

# Disney Dining Plan & Restaurant Guide

## Paying for Your Food at Walt Disney World

When visiting Walt Disney World, you have two different options when it comes to paying for your food.

Option 1: The traditional way - a la carte at each restaurant and quick service location you visit

Option 2: The Disney Dining Plan, which is offered in two different options.

## Things to consider when choosing between option 1 and option 2:

Is your family going to receive a discount at certain dining locations? (Disney Visa cardholders, Annual Passholders and DVC members all receive dining discounts at certain locations)

Does your family like to order groceries? You can place a grocery delivery order for breakfast items, snacks, and even lunch items and save money on dining. You can take a small soft-sided cooler with factory sealed food into the parks if you want to pack a lunch.

Does your family plan to do more seated dining (table service, character meals), or are you planning to do more quick-service/grab and go options?

Is Disney running any promotions on their dining plans that may save you some money?

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## A La Carte Dining

If you are not opting to use the Disney Dining Plan, purchasing your food on property will be pretty straightforward. Here are a few tips to keep in mind during your trip:

All table service dining, whether you are on a Disney Dining Plan or not can be booked starting 60 days prior to your trip. If you have a trip booked already, calculate that date and set an alarm on your phone for the night before and the morning of. Reservations open at 6AM EST and some dining experiences will disappear very quickly, especially character meals.



If you are a Disney Visa Cardholder, Annual Pass Holder, or DVC member, don't forget to check if you receive a discount when purchasing your food. You should see the discount apply automatically if you are utilizing mobile ordering. You can see a full list of which restaurants and experiences offer a discount for these members by scanning the QR code to the left.

Check out page 6 for more information about using the Walt Disney World app to place a mobile order for your food, look for restaurant options, & more.

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## The Disney Dining Plan

Important FYI - occasionally, Disney offers promotions to include a free dining plan for guests when they book a resort package. This promotion usually can't be combined with other offers, so although your meals will be included, you may still be leaving money on the table by skipping another better promotion.

## So why choose to pay for a dining plan?

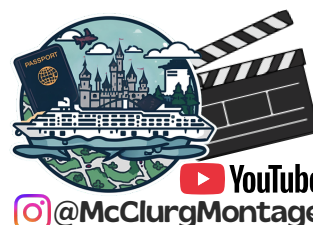
For some, even if cost doesn't vary much between purchasing meals a la carte and pre-purchasing the dining plan, it can be nice to know that many of your meals are already paid for as you head into your vacation. For some, it can be maximized and lead to significant savings.

## Limitations and Important Considerations

When you purchase the table service plan, your meals will be comped but you will still be expected to tip.

Example: if a family of four uses one table service meal on a character breakfast at Ohana and orders 4 entrees, 2 alcoholic drinks and 2 drinks for kids, they are likely looking at a total tab of \$271.00. The meals and drinks will be covered by the dining plan credits, but the expectation is that they still tip 20% on that \$271. That's a \$55 tip for one meal. This is important for families to consider when budgeting!

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## The Disney Dining Plan

If you choose to purchase a dining plan, you will have to select either the Quick Service Dining Plan, or the Disney Dining Plan (often called the table service plan). These plans each include:

### Quick Service Plan

2 Quick-Service Meals  
1 Snack OR Nonalcoholic Drink  
1 Resort-Refillable Drink Mug

### Disney Dining Plan

1 Quick-Service Meal  
1 Table Service Meal  
1 Snack OR Nonalcoholic Drink  
1 Resort-Refillable Drink Mug

## What does a meal include?

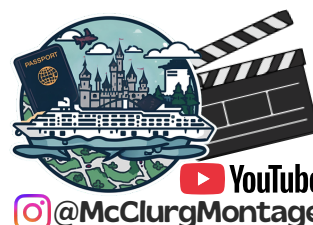
Quick service meals include one entree and one beverage. For adults, the one beverage can be an alcoholic beverage.

For children ages 3-9, the entree must be ordered from a kids' menu (as long as the restaurant offers one). The kids' menu will include the beverage (usually apple juice or water).

Everyone on the resort reservation must purchase the plan and the plan must be purchased for the entirety of your stay.

Table service breakfasts include an entree OR a buffet or family-style meal and one beverage. Table service brunch, lunch or dinners also include a dessert.

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## How to Use and Redeem Meals and Snacks

The included meals and snacks are per person ages 3 and above, per night for each night of your stay. They will be deposited into your account in one lump sum when you check in as “meal credits” and “snack credits”.

**Note:** If you are doing a split stay, you can purchase a meal plan for both reservations, or for one of them. If you purchase a meal plan for both resort stays, the first set of meals will expire at the end of your check-out day for that stay.

You can redeem your meals and snacks by ordering in person, or by ordering on the mobile app (more information on page 6). It is important that you are mindful of how you are redeeming your credits to make sure you are getting value from them. For example, a \$4.25 water and \$7.29 beignets both count as snacks at Magic Kingdom, but the beignets are going to be the better value for your snack credit, so you have to be strategic! When you mobile order, the app will tell you which items qualify as snacks.

### DASANI® Bottled Water

Qualifies as a Snack

\$4.<sup>25</sup>



### Desserts

#### Tiana's Famous Beignets

Light, sweet, and fluffy Beignets with Powdered Sugar drizzled with Honey

Qualifies as a Snack

\$7.<sup>29</sup>



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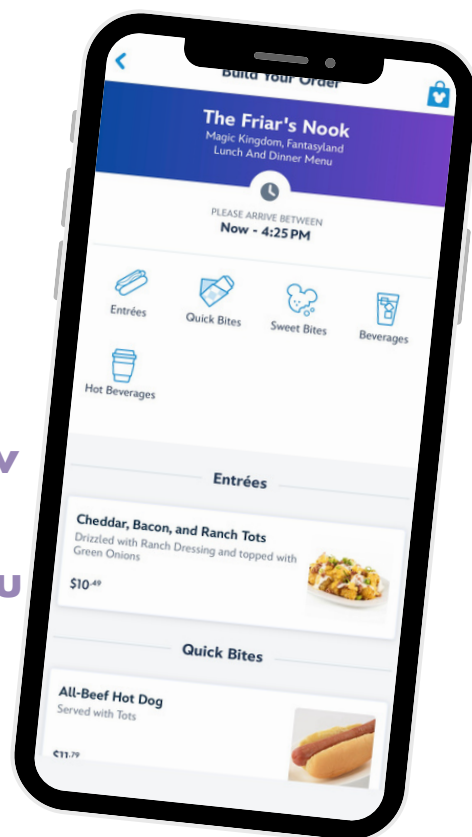
## Mobile Ordering

In the Disney World app, a mobile order can be placed for many quick service locations. You will be asked to select an arrival window and your food will be ready during that window. When you get to the restaurant, you will go directly to the pick-up window to get your meal.

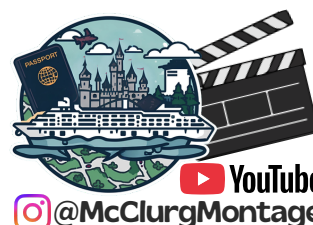
If you are using the Disney Dining Plan, the mobile ordering app will allow you to see how your meal and snack credits will be deducted at check out and you can choose to use or not use them for each mobile order.

## Allergies

Ordering through the Disney app also allows you to filter food options by allergies at certain restaurants. This is a great tool if someone in your party has a food allergy. Look for the “Allergy Friendly” filter when browsing the menus. Then select your allergy or allergies and the app will populate safe options for you. (Any food service worker can also support you with allergy ordering).



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## Table Service - Character Dining

There are thirteen different character dining experiences offered throughout Walt Disney World! These are considered table service dining experiences and reservations are **HIGHLY** recommended.

If character dining is a priority for you, make sure to add these to the planning tool on page 10.

**Note:** If you are reserving a character dining experience, make sure you can get transportation to that resort!

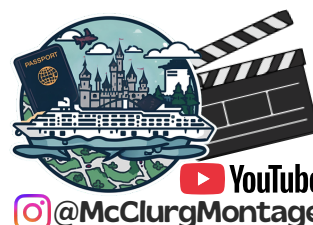
Some of these restaurants offer breakfast, some offer dinner, and some offer both! Check out the QR code to the right to see a full list of character dining experiences.



If you plan to use a table service dining plan, most of these experiences will require one dining credit per eligible person 3 and up. Don't forget - you will still be expected to tip on the total cost of the meal before your dining plan credit is applied!

There are a few exceptions to this that require each eligible person to use 2 of their meal credits for one meal. Make sure you check on this before making reservations!

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## Table Service - Regular Dining

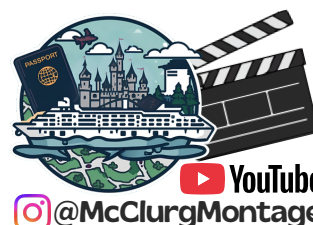
There are tons of table service dining experiences available on property at Disney World that offer traditional meals, buffets, or family-style dining. You can reserve sit down dining at most resorts, in the theme parks and at Disney Springs. Reservations at table service restaurants tend to go quickly, so make sure that you plan ahead and figure out where you'd like to dine so you can make reservations when your window opens 60 days prior to your trip. You can use the the planning tool on page 10 to jot down some of the restaurants you hope to try.

Check out a full list of all table service restaurants by scanning the QR code to the right. You can use the filter tool to separate by resort, theme park, or Disney Springs.



**Note:** If you are planning to dine at a restaurant that is at Disney Springs or another resort, make sure you have reliable transportation. For example, if you make a breakfast reservation at Boma at Animal Kingdom Lodge for 7:30 AM, Disney transportation will not be accessible. Disney transportation does not go from resort to resort, but you can utilize It to get to other resorts by taking a bus to Disney Springs or a theme park, and then changing buses. Keep in mind that this process takes time and you will need to build travel time into your plans.

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## Quick Service Dining

Quick service dining is the easiest option if you are looking to just grab & go. I highly recommend utilizing mobile ordering where available. If your crew is getting hungry and you are in line about to get on a ride, you can place a mobile order for a nearby restaurant and chances are, it will be ready when you get off the ride!

There are countless options for quick service dining in the theme parks, at the resorts and at Disney Springs. None of these restaurants require reservations and many have an open seating set up.

You can see a full list of all quick service restaurants by scanning the QR code to the right. You can use the filter tool to separate by resort, theme park, or Disney Springs.



Quick service locations are some of our favorite restaurants on Disney property! The portions are generous, they are affordable compared to table service options and many can be shared. Many quick service locations will have a variety of unique options for you to use your snack credits on if you are utilizing the Disney dining plan and aren't in the mood for a pretzel or a churro.

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## Planning Tool - Dining Reservations

Now that you have the run-down on all things Disney dining, you can use this tool to plan for your family's trip. You can also give this right to your travel advisor if he or she will make reservations for you!

- ☐ My family is purchasing the Quick Service Dining Plan.
- ☐ My family is purchasing the Table Service Dining Plan.
- ☐ My family will purchase meals a la carte.

Are you interested in character dining? If so, which restaurants and which date/time are you hoping to book them?

Option 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to reserve other table service meals? If so, which restaurants and which date/time are you hoping for?

Option 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 5: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 6: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Planning Tool - Think Abouts

Do you have a Disney Visa card? See the full list of discounted dining locations for cardholders here:



Are you visiting Walt Disney World for an Epcot Festival? If so, what are your top 5 “must-try” food booths? (Disney Parks Blog puts out a great foodie guide for each festival!)

Booth 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Booth 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Booth 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Booth 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Booth 5: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there quick service restaurants you’re excited to try? Jot them down below.

Magic Kingdom: \_\_\_\_\_

Hollywood Studios: \_\_\_\_\_

Epcot: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Kingdom: \_\_\_\_\_

Disney Springs: \_\_\_\_\_

Disney Resorts: \_\_\_\_\_

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