

Ultimate Pre-Trip Checklist

Everything to do before you leave home in the right order

6 Months Before Your Trip

- Set your total trip budget (use the Day-by-Day Budget Tracker)
- Choose your travel dates using the Crowd Calendar Cheat Sheet
- Book your hotel off-site with shuttle or Disney Value resort
- Book flights if flying prices are usually best 3-6 months out
- Purchase park tickets directly from Disney link them to My Disney Experience
- Create or log into your My Disney Experience account
- Make dining reservations for any table-service restaurants (opens 60 days out)

3 Months Before Your Trip

- Confirm all reservations and check for better hotel rates (if booked refundable)
- Research Lightning Lane Multi Pass for your specific park days
- Download the My Disney Experience app and explore the interface
- Start a packing list using the Penny Mouse Packing List guide
- Order any gear you need: ponchos, cooling towels, portable charger
- Check for any special events or parties during your dates

1 Month Before Your Trip

- Make park reservations for each day (required do not skip this)
- Plan your park order Magic Kingdom first is classic for a reason
- Research rope drop strategy for each park (see Rope Drop Strategy guide)
- Pre-order groceries for delivery to your hotel on arrival day
- Confirm transportation from airport to hotel
- Check weather forecast and adjust packing list accordingly
- Set up Apple Pay or Google Pay faster at merchandise locations

1 Week Before Your Trip

- Charge all electronics and test your portable charger
- Pack snacks: granola bars, trail mix, fruit pouches, nut butter packets
- Download park maps offline in the My Disney Experience app
- Confirm all dining reservations one more time
- Set an alarm for 7am on your first park day Lightning Lane opens then