



HOTELS

AT DISNEY WORLD



THE DISNEY FOOD BLOG

Food IS a Theme Park

RESORT CATEGORIES

Value (\$150-\$250 per night)

Disney's value resorts are going to be your more affordable option when it comes to choosing a Disney-owned hotel room. The rooms tend to be smaller, while the resort offers basic amenities like bus transportation to the parks, food court dining, themed pools, and Early Theme Park Entry. Notably, these resorts don't have table service restaurants, water slides at their feature pools, or hot tubs.

Value Plus (\$400-\$600+ per night)

Art of Animation has often been referred to as a "Value Plus" resort for its themed high-priced family suites that have kitchenettes, a separate bedroom/living area, and two full bathrooms. The resort still has cheaper standard rooms available for \$200+ per night.

Moderate (\$300-\$450 per night)

Moderate resorts offer mid-level amenities that include multiple dining options, water slides, hot tubs, and -- depending on the resort -- more transportation options. While they may offer a few more amenities and options, as compared to the value resorts, they also tend to be WAY more spread out -- making traveling between rooms and the main building a doozy. There are also multiple internal bus stops, meaning you may have to stop at a few different stations before leaving to go to the parks... OR you may have to make a few stops on the way back at the end of the night.

RESORT CATEGORIES

Deluxe (\$600+ per night)

Deluxe resorts provide top-tier amenities. We're talking more dining options, bigger rooms, Extended Evening Hours for the parks, etc. But with those top-tier amenities come top-tier prices.

Deluxe Villas (\$700-\$4,500+ per night)

Villas is the term that Disney uses for its timeshare (Disney Vacation Club) properties. But you don't have to be a member to stay in these accommodations. Non-DVC members can book rooms straight through Disney (like you'd book a standard hotel room). In 1-3 bedroom villas, you'll find full kitchens, in-room laundry appliances, a large living room, and a dining area.



VALUE RESORTS



ALL STARS

\$130-\$250

Disney's All-Star Movies Resort, Disney's All-Star Sports Resort, and Disney's All-Star Music Resort are three sister value resorts with the lowest-priced standard rooms on Disney World property. Disney's All-Star Music, however, has a family suite option (\$300-\$400+ per night) if you're looking for more room on a budget.

ART OF ANIMATION

\$250-\$600+

Disney's Art of Animation Resort is THE one and only value-plus resort on property. It's colorful family suites can sleep up to six guests, while the standard rooms can sleep up to four. It also has direct access to the Skyliner (ie: transportation to EPCOT and Hollywood Studios). Guests love this resort for its three colorful pools -- including the BIGGEST pool on property, The Finding Nemo-themed Big Blue Pool.



POP CENTURY

\$220-\$250

Disney's Pop Century Resort's standard rooms offer one regular queen bed and one queen murphy bed, which you'll pull down from the wall to access. This is the cheapest hotel on the Skyliner route, but you will have to walk over to Art of Animation in order to use it, since the two resorts share one station. That being said, the walk is equidistant between the two hotels.

MODERATE RESORTS



FORT WILDERNESS

\$350-\$450

The Cabins at Disney's Fort Wilderness has always been one of the best options to book if you're wanting some extra space without splurging for a suite. However, DVC recently announced its plan to redesign the cabins here. New cabins or not, this is the resort with the most recreational outdoor activities. (It also has Hoop-Dee-Do Music Revue -- a dinner theater show!)

CORONADO SPRINGS

\$300-\$450+

If you're wanting luxury but you're also on a budget, then **Disney's Coronado Springs Resort** can give you a deluxe experience for a moderate price. Just make sure you book your room in Gran Destino Tower for that ultimate swanky factor! Expect a lot more amenities here -- such as fine dining, lounges, spa services, and extra gyms.



CARIBBEAN BEACH

\$350-\$500+

Disney's Caribbean Beach has a beautiful feature pool, its own Skyliner station hub, and brand-new Little Mermaid-themed rooms (that can sleep up to five guests). However, this is also a LARGE resort, so getting around to ANYWHERE can become quite the trek. Some rooms are even 15-20 minutes away from the main lobby area.

MODERATE RESORTS



PORT ORLEANS: RIVERSIDE

\$300-\$450

Disney's Port Orleans Riverside Resort is great for those who want Disney theming to the max. This is where you'll be able to find the highly-themed Royal Guest Rooms -- with Magic Carpet flooring, Disney princess wall art, and LED fireworks shows in the headboards! The regular standard rooms are themed around the backwoods cottages of rural Louisiana.

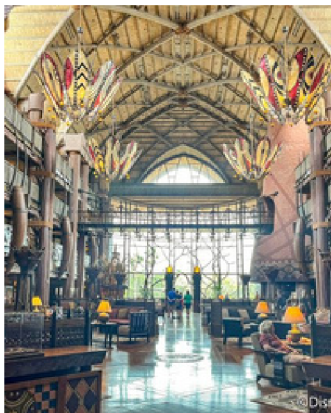


PORT ORLEANS: FRENCH QUARTER

\$300-\$450

Disney's Port Orleans French Quarter has Mardi-Gras vibes at all times. This resort is smaller than its Riverside sibling, meaning you're going to have fewer people staying here and an easier time navigating all of its unique offerings.

DELUXE RESORTS



ANIMAL KINGDOM LODGE

\$500-\$1,000+ (Kidani Village)

Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge is EXPENSIVE, but it's one of the least expensive resorts of the deluxe options (closely tied with Disney's Wilderness Lodge). When you stay here, you'll have the opportunity to book a room with a savanna view. Animal Kingdom Lodge is home to over 200 different animals (and some stellar restaurants, too)!

BOARDWALK INN

\$600-\$1,500+

Disney's Boardwalk Inn is full of high-end nostalgia and hip-happenin' nightlife shindigs. You not only have the Skyliner close by for your disposal, but you can also WALK to EPCOT's International Gateway from this resort. Boardwalk Inn is currently updating its rooms, lobby, and dining options too.



WILDERNESS LODGE

\$500-\$1,000+

Over at **Disney's Wilderness Lodge**, you can feel like you're one with nature while also keeping your resort stay comfy and upscale. If you happen to be near the boat dock or beachside around 9:35 PM, you'll get to watch the Electric Water Pageant parade itself across the Seven Seas Lagoon.

DELUXE RESORTS



YACHT CLUB

\$500-\$3,000+

Both **Disney's Yacht and Beach Club** are great places for water park fans to stay, since these resorts share a mini-waterpark between them called Stormalong Bay. That being said, Yacht Club tends to have more of a "stuffy sailor" vibe to it that kids may not appreciate as much as the more colorful resort options out there.

BEACH CLUB

\$800-\$3,700+

Disney's Beach Club Resort is VERY similar to Disney's Yacht Club, but the atmosphere here is less business-y and more beach casual. This resort has a sandy beachside where you can kick back and relax in one of the many outdoor lounge chairs, swing on one of the outdoor swings, or take a catnap in one of the hammocks.

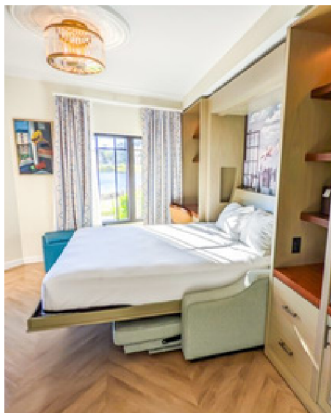


POLYNESIAN VILLAGE

\$600-\$2,000+

If you don't mind splurging for one of the rooms at Disney's Polynesian Village Resort, then you can expect tropical theming, quality dining, and convenient transportation every single day. You'll also be SUPER close to Magic Kingdom, meaning you can watch the fireworks from several areas around the resort each night.

DELUXE RESORTS



RIVIERA

\$500-\$4,000+

Disney's Riviera Resort is both modern and luxurious with European vibes throughout. It's a much smaller and more intimate DVC deluxe resort, but it tends to be WAY TOO EXPENSIVE to stay here if you're not using DVC Points.

SARATOGA SPRINGS

\$500-\$2,600+

Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort and Spa is the best resort for those who love those late 1800s upstate New York vibes when horse racing was all-the-rage. It's also just a boat ride away from the Disney Springs shopping district. That being said, this is a large resort, so it's easy to get lost when trying to locate the different amenities featured on the property.



OLD KEY WEST

\$500-\$2,600+

Disney's Old Key West DVC Resort is another option that's going to provide you with a lot of space per room. It's also a very quiet resort, if you're looking to escape the theme park action. A big bonus of Old Key West is its proximity to Disney Springs. It's just a short boat ride away! Otherwise, you'll be placed farther away from other destinations around Disney World.

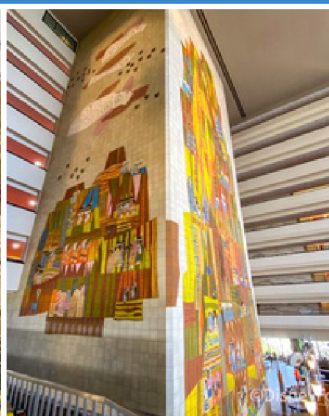
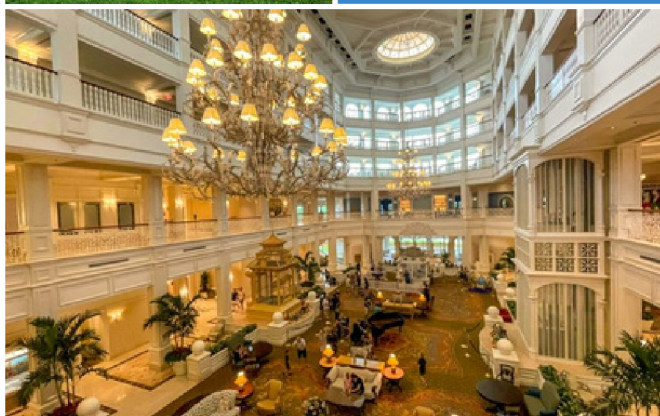
DELUXE RESORTS



GRAND FLORIDIAN

\$700-\$4,500+

WHY is **Disney's Grand Floridian Resort and Spa** THE most extravagant resort in Disney World? For several reasons -- from its Victorian-theming, to its signature dining, spa services, close proximity to Magic Kingdom, and of course... it's super-high prices. This is the type of resort you book when you're celebrating something EXTRA-VAGANT.



CONTEMPORARY

\$500-\$4,000+

Disney's Contemporary Resort is one of the best option for those who want an iconic Disney World experience. Much like Grand Floridian and Polynesian Village, you'll be able to easily hop on over to the Magic Kingdom from here. In fact, the monorail system extends straight on through the middle of this resort!

DELUXE VILLAS

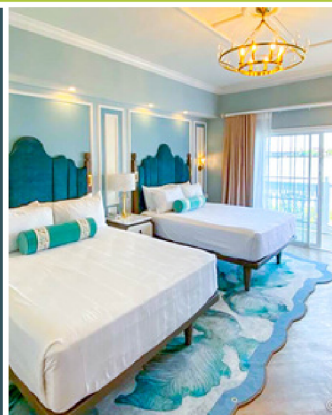


RIVIERA

Though there are a few Disney hotels on the Skyliner route, there is only one Villa option, **Disney's Riviera Resort**. Be aware that the Skyliner can get REALLY busy at the start/end of the day. While villas here can be spacious -- with 1-3 bedrooms -- the Riviera also offers a Tower Studio, which only sleeps up to two adults. The only place to sleep in a Tower Studio is the pull-down Queen bed.

GRAND FLORIDIAN

The Villas at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort and Spa provide elegant theming and super quick access to Magic Kingdom via monorail. There are several different villa options for you to choose from, but the option that's exclusive to Grand Floridian is the Victorian Suite on the Club Level. This room sleeps up to four guests and grants you private access to the Royal Palm Club -- where complimentary snacks and drinks are served all day long.



WILDERNESS LODGE

Disney's Boulder Ridge Villas and **Disney's Copper Creek Villas & Cabins** won't just give you a stylish stay in the middle of the great outdoors -- they'll put you near a lot of great dining options too. Nearby dining includes Storybook Dining at Artist Point, Territory Lounge, Whispering Canyon Cafe, and Geyser Point Bar and Grill

DELUXE VILLAS

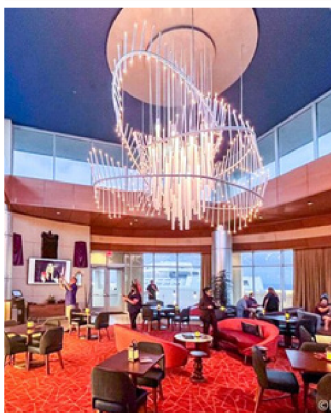


BOARDWALK INN

Disney's BoardWalk Inn offers a few different villa layouts, but the Garden Suites are the most coveted. These suites are fenced off from the rest of the resort, giving you a much more secluded stay. The suites are two stories tall and include a full living room area with a wraparound couch, multiple bathrooms (including one with a FULL-on jacuzzi tub on the second floor), a wet bar, and an upstairs loft.

BEACH CLUB

Disney's Beach Club Villas are currently experiencing a major overhaul, but should be wrapping up construction later this fall. Disney is currently adding queen-size pull-down beds into these rooms, as well as new USB charging ports, carpeting, curtains, and upholstery.



BAY LAKE TOWER

Bay Lake Tower is located at **Disney's Contemporary Resort**. Each villa is outfitted with kitchens, in-room laundry, multiple bathrooms, and pull-out sleepers. The Top of the World Lounge, which is exclusive to DVC members, is also perched on the top floor of the Bay Lake Tower. This lounge is open daily from 6PM to midnight, with seating available on a first come, first served basis.

DELUXE VILLAS



ANIMAL KINGDOM LODGE

Animal Kingdom Lodge is home to villas at **Jambo House** and **Kidani Village**. Similar to the villas at Wilderness Lodge, the Animal Kingdom Lodge villas will keep the good eats close by, with options such as Sanaa, Boma, Jiko, and The Mara. The DVC rooms at Kidani Village offer studios and one, two, and three-bedroom Villas -- which can sleep from 6 to 8 Adults. (Note that Studios offer kitchenettes, while the Villas offer kitchens.)



POLYNESIAN VILLAGE

Disney's Polynesian Villas and Bungalows will put you within steps of the Magic Kingdom. In fact, the bungalows will place you right out on Magic Kingdom's Seven Seas Lagoon! The bungalows include 2 full bathrooms, a full kitchen, living and dining areas, washer and dryer, and a private deck with a plunge pool. In 2024, Polynesian Village is set to open up a BRAND NEW DVC tower. Check back on the DFB website for updates.

DELUXE VILLAS



SARATOGA SPRINGS

The most unique (and most popular) villa offering for **Disney's Saratoga Springs** is its Treehouse Villas. Saratoga's treehouses aren't perched ON a tree, per se, but they are elevated so they're AMONGST the treetops. These villas can sleep up to 9 people - with three bedrooms, full kitchen, outdoor patio, and full living room areas. But be warned -- they book up solid even a year in advance.



OLD KEY WEST

Disney's Old Key West is the original DVC-only resort, which is why it tends to feel more like a neighborhood rather than a hotel. This resort offers generous square footage in each studio or villa. Studios are furnished with two queen beds, a kitchenette, and a balcony! Two-bedroom villas sleep up to nine people. The one-to-three-bedroom villas have a full kitchen, as well as washer and dryer.

DISNEY HOTELS: RANKED



CARIBBEAN BEACH

5/10

PROS: Skyliner access, awesome feature pool, reimagined Little Mermaid rooms.

CONS: No elevator access, hard to get around because of massive layout, some rooms feel outdated.



SARATOGA SPRINGS

5/10

PROS: Peaceful, boat access to Disney Springs.

CONS: Treehouse villas are difficult to book, minimum dining options, spa closed indefinitely.



ALL-STAR RESORTS

5.5/10

PROS: Most affordable Disney rooms, lots of recent room updates, All-Star Music features cheapest Disney-owned family suites.

CONS: Bus transportation gets crowded, standard rooms won't give you much space, can be loud/hectic.



OLD KEY WEST

5.5/10

PROS: Great for golf fans, boat transportation to Disney Springs, peaceful.

CONS: Very spread out and difficult to get around, not the most exciting resort for kids.



ART OF ANIMATION

6/10

PROS: Skyliner access, immersive Disney rooms, three character pools.

CONS: Family suites are pricey for a value resort, Little Mermaid rooms not updated yet.

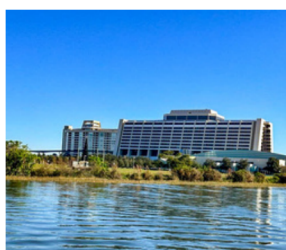


RIVIERA

6.5/10

PROS: Great dining options, peaceful, Skyliner access.

CONS: Most expensive Skyliner resort, tiny studio rooms.



CONTEMPORARY

7/10

PROS: Lots of dining options, monorail access.

CONS: Lots of foot traffic from Magic Kingdom, rooms outside the main tower are further away from all the key resort amenities.



BOARDWALK INN

7.5/10

PROS: New restaurants, updated rooms, within walking distance to EPCOT.

CONS: Very few counter service options with seating, vintage-style rooms aren't for everyone.



POLYNESIAN VILLAGE

8/10

PROS: Tropical vibes, plenty of dining options, Moana-themed rooms, monorail access.

CONS: Lots of construction currently, lots of foot traffic from the monorail.



FORT WILDERNESS

8/10

PROS: Cabins and campsites available, tons of outdoor activities, home of Hoop-Dee-Do Musical Revue.

CONS: Far away from everything, ongoing construction.



POP CENTURY

8/10

PROS: Best value Skyliner resort, recently renovated rooms.

CONS: One of the busier resorts, standard rooms only.



PORT ORLEANS: FRENCH QUARTER AND RIVERSIDE

8.5/10

PROS: Live music lounges, Royal Guest Rooms at Riverside, beignets at French Quarter.

CONS: Can only take buses to parks, standard rooms only, no table service at French Quarter.



WILDERNESS LODGE

9/10

PROS: Peaceful, lots of dining options, boat access to Magic Kingdom.

CONS: Traveling to other parks can take a long time, no monorail access.



CORONADO SPRINGS

9/10

PROS: Gran Destino Tower feels deluxe at a moderate price, club level rooms available.

CONS: Bus transportation can take a long time, no Extended Evening Hours perks available (despite deluxe feel).



YACHT AND BEACH CLUB

9/10

PROS: Stormalong Bay access, within walking distance to EPCOT, several Beach Club rooms recently renovated.

CONS: Stormalong Bay will be closed January-May 2025 for refurbishments.



ANIMAL KINGDOM LODGE

9.5/10

PROS: Features some of the best Disney restaurants on property, savanna-view rooms.

CONS: Only bus transportation available, not every room has a guaranteed savanna view.



GRAND FLORIDIAN RESORT AND SPA

10/10

PROS: Lots of refurbished rooms and restaurants, monorail access, several restaurant options.

CONS: The most expensive Resort on property, more construction expected in the future.

