

# Disney World Planning & Reservations Checklist

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- Pick your Disney vacation dates. [Things to think about when planning your dates](#)
  - Schedule leave dates at the Unit as early as possible to ensure your desired dates.
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## As early as: 500 Days out

### Make your hotel reservations

Whichever of the hotel options below that you decide on, make your reservation as far out as possible to ensure you get your first choice. Make any special requests when making the reservation, such as room location or view. Advise the hotel of any special events occurring during your stay such as birthdays or an anniversary.

- Make Disney Resort Reservations

Online: [Disney online reservation page](#)

By Phone: Disney Central Reservations Office 1-407-934-7639

Use a Fee Free Travel Professional like [Ears of Experience](#) they are up to date on all the current discounts

## As early as: 365 Days out

### Make your hotel reservations

Whichever of the hotel options below that you decide on, make your reservation as far out as possible to ensure you get your first choice. Make any special requests when making the reservation, such as room location or view. Advise the hotel of any special events occurring during your stay such as birthdays or an anniversary.

- Make Shades of Green Reservations. These can be made up to 1 year in advance, peak seasons do fill up fast so plan accordingly.

Online: [Shades of Green online reservation page](#)

By Phone: 1-888-593-2242

[Shades of Green Information](#)

Make Armed Forces Vacation Club Reservations

Online: [AFVC Resort Search Page](#) (in the search Resorts dropdowns enter:  
USA & Florida/Orlando

By Phone: 1-800-724-9988

[Armed Forces Vacation Club Information](#)

Make Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort Reservations

By Phone: 1-888-828-8850 and ask for rate code: TROOPS

[Swan and Dolphin information](#)

Make National Chain Hotel Reservations (Hilton, Holiday Inn, etc.)

Don't forget to ask for a military discount or to use any points that you have  
saved at your preferred chain

[Downtown Disney Area Hotels](#) (on Disney property)

**Pre-purchase your Disney Theme Park Tickets**

Purchase your park tickets ahead to spread out the cost (one ticket every month  
or two). Note: Disney raises ticket prices in early August, buying your tickets prior  
to the price hike will save you money. Your tickets will still be valid at the price you  
paid.

From your [Base Ticket Office](#)

If you'd prefer to wait to purchase your tickets once you arrive, plan on how much  
that will cost at the [Shades of Green Ticket Office](#)

Make your Fort Wilderness Golf Cart Reservation (if you are staying there)

By Phone: 1-407-824-2742

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**As early as 180 days out**

Make Travel Reservations as required

Airline

Car Rental

Airport Transport

Hotels Enroute

Check Theme Park Hours (helpful for making dining reservations)

Online: [Disney Park Hours](#)  
By Phone: 1-407-824-4321

### **Make Dining Reservations**

#### Disney Dining Reservations

Online: [Disney Dining online reservations](#) site opens the next available day to be booked at 6 am eastern time, 1 hr prior to the phone reservation line. (Use this if you want a high demand reservation like Cinderella's Royal Table Breakfast).

By Phone: 1-407-939-3463

#### Disney Dinner Show Reservations

Online: [Disney Dining online reservations](#) (dinner shows are in their own section to the right of the page)

By Phone: 1-407-939-3463

### **Make Recreation Reservations**

#### Book Disney Golf Tee Times/ Golf Lessons (On WDW Property Guests only)

Online: [Disney Online Tee Times](#)

By Phone: 1-407-939-4653

#### Make Reservations for [Disney Recreation Activities](#): Specialty Cruises, Fishing Excursions, Tennis Lessons, Parasailing and Waterskiing, Fort Wilderness Trail Rides and Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Surfing Lessons

By Phone: 1-407-939-7529

#### Purchase Cirque Du Soleil – La Nouba Tickets

Online: [La Nouba Tickets](#)

By Phone: 1-407-939-7328

#### Make Reservations for: [Back Stage Tours](#)

By Phone: 1-407-939-8687

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## **As early as 90 days out**

#### Book Disney Golf Tee Times/ Golf Lessons (Non WDW Guests)

Online: [Disney Online Tee Times](#)

By Phone: 1-407-939-4653

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## **As early as 60 days out**

- Make Reservations for Fort Wilderness Horse Drawn Carriage Rides  
By Phone: 1-407-939-7529

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## **No Specified Date**

- Make Reservations for the Richard Petty Driving Experience (Dates available through 29 December 2011  
Online: [Information & Online Reservations](#)  
By Phone: 1-407-939-7529

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## **Prior to Departure**

- Plan your day-by-day schedule
- Read up on the theme parks with a [good guidebook](#), so you'll know what you want to do and won't waste time deciding once you are there
- Print to take all of your dining reservations (dates, times, reservation number)