Disney Cruise Planning Timeline

ONE YEAR OF PLANNING, SIMPLIFIED STEP-BY-STEP

Start Here

The Booking Phase

Research ships & itineraries
Check for themed sailings
Set your total budget
Check Castaway Club & booking windows
Book as soon as your window opens
Purchase travel insurance

Right After Booking

Account Setup

Download the Navigator app
Verify passenger names match IDs
Confirm Castaway Club status is linked
Check passport validity
Renew passports now if needed
Research Port Adventures

Payment Deadline

Critical Date: Pay in Full

Pay balance by deadline
Confirm payment processed
Verify your activity booking window
Note: your activity booking window won't unlock until paid in full

Activity Booking

Set an Alarm for Midnight ET

Book beach cabanas first (if desired)
Book Palo, Remy, Enchanté, or Palo
Book Senses Spa treatments
Book Royal Tea, Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique
Book Disney Port Adventures

2–4 Months Before

Travel Prep

Book flights & port hotel
Book ground transportation to the port
Research & pre-pay gratuities
Note: Royal Gathering character meet opens 30 days out

Online Check-In

Set an Alarm for Midnight ET

Select the earliest Port Arrival Time
Enter passport/travel document info
Upload a photo for each traveler
Add credit card to your onboard account

1–2 Weeks Before

Final Prep

Confirm all dining & Port Adventures
Confirm transportation
Notify bank/credit cards of travel dates
Pack embarkation day bag

Embarkation Day

The Magic Begins!

Complete health questionnaire
Arrive at port at your assigned PAT
Keep embarkation bag with you
Complete mandatory muster drill
Don't miss the sail-away deck party!

Magic in the Planning