

Old Basic 5 Night, now obsolete

OVERVIEW

This **incredibly difficult** itinerary (*click to open; when open, click again to enlarge*) and its associated [To-Do List](#) are for the basic December week, **but three days shorter, skipping the first and second Saturdays and second Sunday.**

It provides—just barely—enough time in the parks by

- Taking out almost all of your off and down time
- Accepting the risk that you won't see everything—and especially all the pavilions in the World Showcase—at Epcot, which is typically the least favorite park for kids
- Assuming that everything goes just right at the Magic Kingdom

The entries below provide daily guidance and your To-Do List.

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BASIC ITINERARY 5 NIGHTS/6 DAYS

(This itinerary also works for the weeks before and after)

Meals:	Sunday 12/6/09, 12/5/10, 12/4/11	Monday 12/7/09, 12/6/10, 12/5/11	Tuesday 12/8/09, 12/7/10, 12/6/11
Breakfast	Travel	Hotel Room	Hotel Counter Brunch
Lunch	Hotel Counter	Flame Tree Barbecue	Snack
Dinner	6:15 50's Prime Time Café	7:15p Hoop-Dee-Do Revue**	6p Crystal Palace
Special Snack	Sci-Fi Diner		Dole Whip Aloha Isle
Parks, etc:			
Early Morning	Travel	Animal Kingdom by 7:30	Off
Late Morning	Travel	Animal Kingdom	Off
Early Afternoon	Travel	Animal Kingdom	Magic Kingdom by 12:30p
Late Afternoon	Hollywood Studios	Leave AK for Fort Wilderness BP	Magic Kingdom
Evening	Hollywood to at least 9:30p	Hoop-Dee-Do Revue at FW	Magic Kingdom
Late Evening	Hollywood up to 11p		Magic Kingdom up to 12 MN
Events:			
Parade	3p Parade	3:45p Parade	10:30p Parade
Fireworks	8p Fantasmic		9:30p Holiday Wishes
Special Event	6p Osborne Xmas Lights		Mickey's Xmas Party***
Special Event			10:15p "Celebrate the Season"
Special Event			11:15p "Night Before Xmas"
Meals:	Wednesday 12/9/09, 12/8/10, 12/7/11	Thursday 12/10/09, 12/9/10, 12/8/11	Friday 12/11/09, 12/10/10, 12/9/11
Breakfast	Hotel Room	Hotel Room	Hotel Room
Lunch	TBD: Cinderella's Royal Table	Backlot Express	Sunshine Season Food Fair
Dinner	8p Rainforest Café DTD	6:30 San Angel Inn****	Travel
Special Snack	-	Boulangerie Patisserie	
Parks, etc:			
Early Morning	Magic Kingdom by 8:30	Hollywood Studios by 8:15	Epcot by 8:30
Late Morning	Magic Kingdom	Hollywood	Epcot
Early Afternoon	Magic Kingdom	Hollywood	Epcot
Late Afternoon	Depart MK by 4:30p for DTD****	To Epcot by 2p	Travel
Evening	8p Cirque du Soleil DTD	Epcot	Travel
Late Evening			Travel
Events:			
Parade	3p Parade		
Fireworks		9:30p Illuminations	
Special Event	Cirque du Soleil DTD	6p Xmas Tree Lighting	
Special Event		8:15p Candlelight Processional	
Special Event			
			<u>Underline=</u>
			Counter Service
			Bold=
			Table Service
			<i>Italic=Cash,</i>
			not Dining Plan credit
			Red=
			Character Meal

*Cereal, juice, fruit, etc. in room.

**Two table service credits

***Officially, "Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party," abbreviated MVMCP

****Downtown Disney

*****As Candlelight Processional Package; see "How to Eat"

SUNDAY AGENDA: 12/6/09, 12/5/10, 12/4/11

Check in, get settled if your room is ready, and be at Disney's [Hollywood Studios](#) as soon as you can, for a great afternoon and evening of fun, capped by Fantasmic at 8 pm.

Because you are a Disney resort guest, you can stay as late as 11 pm—missing the crowds leaving after Fantasmic, and giving you more time earlier in the evening to see several special Christmas shows.

FIRST THINGS

- Arrive at your hotel, following the instructions in your Disney Magical Express packet if you are using it to get from Orlando International to your Disney Resort. Check in
- Unless you are arriving late, your room will likely not be ready, but you can get your keys, meal credits, special show tickets, and park tickets. Change into clothes more appropriate for the weather—which your [To-Do List](#) reminded you to pack in your carry-

ons. You will be able to check any carry-ons until you return later tonight, and to call later to find out your exact room

- If your room is ready, and if you have time, get food and supplies (bowls, napkins, scotch) for your breakfast in the morning, which you will be eating out of your room. Also get (from the counter service restaurant) a “Refillable Mug,” which you will be able to re-use at your resort for free drinks over your entire stay
- If you arrive early enough, and are hungry, have lunch at your hotel’s counter service restaurant (counter credit)
- Leave your hotel as soon as you can, and no later than 2p
- Find your hotel bus stop and grab the bus to the Studios

AT THE PARK

- As you enter the park, grab a park map and Times Guide and compare the schedule in it to the items below, adjusting this itinerary if necessary



- See the American Idol Experience
- Watch the 3p parade from the Sunset Boulevard side of Mickey’s hat
- See the 3:30 Beauty and the Beast, Live on Stage
- See Walt Disney: One Man’s Dream, and The Magic of Disney Imagination
- If you have time, see Playhouse Disney Live on Stage and then Sounds Dangerous—unless you have kids younger than 6, don’t worry if you have to skip both; if you have younger kids, and have to skip one, skip Sounds Dangerous
- Return to the streets of New York, explore, and see the 6pm lighting of the Osborne Family Spectacle of Dancing Lights
- Have dinner at 6:15pm at the 50s Prime Time Café, where your waiter will interact with you in a comic way (table credit)
- Get in line for Fantasmic by 30 minutes before it starts
- See Fantasmic
- Grab another dessert in the Sci-Fi Diner (cash), which is unlike any other restaurant you have seen
- Get your wrist bands allowing you to stay late if you don’t have them already
- See the Voyage of the Little Mermaid
- See the Great Movie Ride
- See Star Tours
- See the Muppet Movie
- If you are up for it, see one or both of Rock ‘n Roller Coaster and Tower of Terror. Otherwise, you will see these on Thursday morning
- Return to your hotel when you choose—**but tomorrow is an early day!**

Note: bring [The Comprehensive Guide to Rides](#) and [Rides that Might be Skipped](#) in case your day gets too intense.

BACK AT THE HOTEL

Buy food, supplies (bowls, spoons, etc) and refillable mugs for breakfast in your room if your gift shop is still open, and if you did not have time, or a room assignment, earlier.

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

Tomorrow is your earliest day! **Set your alarm so that you can** have had breakfast in your room, packed spare clothes, and **be at your bus stop by 6:40 am!**

MONDAY AGENDA: 12/7/09, 12/6/10, 12/5/11

See Disney's [Animal Kingdom](#), and go from there to Fort Wilderness for the [Hoop Dee Doo Revue](#) Dinner Show.

FIRST THINGS

- Get up early and eat breakfast in your room
- Pack spare clothes in a plastic bag (because on one of the rides, Kali River Rapids, you will get soaked!)
- Remember to bring your Hoop Dee Doo tickets!
- Be at the hotel Animal Kingdom bus stop by 6:50 am

AT THE PARK

- Arrive at the Animal Kingdom park by 7:30 am
- Get in line and await the opening
- After 8:00 opening, pick up a Times Guide and park map, go to Africa, and ride Kilimanjaro Safaris
- Stroll through the Pangani Forest Exploration Trail just outside the Safari exit. While strolling, double check the time schedule against the shows on this list and revise your plans if needed
- Head to Asia, and fastpass Expedition Everest. Your return window will likely begin after 10am
- Go to Dinoland USA, and ride Dinosaur
- You need to be in Camp Minnie Mickey by 9:20, so only if time permits, ride Primeval Whirl and Triceratops Spin
- Go to Camp Minnie Mickey, and see the 9:30 Festival of the Lion King
- Return to Asia via Discovery Island and fastpass It's A Bugs Life as you pass by
- Ride Expedition Everest
- If time permits, and you missed them earlier, ride Primeval Whirl and Triceratops Spin; don't worry if you miss them entirely
- In Asia, see the 11:30 Flights of Wonder
- Juggle lunch (Flame Tree Barbecue, counter credit), your fastpass return to It's A Bugs Life, and the Wildlife Express Train so that you can be in line (between Dinoland and Asia) for the 3:15 pm Finding Nemo show by 2:30 pm. If time presses, skip the train

- See the 3:15 Finding Nemo show
- Go back to the bridge next to Flights of Wonder and watch the 3:45p parade from the Everest side of the path
- Stroll through the Maharajah Jungle Trek
- Ride Kali River Rapids if the day is warm enough: you will get soaked!!! Change into your dry clothes
- Re-ride your favorites; don't worry if you missed the Wildlife Express Train
- Exit the park in time to be at the Animal Kingdom's Fort Wilderness bus stop by 6p sharp; explore the exhibits in the Oasis as you leave

Note: bring [The Comprehensive Guide to Rides](#) and [Rides that Might be Skipped](#) in case your day gets too intense.

YOUR EVENING

- Be at the Animal Kingdom's bus stop for the Fort Wilderness bus by 6p
- When you arrive at Fort Wilderness, you will be outside the resort. Get off the bus from Animal Kingdom and transfer to any INTERNAL Fort Wilderness bus—tell the driver as you board that you are going to the Hoop Dee Doo Revue
- Get off at the stop your driver directs you, check in for the Revue (two table credits), and enjoy
- Find the boat docks and take the boat to the Magic Kingdom
- Return to your hotel by monorail if you are staying at the Polynesian or bus (at the Magic Kingdom bus area to the right of where you exit the boat) if you are staying at Pop Century

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

You get to sleep in tomorrow! You are off all morning, with a leisurely brunch at your hotel counter service, and then on to the Magic Kingdom!

TUESDAY AGENDA: 12/8/09, 12/7/10, 12/6/11

Sleep in, have brunch at your hotel, and head to the [Magic Kingdom](#) for an afternoon of fun and [Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party](#) (MVMCP) in the evening!

FIRST THINGS

Sleep in, have brunch in your hotel's counter service restaurant (counter credit), grab your MVMCP tickets, and depart by 11:50 (Pop Century bus) or 12:10 from the Resort Monorail stop at the Polynesian—the one reached from the second floor of the Great Ceremonial House—for the Magic Kingdom

AT THE PARK

- Enter the park, asking as you enter how to get your Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party (MVMCP) armbands, get a guide map, and walk through Adventureland to Splash Mountain. Fastpass it
- Walk back through Adventureland and see the Enchanted Tiki House and The Swiss Family Robinson Treehouse
- Cut over to Liberty Square and see the Hall of Presidents and, if it is not yet 2:00p, ride the Liberty Belle Steamboat. If it is after 2p, but before 2:20, grab a snack and make your way back to near Splash Mountain and take the rafts to Tom Sawyer Island. Explore, but be back in line for a raft by 2:45p. If it is after 2:20, explore the shops around Frontierland
- By 2:50, be back by Splash Mountain and explore the area around Splash Mountain and Big Thunder Mountain until the 3:00 parade starts. Don't leave this area or the parade will trap you on the wrong side of the park!
- Watch the first 5 minutes of the parade from the Splash Mountain side and then walk to Big Thunder Mountain and ride it (the wait will not be long, as the parade will have drawn off many riders) You will see the full parade tomorrow
- Get off, and head back into Adventureland using the road to the right of Pecos Bills. Adventureland will be less crowded not only because of people watching the parade, but also because it is the only land that the parade cuts off
- Do the rides in Adventureland you missed this afternoon as you come to them, starting with Pirates of the Caribbean and making your way towards the Jungle Cruise
- Return to Splash Mountain when your fastpass time indicates and ride it
- If you have time before your 6pm dinner, return to Adventureland and continue there; otherwise, head to Liberty Square and explore while waiting for 6p
- As 6p nears, go to the Crystal Palace (table credit). If you have time, get your MVMCP armbands if you haven't already. Enjoy your character meal!
- MVMCP begins at 7. Get your armbands if you hadn't already, grab a MVMCP schedule and check against the times below
- Head to Tomorrowland and do all the rides you can there, beginning with Space Mountain
- Ignore the first parade—you will watch its identical repeat at 10:30
- Your first scheduled element of the evening is the 9:30 p.m. special Christmas fireworks. If you finish the rides in Tomorrowland well before then, make your way to Liberty Square and do the Haunted Mansion
- Near 9:30, make your way as close to the Cinderella's Castle as you can to watch the 9:30 fireworks
- After the fireworks, continue to edge in towards Cinderella's Castle to position yourself to...
- Watch the 10:15 show, on the Main Street side of the Castle, "Celebrate the Seasons," and to be in a good spot to...
- Watch the 10:30 Parade as it passes by
- After the parade, you may have time for one more ride in Tomorrowland before you make your way to the Galaxy Palace Theater by the Carousel of Progress to...
- See the 11:15 "Twas the Night Before Christmas"
- Do another ride or two if you have the energy. The park will be quite empty now

- Head back to the entrance, and leave the park. Pop Century guests go back to your hotel the same way you came. Polynesian guests will save as many as 20 minutes by taking the express monorail, not the resort monorail, back, getting off at TTC and walking back

Note: bring [The Comprehensive Guide to Rides](#) and [Rides that Might be Skipped](#) in case your day gets too intense.

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

Another early-ish morning! You will spend the day in the Magic Kingdom, and the evening in Downtown Disney seeing the fantastic Cirque du Soleil.

You need have finished breakfast in your room and be at the bus stop at Pop Century by 7:40, or at the Resort Monorail Stop at the Polynesian (the same one you used today) by 8:10.

WEDNESDAY AGENDA: 12/9/09, 12/8/10, 12/7/11

Today you will continue at the Magic Kingdom and make your way to [Downtown Disney](#) (DTD) in the evening for the spectacular [Cirque du Soleil](#) La Nouba show, with dinner following at the Rainforest Café

FIRST THINGS

Finish breakfast in your room, make sure you have your Cirque du Soleil tickets, and be at the Magic Kingdom bus stop at Pop Century by 7:40, or at the Resort Monorail Stop at the Polynesian by 8:10

AT THE PARK

- Arrive by 8:30. When you are let in at the opening at 9, head straight for Cinderella's Castle and go through it to Fantasyland
- Ride first the attractions that because of their capacity, popularity, or both, get busy quickly—in order, Dumbo, Cinderella's Golden Carousel, Peter Pan, the Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, and Snow White's Scary Adventures. If your children imagine they are too old to enjoy one or both of the first two—then they are, and skip to the next items on the list
- Finish the remaining rides in Fantasyland
- Note the time of your seating for Cinderella's Royal Table Lunch (cash) and interrupt your morning for it as needed
- When you have finished both Fantasyland and lunch, return to (in order) Liberty Square, Frontierland, Adventureland, and Tomorrowland to ride any rides you either did not get to or were closed yesterday. (Not all the minor rides were open during MVMCP)
- Watch the 3p parade
- If you have not finished with the attractions in the principal lands, continue; otherwise take the train to Mickey's Toontown Fair and explore for a few minutes

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YOUR EVENING

- By 4:30 walk or take the resort monorail to the Contemporary Resort, and there find the bus stop for Downtown Disney (DTD), and take the bus to DTD. (You go to the Contemporary because buses do not run from the parks to DTD)
- Ask the driver which stop to get off for Cirque du Soleil (special ticket, cash)
- Get off, get a map, and find Cirque du Soleil. If it is 5:30 or later, enter and find your seats. If earlier, explore DTD a bit, being sure to be inside Cirque du Soleil by 5:30
- Exit Cirque du Soleil, ask a cast member for directions to the DTD Rainforest Café (cash), find it, and either enter if it is near 8 or wander a bit if you are earlier than your reservation
- After dinner, spend as much time in DTD as you like, and when you are ready, use your map to find the closest bus stop and take the bus back to your hotel

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

You will begin first thing at Disney's Hollywood Studios and finish your day at Epcot

THURSDAY AGENDA: 12/10/09, 12/9/10, 12/8/11

A very full day, beginning at Disney's [Hollywood Studios](#), and ending in Epcot with the 9:30p fireworks show "Illuminations"

FIRST THINGS

- Get up early and eat breakfast in your room
- Don't forget your Candlelight Processional tickets
- Be at the hotel bus stop by 7:35a, and take the bus labeled "Studios" or "Hollywood Studios"

AT THE PARK

- Arrive at the park by 8:15 am
- Get in line and await the opening
- After the 9:00 opening, pick up a "Times Guide"—a schedule—and park map, walk to Toy Story Mania on Pixar Boulevard, fastpass it, and come back later
- Head for Sunset Boulevard, and while walking double check this itinerary against the actual show and Fantasmic schedule and revise your plans if needed.
- Ride Rock N' Roller Coaster
- Ride Tower of Terror
- Based on today's show schedule, return for your fastpasses, and see Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Spectacular, the Backlot Tour, and Lights, Motors, Action Extreme Stunt Show. Work in lunch at the Backlot Express (counter credit) when you can

- Exit the park, and go left at the exit to find the boat to Epcot. Take it to Epcot, get off, go through the turnstiles and pick up a park map and “Times Guide.” Go straight heading towards the World Showcase portion
- Go clockwise around the World Showcase, to Canada, and then starting there see the pavilions in counter-clockwise order.
 - Each pavilion will have some or all of shopping, special exhibits, a ride, a movie, a special Christmas story that is part of Epcot’s “Christmas Around the World” program, and other special events—such as acrobats in China.
 - Check your map, time schedule, and the Pavilion itself, to see what each pavilion has.
 - For scheduled events like the Christmas story, acrobats, etc, sequence what you do when among items that are not scheduled (shops, exhibits, and rides), and bounce back and forth between nearby pavilions, so that you don’t have to wait long for the scheduled items
- Return to the Christmas tree between the World Showcase and Future World by 5:45. See the 6pm tree lighting ceremony
- Begin to visit Mexico
- Be at the San Angel Inn (table credit) inside the Mexico pavilion for your 6:30 dinner
- After dinner, continue visiting the World Showcase until about 7:45. Make sure you see the American Adventure now if you have not already done so
- At 7:45, find the line for the guaranteed seating for the Candlelight Processional. There are two lines—one standing room only, and one guaranteed. The guaranteed line—YOUR LINE—is usually the one that goes counterclockwise and ends at the American Pavilion stage. Check with a cast member (not with another, possibly equally confused, guest) to be sure you are in the right line!
- See the 8:15 Candlelight Processional
- You likely will have time to tour one more pavilion—but not see a movie or a ride in it—before finding a spot to watch Illuminations
- By 9:15, find a spot near the Christmas tree to watch Illuminations
- At 9:30, watch the special Christmas version of Illuminations
- Follow the crowd towards Spaceship Earth to the main exit. Pop people find the bus stops to the left; Polynesian residents, take the monorail to TTC, and walk from there back to the Polynesian

Note: bring [The Comprehensive Guide to Rides](#) and [Rides that Might be Skipped](#) in case your day gets too intense.

PREVIEW OF TOMORROW

You will be finishing off Epcot, and heading home

FRIDAY AGENDA: 12/11/09, 12/10/10, 12/9/11

Today you will check out, finish your time at Epcot, and travel home.

FIRST THINGS

- Pop Century guests need to complete their breakfast in their room, check out and check their luggage, and be at their bus stop by 7:50. Polynesian guests need to do the same, and walk over to TTC and be on the Epcot monorail platform by 8:10.
- **Checking out.** Get yourself ready to go and check out. By the time you need to leave for the Epcot, you need to have
 - Packed up, checked out, and taken care of your luggage: have either
 - Checked it through the Disney Magical Express, or
 - Checked it directly at the resort to your airline if
 - a. you aren't taking the Express, and
 - b. your airline participates in Disney's resort check in program (all airlines at Orlando International can take bags from Disney's Magical Express, but not all can take a resort bag check from those guests who are not using the Express), or
 - Checked your luggage with your resort's front desk for later recovery.

AT THE PARK

- Be at Epcot by 8:30.
- Enter the turnstiles when the park opens at 9, grab a map and Times Schedule, and follow the cast members to Soarin
- Ride Soarin, then walk across the park to Mission: Space. Fastpass it
- Walk to Test Track and ride
- If your Mission: Space fastpass is ready, use it (ride the "green" version of the ride, which everyone will like; the "orange" version may be too intense or nausea-inducing for some.) otherwise ride Ellen's Universe of Energy
- When you have ridden both the above, cross the park again to the Seas pavilion and see Turtle Talk with Crush, and then the Seas with Nemo and Friends
- Return to The Land pavilion—where you saw Soarin—and see the other rides in this building. If you wish, fastpass Soarin for another ride, if the return time works
- If you are ready for lunch, have it now, as you will be eating lunch in this building, in the Sunshine Seasons Food Fair (counter credit) on the same level as Soarin. If not, continue with the steps below and return for lunch when you are ready
- Move on to the Imagination building, and see Honey I Shrunk the Audience. Skip Journey Into Imagination with Figment unless you have a lot of time on your hands. A lot of time...
- See Spaceship Earth
- If you have time before you need to be back at your hotel for your transportation arrangements, see Innoventions and any World Showcase pavilions you missed yesterday. Give [Kim Possible's World Showcase Adventure](#) a try
- Head back to your hotel the same way you came, and travel home

Note: bring [The Comprehensive Guide to Rides](#) and [Rides that Might be Skipped](#) in case your day gets too intense

See [this](#) for a summary of this itinerary

NOTE: CALENDAR TO SHIFT BACK TO 180 DAYS

Many sources—e.g. WDWinfo.com [here](#)—are reporting that **on October 27th, most/all WDW restaurants will be returned to being reservable 180 days in advance.**

This means that for **arrival dates January 25th 2010** and later, for “90 days” below, you should read “180 days,” etc.

It also means that, as Mark Goldhaber of MousePlanet.com notes [here](#), that Disney reservations will be very busy on October 27!

For a 90 and 180 day calendar, see [this](#).

A. MORE THAN 90 DAYS (180 DAYS BEGINNING 10/27) BEFORE YOUR PLANNED ARRIVAL DATE

1. Confirm your budget, planned dates, kids’ development paths and heights, and your transportation choice and its availability for your planned dates.

2. Make your plane reservations, if flying. Make any other needed transportation arrangements.

3. Set up your hotel and tickets. Call 407-939-7675 (preferred**, because this allows you to tell the reservationist which building at your resort you wish to be in, which the new WDW website no longer allows you to do), or click [here](#) to use Disney’s online system.**

- When the page opens, click “Book Vacation Packages”
- Add your dates, party size and age of your kids
- Set up your basic package:
 - Click “Advanced Search”
 - Click “I know the Resort I want.”
 - In the drop down menu that appears, click to open, and scroll to pick your hotel
 - Click “Dining Plan”
 - Click “Continue”
 - Wait
- Fix the options—a page will open that has selected several options for you, most of them wrong. You will need to fix in each section, and update the sections as you go.
 - At the top of the page you will be put into the most expensive room. Click the button for the least expensive instead. (The views aren’t worth it for first time family visitors, except Animal Kingdom Lodge visitors should always pick a Savannah view)
 - Click “Update” and wait
 - Click, in the “Park Tickets and Options” section, the button in the upper right that says “Open.”
 - Leave the “Park Hopper” box clicked, but unclick the “Water Parks and More” box

- Change the number of days in your tickets to 6
 - Click “Update” and wait
- Click “Ground Transportation” and when it opens, click Disney’s Magical Express, and add your airline info
- Click “Continue” and wait
- Click “Select this Offer” at the bottom of the page and wait
- When the pricing pages shows up, unclick Trip Insurance (if offered)
- In the “Special Room Requests” section, click to open, then click “Refrigerator”
- If you are on the phone, tell the reservationist what room you want
 - If a Polynesian guest, ask for a room on the third floor (quieter) in Rapa Nui or Tahiti. (These are 2 of the only 3 buildings with both the largest rooms and balconies on all floors, and are the 2 buildings closest to the Epcot monorail. You are in fact so close to TTC that you can take the express monorail home from the Magic Kingdom—much faster than the resort monorail.)
 - If a Pop Century Guest, ask for a room on the 4th floor (quieter) in the 1970s area. (This is the only building group at Pop Century that does not surround a pool, so it will be quieter at night.)
- Complete the transaction with your credit card.

B. 91 DAYS (181 DAYS BEGINNING 10/27) BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL DATE

Go to the online restaurant reservations page [here](#), set up an account if you don’t already have one, and practice trying to reserve restaurants.

This may well drive you crazy, but the site works better than it used to...and is likely the only way you can get your Cindy reservations done! (as the site opens up a new reservable day at 6a, whereas the phone reservation line opens at 7a).

Collect your restaurant reservations together. You will want to do them online in order of hardest to reserve first. This is how they are listed below.

C. EXACTLY 6am EST, EXACTLY 90 DAYS (180 DAYS 10/27 AND LATER) BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL DATE

(For an 180-90 day calendar, see [this](#)).

1. Be on the restaurant website [here](#) by at least 5:50am EST, and have your Cindy reservation all set up on the page. Keep refreshing, as you will be let in as soon as Disney’s system decides it is 6a.

Make as many of the following as you have patience for (try to get through at least Akershus), in the exact order listed:

- **Cinderella’s Royal Table Lunch** (cash): Wednesday at 11a or later if you can; earlier than 11 only if your sole option...
- **Hoop-Dee-Doo Revue** (dining plan, two credits): Monday 7:15p show. The other two times don’t work well

- **Crystal Palace** (dining plan): Tuesday 8p if you can; earlier or later ok
- **Downtown Disney's Rainforest Café** (NOT the Rainforest café at the Animal Kingdom!!) (cash): Wednesday 8p if you can; no earlier, but later is ok
- **San Angel Inn as Candlelight Processional Package for the 8:15 Candlelight Processional show** (dining plan): Thursday 5:30. Earlier OK but cuts into your pool/nap time; no later than 6:30p
- **50's Prime Time Café** (dining plan): Sunday 6:15p. Not earlier; can be up to 15 minutes later

For those you don't make online, make them by calling call (407) WDW-DINE (939-3463)

2. Go to the site for [Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party](#), and order tickets for your family for Tuesday (Cash)

3. Order your Cirque du Soleil tickets (Category 2) for the 6p show on Wednesday at [this site](#) (cash).

D. CHECK THIS SITE IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERY FOLLOWING MONTH FOR ANY CHANGES.

E. NOTES ON PACKING, ETC. BEFORE YOU LEAVE

1. Check in online at the link you can find on [this](#) page

2. If you use Disney's Magical Express, *you do not need to collect your bags at the Orlando airport. Disney will get them for you and, eventually, deliver them directly to your room. **Your bags may arrive hours after you do;** so, depending on the weather forecasts, have a carry-on with an appropriate change of clothes for Orlando weather on Saturday, as you will almost certainly go to Disney's Hollywood Studios on Sunday before your checked bags arrive.*

3. Follow the instructions in the Magical Express packet you will receive in the mail regarding both tagging your bags pre-departure, and where to go at the Orlando airport to find your transport to your resort.

4. Bring a copy of your room reservation, confirmation numbers (such as for the Gospel Brunch) and any tickets for special events you may have received in the mail.

5. Pack breakfast utensils, as they are not always available in the gift shop: bowls, spoons, napkins

6. When you arrive at the hotel, look for the special "On-line Check-in" line, and get into it.