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Walt Disney Resort Guide

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Shoot for the Moon Vacations



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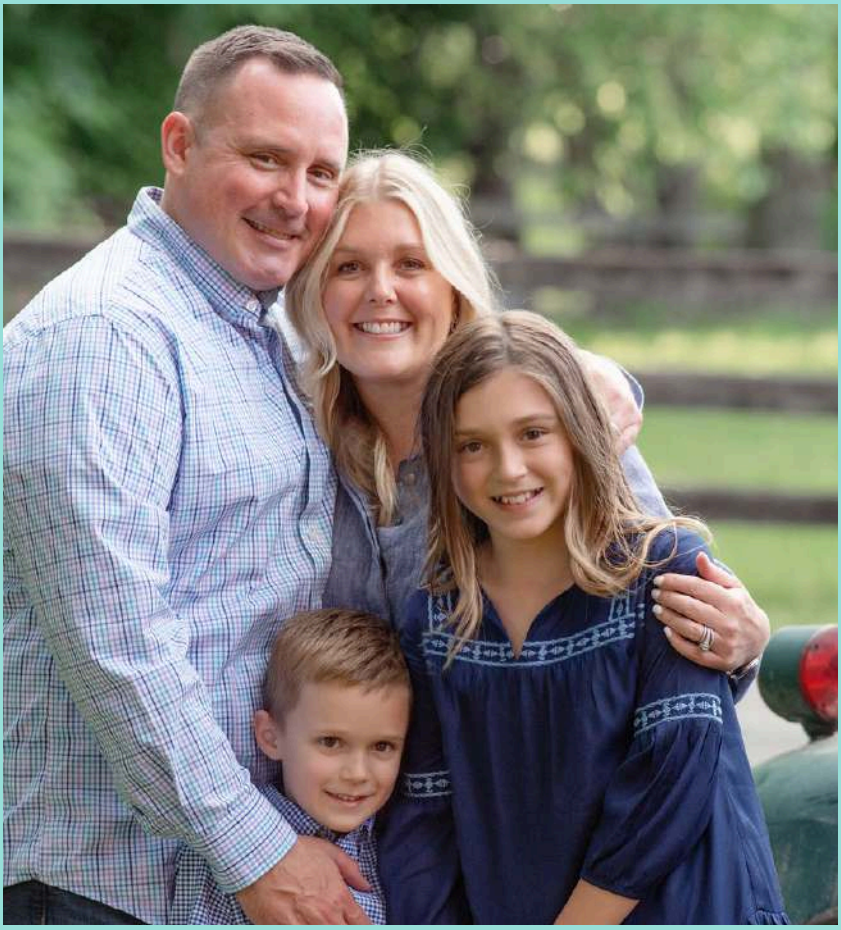
Hey friend,

Not all Disney resorts are created equal — and the one you choose can make or break the whole vibe of your trip.

This guide breaks down seven of my favorite Walt Disney World resorts so you can stop scrolling and start dreaming about the right one for YOUR family. Because the best resort isn't the fanciest one. It's the one that fits your family perfectly.

❤️ Christie
Shoot for the Moon Vacations

MEET YOUR ADVISOR



CHRISTIE

Hi, I'm Christine — a mom, travel expert, and logistics-loving former Air Force vet who believes that moms deserve to enjoy their vacations too.

I started Shoot for the Moon Vacations because I kept seeing moms like us do all the work to plan a "perfect" trip... only to end up tired, stressed, and still in charge of everyone's happiness.

That's where I come in. I take the research, the booking, the decision fatigue — all of it — off your plate so you can actually relax and enjoy the memories you're making.

You don't need to figure it all out. You just need a guide who gets it — and that's me.

HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

Before working with me? You're juggling a hundred things and don't even know where to start planning your trip.

After? You've got a clear plan, expert help, and a vacation that feels like a break — not more work

Whether it's a cruise, theme park, or bucket list adventure, I'm here to make it easy, personal, and fun.

Let's take the stress out of travel — you've earned that kind of peace.





Disney's Art of Animation Resort

This resort has serious kid WOW factor! Get ready to take picture after picture as you explore and discover larger-than-life icons from Disney's *Cars, The Lion King, Finding Nemo* and *The Little Mermaid* films. You'll never feel far from the Disney theme park magic at this home away from home!







THE VIBE: Bright, bold, and bursting with personality. Art of Animation is themed around beloved Disney and Pixar films — Finding Nemo, The Lion King, Cars, and The Little Mermaid. The larger-than-life character sculptures make it feel like you're living inside the movies. The family suites here are a hidden gem — they sleep up to 6 and come with a kitchenette, which is a game changer for families.

THE POOLS: There are three pools! The main pool, the zero entry **Big Blue Pool,** is where all the action happens: trivia, games, activities, pool bar, etc. This pool also has the **School Yard** wet play area and **Squirt's Righteous Reef** playground. For a quieter experience, visit the **Cozy Cone Pool** in the Cars section or the **Flippin Fins Pool** in the Little Mermaid section. (Visit them regardless-SO CUTE!)

THE FOOD: The **Landscape of Flavors** fast casual dining is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Plenty of options for even the pickiest eaters. Mobile Order is available and recommended during popular dining hours.

The Drop Off pool bar offers adult beverages, sandwiches, salads and snacks as well.

THE FUN: **Pixel Play Arcade** in Animation Hall, nightly **Campfires** at Pride Rock to roast marshmallows, and **Movies Under the Stars** (nightly Disney films showings at the Big Blue Pool) are all wonderful ways to enjoy family time at the resort.

PRO TIP: Walk over **Generation Gap Bridge** to visit Disney's Pop Century Resort to eat, shop or take in the sights. You'll be glad you did! Don't forget your phone or camera though; there are so many amazing photo ops there as well!

GOOD TO KNOW RESORT INFO

ADDRESS FOR DELIVERIES

1850 Animation Way
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Bus to: Magic Kingdom, Disney's Animal Kingdom, Disney Springs & Water Parks

Skyliner to: EPCOT and Disney's Hollywood Studios

Walk to: Disney's Pop Century Resort

A DOG-FRIENDLY RESORT

Dog-friendly suites are available in the Cars and Finding Nemo areas and Little Mermaid rooms.

IN-ROOM PIZZA DELIVERY

Not yet available, but you can order whole pizzas or pizza by the slice at Landscape of Flavors or via Uber Eats/DoorDash.

THERE'S A RUNNING TRAIL

Jog or walk along a 1.38-mile trail along Hourglass Lake, passing colorful courtyards of the Cars, Finding Nemo, The Lion King and The Little Mermaid resort areas.



Disney's Pop Century Resort

This resort has serious WOW factor! Get ready to take picture after picture as you explore and discover larger-than-life Disney and pop icons from the 1950s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s! You'll be immersed in the fads of yesteryear at this home away from home!







GOOD TO KNOW RESORT INFO

ADDRESS FOR DELIVERIES

1050 Century Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Bus to: Magic Kingdom, Disney's Animal Kingdom, Disney Springs & Water Parks

Skyliner to: EPCOT and Disney's Hollywood Studios

Walk to: Disney's Art of Animation Resort

STROLL MEMORY LANE

Walk down this path on Hourglass Lake through the different decades, learning fun facts from each era!

IN-ROOM PIZZA DELIVERY

Not yet available, but you can order whole pizzas or pizza by the slice at Everything Pop or via Uber Eats/DoorDash.

THERE'S A RUNNING TRAIL

Jog or walk along Hourglass Lake and through the decades on a 1.1mile or 1.38-mile loop.

THE VIBE: Fun, retro, and full of nostalgia. Pop Century celebrates the decades of the 20th century with oversized icons from the 50s through the 90s. Think giant yo-yos, Rubik's cubes, and bowling pins. It's lighthearted and energetic — and the Skyliner access makes it one of the best-located value resorts on property.

THE POOLS: There are three pools! The main pool, the **Hippy Dippy Pool,** is where all the action happens: trivia, games, activities, etc. There is also a kiddie pool. For a quieter experience, visit the **Bowling Pool** in the 1950's section or the **Computer Pool** in the 1990's section. (Visit them regardless- SO FUN!)

THE FOOD: **Everything Pop** fast casual dining (and shopping!) is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Plenty of options for even the pickiest eaters. Mobile Order is available and recommended during popular dining hours.

Petals pool bar offers adult beverages, sandwiches, salads and snacks as well. Souvenirs, resort-specific merchandise, toiletries, food items and more are also available at Everything Pop.

THE FUN: **Fast Forward Arcade** in Classic Hall, nightly **Campfires** near Surfer Goofy, and **Movies Under the Stars** (nightly Disney films showings at the Hippy Dippy Pool) are all wonderful ways to enjoy family time at the resort.

PRO TIP: Walk over **Generation Gap Bridge** to visit Disney's Art of Animation Resort to eat, shop or take in the sights. You'll be glad you did! Don't forget your phone or camera though; there are so many amazing photo ops there as well!



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ADDRESS FOR DELIVERIES

1251 Riverside Dr
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Bus to: Magic Kingdom, Disney's Animal Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios, EPCOT & Water Parks

Water Taxi to: Port Orleans Resort French Quarter & Disney Springs

A DOG-FRIENDLY RESORT

Dog-friendly rooms are available. *Limit 2 dogs per room. Restrictions and fees apply.*

SIGNATURE ACTIVITIES

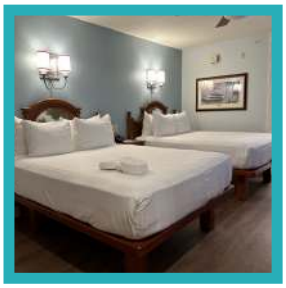
From horse-drawn carriage rides to surrey bike rentals, from fishing excursions to pool parties, there is no shortage of fun to be had at this amazing resort. **Some activities are an additional charge & require advance reservations.*

THERE'S A RUNNING TRAIL

Jog or walk along the one mile long path between Riverside and French Quarter on the landscaped bank of the Sassagoula River.

Disney's Port Orleans Resort Riverside

Nestled along the scenic Sassagoula River, this sprawling resort offers a taste of Southern charm. Two distinct sections, Magnolia Bend and Alligator Bayou, are delightful blends of elegance and rustic simplicity, featuring charming plantation-style architecture, moss-draped oak trees, and serene waterways.







THE VIBE: Charming, romantic, and beautifully landscaped. Port Orleans Riverside feels like a stroll through the antebellum South — Spanish moss, winding bayous, and gorgeous southern architecture. It's one of the most peaceful and picturesque resorts on property, and a personal favorite of mine (yes, I've stayed here!). The Alligator Bayou rooms feel tucked away and cozy, and the Royal Guest Rooms with light-up princess headboards are absolutely dreamy for little ones.

THE POOL: The main pool, **Ol' Man Island** is 3.5 acres of fun with a 95 foot water slide, a kiddie pool and a whirlpool spa. There are 5 leisure (quiet) pools throughout the resort as well.

THE FOOD: The **Riverside Mill Food Court** fast casual dining is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Plenty of options for even the pickiest eaters. Mobile Order is available and recommended during popular dining hours.

Muddy Waters pool bar offers adult beverages, sandwiches, salads and snacks. **Boatwrights Dining Hall** is the resort's table service restaurant and while there is usually availability, reservations are recommended. **River Roost Lounge** -the home of Yehaa Bob Jackson- offers adult beverages, small plates and live entertainment on select nights.

THE FUN: **Medicine Show Arcade** in the Colonel's Cotton Mill building, nightly **Campfires** at Ol' Man Island to roast marshmallows and **Movies Under the Stars** (Disney films showing in Magnolia Bend on select nights) are all wonderful ways to enjoy family time at the resort.

PRO TIP: Walk or boat over to Port Orleans French Quarter to get some beignets before settling in for a Movie Under the Stars!



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ADDRESS FOR DELIVERIES
1000 West Buena Vista Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS
BUS TO: All Theme Parks, Water Parks and Disney Springs

CLUB LEVEL IS AVAILABLE
The Chronos Club in Gran Destino Tower offers Club Level benefits when reserving that room category.

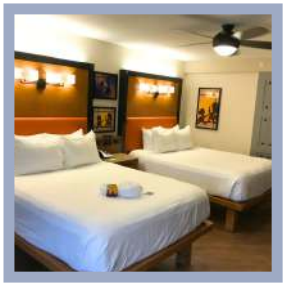
TWO FITNESS CENTERS
La Vida Health Club and the Fitness Center at Gran Destino are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

SIGNATURE ACTIVITIES
From Sangria University to Spanish Mosaic Art workshops, from painting experiences to pool parties, there is no shortage of fun to be had at this amazing resort. **Some activities are an additional charge & require advance reservations.*

THERE'S A RUNNING TRAIL
Jog or walk along the nearly one mile long path along the scenic and tranquil Lago Dorado.

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort

This captivating oasis offers a fusion of modern luxury and timeless Spanish-colonial charm. With stunning architecture and picturesque landscapes, unwind in beautiful rooms featuring contemporary amenities and serene views of Lago Dorado. The world-class dining options and pristine pools make this resort a clear choice for families, couples and large groups.





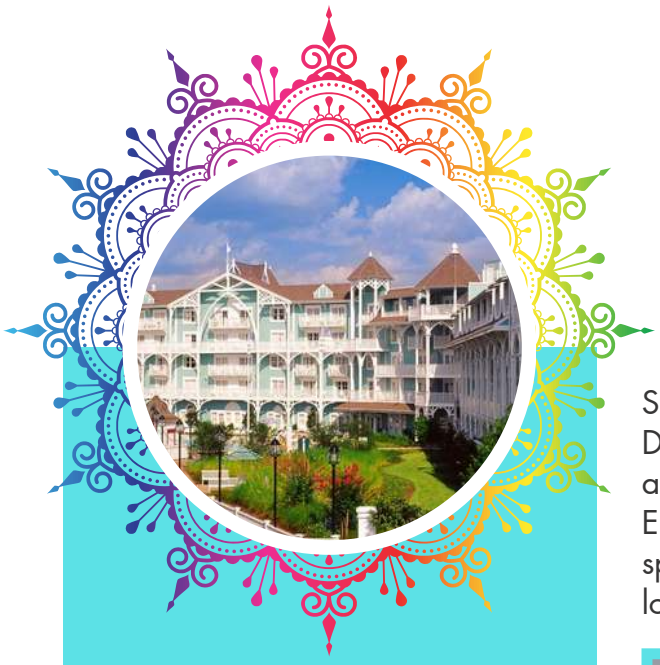
THE VIBE: Sophisticated, spacious, and surprisingly upscale for a moderate resort. Coronado Springs has a Spanish Colonial/Mayan theme set around a gorgeous central lake. The Gran Destino Tower addition elevated this resort significantly — the rooms are stunning, the rooftop bar has jaw-dropping views, and the whole property feels more like a deluxe experience at a moderate price. It's one of Disney's most underrated resorts, full stop.

THE POOL: The main pool, The Lost City of Cibola at The Dig Site, has a 50 ft replica Mayan pyramid, a water slide, kiddie pool, the largest whirlpool spa at Walt Disney World and a sand volleyball court. There are also 3 leisure (quiet) pools. One in each of the Cabanas, Casitas and Rancho areas.

THE FOOD: The **El Mercado de Coronado** fast casual dining is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Plenty of options for even the pickiest eaters. **Cafe Rix** offers grab and go items for breakfast. **Siestas Cantina** pool bar and **Laguna Bar** both serve adult beverages, food and snack items. **Maya Grill, Toledo-Tapas, Steak and Seafood, Three Bridges Bar & Grill and Rix Sports Bar and Grill** are four table service restaurants. Reservations are recommended where available. The **Dahlia Lounge** and **Barcelona Lounge** in Gran Destino Tower offer small plates and signature cocktails. You can even grab a quick breakfast at Barcelona Lounge!

THE FUN: The **Iguana Arcade,** nightly Campfires to roast marshmallows at the Dig Site, and **Movies Under the Stars** (Disney films shown at the Gran Destino Tower lawn) are all wonderful ways to enjoy family time at the resort.

PRO TIP: There's a great view of EPCOT and Hollywood Studios fireworks from the Dahlia Lounge terrace.



Disney's Beach Club Resort

Steps from EPCOT and just a short walk, boat or gondola ride to Disney's Hollywood Studios, this deluxe resort offers top notch amenities, a sand-bottom pool and the breezy feel of a New England beach resort vacation. Enjoy family friendly dining, spacious rooms, and the fun of endless summer nights all year long. Your unforgettable stay awaits!







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ADDRESS FOR DELIVERIES

1800 Epcot Resorts Blvd
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

BUS TO: Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, and Disney Springs.

WALK TO: EPCOT & Hollywood Studios (about a 5-10 minute stroll!)

BOAT TO: Hollywood Studios via Friendship Boats from the resort dock.

STORMALONG BAY

A sprawling 3-acre mini water park shared with the Yacht Club. It features a shipwreck waterslide, a lazy river with inner tubes, a sandy-bottom pool & a zero-entry area for little ones. Only available to Beach Club & Yacht Club guests only!

SIGNATURE ACTIVITIES

Outdoor campfire & movie night every evening, complimentary and changes nightly! Volleyballs, tennis balls & racquets available to check out.

THERE'S A RUNNING TRAIL

Jog or walk .8 or 3miles around the Crescent Lake Loop depending on your route.

THE VIBE: Breezy, nautical, and endlessly charming. Beach Club has a New England seaside feel that's relaxed and elegant at the same time. But the real star? Stormalong Bay. This resort's pool complex is legendary, and if you're a pool family, this is THE resort. The walkability to EPCOT is a massive perk that guests absolutely love, especially for evening trips to World Showcase.

THE POOL: Stormalong Bay is a 3 acre playground featuring a shipwreck water slide, lazy river, Shipwreck Pool for the little ones, daily poolside activities and more. The nearby Tidal and Dunes Cove Pools are leisure pools meant for rest and relaxation. The three whirlpool spas at this resort are inviting after a full day in the parks. Poolside cabana rentals are available for a fee and only for guests of Disney's Yacht or Beach Club Resorts.

THE FOOD: Enjoy a character breakfast or seafood dinner buffet at Cape May Cafe or delight in 1950's diner style fare and outrageous desserts at Beaches and Cream Soda Shop. Reservations are highly recommended for both of these popular restaurants. For quick bites, head to the Beach Club Marketplace or Hurricane Hanna's Waterside Bar and Grill. For late night snacks and cocktails, visit Martha's Vineyard lounge. Visit the nearby Yacht Club and Boardwalk for even more dining and lounge options!

THE FUN: Lafferty Place Arcade, campfires, Movies Under the Stars, crafts and poolside games for the whole family. Check the activities board for schedule and pricing (where applicable). On-site boat rentals, a sand volleyball court and jogging trail around Crescent Lake are all within steps from your room.

PRO TIP: Stormalong Bay is amazing — but the real hidden gem is walking straight into EPCOT through the International Gateway. During Food & Wine Festival? You'll be in and out all day while everyone else is waiting for a bus.



Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge

Immerse yourself in the wild adventure that is Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge, where African savannas come to life right outside your window. Feel the thrill of spotting exotic wildlife as you sip your morning coffee and unwind in the luxurious accommodations with amenities inspired by the heart and art of Africa. Your stay here will leave you in awe.







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ADDRESS FOR DELIVERIES

2901 Osceola Parkway
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Bus to: , Disney's Animal Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios, EPCOT & Water Parks

SIGNATURE ACTIVITIES

Daily Adventures programming is entirely unique to this resort: Cultural Safaris, Animal Viewing with Night Vision Goggles, African Drumming, Culinary Tours, Bead Activities & more. Cast Members & Animal Specialists are stationed at savanna overlooks throughout the day to share fun facts & answer questions. For the ultimate experience, the Starlight Safari takes guests into the savanna on a guided safari truck after dark...truly one of a kind.

THE ANIMALS

Over 200 animals from 30+ species roam FOUR savannas & many guest rooms have savanna views right from the balcony. No monorail or Skyliner here, but Animal Kingdom theme park is basically in your backyard (5-10 min bus ride)!

THE VIBE: Unlike anything else on Disney property, or honestly, anywhere. Animal Kingdom Lodge is a stunning African-inspired resort where actual savannah animals roam right outside your window. Giraffes. Zebras. Flamingos. You can watch them from your balcony with your morning coffee. The theming is immersive, the architecture is breathtaking & the cultural details throughout the resort are genuinely educational & moving. This is more than a hotel. It's an experience.

THE POOL: Uzima Springs Pool is a zero-entry tropical oasis with a 67 foot-long waterslide & views of the Uzima Savanna. Take a short walk (or shuttle) to Kidani Village & discover Samawati Springs Pool, a second zero-entry pool with a thrilling 128 foot-long waterslide & 3-zone water playground, Uwanja Camp, for kids of all ages. Enjoy family-friendly activities poolside each day at both like trivia, games, relays & more!

THE FOOD: Jiko: The Cooking Place is one of the most celebrated restaurants on Disney property, African-inspired cuisine in a stunning setting. Boma: Flavors of Africa is a beloved buffet with incredible variety & flavors you won't find anywhere else on property. Sanaa, located at the Kidani Village section, is famous for its bread service with dipping sauces and stunning savannah views.

THE FUN: Pumba Fun & Games Arcade, campfires, Movies Under the Stars, crafts & Hakuna Mata Playground. Check the activities board for schedule & pricing (where applicable). The on-site fitness center, Zahanti Massage & Fitness Center, is open 24 hours a day for guests looking to burn off those Zebra Dome desserts or bread service.

PRO TIP: Request a savanna view room & build at least one slow morning into your trip. Coffee on your balcony while giraffes wander past? That's not a vacation add-on — that's the whole point of staying here.



Disney's Polynesian Village Resort

A tropical paradise for anyone looking to be immersed in the luxury and magic of Disney. With lush landscapes, white sand beaches and a warm welcoming atmosphere, it feels like a South Seas escape at this deluxe Disney resort.







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ADDRESS FOR DELIVERIES

1600 Seven Seas Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

BUS TO: Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, EPCOT, Disney Springs, & Water Parks
MONORAIL TO: Magic Kingdom & EPCOT (via the TTC)
BOAT TO: Magic Kingdom
WALK TO: Magic Kingdom (25 mins)

SIGNATURE ACTIVITIES

Nightly campfire & Movies Under the Stars right on the beach, roast s'mores, settle into a beach chair & watch a Disney film under the tropical sky. You can also catch the Electrical Water Pageant sailing across Seven Seas Lagoon right from the resort beach every evening!

LAVA POOL & FIREWORKS

The Lava Pool features a towering volcano, a 142-foot waterslide & an infinity-edge hot tub overlooking Seven Seas Lagoon. Stop by the Front Desk for a complimentary Hawaiian lei upon arrival! You can watch Magic Kingdom fireworks from the resort beach without a park ticket.

THE VIBE: Lush, tropical & absolutely iconic. The Polynesian is one of Disney's original resorts & it has a warmth & magic that's hard to put into words. The Great Ceremonial House lobby is stunning — waterfalls, tropical plants & that unmistakable resort smell. Watching the Magic Kingdom fireworks from the beach here is one of the most magical experiences on Disney property. Full stop.

THE POOL: The zero entry main Lava Pool features: the Nanea Volcano water slide, a waterfall, water playground and the Barefoot pool bar. Nearby, the Oasis leisure pool offers cabana rentals and features the Oasis Bar & Grill serving tasty bites and beverages.

THE FOOD: 'Ohana offers a character breakfast experience and a non-character Polynesian-inspired, family-style dinner. Kona Cafe has a delightful menu for breakfast, lunch & dinner. Reservations at both strongly advised. Capt. Cook's serves a quick service island-inspired menu, American fare and grab & go items. At Tambu Lounge and the popular Trader Sam's, adult beverages and small bites are available. Pineapple Lanai serves the legendary Dole Whip!

THE FUN: Enjoy campfires, Movies Under the Stars, crafts and poolside games for the whole family. Check the activities board for schedule and pricing (where applicable). On-site boat rentals, fishing excursions, a sand volleyball court and jogging trail are all within steps from your room.

PRO TIP: End every Magic Kingdom night by monorailing back to your resort, grabbing a Dole Whip & watching the Electrical Water Pageant from the beach. No bus lines, no crowds — just pure magic. Once you do it, you'll never want to stay anywhere else for a Magic Kingdom trip.





🌙 Ready to Claim Your Resort?

2027 Walt Disney World packages are coming...and the resorts you just read about fill up FAST once booking opens.

Don't wait and wonder. Get on my 2027 Disney Waitlist today.

When packages drop, you'll be first in line and I'll reach out immediately so we can lock in your dream resort before it's gone.

JOIN WAITLIST

Ready to say goodbye to travel planning stress & hello to memories that last a lifetime?

Schedule Your Complimentary Planning Call

LET'S CHAT!