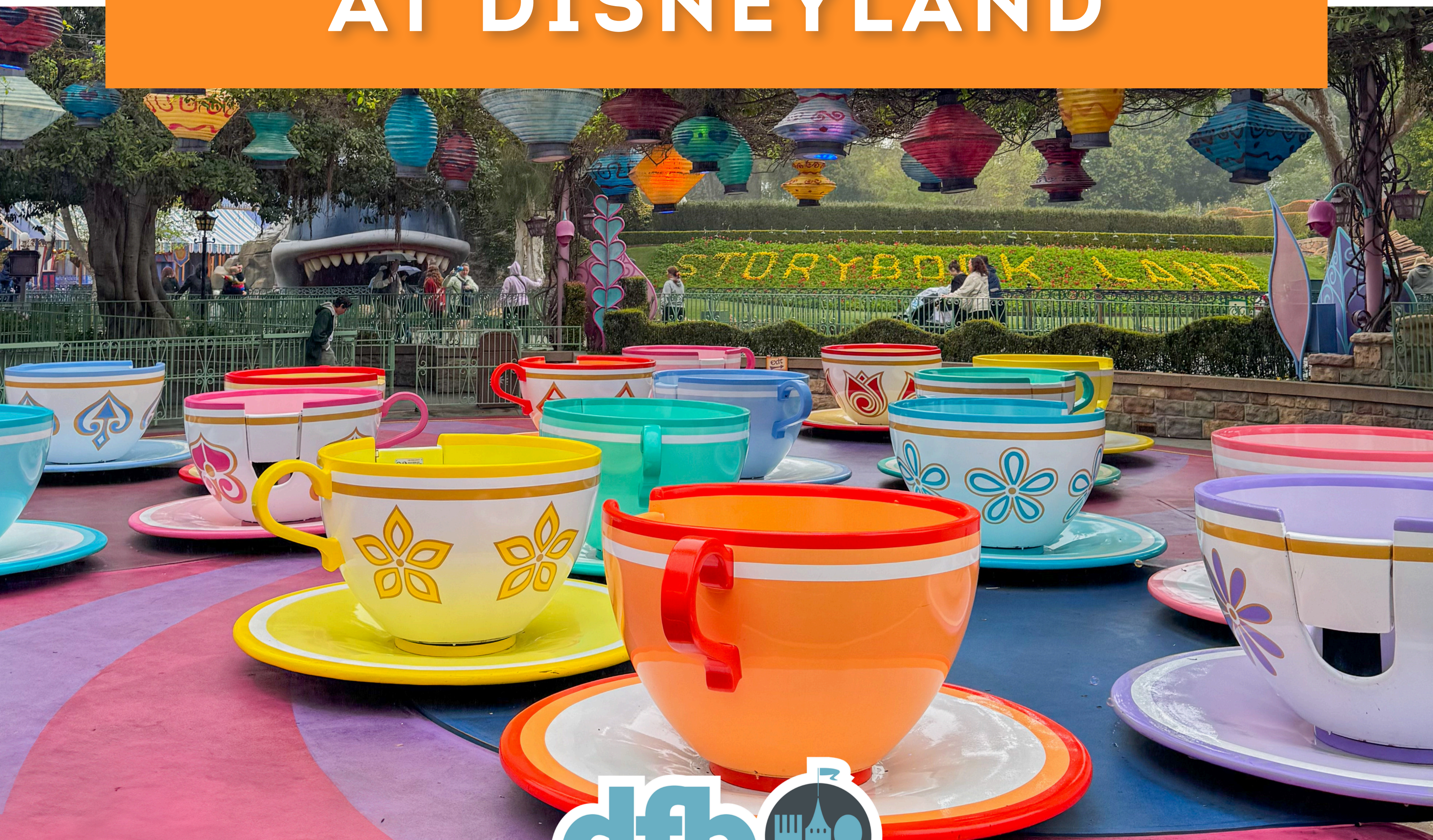




3 Perfect Days

AT DISNEYLAND





WE'RE SO EXCITED!

It's time! It's time! It's REALLY time!
You've got **three days** to accomplish *everything* you want to do in the Happiest Place on Earth, and we're going to help you make that happen.

Whether you're a **first-time visitor** or a **seasoned Disney pro**, these insider tips and recommendations will help you make the most of your

time in the parks. Just keep in mind that some things – like weather, technical difficulties, or just flat-out cranky family members – could throw your **"perfect" plans** out of sync. So it's best to also have some flexibility added into your days.

Ready to put on your Mickey ears and dive head-first into the **ultimate Disneyland vacation**? Then let's GO!

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DISNEYLAND VS. DISNEY WORLD



IT'S A WHOLE LOT SMALLER

Disney World is significantly larger than Disneyland, with four theme parks and two water parks, while Disneyland consists of two parks (Disneyland Park and Disney California Adventure Park).



IT'S EASIER TO GET AROUND

The layout and design of the parks are different, with Disneyland being more compact and easier to navigate on foot, while Disney World requires more transportation (such as buses, monorails, and boats) to get around.



IT'S PART OF A CITY

Disneyland is located in the heart of Anaheim, California, surrounded by hotels and other attractions. Meanwhile, Disney World is situated in a more isolated location in Orlando, Florida, with more on-site hotels and amenities.



LIGHTNING LANES WORK DIFFERENTLY

While you can book Multi Pass Lightning Lanes and Single Pass Lightning Lanes ahead of your trip to Disney World, you must make each Disneyland Lightning Lane selection on the **day** of your visit.



DINING CUISINE IS DIFFERENT

The dining options at Disneyland tend to focus more on classic American fare and California-inspired cuisine, while Disney World offers a wider variety of international and gourmet dining experiences. Disneyland's food really shines when it comes to quality versus Disney World's quantity.



PARK HOPPING IS DIFFERENT

In Disney World, you can use your park hopper add-on at any time. Meanwhile, Disneyland's park hopper doesn't start until 11 AM. (Park hopping is much easier at Disneyland! You can walk between the two parks in a matter of minutes.)



THERE ARE NO EXTENDED EVENING HOURS OR EARLY ENTRY

Disney World offers extra time in the parks, but in 2026, Disneyland removed that offering! Now, Guests who are checked in and staying at one of the Disneyland hotels can receive one Lightning Lane entry to a Multi-Pass attraction during their stay.



DISNEYLAND IS A LOCAL'S PLAYGROUND

Disney World tends to see higher crowd levels throughout the year than Disneyland does (since more overseas/out-of-town travelers plan vacations to Disney World), but that doesn't mean Disneyland can't get CROWDED with passholders and visitors, too! It seriously does!



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Day 1

MORNING 8 - 11 AM

Use your free Lightning Lane, if staying on property, to skip a long line like Space Mountain.

- 1 Mickey & Minnie's Runaway Railway
- 2 Space Mountain
- 3 Haunted Mansion
- 4 Peter Pan's Flight
- 5 Pirates of the Caribbean
- 6 Indiana Jones

AFTERNOON 11 AM - 3 PM

Eat a late lunch and knock out more rides while everyone else is chowing down. Fantasyland can be packed during this time, so be willing to adjust as needed!

- 1 Alice in Wonderland
- 2 Tiana's Bayou Adventure
- 3 Jungle Cruise
- 4 Matterhorn Bobsleds
- 5 Casey Jr's Circus Train
- 6 Disneyland Railroad



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Day 1

EVENING 3 PM - 11 PM

These rides can take on a WHOLE new personality at night! (Or, at very least, have a shorter wait.)

- 1 Storybook Canal Boats
- 2 Rise of the Resistance
- 3 Smugglers Run
- 4 "it's a small world"
- 5 Big Thunder Mountain
- 6 Finding Nemo Submarine

OUR FAVORITE EATS!

Make sure to take some time out of your busy day to enjoy a meal at one of these restaurants.

- 1 Rancho del Zocalo (\$)
- 2 Blue Bayou (\$\$\$)
- 3 River Belle Terrace (\$\$)
- 4 Cafe Orleans (\$\$)
- 5 Jolly Holiday (\$)
- 6 The Tropical Hideaway (\$)



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Day 2

MORNING 8 - 11 AM

There are THREE rides that you'll want to prioritize FIRST.

- 1 Radiator Springs Racers
- 2 Web Slingers
- 3 Mission: Breakout

AFTERNOON 11 AM - 3 PM

While everyone else is getting in line for the park's most popular rides, you'll want to get in line for these.

- 1 Ariel's Undersea Adventure
- 2 Rollickin' Roadsters
- 3 Mater's Junkyard Jamboree
- 4 Pixar Pal-A-Round (The swinging seats can be scary!)
- 5 Goofy's Sky School
- 6 Mike and Sulley to the Rescue (Closing 2027)



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Day 2

EVENING 3 PM - 11 PM

The sun might be setting, but you're not done YET! Time to get in line for some of our DCA favorites!

- 1 **Incredicoaster**
- 2 **Grizzly River Run (This ride may be chilly in the evenings!)**
- 3 **Toy Story Midway Mania**
- 4 **Soarin' Around the World - Becoming Soarin' Across America on July 2nd, 2026**
- 5 **Another Ride on Radiator Springs Racers! (To see Cars Land at night)**

OUR FAVORITE EATS!

Ready to dine at DCA? Here's what we recommend.

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| 1 Pym Test Kitchen (\$) | 7 Wine Country Trattoria (\$\$) |
| 2 Carthay Circle (\$\$\$) | 8 Cozy Cone Motel (\$) |
| 3 Lamplight Lounge (\$\$) | |
| 4 Corn Dog Castle (\$) | |
| 5 DCA Festival Booths - if available (\$) | |
| 6 San Fransokyo Square - various spots (\$) | |



PARK HOPPING

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Day 3

MORNING 8 - 11 AM

We're starting off in Disney California Adventure today to hit up any repeat attractions OR these attractions (which we might've missed out on yesterday).

- 1 Meet Pixar Pals
- 2 The Amazing Spider-Man
- 3 Disney Animation Building
- 4 Redwood Creek Trail
- 5 (Come back at night to see World of Color - Happiness!)

AFTERNOON 11 AM - 3 PM

We're OFF to Disneyland again to hit up some MORE experiences! (But you can visit this park FIRST and DCA SECOND, if that fits your schedule better. Your call!)

- 1 Chip 'n' Dale's GADGETcoaster
- 2 Walt Disney: A Magical Life
- 3 Castle Walkthrough
- 4 (Come back at night to see Wondrous Journeys, Fantasmic!, and/or Paint the Night Parade!)



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Day 2

EVENING 3 PM - 11 PM

Time to do some last-minute souvenir shopping at the following Downtown Disney shops.

- 1 Star Wars Trading Post
- 2 World of Disney
- 3 Wonderful World of Sweets
- 4 Disney Home
- 5 D-Lander Shop
- 6 Avengers Reserve

OUR FAVORITE EATS!

Whether you end up in Downtown Disney or one of the Disneyland Hotels, consider eating at THESE locations.

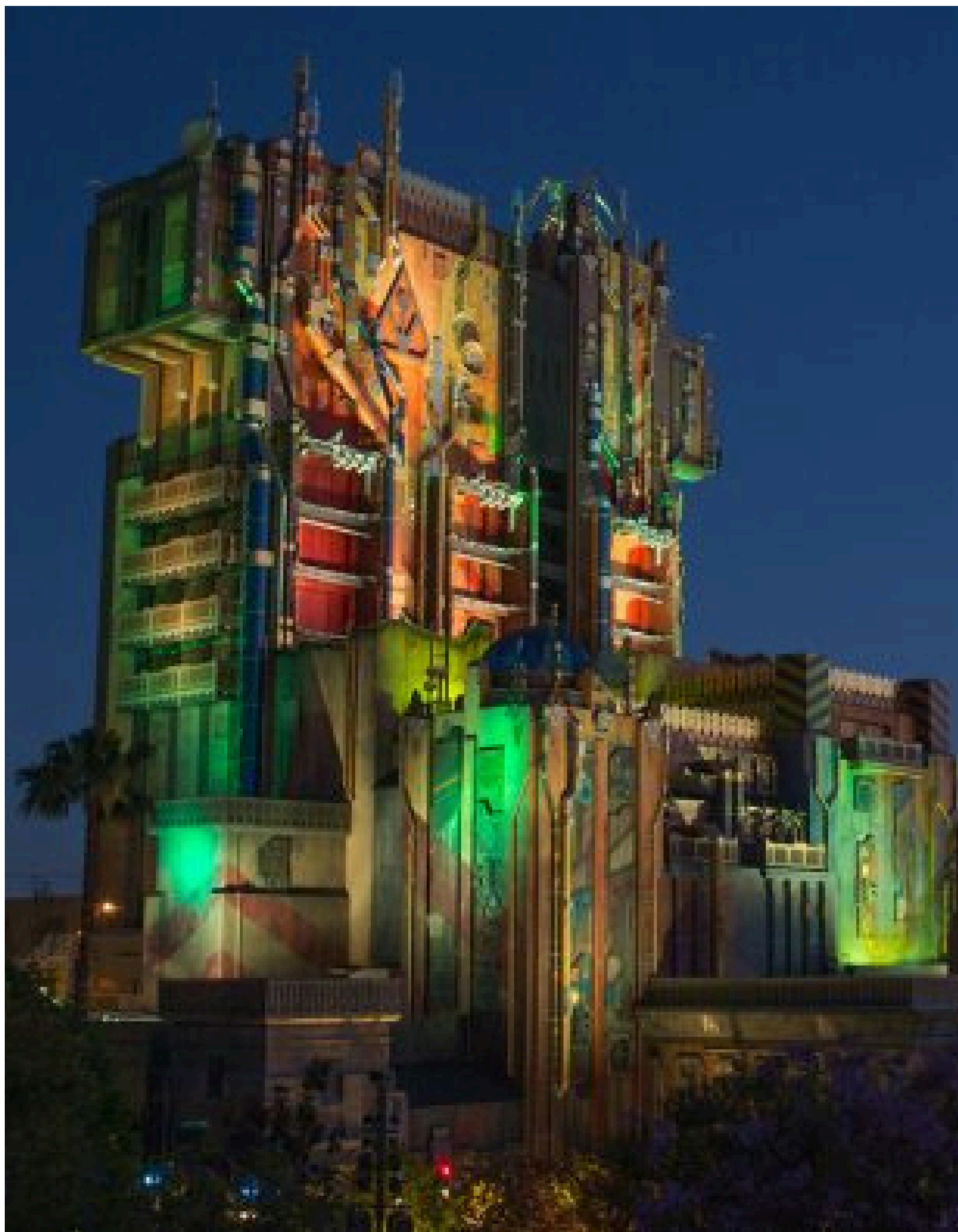
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| 1 | Hearthstone Lounge (\$\$) | 7 | Storytellers Cafe (\$\$) |
| 2 | Goofy's Kitchen (\$\$) | 8 | Blue Ribbon Corn Dog Stand (\$) |
| 3 | Parkside Market (\$) | | |
| 4 | Din Tai Fung (\$\$\$) | | |
| 5 | Napa Rose (\$\$\$) (Closed Until early 2026) | | |
| 6 | Paseo and Centrico (\$\$) | | |



HAVE AN AMAZING TIME!

We are absolutely *thrilled* that you're planning a trip to Disneyland! As the original Disney park, Disneyland holds a special place in our hearts, and we hope you'll feel the same way after your big trip!

There's so much to see and do at Disneyland – from classic attractions like Space Mountain and the Haunted Mansion, to newer favorites like Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge and Pixar Pier. (And of course, you CAN'T forget about the food here. Enjoy a good ol' Disneyland corn dog for us, okay?)

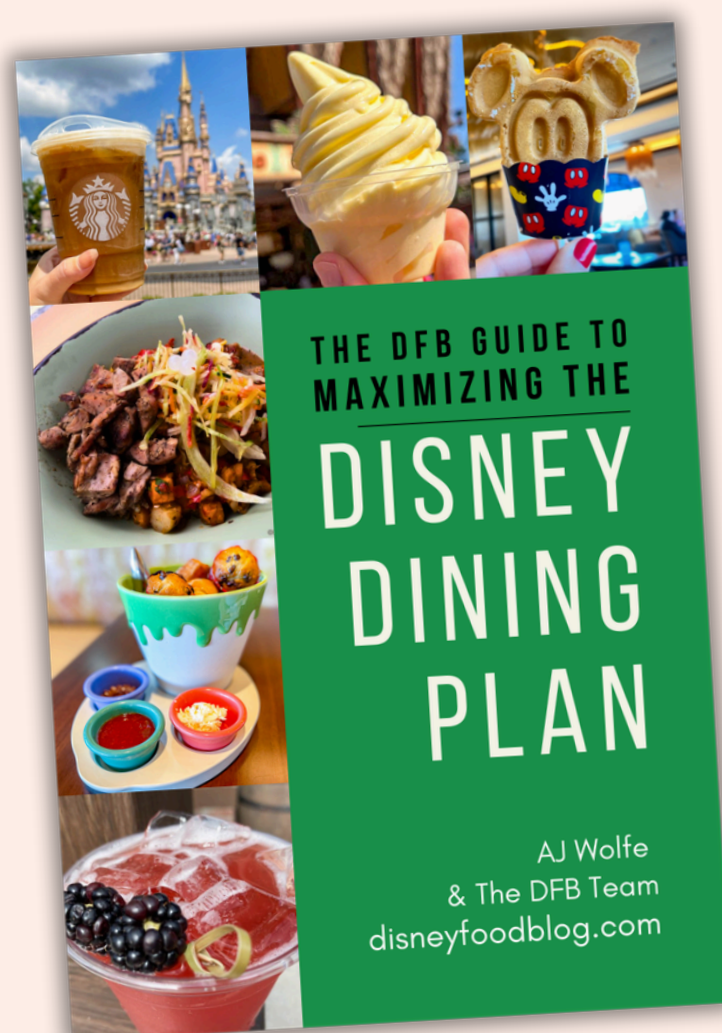


We hope that you have an *amazing* time at Walt's original park and that you make memories to last a lifetime. Don't forget to share your favorite moments with us and the Disney food community using the hashtag #DisneyFoodBlog – and, as always, have a magical day!



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I'M IN! I WANT THE EVERYTHING BUNDLE!