

Top 50 Money-Saving Disney Tips

The Penny Mouse's best budget tricks all in one place

Tickets & Dates (Tips 1 10)

- 1. Buy tickets directly from Disney third-party "deals" are often scams
- 2. Multi-day tickets drop sharply in per-day cost 4 days beats 2 days by ~40%
- 3. Visit in January, late August, or early September for the lowest crowd tiers
- 4. Avoid spring break, Thanksgiving week, and Christmas at all costs
- 5. Check Disney's own ticket calendar prices vary by date, not just season
- 6. Annual Passes pay off if you visit 3+ days per year do the math
- 7. Florida residents get significant discounts worth checking even for nearby states
- 8. Military discounts are available year-round through Shades of Green
- 9. Book park reservations the moment your ticket is linked popular dates fill fast
- 10. Park-hopping is worth it only if you plan to visit 2 parks in one day

Food & Dining (Tips 11 25)

- 11. Quick-service meals average \$14 18; table service averages \$35 60 per person
- 12. Mobile order via the My Disney Experience app skip the counter line
- 13. Split a large entree portions are generous and kids often prefer snacks anyway
- 14. Bring a refillable water bottle free ice water at any quick-service counter
- 15. The \$1.99 Mickey pretzel at Auntie Gravity's is one of the best value snacks
- 16. EPCOT World Showcase has the best food variety and value in all of Disney
- 17. Do a grocery run on arrival day breakfast in your room saves \$15 25/day
- 18. Dole Whip is \$6.49 share one, it's enormous
- 19. Avoid dining at park opening and closing prices and waits spike
- 20. The Flame Tree BBQ at Animal Kingdom is a hidden gem for value and views
- 21. Lunch reservations at table-service restaurants are cheaper than dinner
- 22. Check for free dining promotions Disney offers them 2 3 times per year
- 23. Kids under 3 eat free at all Disney restaurants
- 24. Bring your own reusable cup Disney Springs has a refill station
- 25. Snack credits on dining plans stretch furthest on Dole Whips and Mickey bars

Hotels & Staying Off-Site (Tips 26 35)
