



Want to Save Money?

Strategies for getting the best deal are hard to find. There are so many different ways to get a great discount on Disney hotels. Let me try to help you figure out where to start.

My name is Rose, and I am a very cheap person. I hate to spend money. Whenever possible I find ways to cut corners and spend less. When planning our trip for last May I researched and researched and found some ways we could really save.

There is a great website called mousesavers.com that lists many of the current discount codes for disney hotels, and even ways to save money on off-site hotels. The site is kept current and has many great ideas. So visit there first.

Cant find anything earthshattering for the dates or resort you want to visit. Keep reading. There are lots of ways

to find discounts. AAA offers discounts of about 10% for most Disney hotels. These discounts are not available all the time for all hotels, however.

Disney Club sometimes offers discounts for the resorts. You have to watch the Disney message boards for a heads up on when they are released, and grab them! There are sometimes some deep discounts available with your Disney Club card. You will have to have your Disney Club membership in order to make reservations with the discounts. To join www.disneyclub.com

Annual Passport Holders also get some great discounts, sometimes up to 40%. These rates are announced a couple months ahead of time. You can reserve an AP discount without actually having an Annual Pass. You must show one when you check in, but it is not necessary to have one when making the reserva-

tion. If you are lucky enough to get a great room rate using an AP, then you can go buy an Annual Pass. It is only required that one person in your party have the AP, so if its not cost-effective for everyone to have one, just buy it for one person. I think the break even point for AP vs. hopper passes is 9 or 10 days. So if staying less than 9 days, just buy one AP.

You can also find upsell discounts occasionally. I have heard of people getting deluxe resorts at just a little above moderate prices. When the moderates are almost sold out, and the deluxes have many rooms available sometimes they will offer you a deluxe at a greatly reduced price - to fill those deluxe rooms. There is no way to plan for this, but if offered one of these upsell rooms - take it!

My last tip - avoid packages. They cost you more! Spend some time, visit Disneyzone often and book everything seperately!

Visit the Message Boards!

The boards are one of the most popular places on DZ. You can post questions/answers and advice. Or just hang around and make some new Friends!
www.disneyzone.net/boards.htm

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Theme Park Hours

Theme Park Hours will be omitted from the DZ News for the next few months, until Disney goes back to a more regular schedule.

Park hours are being released a few weeks ahead of time, but are subject to change without notice.

We suggest you call Disney (407)WDISNEY a week or so before your trip, to verify hours of operation for the parks. You can also check their website:
www.disneyworld.com

August E-Ticket nights are scheduled for the following nights: 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23

Restaurant Reviews

My favorite restaurant ever is at Disney World. I am only 17 but I wanted to write a review for the newsletter.

I love Beaches and Cream. I go there almost every day when we are on vacation. They have the best hamburgers anywhere. The restaurant is small so you may have to wait for a table but it is so worth it. They have great desserts too. I love the Oreo Sundae. I am not really sure what it is actually called, but

By Sandra

My family just returned from Disney World and I wanted to share my experiences with everyone. I learned so much from reading the message boards at disneyzone.

We are a family of 4. Me, husband, son 9, daughter 7. We started planning our trip about a year prior. I happened upon DZ completely by mistake. I followed someones link from another less friendly site.

I spent a few days scouring through the information on the site. I read the Walking Tours about 10 times trying to decide which moderate resort we would stay at. It

its delicious! They have malts that are very good too.

If you dont have time for a full on meal, just stop in for dessert. Its not a very relaxing place but it is fun and the service is good. Prices are very good and the food is wonderful!

I also wanted to tell you that its right by the Beach Club pool. It will make you jealous if you are not staying there. So dont look!

My Recent Trip

was a rough decision. I went on to the message boards and asked several questions and got a lot of great advice. I still couldnt figure out where to stay. I finally let my kids pick. They chose the Coronado Springs Resort.

Great choice. We loved it. The resort was beautiful, and although large and spread out, very warm feeling. We had no problems whatsoever. Our check in was a breeze and they honored my location request. The kids loved the pool!

The friendly folks on the DZ boards helped me pick the right tickets for our family. We ended up getting a 5 day hopper plus pass and it was perfect. We ended up with one Plus left. We went to the parks 5 days, Blizzard Beach one day and Typhoon Lagoon another. That was all the time we had.

The parks were great. We spent every moment at them! The crowds were not too bad. The weather was warm, and we had some rain to cool us off. All in all we had close to the perfect vacation and I have everyone at DZ to thank for it!

Ask the Experts

This month's expert is DQ - here are her replies to a couple questions that were submitted.

From Edi, Washington: How does the Priority Reservation thing really work?

Priority Seating (PS) is a dining reservation system used by Disney to manage the seating in their restaurants. It does not work like a true reservation system where a table is saved for your party at a particular time. Rather, priority seating guarantees your party the next available table after your PS time. Disney asks that you check in about 15 minutes before your PS time. The entire party must be present in order for you to "check in" with the restaurant podium. Wait times vary depending on the time of day and restaurant but usually averages between 15 and 30 minutes.

Scott's PS Planning Guide at <http://www.pscalculator.net/> has much more information on priority seating.

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**From Marge, Illinios: Is a Deluxe resort really worth so much more than the moderate resorts? Some of the prices I was quoted were almost**

**double the price. I want to stay at one of the resorts where the monorail visits but not sure if it is worth twice the amount of one that doesnt. Do you have any advice?**

The nice thing about Walt Disney World resorts is that whatever your taste or budget, there's a Disney Resort for you. The Deluxe Resorts provide the highest level of Disney quality and service. You can expect the most amenities at these Deluxe Resorts. And of course, your room rate reflects these amenities and the service level expected at a Deluxe Resort.

The Moderate Resorts offer beautifully themed accomodations at an affordable price. Rooms run \$133 - \$219\* per night plus tax. In re-creating charming places and bygone days, these Resorts are the perfect combination of magical Disney theming, value and amenities. Each Moderate Resort has its own delightful pool area, recreational facilities, outstanding family restaurants and food courts. Moderate resorts have their own special elegance at remarkably affordable rates.

The Deluxe Resorts offer the ultimate in Disney style and

service. Rooms run \$194 - \$815\* per night plus tax. Each Deluxe Resort is themed into a spectacular masterpiece. These Resorts are famed for impeccable Disney excellence and meticulous detail, from their dining and amenities to their fabulous pools and recreation. They are also closest to the Disney Theme Parks.

When choosing a Disney Resort for your vacation, consider what amenities you expect in your resort accomodations. Also consider the location of the Resort relative to your ideal location. Ultimately, it comes down to how important a given feature of a particular hotel is to you, and whether it fits your budget.

\* Rates may vary within this range depending on season and room type

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Do you have a question for our experts? Please send them via email to the site at: experts@disneyzone.net and put "Ask the Experts" as your subject.

Who knows, your question may be featured in a future newsletter!

Tell you friends about Disneyzone!

They can get their own copy of the DZ News emailed to them each month. All they have to do is go to the site and register. They will automatically be put on the list. If you would rather, you may print it out or just forward it!

DZ - The FRIENDLY Place for Disney World Info and Advice!

Kids' Views

I get comments all the time about how much people love the newsletter, mostly because so many people contribute to it!

This spot in the newsletter is reserved for kids articles. If your child would like to write something to share with the DZ readers, please type up their submission and email it to us at:
dznews@disneyzone.net

We do not edit them in any way - whatever is submitted is printed. Please include only the child's first name, and age.

The article can be about any part of your vacation, or about planning a Disney vacation. It can be about a character interaction, a special meal, a theme park, your resort stay, water parks, anything your child would like to write about. We have had poems in the past that were great!

Let your child decide what to write!

Contests...

DZ has FREE contests going on. Right now there is a fun one. It's a Create A Trivia Contest. You need to come up with a Disney trivia question, and supply the answer. Some great questions have been submitted so far! The best questions will be featured in a future newsletter!

Visit the site at www.disneyzone.net and click on the link to the contest page!

The prize this month is a really nice mounted poster of The Little Mermaid.

Happy Birthday to . . .

Stu, Patrice, Audra, 13, Daniel, Sharon, Michael, 2, Chris, 14, Madison, 2, Dominick, 4, Taylor, 5, Jake 4, Jared 4, Deb, Colleen, 41, Carmela, 74, Katie 9, Amy, 11, Shannon, 6, Lynda, Andrew, 13, Phyllis, Miranda, 7, Maria, Vince, Bob, Sean, Paul, Cody, 3, and Rachel, 13

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