



THE DISNEY FOOD BLOG

Food IS a Theme Park

TOKYO DISNEYLAND





INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Tokyo, my friends! Here, you'll find great food, lively entertainment, epic shops, and -- of course -- **Tokyo Disney**. If you want to see just how DIFFERENT the Tokyo parks are compared to the parks over in the States, then you're in luck! Because this guide is going to cover **the main things that are different between the Tokyo Disney parks VS the domestic parks**. Whether you're planning a trip overseas soon or you're just plain curious about what makes these parks stand out, you're in for a good time!

Tokyo Disney is made up of two parks: **Tokyo Disneyland** and **Tokyo DisneySea**. It also has six Disney-owned hotels, several partner hotels, and the main **Bon Voyage gift shop** (located at the gateway of Tokyo Disney Resort)!

If you are planning on traveling to Tokyo Disney in the future, be sure to download the **FREE Tokyo Disney Resort App** before your trip. Much like the My Disney Experience App for the Orlando parks and the Disneyland App for the Anaheim parks, the Tokyo Disney app will be your virtual utility belt, so to speak -- equipping you with the ability to check ride wait times, purchase and download theme park tickets, use line bypassing services, and manage several other key factors of your trip

PRO TIP



Like the domestic parks, Tokyo Disney gets busy on the weekends! Consider visiting during the week instead

NEW LANDS

Fantasy Springs is Tokyo DisneySea's eighth port that features three brand new areas themed around Frozen, Tangled, and Peter Pan.

To enter Fantasy Springs you'll need a **Standby Pass** (free) or **Disney Premier Access** (paid). Premier Access **starts at around 2,000 yen or \$12-\$13 USD per person**. This is available for Anna and Elsa's Frozen Journey, Rapunzel's Lantern Festival, and Peter Pan's Never Land Adventure



Standby Pass works very similarly to a Virtual Queue. You'll pick one of the four rides in Fantasy Springs and **receive a one hour return window** to enter the standby line for that ride. Then, you'll get assigned a three hour time window in which you can enter Fantasy Springs **You can only book one ride per day**.

There *is* one more option you may want to consider -- and that's **The 1-Day Passport: Fantasy Springs Magic**. This will get you access to Fantasy Springs at any time during the parks operating hours, *plus* unlimited access to the Premier Access lanes. To get this Passport, **you'll need to book an eligible vacation package** (with hotel and tickets) **OR have a stay booked at the Fantasy Springs Hotel**.



RAPUNZEL'S FOREST

Rapunzel's Forest brings the first full Tangled land into a Disney park.

Rapunzel's Lantern Festival is a "romantic gondola ride" that guides you through the story of the well-loved movie. And, at long last, we can now visit **The Snuggly Duckling** -- which is a spacious counter service that serves wildly-aesthetic cheeseburgers.



PETER PAN'S NEVER LAND

Peter Pan's Never Land Adventure is the main attraction in this area -- which uses a mix of 3D animation and practical sets to take you soaring across Never Land. Meanwhile, **Fairy Tinker Bell's Busy Buggies** takes you around Pixie Hollow where you'll experience the changing seasons. And don't forget to grab a meal at **Lookout Cookout**, themed around the Lost Boys!



FROZEN KINGDOM

Frozen Kingdom brings you straight into Arendelle -- as well as in the shadows of Elsa's ice palace. **Anna and Elsa's Frozen Journey** is a boat ride that tells the story of the first Frozen film with songs and scenes that long-time Frozen fans will be more than familiar with. This area is also home to two places to grab something to eat: **Royal Banquet of Arendelle** and **Oaken's OK Foods**.



UNIQUE ATTRACTIONS

Tokyo Disney has a LOT of unique rides and attractions other than what you'll find in Fantasy Springs that you're NOT going to experience over in the states. Here are just a few of the MANY highlights between both parks:

In Tokyo DisneySea

- Journey To The Center Of The Earth
- Tower Of Terror (VERY different from the one in Hollywood Studios)
- Indiana Jones: Temple Of The Crystal Skull
- 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea
- Sindbad's Storybook Voyage
- Soaring: Fantastic Flight
- Aquatopia
- Caravan Carousel
- Nemo And Friends SeaRider
- Believe! Sea Of Dreams

In Tokyo Disneyland

- Enchanted Tale Of Beauty And The Beast
- Pooh's Hunny Hunt
- Monsters Inc Ride And Go Seek
- Splash Mountain (Yup -- it's STILL THERE)
- Sky Full Of Colors (Nighttime Spectacular)
- Tokyo Disneyland Electric Parade Dreamlights
- Mickey's Magical Music World
- Disney Harmony In Color

HOW TO SKIP LINES

There are two ways to bypass the attraction lines in Tokyo Disney.

Disney's Premier Access Pass is a paid service for the most popular rides, while the **NEW 40th Anniversary Priority Passes** are free to use for most other attractions. You can even book passes for the same ride again, if you want to!

GETTING AROUND

Tokyo Disney uses the **Disney Resort Line** -- which is their version of a monorail! This provides transportation between JR Maihama Station, the closest station to Tokyo Disney Resort, and major destinations within the Resort. However, unlike the monorails in the states, the Disney Resort Line does cost money to use each day.

SERIOUS SNACKING

Even Tokyo Disney's **quick services and snack kiosks can have 60+ minute lines** throughout the day (especially if you're visiting on the weekend). It's not uncommon for folks to even rope-drop the fast food locations they really, REALLY want to try.

HOWEVER, Tokyo Disney is adding a **mobile order** feature to their app **starting November 8th** to help alleviate those waits.





DIFFERENT HOTELS

There are **six different Disney-owned hotels** you can book for your Tokyo Disney trip. But be warned -- they book up FAST.

- Fantasy Springs Hotel (NEW!)
- Tokyo Disney Resort Toy Story Hotel
- Tokyo Disneyland Hotel
- Disney Ambassador Hotel
- Tokyo DisneySea Hotel MiraCosta
- Tokyo Disney Celebration Hotel

HAPPY ENTRY

Guests staying at a Disney-owned hotel will be able to use **Happy Entry**. This is a lot like the domestic parks' Early Entry, except that you'll only be able to get into the parks **15 minutes before they open each day** instead of 30 minutes. That being said, Happy Entry is still SUPER nifty to have on the weekends!

MUST-HAVE MERCH

Tokyo Disney has some really cute, kawaii-driven, and also resourceful souvenirs that you'll want to save extra luggage-space for -- such as **stationary sets, bubble character hats, bento boxes, zipper pouches**, and so much more!

LOTTERY SYSTEM

For some entertainment experiences with limited capacity, you're gonna need to try your luck with the **Entry Request system** -- which is basically a lottery system that you'll find on your Tokyo Disney App after you enter the park.

Once you select the "request" button for the show you wish to see, your app screen will let you know whether or not you were "chosen" for entry. If not, you'll either have to count your losses or try again the next day.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- **Food substitutions and modifications aren't really a thing here.** So make sure what you order is 100% something you know you're going to like.
- Some of the **shortest wait times for Tokyo Disney rides actually happen in the middle of the day.** Why? Because of the parades and shows!
- If you have time in your travel schedule, **set aside at least two days for each park.** One day can be focused on getting in as many rides and attractions as possible, but the next day can be way more leisurely to soak it all in.
- Table service restaurants are incredibly popular. So if there's a sit-down meal you want to prioritize, **Priority Seating** goes live on the site exactly one month before your trip, **starting at 10AM (JST).** That means if you're booking from the Eastern Time Zone domestically, you need to be on the Tokyo Disney website **BEFORE 9PM.**
- Disney-owned hotels aren't your **ONLY** room options. **Tokyo Disney partners with quite a few other hotels** in the nearby vicinity to give guests more options -- at a potentially cheaper price point, too!

