



Disney World Checklist

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE
to planning the Disney World
vacation of a lifetime.

Disney World Vacation Planning Checklist

Plan Your Trip in 12 Easy Steps

1. _____ **Determine when you will take your vacation. Consider the following factors:**

- Weather
- Cost
- Crowds

Click [here](#) if you need more information to decide.

2. _____ **Decide on your budget. Consider the following factors:**

- Where and how you would like to eat
- Where to stay: onsite or off
- Will you drive or fly?
- Ultimately, your budget should be determined by how much you can afford to spend. You can then make your Disney World trip fit your budget.

3. _____ **Set up your My Disney Experience account. This is one of the biggest tools in your planning arsenal:**

- Create your account online or via the app
- Connect your friends and family

Use this guide to My Disney Experience to help: <https://secondstogo.net/wordpress/my-disney-experience-help/>

4. _____ **Finding your Disney resort/hotel. Consider the following factors:**

- Budget
- Onsite hotel or off?
- Ambiance/theming
- Location

Use this guide to explore the different Disney resorts: <https://secondstogo.net/wordpress/which-disney-world-resort-hotel-is-right-for-you/>

5. _____ **Decide if you want the Disney Dining plan, Choose between two options:**

- Disney Dining Plan with quick service
- Disney Dining Plan

Use this guide to help you decide: <https://secondstogo.net/wordpress/disney-dining-plan-2024/>

6. _____ **Book your hotel accommodations and theme park tickets.**

Use the [Disney World website](#) or contact a travel agent to book your onsite hotel or travel package:

- Compare all available discounts
- Compare room-only cost against package cost
- Disney Deluxe Dining Package.

Consider booking with a [Disney World travel agent](#) to help you find the best deals and times to visit.



7. _____ **Consider your logistics: How will you get where you're going?**

How will you get to your hotel from the airport?

- Car rental?
- Uber/Lyft?
- Private car service

If renting a car, use this guide: <https://secondstogo.net/wordpress/disney-car-rental/>

8. _____ **Decide if you want Disney MagicBands.**

- Prepurchase through your My Disney Experience account online to save over standard retail prices

Use this guide to help you navigate the process: <https://secondstogo.net/wordpress/how-does-the-disney-magic-band-work/>

9. _____ **Plan for ground transportation.**

- Decide if you need a rental car
- Look into available airport transfer options - if you booked with a travel agent, ask about the best way to get from the airport to your hotel and let them book your
- reservations for you

Use this guide to help you navigate the process: <https://secondstogo.net/wordpress/disney-world-airport-transportation/>

10. _____ **Make advanced dining reservations.**

- Disney World resort guests book 180 days from the first day of your trip for the length of your stay **(60 days during COVID-19 capacity restrictions)**
- Offsite guests book 60 days before each day of your travel

Use this guide to help you navigate the process: <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/#/reservations-accepted>

11. _____ **Book FastPass+ Reservations (skip this step during COVID capacity restrictions).**

Use the [Disney World website](#) to plan and book your FastPass+ reservations:

- Sign into your My Disney Experience Account
- Pre-book up to 3 FPs for each day of your trip
- Select popular attractions where lines are typically longest

Use this guide to help you navigate the process: <https://secondstogo.net/wordpress/walt-disney-world-fastpass-your-questions-answered/>

12. _____ **Pack for your trip and check into your resort:**

Use the [Disney World website](#) or the My Disney Experience app to complete online checkin:

- Provide a cell phone number and you will receive a text when your room is ready - no need to stop by the front desk.

Be sure to check this guide for commonly overlooked items: <https://secondstogo.net/wordpress/packing-disney-world/>

Notes:

