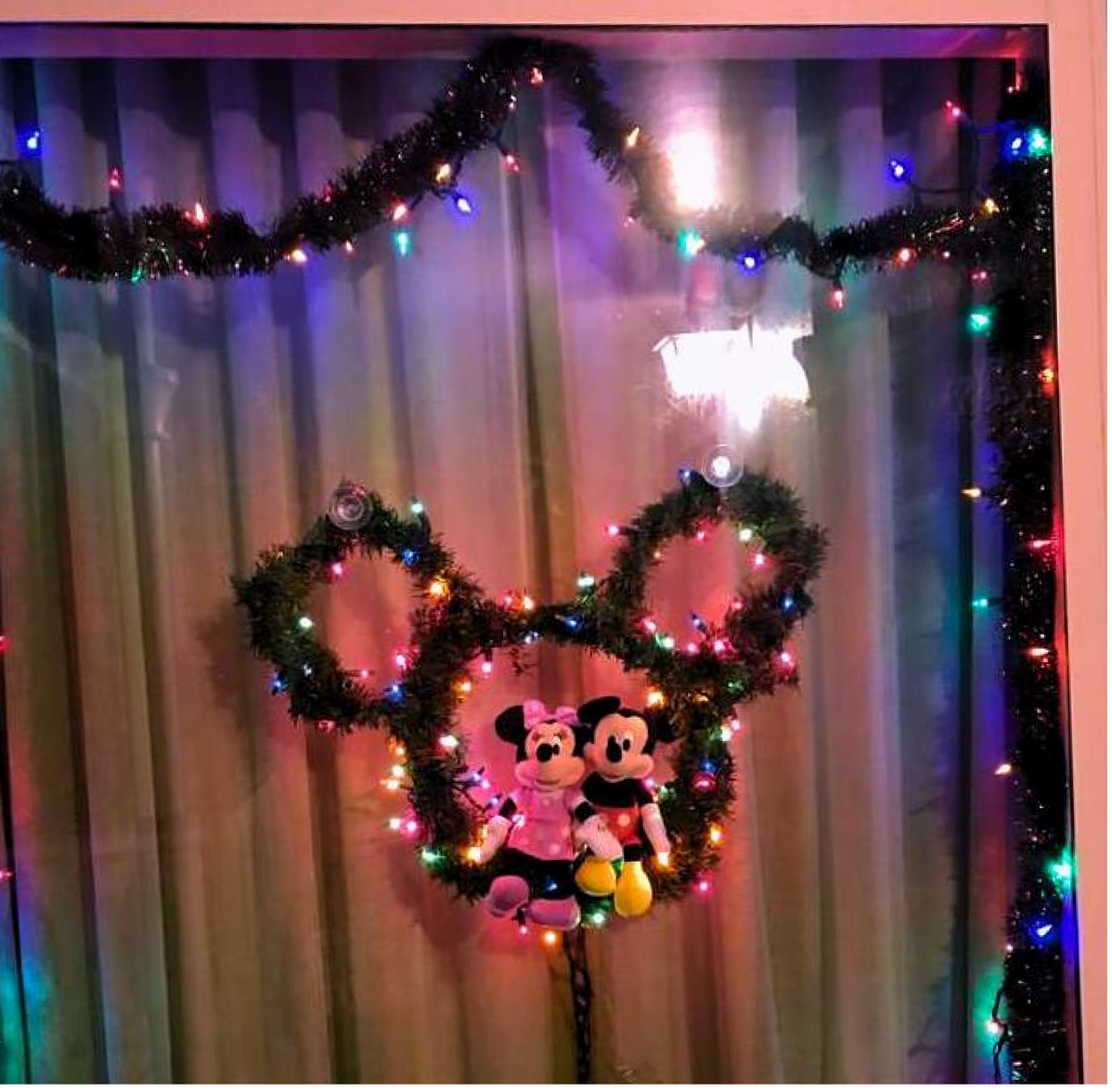
Design a craft, go swimming, or wrap gifts.

Make a new holiday tradition!



FUN FOR KIDS

The holidays can be exhausting, and when you add in an active vacation at Walt Disney World, it's wise to plan in some down time.





GUEST DECORATIONS

As you walk around the resorts at Walt Disney World, you may be surprised to see the windows and balconies of resort rooms decorated by fellow travelers.

Christmas lights, small trees, classic paper snowflakes, garlands, and more adorn room windows and railings, and it's a fun (and free!) activity to stroll around and take in some of these creative displays.

Over at Fort Wilderness, **campers decorate their sites in spirited fashion**. Likewise, campers can participate in **Golf Cart decorating**–complete with a contest! On Christmas Eve, typically at 3:30PM, there is a **golf cart parade**.

Inquire at check-in as there are some rules to keep this tradition safe and family friendly.







FIREWORKS CRUISES

For an extra-special view of the fireworks from the Magic Kingdom or EPCOT, book a **Magic Kingdom Fireworks Cruise** or an **EPCOT Fireworks Cruise**!

MAGIC KINGDOM CRUISES

Board a 25-foot Tracker Pontoon stocked with water, soda, and packaged snacks for a cruise that culminates in a special view of the fireworks from the Seven Seas Lagoon.

Opt to see fireworks from a boat in the Seven Seas Lagoon near Disney's Magic Kingdom. Sailings are available from the marinas at Contemporary, Polynesian Village, Grand Floridian, Fort Wilderness, and Wilderness Lodge.

This sailing includes music from the show piped in to your vessel!

EPCOT CRUISES

If you'd rather see the evening spectacular from a private vantage point, cruises are available from the Yacht and Beach Club Resort on Crescent Lake.

Your boat will stop underneath the International Gateway bridge, where it will stay during the show. Note that other boats will anchor here as well, however they will not impede your fantastic view.

RESERVATIONS

Each cruise includes a captain, assorted snacks, soft drinks, and festive banners and balloons (upon request at time of booking).

Reservations can be made by calling 407-WDW-PLAY or **407-939-7529**. A 48-hour cancellation policy applies.



HOLIDAY MOVIES

Many Disney resorts feature movies outside in the evenings! Check your Resort's Activity schedule (pick one up at the front desk) for “Movies Under the Stars.” These are typically shown near the resort pool or beachfront.

Classic Christmas films are available in-room at the WDW Swan and Dolphin Resort. Tune into channel 49 at the Swan or channel 50 at the Dolphin for 'round the clock for movies like Elf, A Christmas Story, Polar Express, and other favorites.

DISNEY MOVIES

Look for holiday Disney movies such as “Santa Buddies”, “The Nightmare Before Christmas” , “Mickey's Christmas Carol”, “Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas”, “The Search for Santa Paws”, “The Muppet Christmas Carol”, “Prep & Landing”, “I'll Be Home for Christmas”, and the “Santa Clause” trilogy during the holiday season.





SANTA MEET AND GREETS

For the young and young-at-heart looking for a last minute conference with **Santa**, the jolly wish-taker is usually in the hotel lobbies between 5PM and 9PM on Christmas Eve in year's past.

At the Grand Floridian and several other Deluxe resorts, Santa sits in a beautiful red velvet-upholstered chair in front of a Christmas tree while Cast Members queue up the last minute list-givers.

WDW SWAN & DOLPHIN

Last year these are the dates you could **visit with Santa** and Mrs. Claus (and their elf, Kandy Kane) from 6-8PM on:

- **November** 29-30
- **December** 5, 7, 12-14, 19-21, & 23

Look for Santa's Holiday Hangout near the Swan pool.

More information can be found at **SantasFavoriteResort.com**

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SLEIGH RIDES

What's Christmas without a sleigh ride? (We all have regular sleigh rides during our holiday season, right?... right?) Luckily, your trip to Disney World won't keep you from taking part in this time-honored activity.

Jingle bells ring during these seasonal activities at the Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground.

Departing from the **festively decorated** Tri-Circle D Ranch Barn (near the Settlement Bus Depot), the Cast Members at Tri-Circle D Ranch have fashioned **horse-drawn sleighs** that can travel without snow. Okay, they have wheels, but that doesn't take away from the holiday spirit during the 25-minute jaunt!

When planning your journey through the wilderness wonderland, remember that sleighs can accommodate four adults or two adults and three small children. Book more than one sleigh if you have a large party.

This year's operating dates are:

- **December** 1-30, 2026 (excluding December 24th)

These "sleigh" rides are very popular so reserve this activity as soon as possible.

TRANSPORTATION

Allow extra time to get to Fort Wilderness, whether arriving via Walt Disney World transportation or your own vehicle. Unless you have a flying



reindeer, traveling to the Settlement area of Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground requires some patience.

From the Magic Kingdom, travel by boat to Fort Wilderness. Arriving by WDW bus, transfer to a Settlement bus at the Outpost Depot.

If arriving by automobile, your car can be parked at the Outpost Depot, then you will need to board a bus headed to the Settlement Depot.

RESERVATIONS

Sleigh rides can be booked 60 days in advance **online** or via the My Disney Experience app. Prices may vary by date, $80+.

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updates coming soon!

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BUDGETING: MONEY & TIME



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While visiting Disney World during the holiday season is truly a memorable experience, it can also be a difficult time of year to stick to a budget. With holiday gifts to be purchased, tempting sweets, and unique souvenir offerings, budgeting for your Disney vacation at this time of year can be challenging.

Budgeting money and time for the holiday season can be daunting. By planning a visit in early December, you'll find lower prices and fewer crowds than you will in late December. Even **Lightning Lane Multi Pass is more expensive** during peak travel times.

Traveling during the holiday season can be very expensive in general, so travel to Disney World around the holidays is extra pricey. To further help, we broke down a budget to find out exactly how much it costs to visit Disney World during the most wonderful time of the year. **You can review it right here**!

SAVING MONEY

Holiday shopping at Walt Disney World is not for the bargain hunter. While you may spot some Black Friday deals if you happen to be there after Thanksgiving, overall, expect to break the bank on just about everything.

Let's look at ways to save when every vacation dollar counts!



BUDGETING: MONEY

DISCOUNTS

For starters, check out **all the discounts** available in Walt Disney World now. And look for **discounts on special events**.

If you're paying the big bucks for an **Annual Pass**, you should do your best to get the most out of it, so don't forget to ask about **applicable discounts** at merchandise and dining locations throughout Disney World.

DINING DOLLARS

Are you on the **Disney Dining Plan**? Save up your snack credits. Many of EPCOT's Festival of the Holidays menu items can be purchased with 1 snack credit!

Plus, see how much **food costs so you can be aware** and stay on top of your dining budget.

MENU PLANNING

Plan ahead. Look at the festival menus before you arrive so that you know what booths are high priority for you. Don't make "impulse purchases" as you walk around the booths.

WAYS TO SAVE

Pre-set a budget!

Look at **the full list of shops and restaurants at Disney Springs** before you leave home. You may find that some offer reward programs or coupons if you sign up for emails or text messages.

- Consider your budget when you're planning your Disney Springs visit. If you have a limit in mind, purchase Disney gift cards to use just for this purpose. When the gift cards run out, shopping is done.







- Some big box retailers offer discounts on gift cards. Target Red Card users can save 5%, for example, when purchasing **gift cards**. If you use this program to stock up on Disney gift cards, you can effectively save 5% on everything you buy on vacation.
- Some Disney merchandise makes the leap to **the Disney Store**, and the online retailer frequently has sales–BIG ones. If you spot something onsite that you've just gotta have (even though the price has you palpitating), check on DisneyStore.com to see if the item is available there and what discounts you may be able to apply.
- By purchasing your plane ticket at the right time, you can save money! For domestic travel during Thanksgiving, prices tend to be at their lowest 45 days prior to departure, with a range of 26 to 59 days out. For Christmas, flights are historically at their lowest 58 days before departure, and the low price range is about 36 to 72 days out. It is a bit different for international flights. You should plan on booking your flight as early as possible, as the low price range is 50 days or more before departure. In most cases, prices are at their lowest 101 days before departure, so you won't see a significant price decrease by waiting to book your travel closer to your departure date.





Disney World pricing is all about supply and demand. When kids are out of school or families are celebrating holidays, ticket prices climb. **Magic Kingdom**, being the most iconic park, always has the highest prices compared to **EPCOT**, **Hollywood Studios**, and **Animal Kingdom**.

To avoid the highest prices, try to avoid these dates:

- Thanksgiving Week (November 22–28, 2026): Thanksgiving at Disney World is magical to be sure, but it's also one of the most expensive weeks of the year. Tickets hover around $209 for Magic Kingdom, and the parks are packed with holiday visitors.
- Christmas Week (December 20–26, 2026): No surprise here – Christmas is peak Disney. Ticket prices hit the $209 maximum, and the parks are packed with holiday festivities. If you're dreaming of seeing Cinderella's Castle all decked out in its holiday best, be prepared to pay a premium.
- New Year's Eve Week (December 27, 2026–January 2, 2026): Want to ring in the New Year at Disney? So does everyone else. Tickets during this week are also at the $209 high point, and crowd levels are off the charts.

During the weeks we've highlighted, you're not just paying for a ticket – you're paying a premium for high demand. And while Disney World during the holidays can be magical, it's worth asking yourself if the crowds and costs are really worth it.



RESORT DISCOUNTS

Imagine: It's Christmas morning, and everyone is still asleep–except you. You're up early, living the good life, and taking it all in.

This isn't just any Christmas–nope. Because this morning, you woke up in a Disney World Deluxe hotel. **Just how'd you swing that, you ask**? Don't you worry, we're going to tell you exactly how **Annual Passholders** and others can make it happen.

In fact, we have ALL the deals and discounts at Disney World, just **click here** to start saving!

- For example, throughout 2026, there is FREE Disney Dining for kids! Find out all the details **here**.
- Guests can save 20% on select rooms for stays from October 4th through December 24th. Find out more details **here**.
- Members of the U.S. Military can get specially priced Disney World theme park tickets as well, with a choice between a 4-day, 5-day or 6-day **Disney Military Salute Ticket. Find pricing information and more here**.

Want help booking your Disney World vacation? Our friends over at **Small World Vacations** have tons of experience booking magical trips and can help you save time, headaches, and money when you plan! And the best part? **Their services are completely FREE.**



BUDGETING: TIME

YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE

The best way to enjoy the festivities is to know what to expect before you go. This way you can budget your time accordingly and not miss out on any must-do events. Once you have a basic plan in place, stay flexible.

Remember to make every second count and absorb the magic of this year's Disney holiday season.

RESORT GUESTS

If you're a **Disney Resort guest**, you can get a jump on the rope drop crowds by taking advantage of morning **Early Theme Park Entry**. Deluxe Resort and Deluxe Villa guests can also stay late with **Extended Evening Hours**. **Learn more about these extended hour perks here**.

GO EARLY

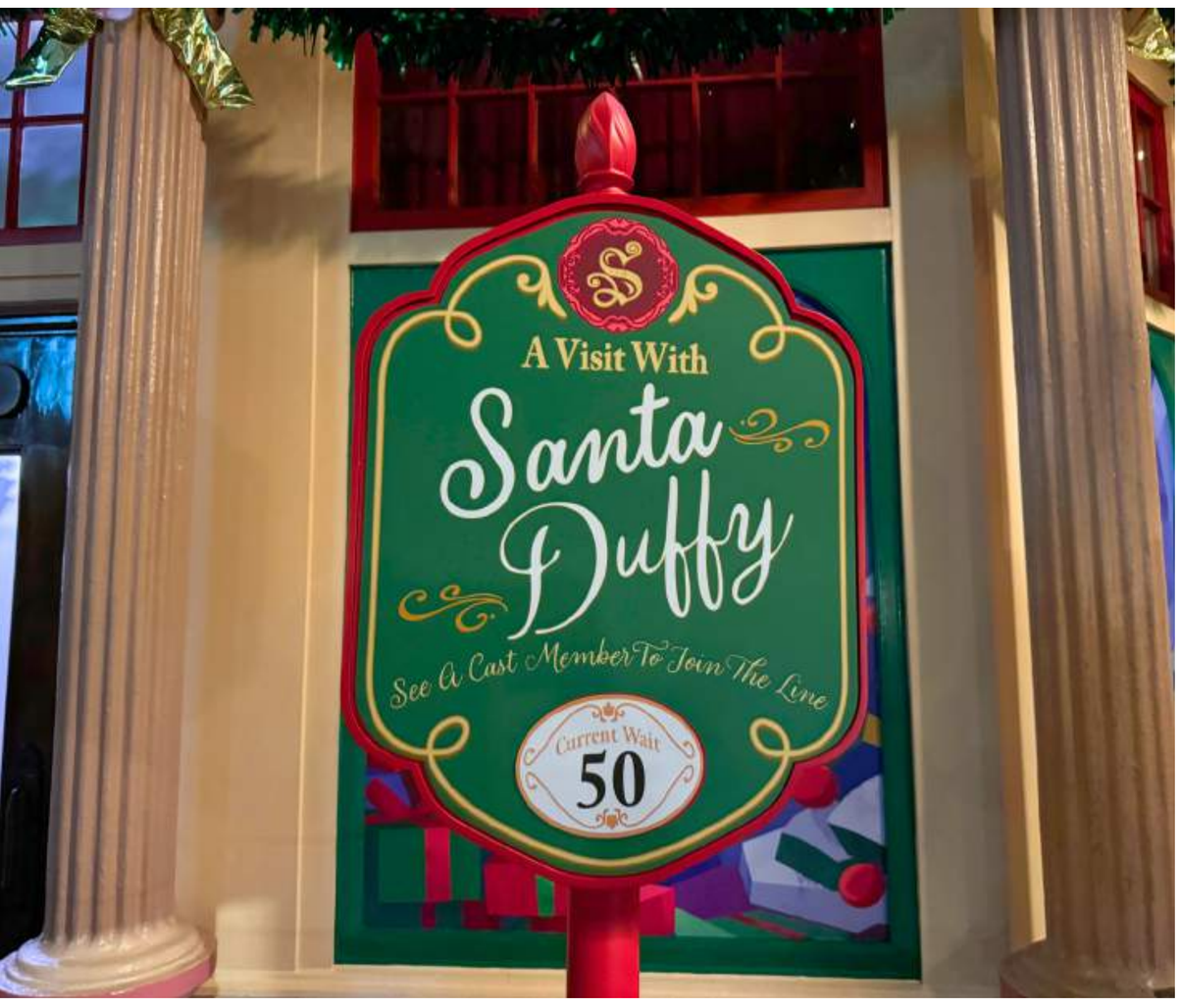
Go early—in the day, in the week, and in the months of November and December. Remember, many Disney parks **close due to being filled to capacity** during holiday weeks.

Disney attractions get busier later in the day, on weekends, and the closer it is to Christmas and New Year's Eve.

Visiting on the weekdays will give you a greater chance of avoiding the long lines. If you can get away, the week before Thanksgiving has low crowds!







DINE EARLY

Give your family a small advantage with the crowds by dining early; 11AM for lunch and 4PM for dinner MIGHT be less chaotic, especially at Quick Service locations.

You could also try enjoying 'linner' (lunch and dinner combo!) in mid-afternoon, then enjoying snacks for the rest of the day's sustenance.

Ultimately, there's no guarantee you'll be able to save money at Walt Disney World, but it's worth a try to pinch your pennies here and there.

PARK HOURS

Keep an eye on park hours. They sometimes change at the last minute. Magic Kingdom and Disney's Hollywood Studios close early several nights per week due to seasonal events.

STAY UP LATE

Parks typically stay open later for the holiday time between Christmas and the New Year. And hours will likely be extended during Thanksgiving week as well.

EVENTS

If you're attending an after-hours party in Disney World, it's in your best interest to get there as early as you're allowed to (usually 4PM). Why? Because you'll want to get your money's worth!

LIGHTNING LANE

Consider purchasing a **Lightning Lane Multi Pass** and/or a **Lightning Lane Single Pass** for your favorite rides. There's also one more option, the **Premier Pass**, but it is the most expensive option.

Holidays at Disney World iare magical, but it's also one of the most expensive times of the year. For example, Thanksgiving tickets hover around $209 for Magic Kingdom, and the parks are packed with holiday visitors.

That said, **we have a primer for these services specifically during the busiest of seasons here**.

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SHOPPING

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Hunting for vacation souvenirs is one of the best parts of a Walt Disney World vacation, and visiting during the Christmas season means you get to combine that with picking out a few fun holiday gifts as well!

If you're looking for **holiday merchandise**, consider festive ears, **popcorn buckets** and sippers, sweatshirts, and stockings. You'll also find Hanukkah themed items.

Remember: Disney's Days of Christmas in Disney Springs and Ye Olde Christmas Shop in Magic Kingdom are filled with holiday spirit no matter what time of year you're visiting.

DFB FAVORITES

With shops featuring everything from elaborate Italian masks to engraved walking sticks–not to mention plush characters fit for every size hug–there's truly something for everyone in Walt Disney World's shops. But with so much shopping and so little time, how's a person supposed to know where to go for a trendy Spirit Jersey? A special ornament? A bag of dried crab snacks for a white elephant gift?

The DFB team has shared their favorite spots to shop for all sort of things so you can win holiday shopping during your Disney trip!



HOLIDAY GIFTS

If you're shopping for fairly traditional holiday gifts like ornaments and figures, you'll want to stop in the year-long Christmas shops: Ye Olde Christmas Shop and Disney's Days of Christmas.

But to add something a little special, check out their personalization options. You could get a glass Mickey globe ornament embellished with the year of your visit or add a child's name to a bauble..

Magnets make great souvenirs
In EPCOT, check out Die Weihnachts Ecke in the Germany pavilion. Glass-blown Mickey ornaments are elegant and fun, and you can get a **traditional nutcracker** and a pickle ornament, too.

A new DFB favorite you can purchase outside the Disney bubble? This adorable **Merry & Bright Balloon Bouquet**! It's a five balloon bouquet anchored on a cute mug that's filled with chocolate! It's sure to brighten anyone's season! We love the idea of **sending one to your resort room** for a little extra magic! (*Picture this*: you walk into your resort room and bam...a merry balloon bouquet waiting to spread holiday cheer!)

UNIQUE FINDS

In EPCOT, head to the China pavilion's House of Good Fortune for jade jewelry, silk, and plush pandas, or Japan's Mitsukoshi for kawaii finds, Pokémon, and even pearls.

In Animal Kingdom, Mombasa Marketplace offers African art, drums, and handmade crafts.

And in Galaxy's Edge, you can even build your own droid!











TRENDY AND SEASONAL MERCHANDISE

Want the trendiest Disney finds?

From Minnie ears and Spirit Jerseys to Loungeflys and Crocs, you'll spot them first at Disney Springs–check **Tren-D** for chic character fashion and **DisneyStyle** for Insta-worthy looks.

Over at EPCOT, the **Creations Shop** is the go-to for the newest drops and festive holiday merch (yes, ornaments included!)

BEST RESORTS FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

For holiday shopping that doesn't require a Park ticket, don't forget the Resort gift shops. We love the **Contemporary's Bayview Gifts**, where the shelves are always stocked with fun merchandise–including Resort-branded items.

You'll find more Resort-branded items throughout Walt Disney World, with the Grand Floridian being a particularly excellent place to shop. We can't leave the Resort without a stop in Basin. This haven for soap, lotions, and other delights has a signature scent you'll only find at the Grand Floridian.







HOLIDAY TREATS THAT TRAVEL WELL

Speaking of treats that travel well... We're fans of taking some of the edible magic home with us for the holidays!

One of our favorite treats is a sleeve of Macarons from **Les Halles Boulangerie-Patisserie** in EPCOT's France pavilion. This collection of colorful confections comes in its own package, which should make it home in one piece in your carry-on or personal item.

Snacks with Character offers gluten free packaged treats like Lemon Burst Cookies and Chocolate Protein Bites. We suggest looking for the sturdier options from this line; things like potato chips are tasty, but they don't travel well.

Goofy's Candy Co. (and other stores) sell brightly-colored packaged candy, including Gummy Fish. These are a fun gift for the kids (and kids-at-heart) in your life.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIPS

We know not everyone loves shopping (even at Walt Disney World), and when the stores are crowded with holiday shoppers, it can be even more unpleasant.

Here are our tips for holiday shopping in the World without losing your holiday cheer.







ONE STOP SHOPPING

Want to shop fast? Head to the big all-in-one stores: **the Emporium** in Magic Kingdom, **Creations Shop** in EPCOT, **Celebrity 5 & 10** & **Mickey's of Hollywood** in Hollywood Studios, and **Island Mercantile** & **Discovery Trading Co.** in Animal Kingdom. Each offers a wide mix of souvenirs so you can check off your list without hopping between shops.

EXCLUSIVES

Stay tuned to DFB for holiday exclusives.

HOLIDAY VILLAGE

Mickey & Friends Holiday Village offered Disney fans of all ages the opportunity to find holiday-specific gifts and merchandise online.

CROWDS

Holiday shopping at Disney World gets crowded–it's not just the rides!

If you're shopping in a hectic store, to stay sane, set a clear meeting spot with your group, and grab a bag or basket so you're not juggling merchandise, and ask Cast Members if you can't find something (they often know what's in the back).

Want to avoid the chaos? Plan your shopping around off-peak times.



SPLURGES

EPCOT is home to many kinds of beautiful things from all over the world.

Why not splurge on authentic vintage **Chanel accessories and Christian Dior jewelry** at France's Librairie et Galerie.

FAVORITE SHOPS

Did you know there are **97 different shops at Disney Springs**. However, there are 9 stores that are guest favorites. If you are short on time, stick to **these stores** for a fun overview of Disney Springs.



COLD WEATHER

Forgot to pack for chilly weather? You'll also find that when the temperatures drop in Disney World, shops will have cold weather gear out for sale.

MOBILE CHECKOUT

If you're looking for a chance to shop for the holidays, you may be interested to **learn about Mobile Checkout**, which is available through the **My Disney Experience app** at select merchandise locations.

WORLD SHOWCASE

Many World Showcase shops will offer seasonal holiday treats that are popular in the regions they represent.

Some of our favorites? Panettone and licorice in Italy!

But be sure to look in Norway, the UK, Mexico, and Germany especially to find holiday-themed goodies in the shops.

ONLINE SHOPPING

Disney dropped its holiday collection online at the **Disney Store**, and there are more than a few things that we're seriously tempted to add to our online carts!

GIFT WRAP

Watch for gift wrapping stations at the parks and resorts. A small fee is charged.



SHOPPING LOGISTICS

Lunchtime is a great time to shop along the main thoroughfares of the Parks (Main Street, U.S.A., Hollywood Boulevard, etc.). Most guests have ensconced themselves deeper in the Parks where they're waiting in line for rides or loading up on chicken nuggies for lunch. You will likely find stores at their least busy during this mid-day period.

WHEN TO MAKE PURCHASES

Believe it or not, when you shop at Disney matters. Picture this: you find the perfect Stitch plush for your nephew... and then carry it around all day. Not fun.

If you can, save shopping for the end of the day or right before a hotel break–you'll thank yourself later. No juggling bags on rides or squeezing them under your seat.

BUT–some items do sell out fast (think: popular Minnie ears, Starbucks mugs, Dooneys, Loungeflys). If you spot a must-have item, grab it–you might not see it again!

Just know you'll have two options: carry it all day or have Disney ship it home. That's it for now!

DISNEY FOOD BLOG GUIDE insider TIPS

Currently the only package service available at Walt Disney World is Shipping, where you pay to ship your item(s) to your home address.

PACKING YOUR PURCHASES

You've found some treasures—now it's time to get them home safely!

One big challenge? Space. Your suitcase was full on the way there, and now you've got souvenirs too.

To make it easier, pack a collapsible duffle in your luggage. Use it for things like dirty clothes or shoes, and save room in your main bag for the fragile stuff.

Pack breakables in a sturdy suitcase and cushion them with clothes or towels—wrapping them up and placing them in the center helps protect them. Disney often wraps fragile items at checkout too, which adds a nice first layer.

No duffle? A Disney tote or reusable bag can work, but you'll likely need to carry it on the plane (as a carry-on or personal item—check your airline's rules).

Bringing food? Pack anything fragile or crumbly in your carry-on. And remember: liquids over 3.4 oz must go in your checked bag.

Wrap liquids well—start with a gallon zip-top bag, then double-bag with plastic shopping bags. Trust us, no one wants a lotion explosion in their suitcase.

Now go shop! It's hard not to hum carols when the red and green souvenirs hit the shelves.



GETTING TO/FROM DISNEY SPRINGS

While the Disney Springs parking garages (Lime, Orange, and Grapefruit) have greatly improved the situation over the past few years, you'll still need to watch for heavy traffic in the area of Disney Springs. Look for the helpful digital display boards on Buena Vista Drive that often show parking updates for each garage.

If you are staying on-site at a Walt Disney World Resort, we highly recommend taking a WDW bus during peak times. Guests at Saratoga Springs can walk or take a boat, and those staying at Port Orleans–Riverside, Port Orleans–French Quarter, and Old Key West Resorts can typically take a resort boat (the Sassagoula water taxi!). Boat service to and from Disney Springs typically runs 10AM to 12:30AM.



PARKING

Self-parking is complimentary.

Guests with disabilities (and a valid disabilities parking permit) should follow signs to designated parking areas.

PRIVATE OR HIRED VEHICLE

You can reach Disney Springs via personal car, taxi, **ride share service**, or **Minnie Van**.

You can **visit our Disney World Transportation page** to learn more about getting around the Resort.

BUS STOPS

If you haven't been to Disney Springs in recent years, you'll want to note that the Resort bus stop is in a different location: The Gateway. Centrally located near Town Center, the 18 load zones run as follows:

- Bus service from Disney Resort hotels typically begins 45 minutes before opening.
- Return service to Disney Resort hotels typically ends one hour after closing.

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MORE RESOURCES



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STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH DISNEY CHANGES

As you probably know, things are always evolving in Disney World–it's part of the magic! From new attractions to updated menus and experiences, there's always something fresh around the corner. That means some of the details in this book might change or become outdated by the time of your trip. But don't worry–we've got you covered! To make sure you're getting the latest, most up-to-date information and insider tips, click below to subscribe to our newsletter. You'll always be in the loop and ready to win Disney!

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MORE DFB RESOURCES

MORE DFB GUIDES

While writing our Holidays at Disney World: DFB's Merriest Guide, we confirmed just how much food information there is to share about Disney theme parks and Resorts! So we've expanded our line of e-Books over the years to cover important details even more thoroughly. Through this guide series, we've been able to focus more in-depth on smaller topics.

Check out **DFBStore.com** for Snack Guides leading you to all of the best snacks in the three other Disney World theme parks:

- EPCOT Snacks
- Disney's Animal Kingdom Snacks
- Disney's Hollywood Studios Snacks
- Magic Kingdom Snacks

We also offer specialized guides about:

- The Disney Food Blog Guide to Disney World Dining (8 books in 1!)
- The EPCOT International Food and Wine Festival
- The EPCOT International Flower and Garden Festival
- The EPCOT International Festival of the Arts
- Halloween at Disney World: DFB's Spooktacular Guide
- The DFB Guide to Maximizing the Disney Dining Plan

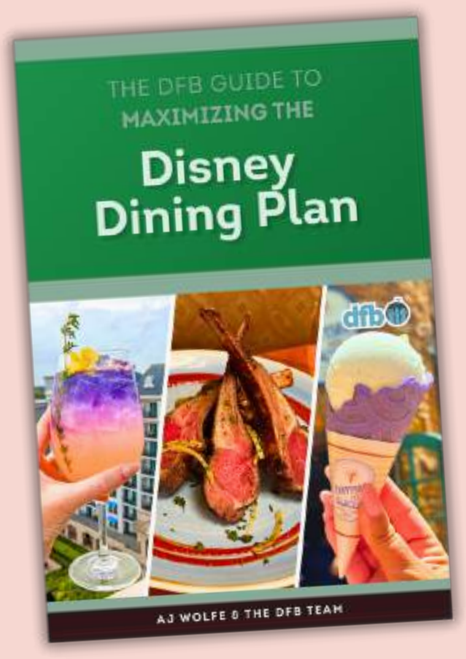
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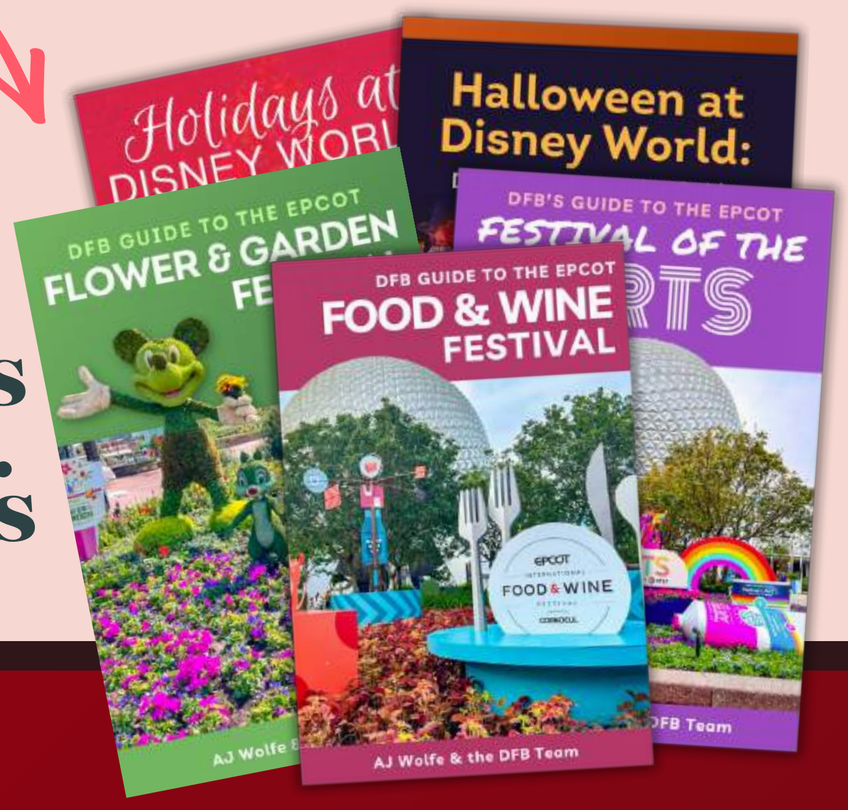


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WANT MORE?

So glad you're enjoying the Holidays at Disney World: DFB's Merriest Guide guide! It's a joy creating these books, and guess what? There's a whole lot more to discover! If you're curious about other festivals, snacks, the Disney Dining Plan, and Table Service restaurants, we have a special thank you just for you. How about upgrading to our **EVERYTHING Bundle**? It includes every guide we'll publish this year for the price of just one guidebook!

For under $17, you'll gain comprehensive insights into the Disney Dining Plan, detailed reviews for every restaurant in the parks, festival maps, and stunning photos. It's a fantastic deal meant just for our holiday guide readers like you, and **we hope you'll take advantage of it!**

I'M IN! I WANT THE EVERYTHING BUNDLE!