

General Touring Philosophy: Because of its massive size and the long length of many of its attractions, Epcot is best experienced over two days, particularly now that Frozen Ever After is such a high priority. Most visitors will want to use FastPass+ at Frozen on at least one day and otherwise keep mostly to one side of the park. This way, you cut down on the amount of walking necessary and you won't run into waits longer than a few minutes all day. On your Test Track day, visit Future World East and the World Showcase Pavilions from Mexico through the U.S, riding Frozen with FP+ in the early afternoon. On your Soarin' day, hit Future World West and the Pavilions from Canada through Japan, using FP+ again at Frozen or elsewhere.

With just one day, things are more complicated if you want to try to do Soarin', Test Track, Frozen, and IllumiNations. The best way to accomplish that is to ride Test Track at rope drop, use FastPass+ at Frozen, ride Soarin' around 7pm, and then see IllumiNations. If you're willing to forego seeing IllumiNations, Frozen typically has an actual wait under 30 minutes at the very end of the night, but the ride may not be operational. If you're willing to risk it, ride Test Track or Soarin' first thing, use FastPass+ at the other, and get in line for Frozen about five minutes before park close. Those skipping Frozen can also do this and instead enjoy IllumiNations. Test Track single rider is a viable option with actual waits typically under 20 minutes all day.

Characters: Joy and Sadness inside Innoventions West are the highest priority and see waits of 30 to 60+ minutes. Visit first thing if possible or late at night. The Princesses in World Showcase can see substantial waits. Mickey, Minnie and Goofy at Character Spot can also see 30 to 50 minute waits. It's best to do Character Spot near park close or use FastPass+. Most other characters will have 5 to 20 minute waits. Random characters may also appear in between the Canada and United Kingdom Pavilions and to the left of Liberty Inn in the U.S. in the afternoon.

**Rope Drop:** Epcot has two entrances – Guests arriving via Disney bus, monorail, or their own vehicles will enter via the main entrance at the front of the park. The International Gateway entrance in between the France and UK Pavilions in World Showcase is used by those arriving from the BoardWalk, Beach Club, Yacht Club, Swan, and Dolphin resorts.

If your group arrives later than you'd like at the main entrance, check to see if Disney is still letting in guests with breakfast reservations on the far right (sometimes left) side of the entrance. If yes, wait until these lines open to everyone and hurry over for a shorter wait. Disney typically starts letting guests enter the park between 20 and 40 minutes before official open. Guests are then held at Spaceship Earth typically until 10 to 15 minutes before official open and then allowed to head to the attraction of their choice freely.

From the International Gateway, Disney will typically let guests enter the Park 20 to 40 minutes before official open. Guests are held at the top of the hill in front of Yorkshire Fish in the UK Pavilion until 10 to 15 minutes before official open and then allowed to head to the attraction of their choice freely.

The International Gateway entrance is typically better for Frozen, but will put you at a slight disadvantage at Soarin' or Test Track due to how far away it is. Those with pre-opening breakfast reservations at Akershus in Norway have an advantage at Frozen Ever After if they are able to finish breakfast and be outside by 8:50am.

#### **FASTPASS+ AT EPCOT**

FastPass+ at Epcot is divided into two tiers. Guests may initially select only one Tier 1 experience. Frozen is the highest priority as it will save the most time and guarantee you will be able to ride should the attraction go down for technical difficulties. Soarin' and Test Track are more or less even as a second priority though Test Track gets the nod now that capacity at Soarin' has increased and waits are down. Test Track is typically more convenient to ride in standby first thing, so many guests may still elect to use FastPass+ at Soarin' instead. On the other hand, those willing to ride Test Track in single rider may favor using FP+ at Soarin'.

There are eight options for Tier 2 and you may initially select two of them. Most guests will want to initially select two of the top four choices. Note that Mission: SPACE does not require selecting Orange or Green in advance, but Orange waits are routinely longer and those that prefer the more intense version will save more time. Thus, Orange FP+ is recommended higher.

# **FastPass+ Priority:**

Tier 1 (Choose One)

- 1. Frozen Ever After
- 2. Test Track
- 3. Soarin'
- 4. IllumiNations

### Tier 2 (Choose Two):

- 1. Spaceship Earth
- 2. Mission: SPACE Orange
- 3. Character Spot (Only offered for the Mickey side. Joy/Sadness do not offer FastPass+)
- 4. Mission: SPACE Green
- 5. Turtle Talk with Crush
- 6. Journey into Imagination with Figment
- 7. The Seas with Nemo and Friends
- 8. Living with the Land
- 9. Pixar Short Film Festival

### 4th FastPass+ Selection Availability

Tier 1 selections will be limited by noon and only cancelations may be available. Refresh the app as often as possible for the most availability. Lower Tier 2 priorities will have plentiful availability for most of the day and may save a handful of minutes at each, though it's usually easy enough to see the attractions in standby during a recommend time.

#### FastPass+ Kiosks:

- Future World West breezeway across from the entrance to Character Spot
- Future World East breezeway outside Mouse Gear and across from Electric Umbrella
- International Gateway in between UK and France Pavilions near entrance/exit

### TWO DAY TOURING PLAN

## Two Day Plan, Morning Day 1

Use FastPass+ at Turtle Talk with Crush (10am – 11am) Character Spot (11am – 12pm), Your Tier 1 Choice

- 1. Ride Soarin': 9am 9:25am
- 2. Ride Living with the Land: 9:30am 9:45am
- 3. Ride Journey into Imagination with Figment: 9:55am 10:15am
- 4. Ride The Seas with Nemo and Friends: 10:20am 10:40am
- 5. See Turtle Talk with Crush with FP+ and Look Around the Seas: 10:45am 11:30am
- 6. Visit Character Spot with FastPass+: 11:35am 11:50am
- 7. Ride Soarin' or Frozen Ever After with FastPass+: 12pm 12:30pm
- 8. Have lunch. Sunshine Seasons makes sense if you rode Soarin' or try World Showcase.

### Two Day Plan, Afternoon and Evening Day 1

You have a lot of options depending on what you want to do and where you plan to have dinner. Consider heading up to World Showcase beginning with the Canada Pavilion. Even though there aren't waits at the attractions in Canada, France, etc. touring the area in low crowds means you'll have an easier time perusing the shops and fewer people in front of you at the various acts. Consider returning to Future World around 5pm. You'll be exiting World Showcase when crowds peak there and returning to Future World where waits will be short for everything other than Soarin' and Test Track.

### Two Day Plan Morning Day 2

Use FastPass+ at Test Track (9:30am-10:30am), Spaceship Earth (10:30am-11:30am), and a third selection.

- 1. Ride Test Track: 8:55am 9:20am
- 2. Ride Mission: SPACE: 9:25am 9:45am
- 3. Ride Test Track with FastPass+: 9:50am 10:15am
- 4. Ride Spaceship Earth with FastPass+: 10:25am 10:45am
- 5. Experience a third attraction with FastPass+ (Mission: SPACE again or something from Day 1?)

## Two Day Plan, Late Morning and Evening Day 2

You have some options depending on what you plan to do in World Showcase and whether you're planning to head back to Future World. Now would be a fine time to visit Ellen's Energy Adventure or Innoventions East. But those are lengthy attractions that could be kept for a 5pm return. Consider heading up to World Showcase beginning with the Gran Fiesta Tour in the Mexico Pavilion. You can stay in World Showcase or take the boat in Germany back to Future World around 5pm when crowds thin. Standby waits will be short for anything other than Test Track, which has the single rider line, and Soarin'.

#### **ONE DAY TOURING PLAN**

Use FastPass+ at the following attractions: Spaceship Earth: 9:15am – 10:15am, Character Spot: 10:15am-11:15am, Frozen Ever After: Whatever is available, ideally earlier in the day.

- 1. Ride Test Track: 8:55am 9:20am
- 2. Ride Mission: SPACE Green or Orange: 9:25am 9:50am
- 3. Ride Spaceship Earth with FastPass+: 9:55am 10:15am
- 4. Visit Character Spot with FastPass+: 10:25am 10:40am
- 5. Meet Baymax if desired across from Character Spot entrance: 10:42am 11am
- 6. Tour World Showcase Start on the Mexico/Norway side if you have an earlier Frozen FastPass+ time. Start with Canada/UK if it's later. Have lunch and check for additional FastPass+ availability after riding Frozen: 11am 5pm
- 7. Ride Journey into Imagination with Figment: 5:10pm 5:30pm
- 8. Ride The Seas with Nemo and Friends: 5:35pm 5:50pm
- 9. See Turtle Talk with Crush or look around The Seas: 5:55pm 6:30pm
- 10. Ride Living with the Land: 6:35pm 7pm
- 11. Ride Soarin' standby unless you are able to acquire FastPass+: 7pm 8pm
- 12. Have dinner at Sunshine Seasons or grab snacks in World Showcase: 8:05pm 8:45pm
- 13. See IllumiNations: 8:50pm to 9:15pm (IllumiNations is sometimes at 9:30pm or 10pm)

#### TWO DAY LATE ARRIVAL TOURING PLAN

Frozen Ever After complicates late arrivals on two days as there are now three high priority attractions that all see long waits and most guests will only be able to initially select two Tier 1 FastPass+ experiences. Try to book Soarin', Test Track, or Frozen as a 4<sup>th</sup> FastPass+ on both days and you'll have an easier time. Otherwise, ride one at park close to experience short waits.

### Two Day Late Arrival Plan, Day 1

Use FastPass+ at Spaceship Earth (10:30am – 11:30am), Character Spot (11:30am – 12:30pm), Frozen Ever After (Whenever available, ideally around 1pm)

- 1. Arrive between 10:30am and 11am
- 2. Ride Spaceship Earth with FastPass+: 11am 11:20am
- 3. Visit Character Spot with FastPass+: 11:30am-11:50am
- 4. Explore Mexico through United States or Japan
- 5. Ride Gran Fiesta Tour: 12pm 12:15pm
- 6. Have lunch. There are lots of options in World Showcase
- 7. Ride Frozen Ever After with FastPass+: 1pm 1:30pm
- 8. Check FastPass+ availability for Mission: SPACE around 8pm
- 9. Meet Anna and Elsa at Royal Sommerhus if desired: 20 minutes whenever convenient
- 10. Have dinner in World Showcase and walk back to Future World: 6:30 or 7pm 8pm
- 11. Ride Mission: SPACE ideally with FastPass+: 8:10pm 8:45pm
- 12. Ride Test Track: 8:55pm 9:20pm

### Two Day Late Arrival Plan, Day 2

Use FastPass+ at The Seas with Nemo (10:15am – 11:15am) Turtle Talk with Crush (11:25am – 12:15pm), Soarin' (1:15pm – 2:15pm),

- 1. Arrive between 10:30am and 11am
- 2. Ride The Seas with Nemo and Friends with FastPass+: 11am 11:15am
- 3. See Turtle Talk with FastPass+ and look around Seas Pavilion: 11:20am–12:30pm
- 4. Have lunch at Sunshine Seasons: 12:40pm 1:30pm
- 5. Ride Soarin' with FastPass+: 1:35pm 2pm
- 6. Ride Living with the Land: 2:05pm 2:30pm
- 7. Ride Journey into Imagination with Figment: 2:40pm 3pm
- 8. See Disney Pixar Short Film Festival if desired: 3:05pm 3:30pm
- 9. Tour World Showcase from Canada Japan
- 10. Enjoy dinner in World Showcase or back in Future World
- 11. See IllumiNations or get in line for Soarin', Test Track, or Frozen at 8:55pm

**No Frozen FastPass+ Availability:** The best time to ride Frozen in standby is getting in line just a couple of minutes before close when actual waits are typically under 30 minutes. You can ride first thing but it puts you a long ways away from Future World and you'll need to rush there first thing to experience a short wait. Otherwise, actual waits are typically shortest around 10:30am.

**IllumiNations:** IllumiNations is the nightly entertainment at Epcot, scheduled at 9pm most nights. For the best spots, arrive 15 to 30 minutes before the start of the show. Plan a backup spot in case your first choice is booked for a private event or there is little front row space.

### **Best spots:**

- 1. Base of the World Showcase directly across from the United States Pavilion. This "front of house" view is elevated with a direct view of the globe and fireworks. Parts of this area are reserved for FastPass+.
- 2. The next best spot is the bridge connecting the UK and France. It can't be reserved and the IllumiNations cruisers will stop below you, enjoying a similar view.
- 3. The Italy Isola, or raised section across from Italy. Parts can be reserved, but the viewing location behind the seated guests is almost as good.
- 4. The stretch from Mexico to Norway is good. Areas closer to Norway have fewer people.
- 5. Other options: There's limited space outside Tokyo Dining on the second level in Japan. Limited viewing is available along Canada into the UK. There are areas to the right of the UK downstairs that are good locations, but they may be reserved for private events.
- 6. Rose & Crown has patio seating and a reserved platform for those dining inside prior to the show. La Hacienda de San Angel also has indoor viewing, but only some of the tables face the windows. It isn't a great choice if you're looking for a guaranteed view. Consider a meal that begins after 7:45pm.

After IllumiNations, hang out for 20 to 45 minutes and let others exit in front of you.

## Crowd Level 1 - 2

	9:30am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm
<b>Character Spot</b>	10	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	10	10	10	10
Ellen's Energy Adventure	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Frozen Ever After	45	45	45	60	75	75	75	75	90	90	75	60	30
Journey into Imagination	5	5	5	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Living with the Land	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mission: Space Green	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	15	10	5
Mission: Space Orange	10	10	15	20	15	15	15	15	15	15	20	15	10
<b>Royal Sommerhus Meet</b>	5	10	15	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Seas with Nemo	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	10
Soarin'	15	30	40	40	40	40	40	30	30	30	20	20	10
Spaceship Earth	5	10	20	20	15	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	5
Test Track	30	30	50	60	50	40	40	40	40	40	30	20	20

## Crowd Level 3 - 4

	9:30am	<b>10</b> am	<b>11am</b>	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm
<b>Character Spot</b>	10	20	30	30	30	30	30	20	20	15	20	10	10
Ellen's Energy Adventure	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Frozen Ever After	45	60	60	60	75	90	90	90	90	90	90	75	30
Journey into Imagination	5	10	15	20	20	20	20	15	15	10	n/a	n/a	n/a
Living with the Land	5	10	15	20	20	20	10	10	10	10	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mission: Space Green	5	15	20	20	20	20	20	15	15	10	15	10	5
Mission: Space Orange	10	20	25	25	25	25	25	20	20	15	20	15	10
<b>Royal Sommerhus Meet</b>	20	20	15	15	15	15	15	15	10	10	10	10	10
Seas with Nemo	5	5	15	20	15	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	5
Soarin'	20	40	45	45	45	45	45	45	40	30	30	20	20
Spaceship Earth	10	20	20	25	20	20	10	10	5	5	5	5	5
Test Track	30	50	60	70	60	60	50	50	50	50	40	30	20

## Crowd Level 5 - 6

	9:30am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm
Character Spot	25	30	35	30	30	30	30	30	20	20	20	15	10
Ellen's Energy Adventure	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Frozen Ever After	60	75	75	75	90	90	90	90	120	120	120	75	45
Journey into Imagination	5	10	20	30	30	30	30	30	20	10	n/a	n/a	n/a
Living with the Land	5	10	20	30	30	20	20	10	10	10	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mission: Space Green	5	20	30	30	25	25	20	20	15	10	20	20	10
Mission: Space Orange	10	25	35	35	35	30	25	25	20	15	25	25	15
<b>Royal Sommerhus Meet</b>	20	25	20	20	20	20	20	15	15	15	10	10	10
Seas with Nemo	5	10	35	30	20	10	10	10	10	5	5	5	5
Soarin'	30	45	60	60	60	60	60	60	45	45	45	40	20
Spaceship Earth	15	30	30	30	25	25	20	15	10	10	5	5	5
Test Track	45	60	70	80	80	70	60	60	60	60	50	40	30

## Crowd Level 7 - 8

	9:30am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm
<b>Character Spot</b>	25	35	45	40	40	40	40	30	30	30	20	20	10
Ellen's Energy Adventure	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Frozen Ever After	75	90	90	90	90	120	120	120	120	120	120	75	60
Journey into Imagination	5	10	30	40	40	40	40	35	25	20	n/a	n/a	n/a
Living with the Land	5	15	25	30	35	30	20	15	10	10	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mission: Space Green	5	20	40	40	30	30	25	20	15	20	30	20	15
Mission: Space Orange	10	25	45	45	40	30	35	30	25	25	40	30	20
<b>Royal Sommerhus Meet</b>	20	25	25	20	20	20	20	20	15	15	15	10	10
Seas with Nemo	5	20	40	35	30	15	15	10	10	10	5	5	5
Soarin'	40	50	70	70	70	70	60	60	60	60	45	45	30
Spaceship Earth	15	30	35	35	30	30	25	20	15	10	10	5	5
Test Track	60	70	80	90	80	80	70	70	70	60	60	50	30

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	9:30am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm
Character Spot	25	35	45	45	40	40	40	40	30	30	30	20	10
Ellen's Energy Adventure	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Frozen Ever After	75	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	150	150	120	75	75
Journey into Imagination	5	10	35	45	45	40	40	35	30	20	n/a	n/a	n/a
Living with the Land	5	15	30	40	40	40	30	30	20	10	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mission: Space Green	5	20	50	60	60	45	45	40	30	30	45	30	10
Mission: Space Orange	10	30	60	75	75	60	60	50	50	40	50	40	15
<b>Royal Sommerhus Meet</b>	20	30	25	25	25	25	25	25	20	15	15	15	10
Seas with Nemo	5	20	45	40	40	25	20	20	15	10	10	5	5
Soarin'	40	60	70	80	80	70	70	70	70	60	50	45	30
Spaceship Earth	15	35	45	45	35	30	25	25	20	15	15	10	5
Test Track	80	90	100	120	120	120	100	100	90	80	70	60	50

# **Crowd Level 10**

	9:30am	<b>10</b> am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm
Character Spot	25	45	60	60	60	50	50	50	50	45	30	20	10
Ellen's Energy Adventure	5	5	15	15	15	15	15	15	10	10	n/a	n/a	n/a
Frozen Ever After	90	120	150	150	150	150	150	120	150	150	120	90	90
Journey into Imagination	10	20	45	60	60	60	50	50	40	30	n/a	n/a	n/a
Living with the Land	5	20	40	60	60	60	40	30	30	20	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mission: Space Green	20	40	70	90	90	80	80	80	70	60	60	50	30
Mission: Space Orange	30	60	80	110	110	100	90	90	80	70	70	60	40
<b>Royal Sommerhus Meet</b>	25	35	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	25	25	15	10
Seas with Nemo	10	30	60	60	50	40	40	40	35	30	20	15	10
Soarin'	60	75	90	100	100	100	90	90	90	80	80	70	50
Spaceship Earth	25	50	60	70	60	60	50	40	35	30	30	15	10
Test Track	100	120	180	180	180	180	180	160	140	120	100	90	50