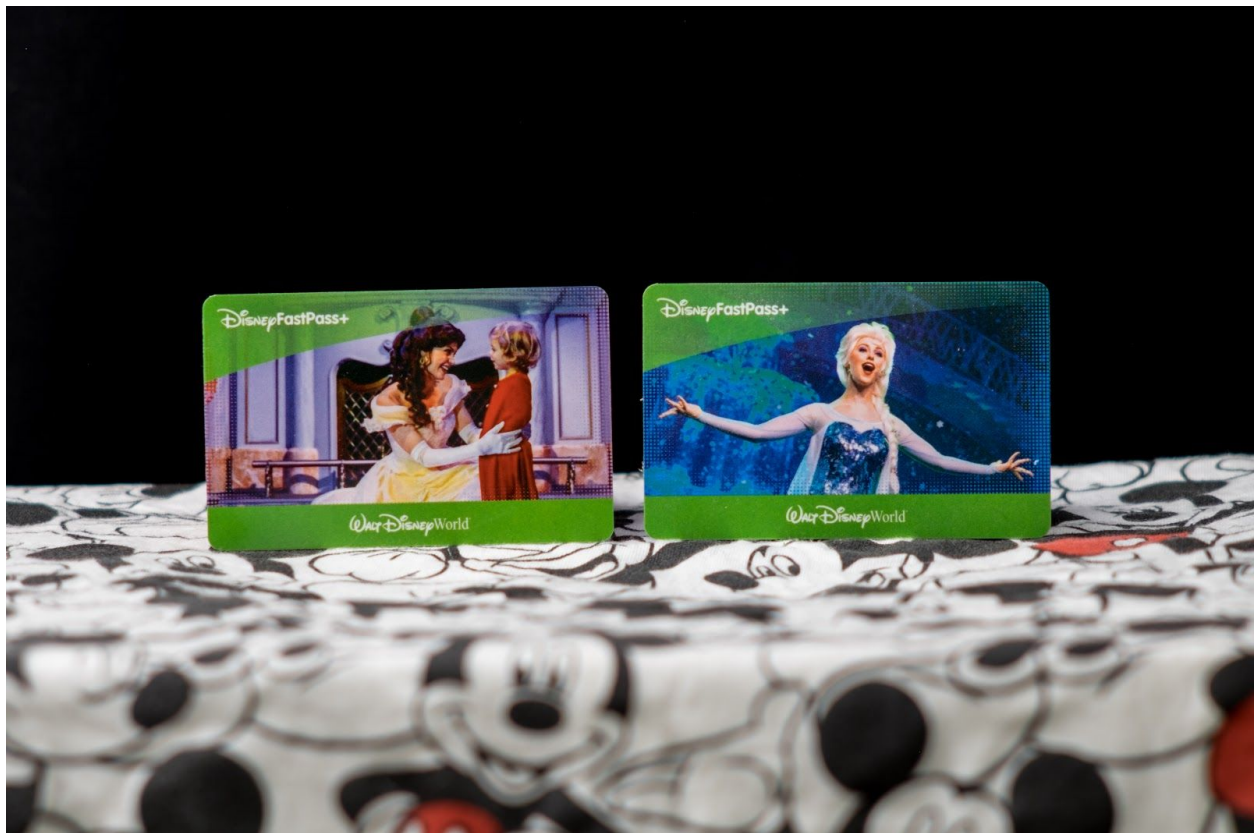


Glossary of Walt Disney World terms and definitions

FastPass+

Walt Disney World offers anyone staying in a Disney Resort the ability to book three FastPass+ passes for each day of their stay. At every theme park ride and attraction, there exist two entrance lines. There is the simple standby line that anyone in the park can walk up and wait their turn. Alternately, you can book a FastPass+ which allows you to enter using the fast lane—effectively bypassing long standby wait times. There is a lot of [internet discussion around strategy](#) in what time of day you should book all FastPass+ for each day so you can maximize your experience, but... Booking FastPass+ can occur online through [My Disney Experience](#) or through the downloadable Disney Experience app for iOS and Android. If technology isn't your thing, you can also book them over the phone or at an information kiosk while you're in the parks. Beware, however, FastPass+ availability can reach its quota for any given day so booking in advance is important.



FastPass+ can be used on a ride or attraction by using the FastPass+ card, which is similar to a gift card or credit card. Or by using your MagicBand.

MagicBands





MagicBands are one of the most impressive pieces of the Disney Experience in that they remove several common friction points of any vacation experience. This offers visitors a worry-free, hands-free experience. In appearance, a MagicBand resembles the a wrist watch shape wrapped in the aesthetic of a FitBit fitness tracker. Disney makes many options available to its users, so it can be as much a fashion statement as it is functional.

While at Walt Disney World, your MagicBand acts as:

- Your resort room key
- Your payment method for anything in the park or resort
- Your pass to quick ride access via picking FastPass+

Memory Maker & PhotoPass

While at Disney World, Disney understands the desire to capture magical moments. To help capture those moments, they have professional photographers in strategic and favorable locations throughout each park. Whether walking down Main Street toward Cinderella's castle in Magical Kingdom or in front of the Tree of Life in Animal Kingdom, a photographer will happily capture the moment for you. Additionally,

most rides and attractions have one or two photo opportunities throughout the duration.

[Memory Maker](#) is an add-on service to [PhotoPass](#) that lets you own all of your photos taken at the park—whether on a ride or by a Disney photographer—for one price. If you're interested in digital or physical photos of Disney memories it is a great value. Without this service, it can be incredibly expensive to print or purchase digital copies of photos individually during or after your stay. One oversight, I feel, is that Memory Maker doesn't provide a permanent storage option for all your Disney World photos. You will need to download and store all photos yourself, before they expire and get deleted from Disney's servers.

If you don't purchase Memory Maker you still have the opportunity to purchase your digital photos at a per-photo price. You can also purchase physical prints from Disney for 45 days after a photo was taken.

Resort tier system

Walt Disney World offers resorts for every budget. Here is a high level overview of all four levels.

- Value Resorts: This tier offers the most affordable and basic accommodations. They have a lot more rooms available and resemble a higher class motel. These are also typically further away from all four Disney Parks and the only transportation option to get to the parks is by bus. The trade off is longer wait times to get to the parks and less impressive rooms.
- Moderate Resorts: This is a significant step up from the Value tier. Several of resorts in this tier offer more than bus transportation between the resort and parks.
- Deluxe Resorts: This tier is pricey, more limited rooms, books up more quickly, and offers more. This tier level is common in the [Disney Vacation Club](#) as many resorts at this tier level were created for Disney Vacation Club members.
- Deluxe Villa Resorts: These resorts more closely resemble small homes—offering a full kitchen, better amenities, larger bedrooms, and more living areas.