

DISNEY FOOD BLOG'S  
PLANNING  
WORKSHEETS





# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

We know planning a Disney trip is A LOT! But we're here to help guide you to a magical vacation.

Today, we're going to cover how to plan out your PERFECT Disney World vacation by taking things one step at a time.

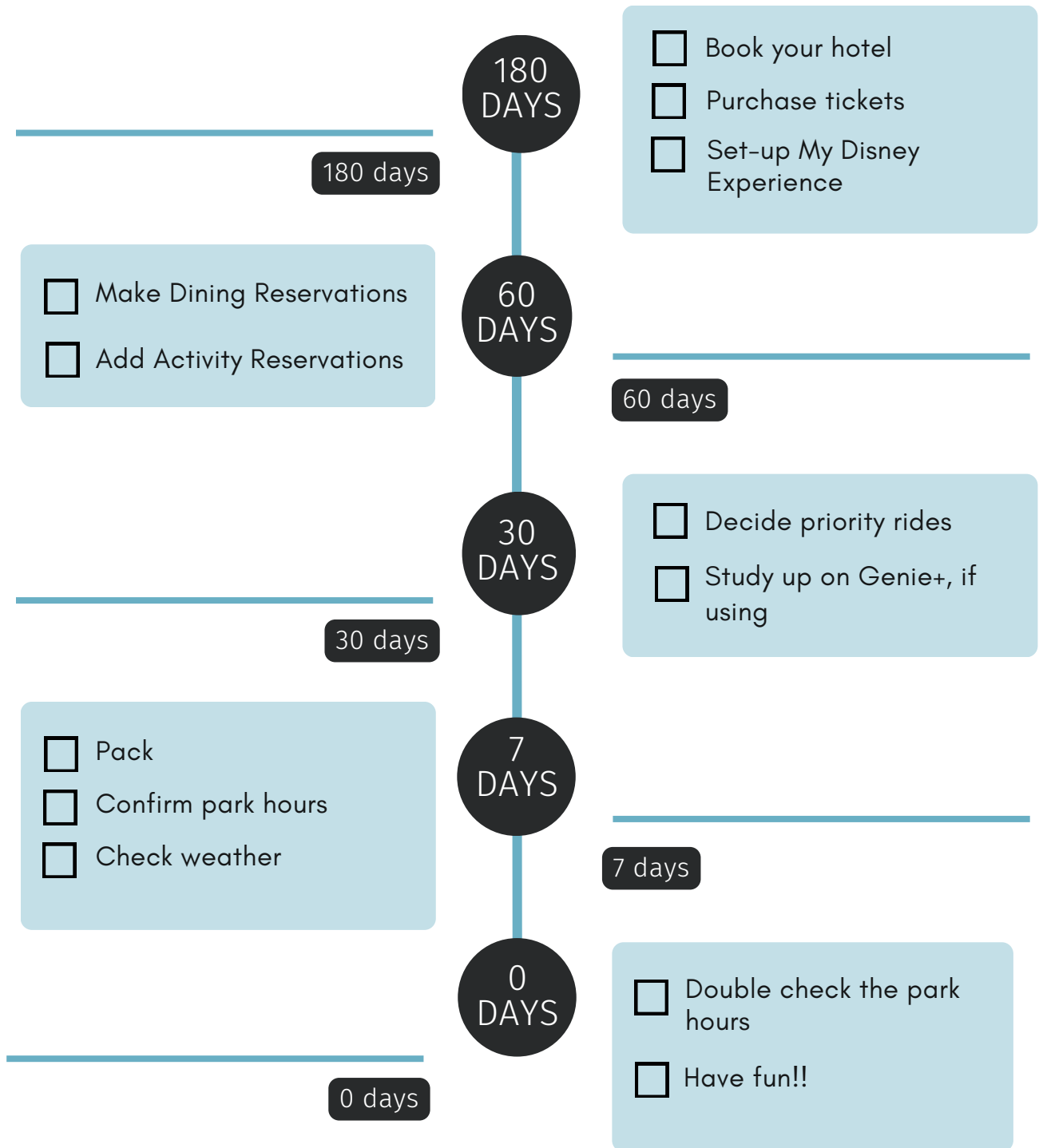
This guide will cover important Disney scheduling details, including a planning timeline, fill-in-the-blank travel itineraries, and (of course) tips and tricks -- just for you!

You'll also notice we've added several planning worksheets to the end of this mini-guide, which will help you figure out not just WHAT you need to start setting in stone, but WHEN, exactly, you should have these trip details chiseled out by. We know all of this might LOOK overwhelming at first glance, but just remember to take these tips in stride. You don't NEED to have everything figured out in a day -- so allow this guide to help you pace out your planning and keep you from throwing in the towel prematurely.

(We believe in you. We really do.)

# DISNEY PLANNING TIMELINE

Write in your first day at Disney World on the 0 days line, then work backwards to figure out the date for each of the milestones we've laid out.



# BEFORE YOU BOOK

## WHAT IS YOUR BUDGET?



Make sure you have a set budget for the following things:

- Transportation (Are you driving or flying?)
- Accommodations (Where are you staying?)
- Park Tickets (How many days will you play?)
- Dining (Will you be using the Disney Dining Plan?)
- Extras (Need any souvenirs to take back home?)

## WHICH HOTEL IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Disney World has several resorts that fit all types of budgets. Here are some of our personal favorites:

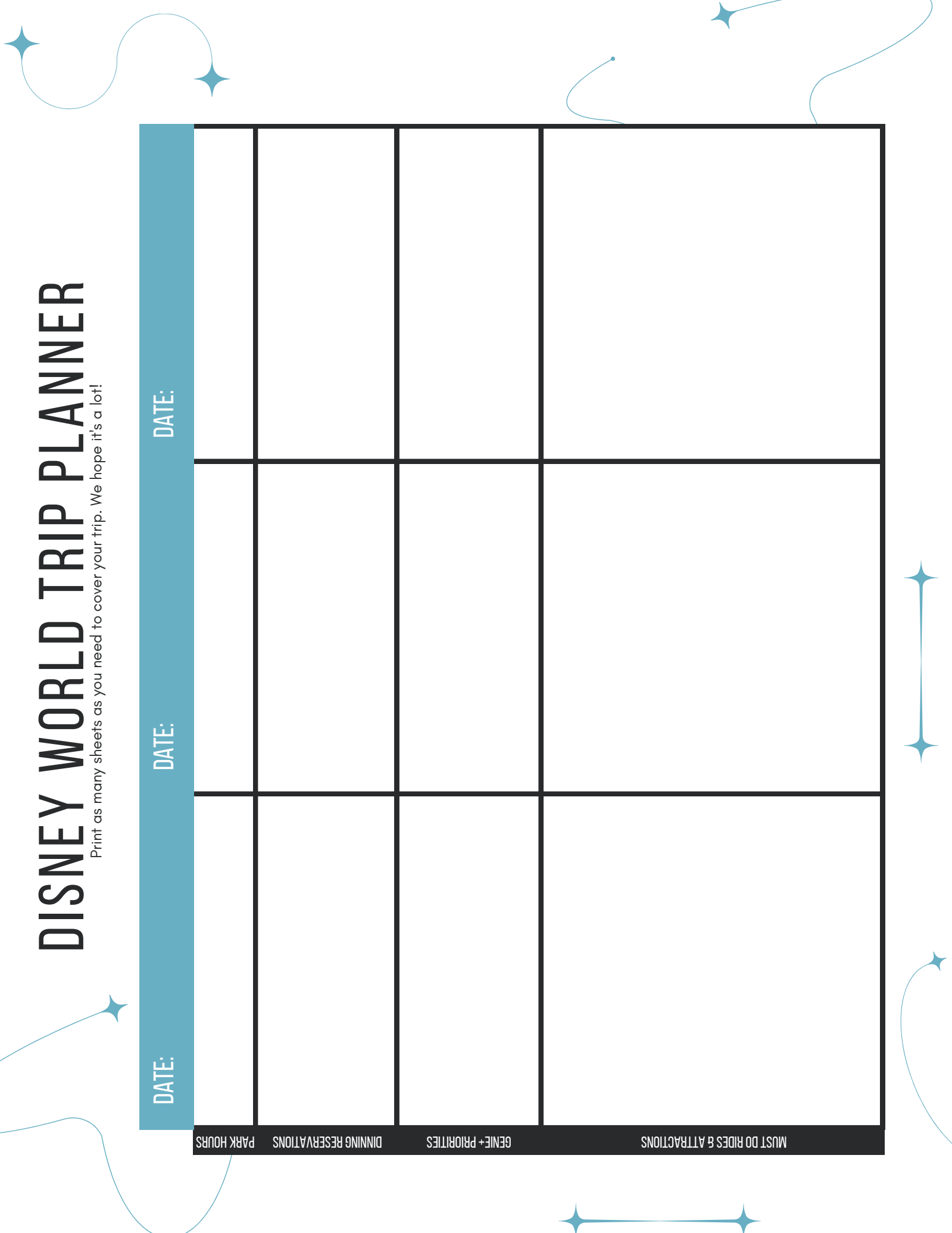
- Values (\$130-\$200+ per night)
  - Disney's Pop Century Resort
  - Disney's All-Star Music Resort
- Moderates (\$300-\$400+ per night)
  - Disney's Gran Destino Tower (at Coronado Springs)
  - Disney's Port Orleans Riverside (or French Quarter!)
- Deluxe (\$500+ per night)
  - Disney's Polynesian Village Resort
  - Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge



# DISNEY WORLD TRIP PLANNER

Print as many sheets as you need to cover your trip. We hope it's a lot!

DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:
MUST DO RIDES & ATTRACTIONS			
GENIE+ PRIORITIES			
DINNING RESERVATIONS			
PARK HOURS			



# 180 DAYS BEFORE

## MY DISNEY EXPERIENCE ACCOUNT

**My Disney Experience (MDE)** is Disney's free online vacation planning tool and app for Disney World guests. You can make do with one account per party, but we recommend each adult have an account. Link the adults' accounts in the My Family & Friends section so each person can plan for the party.

Having two accounts is especially helpful when booking dining reservations and Genie+.

MDE LOGINS

EMAIL:

PASSWORD:

## RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM

Booking your hotel room months before your trip will help you secure your home away from home.

If you book a Disney resort, link your reservation in MDE so you get all the onsite perks prior to arriving.

Write down your resort's address (in case you want to use a grocery delivery service during your stay).

HOTEL NOTES

## JANUARY 9TH UPDATES

Park reservations are no longer required for date-based ticket guests. This means passholders, cast members, or other non-date-based ticket holders will still need to make reservations before their park visits.

Park Hopper rules are also back to normal -- so if you purchase this add-on, you'll be able to hop between parks whenever/however you want on the day of your visit!

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# 60 DAYS BEFORE

## MAKE ADVANCE DINING RESERVATIONS

Advanced Dining Reservations (ADRs) open up **60 days before** the date of your dining reservation. Disney World Resort hotel guests may make reservations up to 60 days in advance plus the length of their stay up to 10 days.

You can book reservations online, in the app, or via phone. Some of the hardest-to-get reservations fill up quickly, so make sure you have a plan prior to your 60-day mark.



Write down which restaurants you want **Advance Dining Reservations** for here:

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- Harmony Barber Shop (on Main Street USA)
- Custom Astromech Units (Make your own droid)
- Savi's Workshop (Custom Lightsabers)
- TRON Identity Program (Create a TRON figure)
- Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique
- Magic Kingdom Fireworks Dessert Party

## SECURE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Some extra Disney experiences require reservations, too! Most special events can be reserved 60 days ahead of time.

Here are some of the most popular special activities that tend to book up quickly.

**QUICK TIP**  
Restaurants & activities can take up to 90 minutes! Make sure you leave enough time to enjoy yourself!

# 7 DAYS BEFORE

## START PACKING

Here are some of the **Disney World essentials** that you'll NEED to have in your suitcase:

- TWO pairs of park shoes
- Phone chargers/ rechargeable battery packs
- Pool bag
- Park bag (ie: a small backpack, fanny pack, etc.)
- EXTRA contacts (if you use them)
- Sunglasses and sunscreen.
- Over-the-counter meds



*TIP: Pack travel entertainment that's easy to take along (ie: pad of paper, MAD LIBS, crayons, coloring sheets, stickers, car snacks, etc)*

## CHECK THE WEATHER

**Reliable weather apps** can help you prepare for all weather conditions during your Florida vacation.

Orlando is notorious for rainy afternoons -- so it's best always to have things like ponchos, umbrellas, and extra socks tucked into your park bag.

During cooler months, you'll want to pack layers (like jackets, scarves, gloves, leggings, and ear warmers) for chilly mornings and nights.

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## RENT STROLLERS/SCOOTERS

Third-party rental services -- like **Buena Vista Rentals and Scooterbug** -- are popular companies in the Orlando area that can provide guests with ECV (electronic convenience vehicles), strollers, and other important trip equipment. **ScooterBug** will even **drop your stroller off right at your Disney resort**, too!

The Disney World parks also have strollers and ECVs for rent on the day of your visit -- but they can sell out if you don't arrive early!

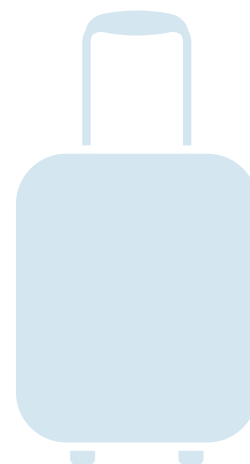
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# ULTIMATE PACKING LIST

Each of the items listed below has a clickable link that'll lead you to our FAVORITE, reliable brands of each product.\* That way, you don't have to worry about tracking down ALL these items yourself. (You're welcome!)

- [Power Strips](#)
- [Packing Cubes](#)
- [AirTags](#)
- [Headphones Wireless Transmitter](#)
- [Leak-Proof Travel Bottles](#)
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- [Rain Jacket](#)
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## THE DAY IS FINALLY HERE!

Looks like you're all ready to go to "The Most Magical Place On Earth!" We hope this planning guide made things easier for you as you sorted out all the details for your upcoming Disney World vacation. Now get out there and make some memories! (And if you have any more questions? Well, you know where to find us. 😊)



## WANT ALL THE PLANNING DETAILS?

Check out our ultimate guide to Disney World In 2024 for tips & tricks you won't find anywhere else. The DFB Team lays out how to budget, book the best character meals, and insider tips to expertly navigate Disney World stress-free.

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