

*A Dream is a Wish...*

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# 15 Ways to Save on Your

*Disney  
Vacation*

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*Theme Parks for Grown-Ups*

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# Vacation Prep: Booking Your Package



- Plan to visit during non-peak season. While there is no true “slow season” at Disney World, there are times that are more bearable when it comes to crowds and high temperatures. Mid-January through the end of February is a great example!
- Have a car and want to stay offsite? Always check third-party travel websites first! The power of a good Groupon deal is mighty. Don’t underestimate deals found here or other places like Priceline and Booking.com.
- Rent a house when traveling in large groups. It’s cost-effective to rent a condo or vacation house if you’re with a big group of people. Purchasing multiple rooms in a hotel can be incredibly expensive. [VRBO](#) and [Airbnb](#) are the most reliable websites for booking homes.
- Skip the Disney Dining Plan. Here’s the deal, the Dining Plan is a great deal if you travel with people who are big-eaters, eat a lot of steak, and always finish their dessert. Calculate how many meals your group may eat before purchasing this plan!
- Skip the extras and upsales. There’s enough magic to experience at all four parks without using Park Hoppers and purchasing water park passes. Plus, you can always ask PhotoPass Photographers to take your picture with your phone instead of buying the Memory Maker package.
- Experience luxury on budget by renting DVC Points. You can experience The Good Life by purchasing DVC points and staying at any of the Disney Deluxe Resorts for about half the price! You can learn more about this travel hack over at [David’s Vacation Club Rentals](#).



- Buy all your essentials on Amazon before you leave home! Sunblock, Ibuprofen, and toothpaste costs twice as much in the hotels and theme parks. Don't overspend on these items!
- Set your budget with gift cards. Disney gift cards can be used to pay for your Disney hotel, any park tickets, dining, merchandise and pretty much anything else inside the parks. Purchasing your items with gift cards are a great way to set a fixed budget for you or anyone else in your group.
- Buy Disney Gift Cards using a Target REDcard and get 5% back on your purchase. The [REDcard](#) will automatically refund 5% on all your Target purchases. You can use this to your advantage when purchasing your gift cards before your vacation!
- Cash in rewards. Most people are afraid of using credit card rewards to their advantage. Staying loyal to a brand like Alaska Airlines will help you rack up flight points and earn free flights and upgrades. While using a credit card like [Citibank](#) will give you cash as a reward for paying off your card in time.



# Save While You Play!



- Order groceries your first night in town. You don't want to overspend on goodies! A case of water is a must as well as small breakfast items. You can have these delivered to your hotel room through websites like [Instacart](#) and Amazon.



- Invest in Budget-Friendly, Yet Worthwhile Souvenirs  
Pins, hats, pressed pennies, and keychains are a few cheap keepsakes that you can find in any theme park. Remember, it's the memories that count!

- Share your snacks and keep them under budget. I know, how lame! The thing is, there's TONS of snacks and meals that are big enough to share at Disney World and Disneyland.



*And they all lived happily ever after...*

Hi there!

I'm Kylee! My motto is that you should never overspend during or on your vacation. I've got plenty of hacks and tips to help you save during your getaway.

I've spent years in the travel industry as a Disney Cast Member and a full-time employee with Holland America Cruise Line. My mission is to share my knowledge so more people can experience the joys of travel without breaking the bank!

Want to know more about planning an adults-only vacation while managing a budget? Head to these popular articles below!

[How to Save & Budget for Your Dream Vacation](#)

[Best & Worst Disney World Value Resorts Ranked](#)

[12 Things to Do at Universal Studios Orlando for Adults](#)

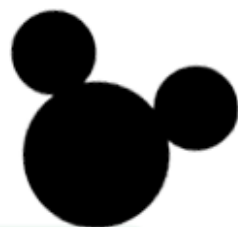
*I'll see you at the parks!*

*-Kylee*



# Disney World Dining & FastPass Planning Sheet

Fill out the dates your Dining, FastPass, and payments are due for your vacation. Next, fill out your *Top 3 Dining & FastPass Wish Lists* so you're prepared when it's time to book!



## Dining Deadline - 180 Days in Advance:

Magic Kingdom	Epcot
Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom

## FastPass Deadline - 60 Days in Advance:

Magic Kingdom	Epcot
Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom



