

# Disneyland Planning Timeline

★ ★ ONE YEAR OF PLANNING, SIMPLIFIED STEP-BY-STEP ★ ★

## 6-12 Months Before

### *Foundation Phase*

- Choose travel dates & set budget
- Research & book your hotel
- Decide on ticket type (park hopper?)
- Download the Disneyland app
- Purchase park tickets & link to app
- Research special ticketed events
- Purchase travel insurance

## 2-3 Months Before

### *Prep & Purchase*

- Buy ponchos & a reusable water bottle
- Get portable phone charger/power bank
- Purchase comfortable walking shoes
- Buy park wardrobe/Disney gear
- Finalize park you're visiting each day
- Check for ride/attraction refurbishments

## 7 Days Before

### *Premier Pass Booking Window*

- Set alarm for 7:00AM PT for Premier Pass
- Buy Lightning Lane Premier Pass if desired

## Arrival Day

### *The Magic Begins!*

- Check in to your hotel
- Familiarize yourself with the app
- Confirm hotel shuttle schedule if needed
- Consider a day at Downtown Disney
- Plan an early bedtime

## 4-6 Months Before

### *Research & Strategy*

- Research dining & character meals
- Learn Lightning Lane options
- Consider adding Multi Pass to park tickets
- Make a must-do rides list for each park
- Build rough daily itineraries
- Book flights (4 months ahead is ideal)
- Research ground transportation options

## 60 Days Before

### *Dining Reservation Window*

- Set alarm for 6:00AM PT on opening day
- Book top priority restaurant first
- Book all table-service dining reservations
- Book dining packages
- Book character dining experiences

## 2-3 Days Before

### *Final Prep*

- Confirm all dining & hotel reservations
- Screenshot/print all confirmation numbers
- Confirm airport transportation
- Finish Packing

## Inside the Parks

### *Park Day Tips*

- Scan in, book your first Lightning Lane
- Use Mobile Order to skip food lines
- Check the app for wait times
- Book Single Pass rides early