

Choosing the Disney Resort that launches your adventure



1. Start With Your Budget Tier

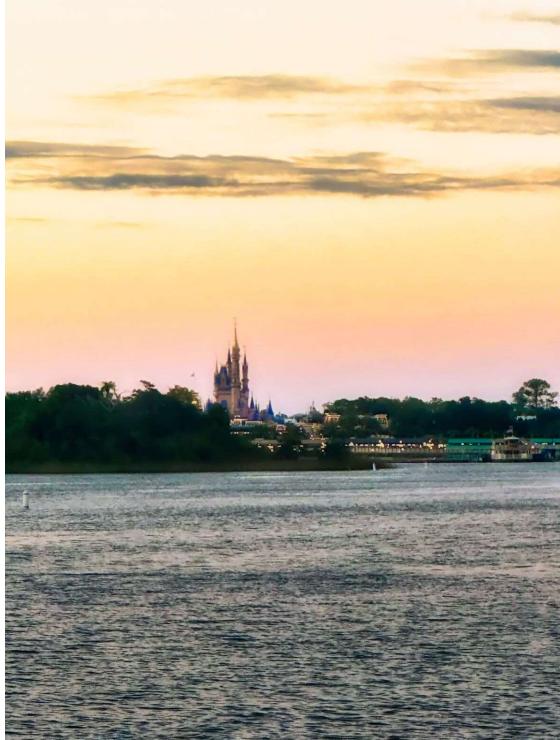
Disney Resorts come in three categories, each with its own style of magic:

- **Value Resorts** — Most affordable; bright, bold, fun; great for families and budget travelers.
- **Moderate Resorts** — A balance of price and amenities; more immersive theming; larger rooms. Some have Skyliner access.
- **Deluxe Resorts and Villas** — Premium stays; Premium locations; stunning theming; top dining; monorail/Skyliner access.

Tip: Find what your price point and dealbreakers are and go from there.

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2. Consider Transportation Magic



How you get to the parks matters more than people expect.

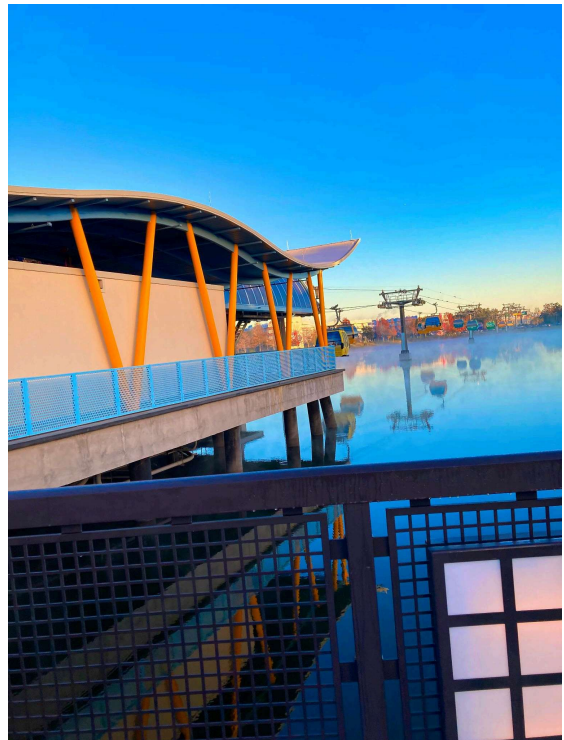
- **Monorail Resorts** (Polynesian, Grand Floridian, Contemporary) — Easiest access to Magic Kingdom. Easy access to the Transportation and Ticket Center.

- **Skyliner Resorts** (Pop Century, Art of Animation, Caribbean Beach, Riviera) — Fast, breezy access to EPCOT & Hollywood Studios.

- **Boat Transportation** — Relaxing rides to Magic Kingdom or EPCOT. (Fort

Wilderness, Grand Floridian, Polynesian, and Wilderness Lodge to Magic Kingdom.) (Boardwalk, Beach Club, Yacht Club, Dolphin and Swan Hotel to Epcot and Disney's Hollywood Studios.) (Old Key West Resort, Saratoga Springs Resort, Port Orleans Riverside and French Quarter to Disney Springs)

- **Buses** — Available at every resort and go to the theme parks, water parks as well as Disney Springs.



Tip: If you'll spend lots of time at Magic Kingdom, monorail access feels like having your own magic carpet. Spending a lot of time in Epcot, a Skyliner resort, is very convenient.

3. Match the Resort Theme to Your Vacation Vibe

Every Disney Resort tells a story. Pick the one that matches yours:

- **Whimsical & Colorful:** Art of Animation, Pop Century
- **Nature & Relaxation:** Wilderness Lodge, Animal Kingdom Lodge

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- **Romantic & Elegant:** Grand Floridian, Riviera Resort
- **Adventure & Exploration:** Caribbean Beach, Coronado Springs
- **Classic Disney Nostalgia:** All-Star Movies, Contemporary Resort

Tip: This is where your Tinker Bell sparkle or Belle-style charm can shine — choose the world you want to step into each night.

4. Think About Room Size & Layout

Room needs vary by group:

- **Standard Rooms** — Great for couples or small families.
- **Family Suites** — Art of Animation offers themed suites with two bathrooms.
- **Deluxe Studios & Villas** — Kitchenettes, extra space, and laundry access.
- **Club Level Rooms** — Concierge service, lounges, and extra pixie dust.

Tip: If you're traveling with kids, two bathrooms can feel like a hidden superpower.

5. Look at Dining Options

Food can make or break a trip — especially at Disney.

- **Deluxe Resorts** have the best restaurants (signature dining, character meals).
- **Moderate Resorts** offer solid quick-service and table-service options.
- **Value Resorts** focus on large food courts with lots of variety.

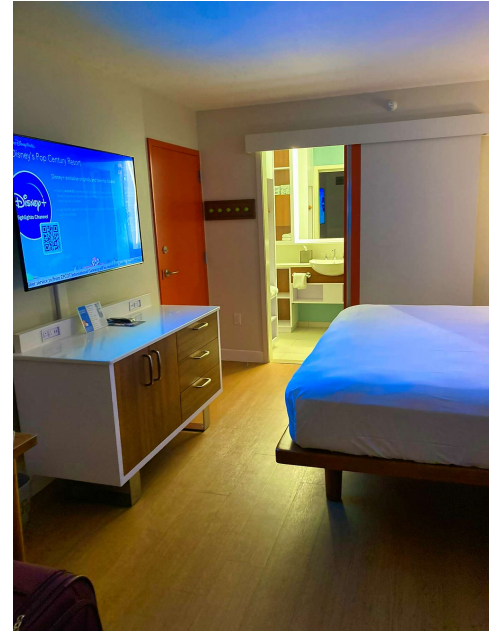
Tip: If you love character dining, staying near Chef Mickey's, 'Ohana, or Story Book Dining adds extra magic. Make sure to check operating hours so there are no surprises when you are hungry.

6. Decide How Much Time You'll Spend at the Resort

If your resort is just a place to sleep, Value is perfect.

If you want to enjoy:

- Pools
- Lounges
- Fireworks views



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- Spas
- Theming
- Restaurants

...then a Moderate or Deluxe Resort becomes part of the vacation itself.

Tip: Some families treat the resort as a “fifth park” — especially at Polynesian, Wilderness Lodge, and Beach Club.

7. Pick Based on Park Priorities

Where you plan to spend most of your time matters:

- **Magic Kingdom lovers:** Monorail resorts or Wilderness Lodge
- **EPCOT foodies:** Beach Club, Yacht Club, BoardWalk, Riviera
- **Hollywood Studios fans:** Skyliner resorts
- **Animal Kingdom explorers:** Animal Kingdom Lodge

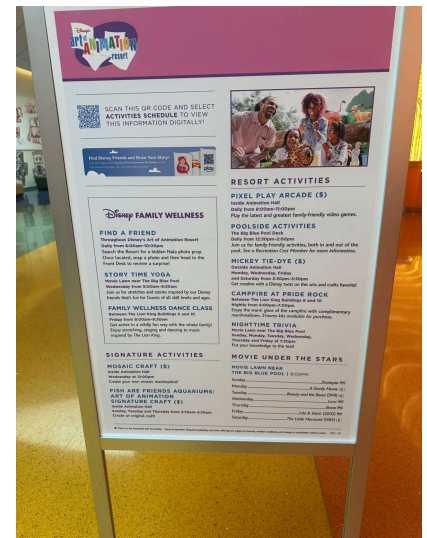
Tip: Staying near your favorite park saves time — and energy for more magic.

8. Consider Special Extras

Some resorts offer unique experiences:

- **Savanna views with real animals** (Animal Kingdom Lodge)
- **Volcano pool with fireworks views** (Polynesian)
- **Beaches and boardwalk entertainment** (Beach Club/Yacht Club)
- **Cabins and campfires** (Fort Wilderness)

Tip: These extras can turn a great trip into an unforgettable one. Even Value and Moderate Resorts offer Activities at the Resorts to add a little magic to your time at your Resort.



Final Pixie-Dusted Advice

Choosing your Disney Resort isn't just about price or location — it's about the *story* you want your vacation to tell. Whether you dream of waking up in a cozy Tinker Bell-style nook or stepping into a Belle-worthy fairytale each night, the right resort becomes the heart of your magical adventure.