

THE 7220 TRAVEL WHERE TO STAY AT DISNEYLAND

CHOOSE A HOTEL BY HOW YOUR FAMILY TRAVELS

The cheapest nightly rate is not always the lowest-cost vacation. At Disneyland, location, walkability, room layout and midday access can change the entire trip.

HOTEL DECISION GUIDE

THE 7220 TRAVEL APPROACH

Plan the experiences that matter. Leave enough margin in the day for your family to actually enjoy them.

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START WITH THE REAL QUESTION

What Are You Paying the Hotel to Do?

At Disneyland, your hotel can be a place to sleep - or it can be part of your park strategy. Decide which job matters before comparing rates.

JOB 1: SAVE WALKING FRICTION

A close hotel can make stroller logistics, forgotten items and midday breaks much easier.

JOB 3: GIVE YOU A RESET

Pools, quiet time, laundry and easy access back to the room can keep a 3- or 4-day trip from feeling like a marathon.

JOB 2: SLEEP THE FAMILY WELL

Room layout matters. A "great deal" is not great if nobody sleeps because the room configuration is wrong.

JOB 4: CREATE ATMOSPHERE

Some families want Disney theming and resort immersion. Others would rather put that money toward dining, extra nights or another vacation.

COMPARE TOTAL TRIP COST

Room rate + taxes + resort fees + parking + rideshare/shuttle + breakfast + time. That number matters more than the nightly rate alone.

DISNEY HOTELS

The 3 Disneyland Resort Hotels

Disney currently lists three Disneyland Resort hotels. The strongest reasons to pay the premium are usually proximity, Disney atmosphere and on-site benefits - not simply transportation.

HOTEL	BEST-KNOWN ADVANTAGE	FAMILY FIT
Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa	Direct entrance to Disney California Adventure and premium proximity to Downtown Disney / park entrances.	Families who value the easiest midday reset and premium resort experience.
Disneyland Hotel	Classic Disneyland identity, monorail-area access and resort-style pools.	Families who want Disney theming and a distinct "resort" feel.
Pixar Place Hotel	Pixar theming, character touches and close access to Disney California Adventure area.	Families who love Pixar and want a Disney hotel with a different personality.

CURRENT HOTEL PERK

Disney currently advertises one complimentary Lightning Lane entry per registered Guest to an eligible Multi Pass attraction during the Resort hotel stay. Terms and availability apply; confirm this benefit for your dates before relying on it.

GOOD NEIGHBOR HOTELS

Off-Site Can Still Be “Closer” Than You Think

Disney's Good Neighbor hotel program includes approved nearby properties across different categories and distances. At Disneyland, many off-site hotels can be practical choices because the resort sits in a dense Anaheim hotel district.

FACTOR	WHY IT MATTERS
Actual walking route	“Across the street” on a map is not the same as a short gate-to-room walk. Look at the entrance you will actually use.
Room configuration	Suites, bunk beds, kitchenettes and connecting-room options can matter more than hotel category for families.
Breakfast	A useful included breakfast can save money and make early park mornings easier - but only if it starts early enough.
Parking / resort fees	Add these to the nightly rate before comparing hotels.
Shuttle dependence	A hotel with transportation may still create waits, loading time and stroller complexity.
Pool / rest day value	If you plan a midday break or rest day, hotel amenities become part of the vacation.

WALKABLE IS PERSONAL

A “10-minute walk” for two adults is not necessarily a 10-minute walk with a double stroller, tired grandparents and a child who wants to be carried.

DECISION MATRIX

Match the Hotel to the Family

IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU...	PRIORITIZE...
We have toddlers / stroller kids and expect a midday nap.	Shortest realistic walking route and easy room access.
We have 5+ people or teens who need space.	Room layout, suites, extra sleeping surfaces and bathrooms.
We plan to rope drop every day and return late.	Sleep quality, simple morning logistics and a predictable route to the gates.
We want Disney atmosphere even outside the parks.	One of the three Disneyland Resort hotels.
We care most about value.	Total stay cost, not just room rate. Compare breakfast, parking, fees and transportation.
We are multigenerational.	Elevator access, mobility distance, seating, room adjacency and who can comfortably make the walk.

Your non-negotiables

☐ Maximum comfortable walk: _____ minutes

☐ Beds / sleeping surfaces needed: _____

☐ Breakfast required? YES / NO

☐ Pool / midday break important? YES / NO

☐ Parking needed? YES / NO

☐ Mobility / elevator needs: _____

BEFORE YOU BOOK

The 10-Minute Hotel Check

Run every finalist through this list before you choose.

- ☐ Map the actual walking route to the Disneyland pedestrian entrance.
- ☐ Read the room description carefully - "sleeps 5" does not tell you whether the layout works for your family.
- ☐ Add parking, resort / destination fees, taxes and breakfast to the price comparison.
- ☐ Check cancellation terms and deposit rules.
- ☐ Check pool hours and laundry options if those matter.
- ☐ Confirm stroller storage / elevator access if relevant.
- ☐ Look at recent reviews for noise, elevators, housekeeping and room condition - not just star ratings.
- ☐ If using a shuttle, understand its frequency and whether strollers must fold.
- ☐ If staying on-site, verify current hotel benefits for your travel dates.
- ☐ Ask: would we still choose this hotel if everybody is tired at 2:00 PM?

7220 TRAVEL HOTEL RULE

The "best" Disneyland hotel is the one that removes the most friction for your family at a price you are comfortable paying.

HOTEL WORKSHEET

Compare Your Finalists

HOTEL	WALK	TOTAL NIGHTLY COST	ROOM FIT	BREAK FRIENDLY
1. _____	_____ min	\$ _____	Good / OK / Poor	Yes / No
2. _____	_____ min	\$ _____	Good / OK / Poor	Yes / No
3. _____	_____ min	\$ _____	Good / OK / Poor	Yes / No

[] Our #1 hotel priority: _____

[] The trade-off we are willing to accept: _____

[] The trade-off we are NOT willing to accept: _____

READY TO MAKE DISNEYLAND YOURS?

A good Disneyland plan should feel personal, realistic and easier than doing all the research alone. 7220 Travel can help you match the hotel, tickets, park days and priorities to your family.

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Planning sources

Disneyland Resort official Hotels pages - the three Disneyland Resort hotels and current hotel benefits.

Disneyland Resort Good Neighbor Hotels page - current approved lodging options and distance / transportation notes.

Disneyland Resort Preferred Dining Access page - current limited preferred access for eligible hotel dining reservations.

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