

A Complete Guide to Disney World Value Resorts & Their Amenities

Affordable stays with big Disney magic



Planning a Walt Disney World vacation is a little like sprinkling pixie dust — every choice adds to the magic. And one of the biggest choices you'll make is where to stay. Disney's **Value Resorts** are the most budget-friendly option on property, and **value is exactly what you're going to get**. These resorts deliver bright theming, fun amenities, and that unmistakable Disney charm without stretching your wallet.

What Are Disney Value Resorts?

Disney's Value Resorts offer:

- The **lowest nightly rates** on Disney property
- Big, bold, larger-than-life theming
- Access to Disney transportation
- Fun pools, food courts, and family-friendly recreation
- Early Theme Park Entry (a major perk!)

There are **five Value Resorts**:

1. **Disney's All-Star Movies Resort**
2. **Disney's All-Star Music Resort**
3. **Disney's All-Star Sports Resort**
4. **Disney's Art of Animation Resort**
5. **Disney's Pop Century Resort**

★ Pop Century and Art of Animation are often considered "Value Plus" thanks to their Skyliner access and upgraded amenities.

★ **All-Star Resorts things to know**, the only difference is the theming of the resorts and location. All three resorts share the same buses during slow times of the day. When sharing a bus with all three resorts, pick up and drop off order is All-Star Sports, then Music and then Movies Resort.





Disney's All-Star Movies ReSort

Theme: Classic Disney films

With giant icons from **Toy Story**, **101 Dalmatians**, **Fantasia**, and more, this resort is a celebration of Disney storytelling.

✦ Amenities

- Fantasia-themed main pool and Duck Pond Pool
- Refurbished rooms with queen beds for some rooms
- World Premiere Food Court
- Plenty of character photo ops
- Bus transportation to all parks and Disney Springs
- Resort Activities (movies under the stars, bon fires, arts & crafts, ect.)
- ★ *All-Star Movies is bursting with Disney charm. Families love the playful theming and the feeling of being surrounded by beloved characters.*
- ★ [Disney's All-Star Movies Resort](#) The link to Disney's website information.
- ★ *This Resort is currently under construction, Rooms are being renovated through January 2027. Donald's Double Feature merchandise shop will undergo a phased refurbishment which began in May 2026 through late August and will remain open during this work.*



Disney's All-Star Music ReSort

Theme: Jazz, Rock'N'Roll, Country, Broadway, and Calypso

This resort dances to its own beat with giant instruments & musical touches everywhere.

✦ Amenities

- Calypso Pool & Piano Pool
- **Family Suites available (2 full bathrooms, Kitchenette & Microwave)**
- Intermission Food Court
- Refurbished rooms
- Bus transportation to all parks and Disney Springs
- Resort Activities (movies under the stars, bon fires, arts & crafts, ect.)
- ★ *The Family Suites make All-Star Music a great budget-friendly alternative to Art of Animation. The musical theming adds a lively, upbeat vibe.*
- ★ [Disney's All-Star Music Resort](#) The Link to Disney's website information.



Disney's All-Star Sports ReSort

Theme: Football, Baseball, Basketball, Surfing, and Tennis

This resort is bold, energetic, and perfect for sports fans.

✦ Amenities

- Surfboard Bay Pool & Grand Slam Pool
- End Zone Food Court
- Refurbished rooms
- Bus transportation to all parks and Disney Springs
- Resort Activities (movies under the stars, bon fires, arts & crafts, ect.)
- Oversized sports icons everywhere
- ★ *All-Star Sports is often the lowest-priced Disney resort, making it a great pick for travelers who want maximum savings without losing the magic.*
- ★ [Room Rates at Disney's All-Star Sports Resort](#) The Link to Disney's website information.

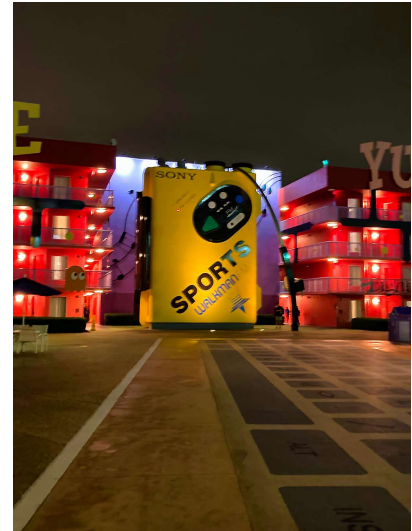
★ Disney's Pop Century Resort

Theme: Nostalgia from the 1950s-1990s

Pop Century celebrates the decades with giant yo-yos, Rubik's Cubes, rollerblades, and more. It's upbeat, colorful, and full of fun surprises around every corner.

★ Amenities

- **Disney Skyliner access & Bus Transportation**
- Three themed pools (Hippy Dippy Pool, Bowling Pool & Computer Pool)
- Refurbished rooms with queen beds
- Everything Pop Shopping and Dining
- Walking path around Hourglass Lake
- Tons of photo-worthy icons
- Petals Pool Bar
- Resort Activities (movies under the stars, bon fires, arts & crafts, ect.)



- ★ Pop Century blends affordability with convenience. The Skyliner makes getting to EPCOT and Hollywood Studios feel effortless - like floating on a breeze of pixie dust.
- ★ [Disney's Pop Century Resort](#) The Link to Disney's website information.

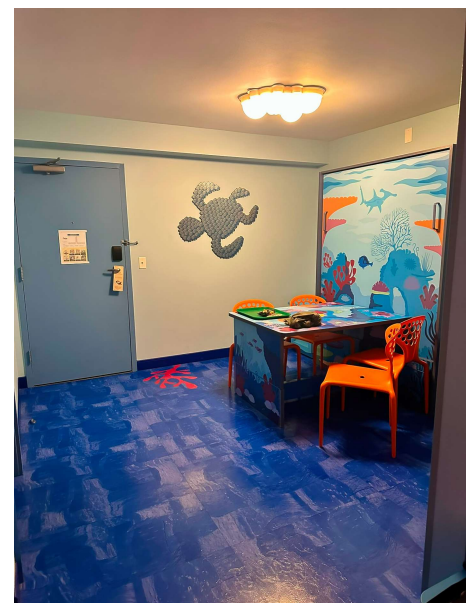
🎨 Disney's Art of Animation Resort

Theme: Disney & Pixar animation brought to life

This resort is a dream come true for animation lovers. Each section — **The Lion King, Finding Nemo, Cars, and The Little Mermaid** — feels like stepping straight into the story.

★ Amenities

- **Family Suites (2 full bathrooms, Kitchenette & Microwave)**
- **Disney Skyliner access**
- The Big Blue Pool -the *largest* pool at WDW- Finding Nemo Themed
- The Drop Off Pool Bar- near the Big Blue Pool
- Cozy Cone Pool- Inspired by Cars
- Flippin' Fins Pool- Based on The Little Mermaid



- Landscape of Flavors Food Court
- Animation Hall and The Ink & Paint Shop
- Immersive themed play areas
- Resort Activities (movies under the stars, bon fires, arts & crafts, ect.)



★ Art of Animation is the most visually immersive Value Resort. The Family Suites make it perfect for larger groups, and the Skyliner adds a deluxe-feeling convenience at a value price. The Little Mermaid rooms are not family suites, they are more like the pop century rooms.

★ [Disney's Art of Animation Resort](#) *The Link to Disney's website information.*

Amenities Shared Across All Disney Value Resorts

Even though Disney's Value Resorts are the most budget-friendly option on property, they're packed with amenities that make your stay feel magical from sunrise to fireworks. Here's a deeper look at everything you can enjoy — no matter which Value Resort you choose.



Themed Pools & Daily Poolside Fun

Every Value Resort features **multiple pools**, each with its own personality and playful theming. While Value pools don't have waterslides like Moderates or Deluxes, they make up for it with atmosphere and activities.

What You Can Expect:

- **Two or more pools per resort**, including a large feature pool and smaller leisure pools
- **Daily poolside activities**, such as:
 - Disney trivia
 - Dance parties
 - Bingo
 - Games hosted by Cast Members
- **Plenty of seating**, shaded areas, and kid-friendly splash zones
- **Lifeguards on duty** during operating hours

- **Towel service** provided at all pools
- ★ Pool activities usually start in the afternoon — perfect for families taking a midday break from the parks.

Large Quick-Service Food Courts

Value Resorts are home to some of the **most varied food courts on property**, offering everything from Mickey waffles to build-your-own bowls.

What You Can Expect:

- **Multiple stations** serving different cuisines
- **Grab-and-go coolers** with sandwiches, salads, fruit, and bakery items
- **Mobile ordering** through the My Disney Experience app
- **Refillable drink stations** for guests with Resort Refillable Mugs
- **Kid-friendly meals** and allergy-friendly options
- **Late-night hours**, perfect for post-park snacks



- ★ *Food courts at Value Resorts often have **seasonal treats** and resort-specific specialties*

Disney Transportation

All Value Resorts offer reliable transportation to every Disney theme park, Water parks and Disney Springs.

Even though Value Resorts are the most budget-friendly option, they offer **full access to Disney's transportation network**, making it easy to travel between parks, resorts, and Disney Springs without ever needing a car.

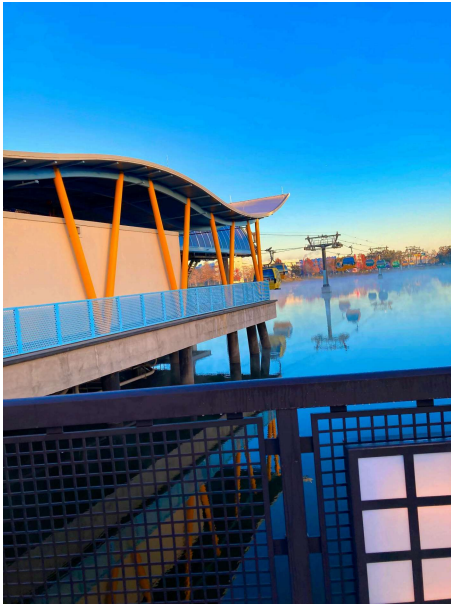
What You Can Expect:

Disney Bus Transportation to all parks and Disney Springs (No bus transportation to Hollywood Studios or Epcot for Pop Century or Art of Animation unless the Skyliner is not running)[Disney Bus Transportation | Walt Disney World Resort](#)

- **Dedicated bus queues** with shaded waiting areas
- **Monitors showing bus arrival times** at most Value Resorts
- **Separate queues** for each destination
- **Early Theme Park Entry transportation** beginning 45–60 minutes before park opening
- Buses typically run **every 20 minutes**, though peak times may see more frequent service
- Return buses run **until all guests have left the parks**, even after fireworks

Disney Skyliner (Pop Century & Art of Animation Only)

Pop Century and Art of Animation share a Skyliner station on Hourglass Lake, giving guests gondola access to EPCOT and Hollywood Studios.



Direct Skyliner routes to:

- Disney's Hollywood Studios
- EPCOT (International Gateway entrance)
- **Transfer hub** at Caribbean Beach Resort

for additional routes

- Gondolas arrive **every few seconds**, making wait times short

- Accessible gondolas for wheelchairs and ECVs

- The International Gateway entrance at EPCOT is quieter and closer to:

- World Showcase
- France Pavilion
- Ratatouille
- Skyliner resorts' dining

- EPCOT and Hollywood Studios travel times are often **faster than buses**

- ★ Scenic aerial views of Hourglass Lake, Caribbean Beach, Riviera Resort, and more
- ★ Skyliner resorts (Pop & AoA) often have faster travel times to EPCOT and Hollywood Studios — a huge perk for families and photographers.

[Experience Disney Skyliner | Walt Disney World Resort](#) *The Link to Disney's website information.*

Walking Paths

While Value Resorts don't have walking paths directly to theme parks, they do offer scenic walking routes around the resort grounds.

What You Can Expect:

- ***Hourglass Lake walking path*** (Pop Century & Art of Animation)
- ***Larger-than-life icons*** perfect for photos
- ***Peaceful morning strolls or sunset walks***
- ***Jogging routes for active guests***

- ★ *The bridge between Pop Century and Art of Animation makes it easy for guests to explore both resorts — especially fun for families who want to see all the themed areas.*

Transportation Hours & Reliability

Disney transportation is designed to keep guests moving smoothly throughout the day.

What You Can Expect:

- Buses begin running **45–60 minutes before park opening**

- Skyliner begins running **before Early Entry**
- All transportation continues until **parks fully close**
- Additional buses run after fireworks to clear crowds
- Cast Members help direct guests during peak times

Want the least crowded buses, I recommend:

- Midday travel
- Leaving parks before fireworks
- Returning after the fireworks rush

Resort Activities

Movies Under the Stars

Every night, each Value Resort hosts a free outdoor movie screening featuring beloved Disney classics.

What You Can Expect:

- Movies shown on **large inflatable screens**
- Seating on lawns or courtyards
- A rotating schedule of animated favorites and newer releases
- A cozy, family-friendly atmosphere
- bring a blanket or grab a treat from the food court for a perfect nighttime wind-down.



Campfires & Marshmallow Roasting

Most Value Resorts offer nightly campfires where guests can roast marshmallows and enjoy a relaxing break from the parks.

What You Can Expect:

- **Free marshmallows** provided
- **Low-cost s'mores kits** available for purchase
- Cast Members leading songs or simple activities
- A warm, welcoming atmosphere
- Campfires usually happen before Movies Under the Stars — making it a perfect double-feature evening.

Arcades & Indoor Fun

Every Value Resort has an arcade filled with classic and modern games.

What You Can Expect:

- Dozens of games including air hockey, racing games, and claw machines
- **Reloadable game cards** instead of tokens

- Air-conditioned indoor spaces — great for rainy days
- Prizes and ticket-style games
- Arcades are often quiet in the mornings — ideal for families who want a calmer experience.



Gift Shops & Essentials

Each Value Resort has a gift shop offering resort merchandise, snacks, and travel necessities.

What You Can Expect:

- **Resort-specific merchandise** (shirts, pins, ornaments)
- Snacks, bottled drinks, and groceries
- Sunscreen, medicine, and toiletries
- Disney plushies, toys, and collectibles
- Seasonal items and limited-edition releases

Daily Recreation & Seasonal Activities

Disney keeps the magic going all day long with free and low-cost activities.

What You Can Expect:

- **Trivia contests**
- **Dance parties**
- **Craft activities** (some free, some low-cost)
- **Seasonal scavenger hunts** (Easter, Halloween, Christmas)
- **Photo ops** with themed backdrops
- **Occasional character appearances** (rare but magical!)

★ *Recreation schedules are posted near the lobby and pools — perfect for families who want to plan downtime.*

Disney's Value Resorts prove that you don't need a Deluxe budget to enjoy Deluxe-level magic. These resorts offer everything guests truly need for a comfortable, joy-filled stay — fun theming, reliable transportation, family-friendly amenities, and that unmistakable Disney sparkle around every corner. Whether you're dreaming of soaring on the Skyliner, splashing in themed pools, or simply

waking up surrounded by larger-than-life icons, staying at a Value Resort means getting the most magic for your money.



At the end of the day, Disney isn't just about where you sleep — it's about the memories you make. And at the Value Resorts, **value is exactly what you're going to get**: bright theming, convenient access to the parks, and a stay that keeps the magic close without stretching the budget. For many families, these resorts are the perfect place to begin and end each enchanted Disney day.

I have stayed at Disney's All Star Music, Disney's Pop Century, and multiple times at Art of Animation. Each has been a great stay and always suited our needs for the type of trip we went on. My first Disney World trip was with my parents at All Star Music when I was a teenager and I remember it being a great stay and really enjoyed the music theme. Art of Animation has a special place in

our hearts with spending our Honeymoon there, access to the Skyliner made park hopping easy and having the Nemo family suite with the two bathrooms was a game changer.

No matter where you stay you are in the Disney Bubble with convenient transportation, and anything you could possibly need for your trip, and if something comes up you can always get delivery to your resort to pick up. Something to remember with staying at a value resort is that they can book up quickly, especially if there are deals going on, with the expenses we are all dealing with, costs at a value resort can make the difference of being able to go on a trip to Disney World.

