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# Walt Disney World Resort Categories: A Complete Guide to Choosing Where to Stay

A clear breakdown of every Disney Resort hotel category — Value, Moderate, Deluxe, Deluxe Villa, and Other — with every property listed, what each tier includes, and how to pick the right fit for your family.

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**IMPORTANT**

Where you stay at Walt Disney World shapes your entire trip — your budget, your transportation, how much park time you actually get, and the daily texture of your vacation. Disney groups its on-property resort hotels into four price-and-experience tiers (Value, Moderate, Deluxe, and Deluxe Villa), plus a separate Other category for the campsites and Hotel Plaza Boulevard properties. This guide walks through each one with every property listed.

Walt Disney World operates more than 25 resort hotels on property, ranging from family-friendly Value resorts in the \$130–\$300 range to flagship Deluxe properties on the monorail. Every Disney Resort hotel guest — regardless of tier — receives the same core benefits: complimentary Disney transportation, complimentary standard self-parking at the theme parks, early theme park entry 30 minutes before official opening at all four

parks, the ability to book dining reservations 60 days before check-in, and the option to add a Disney Dining Plan to your vacation package.

What differs between the tiers is the room, the theming, the dining on property, the pool experience, the location, and in some cases the access to extended evening hours at the parks. The right tier for a given family depends as much on how they'll use the hotel as on their budget — a family who plans rope-drop to fireworks every day needs different things than a couple planning a slower trip with mornings at the pool. This guide explains what each category includes and lists every Disney-owned-and-operated property in it.

## At a Glance

### Value Resorts

Disney's most affordable on-property option. Bold, larger-than-life Disney theming, exterior-corridor room buildings, and food court-style dining. Rooms sleep up to 4 (most properties) or up to 6 in Family Suites at All-Star Music and Art of Animation.

### Moderate Resorts

A meaningful step up in room size, dining, recreation, and theming. Feature pools with slides, table-service restaurants at most properties, and more elaborate landscaping. Rooms generally sleep up to 5.

### Deluxe & Deluxe Villas

The premium tier — closest to the parks, the best dining, the best pools, and the best transportation. Deluxe Villa Resorts add full-villa accommodations (studios, 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom villas) with kitchens, separate living spaces, and laundry. Both tiers get exclusive Extended Evening Hours at select parks on select nights.

## How Disney Organizes Its Resorts

Disney sorts its on-property hotels into four pricing tiers, plus a separate "Other" group for the campsites and the seven independently operated Hotel Plaza Boulevard properties near Disney Springs. The categories aren't about quality — every Disney Resort hotel is held to Disney's standards — they're about scale, location, and what's included in the room rate.

### Shared Benefits at Every Disney Resort Hotel

Every guest staying at a Disney-owned-and-operated resort gets the same core perks regardless of tier: complimentary bus, boat, and monorail transportation throughout Walt Disney World; early theme park entry at all four parks 30 minutes before official opening; complimentary standard self-parking at the four theme parks; the ability to make dining reservations 60 days before check-in for the length of their stay; the option to add a Disney Dining Plan to a vacation package; and MagicBand+ functionality across the resort.

## **What's Exclusive to Deluxe and Deluxe Villa Resorts**

Guests staying at Deluxe Resort hotels and Deluxe Villa Resorts get Extended Evening Hours — additional after-hours access to select attractions, shops, and dining at one theme park on select nights of the week. This benefit has been in place continuously since Disney introduced it post-pandemic and is currently scheduled to continue indefinitely; confirm the current park-night schedule for your travel dates on [disneyworld.disney.go.com](https://disneyworld.disney.go.com).

## **What's Not Included for Anyone**

Disney does not offer Magical Express (the complimentary airport shuttle from MCO was discontinued and has not returned). Guests are responsible for their own transportation to and from Orlando International Airport. Disney also does not offer in-room hot-tub-style accommodations or all-inclusive pricing — meals, theme park tickets, and most extras are billed separately or bundled into a vacation package.

## **Value Resorts**

Disney's most affordable on-property tier. Value resorts are big, colorful, and unmistakably Disney — giant icons of Mickey, Andy's Room, Buzz Lightyear, and musical instruments tower over the courtyards. Buildings are exterior-corridor (your room door opens to an outdoor walkway, motel-style), dining is food court–service rather than table service, and pools are themed but without elaborate slides. They're Disney's answer to "we want to be on property without paying Deluxe rates" — and they punch well above their price for first-timers and families with young kids who care more about being inside the magic than about the room itself.

### **Disney's All-Star Movies Resort**

Themed around Disney films — guest buildings dedicated to 101 Dalmatians, Toy Story, Fantasia, The Mighty Ducks, and The Love Bug. The most film-buff-friendly of the All-Stars. Bus transportation to all four theme parks. Sleeps up to 4 in standard rooms.

### **Disney's All-Star Music Resort**

Themed around musical genres — Country Fair, Calypso, Jazz Inn, Rock Inn, and Broadway Hotel buildings. Has Family Suites that sleep up to 6 — one of only three Value resort properties (along with All-Star Music regular and Art of Animation) that can comfortably accommodate larger families. Bus transportation to all four theme parks.

### **Disney's All-Star Sports Resort**

Themed around sports — surfing, basketball, baseball, football, and tennis. The most kinetic of the All-Stars. Bus transportation to all four theme parks. Sleeps up to 4 in standard rooms.

### **Disney's Pop Century Resort**

A walking trip through the decades from the 1950s to the 1990s, with giant period icons (Rubik's Cube, yo-yos, foosball tables) anchoring each building. Pop Century recently completed a multi-year room

refurbishment and is one of the most popular Value resorts. Crucially, it's on the Disney Skyliner — direct gondola transportation to Epcot and Disney's Hollywood Studios, plus bus service to the other parks. Sleeps up to 4.

### **Disney's Art of Animation Resort**

The newest Value resort and a clear step up within the tier — themed around *The Little Mermaid*, *Cars*, *Finding Nemo*, and *The Lion King*. Has Family Suites that sleep up to 6 — the largest Value rooms on property — built specifically for families who need more space without jumping to a Moderate. Also on the Disney Skyliner with direct service to Epcot and Hollywood Studios.

## **Moderate Resorts**

A meaningful step up in nearly every dimension. Moderate resort buildings are interior-corridor (climate-controlled hallways), the theming feels less larger-than-life and more immersive, pools have water slides and recreation features, and most properties have at least one table-service restaurant on site. Recreation expands to include things like horse-drawn carriage rides, bike rentals, and surrey bikes. Moderate rooms generally sleep up to 5 — about one more guest than a standard Value room — making them a meaningful upgrade for families who don't need a full Family Suite.

### **Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort**

A 200-acre tropical resort built around 45-acre Barefoot Bay and divided into themed villages — Aruba, Barbados, Jamaica, Martinique, and Trinidad. The feature pool is built around a pirate-themed Spanish fort with a 100-foot slide. Best transportation among the Moderates: direct Disney Skyliner service to Epcot and Disney's Hollywood Studios, plus bus service to Magic Kingdom and Animal Kingdom. Sleeps up to 5.

### **Disney's Coronado Springs Resort**

Inspired by colonial Mexico, Spain, and the American Southwest, set around 15-acre Lago Dorado. Coronado Springs is also Disney's on-property convention resort, which means it has amenities the other Moderates don't — a full-service spa, fitness center, and a 15-story tower (Gran Destino Tower) that adds a more contemporary, upscale feel to half the room inventory. The Three Bridges Bar & Grill in the middle of the lake is one of the most-loved adults-leaning hangouts at any Moderate. Bus transportation to all four theme parks. Sleeps up to 5.

### **Disney's Port Orleans Resort — French Quarter**

A compact, intimate New Orleans–inspired resort with cobblestone streets, gas lamps, wrought-iron balconies, and magnolias. The smallest Moderate at about 1,000 rooms, which makes it feel more boutique than its siblings. The feature pool centers on a sea-serpent water slide. Boat transportation to Disney Springs (along with Riverside) is a meaningful perk. Bus to all four theme parks. Sleeps up to 4.

## **Disney's Port Orleans Resort — Riverside**

The larger Port Orleans property, themed around antebellum mansions (Magnolia Bend) and rustic Bayou cottages (Alligator Bayou). Alligator Bayou rooms include a trundle bed and can sleep 5. Also has Royal Guest Rooms that are styled after Disney princesses — a strong pick for families with younger kids. Boat transportation to Disney Springs and French Quarter, bus to all four parks. Sleeps 4–5 depending on room category.

## **The Cabins at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort**

Standalone cabins set in the pine-and-cypress woods of Fort Wilderness, each with a separate living area, a small kitchen, a private patio with a charcoal grill, and roughly 504 square feet — the largest Moderate accommodation on property. Sleeps up to 6 adults plus a child. The Cabins are technically priced as a Moderate but feel more like a private vacation home. Boat to Magic Kingdom, internal bus around the campground, then bus to all four parks. A great pick for multigenerational trips that don't want to give up theming for space.

## **Deluxe Resorts**

Disney's eight Deluxe Resort hotels are the flagship tier — closest to the parks, the most elaborate theming, the best on-property dining, and the most convenient transportation. Six of the eight are walking or short-boat distance from a theme park, and the monorail and Skyliner connect most of them. Deluxe Resort guests get the only Disney Resort hotel benefit that's tier-restricted: Extended Evening Hours at select parks on select nights. Rooms run roughly \$500 a night at the low end (Animal Kingdom Lodge in low season) to well over \$1,000 a night for water-view rooms at the Grand Floridian.

## **Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa**

Disney's flagship Victorian-themed resort and the most expensive Deluxe on property. Located one monorail stop from Magic Kingdom (also walkable via a connecting path). Home to Cítricos and Victoria & Albert's — the second is Disney's only AAA Five Diamond restaurant. Recently completed a top-to-bottom main building and lobby refurbishment. Best for: honeymoons, anniversaries, and travelers who want the most refined Disney experience.

## **Disney's Polynesian Village Resort**

A 1971 original on the Magic Kingdom monorail loop with a South Pacific theme — torch-lit walkways, tropical landscaping, and one of the best Magic Kingdom firework views from the white-sand beach. 'Ohana is one of the most-loved character meals on property. Direct monorail to Magic Kingdom and Epcot (via TTC transfer). Best for: families who want the most "vacation feel" Deluxe and an iconic Magic Kingdom location.

## **Disney's Contemporary Resort**

The 1971 monorail-through-the-lobby original. Walking distance to Magic Kingdom — closer than any other resort on property — plus monorail service to Magic Kingdom and Epcot (via TTC). Home to California Grill,

one of Disney's flagship Signature restaurants. Recently underwent a multi-phase room refurbishment. Best for: park commandos who want to walk back to their room after fireworks.

## **Disney's Yacht Club Resort**

A turn-of-the-century New England yacht-club theme. Shares the legendary Stormalong Bay pool complex with Beach Club — a 3-acre mini-water-park with sand-bottom pools, a shipwreck slide, and a lazy river that's arguably the best resort pool on property. Walking distance to the International Gateway entrance at Epcot, walking distance or quick boat ride to Disney's Hollywood Studios. Home to Yachtsman Steakhouse (Signature). Best for: Epcot-loving families who want flagship pool access.

## **Disney's Beach Club Resort**

The casual, beachy companion to Yacht Club — same Stormalong Bay pool, same Epcot/Hollywood Studios walk, slightly softer aesthetic. Home to Beaches & Cream Soda Shop and the famous Kitchen Sink ice cream sundae. Best for: families with younger kids who love Epcot and want the best pool on property without the Yacht Club's more formal feel.

## **Disney's BoardWalk Inn**

Inspired by Atlantic City and Coney Island of the 1920s and '30s, sitting on a quarter-mile pedestrian boardwalk lined with restaurants, shops, and entertainment. Walking distance to both Epcot (via International Gateway) and Disney's Hollywood Studios. Adults-leaning Deluxe with a more nightlife-friendly feel after dark. Best for: couples and adults-only trips that want Epcot access and a lively evening scene at the front door.

## **Disney's Wilderness Lodge**

A massive Pacific Northwest national-park-lodge-themed resort, with a 7-story totem-pole-and-fireplace lobby that's genuinely impressive. Whispering Canyon Cafe is a guest-favorite breakfast and dinner show. Boat transportation directly to Magic Kingdom — one of only three resorts with this perk. The on-site spa and the active geyser by the pool round out the experience. Best for: families who want a quieter, more outdoorsy Deluxe with Magic Kingdom access.

## **Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge**

A 33-acre savanna where over 30 species of African wildlife roam outside guest-room balconies. Themed as a high-end African safari lodge with a stunning central rotunda. Home to two of Disney's most celebrated restaurants — Jiko – The Cooking Place (Signature) and Sanaa, with views directly onto the savanna. The most distant Deluxe from the parks, but the only one that offers a daily experience the parks can't replicate. Bus transportation only. Best for: animal-loving families, foodies, and guests prioritizing the resort experience itself.

## **Deluxe Villa Resorts (Disney Vacation Club)**

The Deluxe Villa Resorts are the villa-style accommodations operated under Disney Vacation Club (DVC). They sit at the same price tier as Deluxe Resorts but offer fundamentally different rooms — Deluxe Studios, plus 1-, 2-, and 3-Bedroom Villas with full kitchens, separate living and dining areas, washer/dryer, and significantly more space. Eight of the twelve are co-located with a Deluxe Resort (sharing the pool, dining, and lobby), and four are standalone. Booking cash room rates through Disney gives you the same Disney Resort hotel benefits as any other Deluxe — Extended Evening Hours included. (Renting points from existing DVC members is a separate market with its own trade-offs; reach out and we'll walk you through both options.)

### **The Villas at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa**

Studios, 1-, 2-, and 3-Bedroom Villas attached to the Grand Floridian. Magic Kingdom monorail loop. The most luxurious villa accommodation on property.

### **Disney's Polynesian Villas & Bungalows**

Studios and overwater Bungalows attached to the Polynesian Village. The Bungalows are some of the most photographed Disney accommodations on property — overwater stilted units with private plunge pools facing Magic Kingdom's fireworks.

### **Bay Lake Tower at Disney's Contemporary Resort**

A standalone tower connected by skybridge to the Contemporary. Studios, 1-, 2-, and 3-Bedroom Villas (including the Grand Villa) with stunning views of Magic Kingdom or Bay Lake. Walking distance to Magic Kingdom.

### **Boulder Ridge Villas at Disney's Wilderness Lodge**

Studios, 1-, and 2-Bedroom Villas in the original Wilderness Lodge DVC wing, with a craftsman-lodge feel. Shares all Wilderness Lodge amenities, including direct boat service to Magic Kingdom.

### **Copper Creek Villas & Cabins at Disney's Wilderness Lodge**

The newer DVC wing at Wilderness Lodge, plus 26 Copper Creek Cabins built on stilts over Bay Lake — each with two bedrooms, a kitchen, and a private hot tub on the porch.

### **Disney's Beach Club Villas**

Studios, 1-, and 2-Bedroom Villas attached to the Beach Club. Walking distance to Epcot. Shares Stormalong Bay with Beach Club and Yacht Club.

### **Disney's BoardWalk Villas**

Studios, 1-, 2-, and 3-Bedroom Villas at the BoardWalk. Walking distance to Epcot and Disney's Hollywood Studios, with the BoardWalk dining and nightlife at the front door.

## **Disney's Animal Kingdom Villas — Jambo House**

Studios and 1-, 2-, and 3-Bedroom Villas in the main Animal Kingdom Lodge building. Some villas overlook the savanna directly.

## **Disney's Animal Kingdom Villas — Kidani Village**

A separate building from Jambo House with its own pool, restaurant (Sanaa), and savanna views. Strong family-trip option — most rooms are 1-bedroom or larger, and the savanna views are arguably the best on property.

## **Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa**

The largest DVC resort on property, themed around an upstate New York Victorian spa town. Walking distance and boat access to Disney Springs. Studios, 1-, 2-, and 3-Bedroom Villas plus Treehouse Villas (standalone three-bedroom octagonal units in the woods that sleep up to 9).

## **Disney's Old Key West Resort**

The original DVC resort, themed around the Florida Keys with pastel buildings and palm-lined canals. Notably spacious villas — the largest Studios on property, and 1-Bedroom Villas with full kitchens, two bathrooms, and a porch.

## **Disney's Riviera Resort**

The newest DVC resort, themed around the European Riviera with Italian, French, and Spanish design influences. Topolino's Terrace — Flavors of the Riviera (Signature) is on the rooftop, with a character breakfast and one of the best fireworks views in the resort area. On the Disney Skyliner with direct service to Epcot and Disney's Hollywood Studios.

## **The Cabins at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort (DVC)**

A newly added DVC category — fully refurbished cabins in the Fort Wilderness woods now offered to DVC members and on cash room rates. Each cabin is a standalone structure with a kitchen and private outdoor space.

## **Other On-Property Accommodations**

These don't fit cleanly into the four tiers but are still on Walt Disney World property and worth knowing about.

## **The Campsites at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort**

Disney's only campsite accommodation — 750 wooded acres with full-hookup, partial-hookup, and tent sites. Each site has water, electric, cable TV, a picnic table, and a charcoal grill; most include sewer hookup. Sleeps up to 10 per site. Boat to Magic Kingdom and internal trams. The most affordable way to stay on Disney property, especially for families with their own RV or camping gear.

## **Hotel Plaza Boulevard (Disney Springs Resort Area)**

Seven independently owned and operated hotels on Disney property along Hotel Plaza Boulevard, walking distance to Disney Springs. They get most Disney Resort hotel benefits — early theme park entry, complimentary park transportation, and the ability to book dining 60 days out. They do NOT get Extended Evening Hours and are not eligible for the Disney Dining Plan. Properties include the Disney Springs–area Hilton, the Walt Disney World Swan, the Walt Disney World Dolphin, the Walt Disney World Swan Reserve, Wyndham Lake Buena Vista, the Holiday Inn Orlando — Disney Springs Area, the B Resort & Spa, and Drury Plaza Hotel Orlando — Disney Springs. These are useful options when Disney inventory is sold out, when a guest has loyalty points to burn, or when a guest specifically wants a non-Disney-themed environment with the on-property location.

## **How to Pick the Right Tier**

A short framework for narrowing down the choice.

### **Start with the Budget Anchor**

Recent reference (subject to annual rate increases — confirm current rates for your travel dates on [disneyworld.disney.go.com](https://disneyworld.disney.go.com)): Value resort standard rooms typically start around \$135–\$185 per night in low season and climb past \$300 in holiday peak. Moderate standard rooms typically start around \$290–\$330 and climb past \$500. Deluxe standard rooms generally start around \$500 and run well over \$1,000 for water-view rooms and the Grand Floridian. Deluxe Villa cash rates roughly mirror Deluxe Resort rates for Studios but jump significantly for 1-, 2-, and 3-Bedroom Villas.

### **Then Layer on Location**

If a family is planning to spend most of their time at Magic Kingdom, anything on the monorail loop or with Magic Kingdom boat service (Contemporary, Polynesian, Grand Floridian, Wilderness Lodge, Bay Lake Tower) saves real time. If they're Epcot- and Hollywood Studios–focused, the Skyliner resorts (Pop Century, Art of Animation, Caribbean Beach, Riviera) are worth the price difference over a bus-only Value or Moderate. Animal Kingdom's only walkable resort is Animal Kingdom Lodge itself.

### **Then Layer on Party Size**

Standard rooms across all tiers usually max out at 4 or 5 guests. For 5+ guests, the family-suite options are: All-Star Music Family Suite (up to 6), Art of Animation Family Suite (up to 6, the most family-friendly), Cabins at Fort Wilderness (up to 6 plus a child), and the DVC 1-, 2-, and 3-Bedroom Villas (up to 8–12 depending on layout).

### **Then Layer on Pool Personality**

For families where the pool is a destination — not a back-up plan — Stormalong Bay (Yacht Club / Beach Club) and the Three Bridges feature at Coronado Springs are the standouts. For families with younger kids

who want big slides and water-play features, Caribbean Beach, Coronado Springs, Wilderness Lodge, and the All-Stars all deliver.

## Then Talk About Dining

A family planning multiple character meals or Signature dinners has a real reason to be at a Deluxe — the in-resort dining at Grand Floridian, Polynesian, Contemporary, BoardWalk, Wilderness Lodge, and Animal Kingdom Lodge is genuinely some of the best on property, and your hotel becomes part of the dining experience. Check out our Dining Plan guide to learn all about dining and credits.

### ADVISOR TIP

The most common mistake first-time guests make is comparing Disney Resort hotel rates to nearby off-property hotels and concluding Disney is "overpriced." The fair comparison includes the on-property resort benefits — early theme park entry every day of the stay, free in-property bus, boat, monorail, and Skyliner transportation, complimentary self-parking at the theme parks, the 60-day dining reservation window, and the Extended Evening Hours benefit at the Deluxes. For a 5+ night family trip, the time and money savings from staying on property often close the gap entirely.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What's the actual difference between a Value and a Moderate resort?**

A few real things: Moderate room sizes are about 50–100 square feet larger and sleep one more guest. Moderate buildings have interior corridors (climate-controlled hallways) rather than the motel-style exterior walkways at the Values. Moderates have table-service restaurants on site (Values are food-court only). Moderate pools have water slides and feature elements; Value pools are more basic. And Moderate landscaping and theming is more naturalistic and immersive, while Value theming is bold and oversized.

## **What's the actual difference between a Deluxe and a Deluxe Villa?**

A Deluxe Resort hotel room is a hotel room — sleeps 4–5, no kitchen, daily housekeeping, restaurants in the resort. A Deluxe Villa is more like a vacation rental — Studios have a kitchenette, 1-bedroom and larger villas have full kitchens, in-unit washer/dryer, separate living and dining spaces, and (in larger villas) multiple bathrooms. Eight of the twelve villa properties are co-located with a Deluxe Resort, sharing the pool, lobby, and restaurants — which means a 2-bedroom villa at the Grand Floridian gives you the Grand Floridian experience plus a full apartment.

## **Can I split a stay between resorts?**

Yes. Disney calls this a "split stay" — you check in at one resort for the first part of your trip and move to a second resort for the rest. It's a common strategy for first-time visitors (a few nights at a Value or Moderate for the parks-focused portion of the trip, then a few nights at a Deluxe for the resort-experience portion). Disney moves your bags between resorts for you. All Resort benefits continue through the full split stay.

## **Do all on-property resorts get early theme park entry?**

Yes — early theme park entry is available 30 minutes before official opening at all four theme parks, every day of your stay, to all Disney Resort hotel guests (including the Hotel Plaza Boulevard properties and the Fort Wilderness Campsites and Cabins). This benefit has been in continuous effect since post-pandemic operations resumed and is currently scheduled to continue indefinitely.

## **Which resorts get Extended Evening Hours?**

Only Deluxe Resort hotels and Deluxe Villa Resorts. Extended Evening Hours offers additional after-hours access at one theme park on select nights — typically Magic Kingdom on Mondays and Wednesdays, Epcot on Thursdays (subject to change). Value, Moderate, Fort Wilderness, and Hotel Plaza Boulevard guests are not eligible.

### **Is Disney's Magical Express still running?**

No. The complimentary airport shuttle from Orlando International Airport to Walt Disney World was discontinued and has not returned. Guests are responsible for their own transportation to and from the airport. Options include a rental car, rideshare (Uber/Lyft/Disney Minnie Van), private car service, the Mears Connect shuttle, or Sunshine Flyer.

### **Can I use Disney transportation if I'm staying off-property?**

No. Disney's bus, boat, monorail, and Skyliner systems are only for guests staying at Disney Resort hotels (including Hotel Plaza Boulevard for everything except Extended Evening Hours). Off-property guests drive or take rideshare to the theme parks.

### **Which resorts are on the Skyliner?**

Five resorts have direct Disney Skyliner gondola service: Disney's Pop Century Resort and Disney's Art of Animation Resort (both Value), Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort (Moderate), and Disney's Riviera Resort (Deluxe Villa). The Skyliner connects them to Epcot's International Gateway and Disney's Hollywood Studios. The Caribbean Beach Skyliner station is the central hub — all routes pass through it.

### **Which resorts are walking distance to a theme park?**

Contemporary (and Bay Lake Tower) — walking distance to Magic Kingdom. Polynesian Village — walking distance to the TTC and a short monorail/walk to Magic Kingdom. Grand Floridian (and Villas) — connecting walking path to Magic Kingdom (about 12 minutes). Beach Club, Yacht Club, BoardWalk Inn, and their respective Villas — all walking distance to the International Gateway entrance at Epcot, and within a 15-minute walk or short boat ride of Disney's Hollywood Studios. No resort is walking distance to Animal Kingdom (other than Animal Kingdom Lodge's own bus stop).

### **What about staying off-property — is it really that different?**

It depends on the priorities. Off-property gets larger rooms or houses (vacation rentals via Vrbo or Airbnb), kitchens, and lower per-night rates. On-property gets the transportation system, early theme park entry, the 60-day dining window, MagicBand+ functionality, and the immersive vacation feel. For a family planning to spend 8–14 hours a day inside the parks, on-property usually wins on time saved alone. For a slower trip with kids who want to spend mornings at the pool and just one or two park days, off-property can be the better value. Pride Travelers can model both for any specific trip.

## **Sources**

All resort listings, categories, and benefits above are drawn from Walt Disney World's official resort pages. For the most current details, room rates, and any updates after this guide was published:

- Walt Disney World Resort Hotels — Official Site — <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/resorts/>
- List of Current Disney Resort Hotels — <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/faq/resorts/resort-hotel-list/>
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## Ready to Pick the Right Resort for Your Trip?

There's no universally "best" Disney resort — the right answer depends on the trip you're actually planning. Pride Travelers walks through your dates, party size, park priorities, dining wishes, and budget, then recommends the resort that fits your trip — not the most expensive one. We book Walt Disney World vacation packages at Disney's published rates, with our planning support included at no additional cost.

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