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Everyone knows about Disneyland. By this point in time, its a hallmark of American and global culture. The rides, food, fun, movie characters, and sunny California vibes all combine to make it a truly magical experience any time of year. Its basically impossible to get bored at Disneyland, and thats as true for grownups as it is for little ones. In fact, many a honeymooner sets their sights on a Disneyland vacation, while other couples go to celebrate anniversaries or just to escape Real Life for a while. Theres so much to do, youll wish you had another week to spend. With a total of 67 attractions between Disneyland and the related Disney California Adventure including rides, shows, and other things to do there is enough to keep you occupied for days. Many people choose to spend about three days in the park, then explore other must-see items in the Anaheim area. These include the Fullerton Arboretum, the House of Blues, and Angels Stadium, among others. Also, Legoland is only about an hour away. Its smart to explore all your options before you leave town, though, to make sure youre not missing anything you really want to see. As this is a guide to Disneyland, however, we will assume you are spending most of your time at the park. Our goal? To help you budget most effectively so that your week in Disneyland includes all the thrills and sugar rushes you could possibly crave without breaking the bank. So break out that Mickey-themed notebook and pen, and read on. Average Trip to Disneyland Cost in 2025: An average one-week trip to Disneyland for two people will cost around \$4,500. Average Accommodation Cost: \$125 per night. Average Flight Cost: \$200 per person. Food, Drink & Activities: \$200 per person, per day. Transportation: \$300 total. Total Cost: \$4,500. To date, more than 750,000 million people have visited Disneyland, according to official statistics. So you cant blame them for feeling free to charge what they like! As such, it is one of the more expensive trips youll take in your life if you only take into account activities and lodging, especially if you spend a week at the park. However, if you account for the fact that your airfare will be very cheap from anywhere in America, its quite affordable. Also, you can dramatically shave off costs if you spend only a few days at the park, then pack your trip with other activities along the way. Well discuss this more below. The cost above shows you a general tally for two people. However, a more realistic average Disneyland trip cost is four people because families so often go. If thats you, simply multiply the costs by the number of people in your family. For instance, if you have four, double these costs. If you have five, multiply them by 2.5 and so on. Well spend the majority of our energy on the activities, since that is where Disneyland shines compared to other destinations. Overall, though, you will leave this guide with a clear idea of what to do and not to do at this quintessential American destination. Disneyland Trip Cost: Average by Item Anaheim, California/United States 04/24/2019: Tourist walk across the street towards Disneyland theme park/The Image Party/Shutterstock The average cost for a Disneyland trip varies wildly across the internet. The combination of changing entrance fees, seasonal variation, and your personal preferences does of course make it hard to predict an average, but well do our best. The below figures will give you an accurate ballpark as well as ways to trim down the budget in each area, so you can build a trip thats perfect for you. Accommodation Costs If youre on a budget, dont plan to stay at Disneyland Hotel. Youll pay shocking prices \$500 a night or more and the cost doesnt include park tickets. Unless youre blowing it out for a once-in-a-lifetime occasion, stay somewhere else. Lodging in surrounding Anaheim is much less expensive. You can stay at a 3-star hotel for around \$100 a night and a 4-star option for about \$150. Well split the difference and call it \$125 a night for standard lodging. Flight Costs The cost of a flight to Anaheim from anywhere in the United States is between \$100 and \$300 round trip. If you live close enough, you can avoid this altogether. But keep in mind that a) gas is still expensive and may completely eat up the cost savings of flights, and b) you will have to spend your vacation time to get there. Unless you love a road trip and dont care about seeing anything else in Anaheim, its better to fly. Food, Drink & Activity Costs The first thing youll need to do when planning activities in Disneyland is to purchase the current years version of The Official Guide to Disneyland. It is republished every year with the latest pricing information, hot tips for avoiding crowds, and guidance on how Disneyland works, and it is essential for a first-timer. The Disneyland Map What you need to understand is that Disneyland is huge. It comprises 100 acres, which is larger than many state parks, and is divided into many different neighborhoods, if you will. These include: Fantasyland Tomorrowland Adventureland Main Street, USA New Orleans Square Critter Country Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge Mickey's Tomorrowland if your head is spinning, youre not alone. The park is often overwhelming to first-time visitors, so its a good idea to study the map beforehand and plot out a course of action. To make the best use of your time, you should stick to one or two sections per day so you dont have to walk all those extra miles zigzagging around the park. The next day, do another one to two sections, and so on. Depending on how hardcore you are, you can definitely do the entire park in three days. Disney Hacks FTW One mistake people often make when coming to Disneyland for the first time is to plan to go for more than three days. Although you certainly could spend 5 hours a day at the park for a week and not get bored, Disneyland does not distinguish between long and short visits: you will still pay for a full day. Therefore, its a better idea to spend 10 days at the park for three days. Many people dont know that Disneyland will allow you to leave and come back on the same day without paying extra. All you have to do is show the same admission ticket you did the first time. This is a great trick for parents whose exhausted kiddos need a nap before returning for evening fun. (NOTE: When the park is at capacity this will not work, so be sure to stay in the park during holidays and super-busy summer vacation weekends!) Another Disney secret many people dont know? Half the fun happens at night! Rides are still going, but they take on an ultra-magical element against the clear California skies. Plus, the park has free fireworks shows (included in admission) nightly during peak season and many other times throughout the year. Plan to stay late enough on at least one of the nights to appreciate this. Basic Food and Activity Costs Now to costs. A good one-day Disneyland ticket will average around \$150, and you get a price break on each additional day you book. Typically a five-day pass is around \$415, according to Disneyland. However, the price also changes according to factors such as: The guests age What time of year you visit Whether youre moving between parks To find exact amounts, youll need to visit the admissions page. Note that while tickets start at \$83 according to the park, that doesnt take into account the high season or any FastPass benefits, so make sure to explore the page thoroughly before making your decision. You can bring food and drink into the park, so a great way to save money is to choose one or two treats a day (plan on \$10-\$15 each per person) and feed yourself the rest of the time. All told, assuming three days at the park, other activities in Anaheim, and eating cheaply by packing your own food, you should plan on spending about \$200 per person, per day. Transportation Costs When it comes to Disneyland, transportation is a consideration. Within the park, you can get around (included in the price of admission) by the Disney Railroad, the Disney Monorail, old-fashioned streetcars, and fire engines. Outside the park, Anaheim has great public transportation and reliable taxis to and from its many other attractions. For more information on where to fly in, how to get around, and directions, check out the official Disney transportation page. When it comes to cost, plan on spending about \$300 for the entire trip, assuming you take public transport and Disneys free in-park transportation much of the time. If you want, you can rent a car for as little as \$25 per day, which will likely come out to roughly the same cost. Things to Consider Now that weve discussed basics, here are a few more things to keep in mind: There are two Disney metropolises in this neck of the woods, and many people are confused about the difference between Disneyland and Disney California Adventure. While both feature rides and other fun, Disney California Adventure is a more adult-oriented theme park. It features Pixar and Marvel attractions, with faster rides and greater thrills. This stop is best suited to teenagers and above. The cost of passes varies greatly, so be sure to do plenty of research about which works best for you and yours before booking your trip. Plus, its easier to book all your days at once in advance to be sure you get a spot when you want it. You cant book passes until 4 months before your trip, so although thats frustrating for the planners among us, the best bet is simply to make all your plans around your chosen dates and jump online the day your window opens. Preparedness is key. Before you go to the park, apply sunblock. Pack food and drinks, but avoid glass containers. Leave the booze behind because Disneyland will kick you out if they discover it. Have your passes all in one place for the entire family. Frequently Asked Questions James Kirkkiss/Shutterstock Yes, the cost of a pass starts at \$83 per day, and all food, drink, and some extra activities cost more. However, you dont have to stay at the resort and can save money that way. Its quite safe in Disneyland. As with anywhere else, just keep valuables and children close to you at all times. Yep, its very easy to get around Disneyland and its related adventure parks. Anaheim also has a fantastic public transportation system. If you can, visit Disneyland during the low season. That includes mid-September until Thanksgiving, January to Spring Break, and mid-April to late May. During school breaks and summer, expect to pay more for everything. You probably shouldnt plan to eat every meal at Disneyland. The average price of a meal is more than \$20, but youre allowed to bring your own food and drink at any time! So, What Is the Average Cost for a Disneyland Trip? Average Accommodation Cost \$125 per night Average Flight Cost \$200 per person Food, Drink & Activities \$200 per person, per day Transportation \$300 total Total Cost \$4,500 The average cost of a one-week trip to Disneyland is around \$4,500 for two people and \$9,000 for a family of four. The main danger when visiting Disneyland is that your daily expenses will add up without you knowing it, especially if youre eating out. Instead, plan to make and pack lots of food to keep costs down, and stay off Disneyland property. Do that, and you can take the Disney trip of your dreams pretty affordably. Heres to you! In this post, Im going to breakdown how much it costs to take a vacation to Disneyland in 2025. While a substantial portion of Disneyslands guests are locals driving for a single day or single night, this post focuses on those who want to make a vacation of their visit. Figuring out the exact costs can be a bit tricky, but were here to walk you through the steps to start budgeting for your next trip. Read on to learn about the costs of a vacation to Disneyland in 2025! This post is not a planning guide. We have a separate guide to Planning a Trip to Disneyland. In this post, I set out to outline a reasonable budget for a trip to Disneyland Resort, in California, in 2025. The bulk of the post works through six categories of spending: Flights, Airport Transit, Hotel, Park Tickets, Lightning Lanes, and Food and Beverage. The most glaring omission is merchandise, so add that in if youd like. For my calculations, I focus primarily on a family of four with 3 members over 10 years of age and one under 10 (3 adults, one child), but I provide per person/adult/child costs in most cases, and I add compiled figures for families of 3 and 5 at several points. I priced this post out as of the publication date of this post. I typically make significant updates once or twice a year. I may note smaller changes (like increases in Lightning Lane prices) between updates without updating the final figures in the post. For each category of spending, I give three final figures: budget, baseline, and expensive for different types of spending. The baseline trip is the plan Id throw together without knowing anything about someones budget. It includes flights, transit to/from the airport, a nice hotel off-site, park tickets, Lightning Lanes, and dining. Theres going to be flexibility in all of these categories sometimes within your control, sometimes not. The spots where we can usually opt to spend a little less or a little more are what help us put together the budget and expensive trips. But I suspect most people will pick and choose budget on the hotel, but expensive on Lightning Lanes, for example. This post is a starting point, but you can spend less than the budget trip comes to. You can spend more than the expensive trip comes to. At the beginning of the post I offer a quick summary of how the numbers shake up. At the end of the post, youll find more detailed summaries of each trip type. Heres what pricing looks like for the baseline trip for a family of four: Flight - \$1400 Roundtrip Airport Transit - \$2004 Nights Hotel - \$1578 Park Tickets - \$1736 Lightning Lanes - \$344 Food and Beverage - \$1,253 Total - Family of 3 - \$5,296. Family of 4 - \$6,511. Family of 5 - \$7,599. The budget trip cuts down costs on hotels, tickets, Lightning Lanes, and dining to get down to - \$4,147 (family of 3), \$5,168 (family of 4), and \$6,085 (family of 5). The expensive trip makes upgrades in all those categories, spending \$7,439 (family of 3), \$8,880 (family of 4), \$10,148 (family of 5). Disneyland is a great destination for trips of most any length. You can squeeze the highlights of both parks into a single day, if youd like. You can spend up to a week without getting too bored. But overall we have a pretty straightforward suggestion for trip length: four nights. This is three full days, allowing for one full day at Disneyland, one full day at Disney California Adventure, and one day split between the parks. Im not going to belabor this topic too much. While you could save money with a shorter trip or spend more on a longer trip, I think that most people should start by looking at a four-night trip. To that end, Im not going to talk too much about longer/shorter trips in this post. If youd like, we have a post discussing how to put together the perfect weekend at Disneyland. For all three (budget, baseline, expensive), Im going to stick with summer travel dates (June 12-16, 2025), as is my norm. If you can visit during off-season, that might help your budget. But prices for multi-day Disneyland tickets dont vary by date, and your hotel choice will matter much more than your specific dates when it comes to hotel pricing. Same with flights: California doesnt have a full off season for travel, and factors like your airline options and when you book your flight are likely to matter more than when you travel. The top two airports for visiting Disneyland are LAX (Los Angeles International) and SNA (John Wayne Airport). SNA is closer, but smaller. Which costs more will depend on what airport youre flying from. Based on some quick searches on Google Flights, Im going to estimate flights at about \$350 per person, roundtrip. Then you have to get from the airport to your hotel. Unlike Walt Disney World, where there are well-established shuttle options, the Disneyland options are a bit murkier. While Id do a quick google search and see if any trusted professionals have recent reviews of shuttle options, I mostly accept that Im going to be taking an Uber from SNA or LAX to Disneyland. From SNA, and Uber will cost around \$50. From LAX, itll be closer to \$100. Well use the higher figure for this post. This will be \$200 roundtrip between the airport and Disneyland. Probably the biggest difference in budgeting a Disneyland vs. Disney World vacation is the hotel selection process. Disney World has about 20 hotels across three tiers, with rooms starting under \$100 per night and going up into the thousands. Disneyland has three Disney-operated hotels, and their post-tax nightly rates start around \$430 (Pixar Place Hotel), \$480 (Disneyland Hotel), and \$700 (Disneys Grand Californian Hotel & Spa). But the typical thing to do when vacationing at Disneyland is to stay on-site. The perks of those hotels are underwhelming, and even location isnt always that great. In fact, there are a few hotels off Disneyland property that are closer to the parks than Pixar Place Hotel and Disneyland Hotel. Check out the simple map below and then the Google Maps look at Disneyland park, and you can see a lot of hotel options on the east along Harbor Boulevard. My personal go-to on Harbor Boulevard is The Anaheim Hotel. It isnt luxurious, but its reasonably priced and about a 7-minute walk from the Disneyland campus. As of this update, The Anaheim Hotel doesnt have my selected dates for booking. But a four night stay in late May comes to \$988 for four nights. In between the prices of The Anaheim and the Disney hotels, you can find my favorite luxury chain: JW Marriott. Ive never had a chance to stay at this one, but at a 15-minute walk from the Disneyland campus, the JW Marriott, Anaheim comes to \$1,578 for four nights. You can get cheaper than The Anaheim Hotel if you go a bit farther from Disneyland. You canwell, its actually hard to get more expensive than Disneys Grand Californian. So, what to pick for this post? Im a huge fan of Pixar Place Hotel. In particular, the Premium View includes views of Resort or Theme Park. Dont ask me why they dont just have Theme Park view rooms in their own category, but if you get a Theme Park Viewroom. So for the purposes of this post, heres the hotel picks Im going with: Budget - The Anaheim Hotel - \$988 Baseline - JW Marriott, Anaheim - \$1,578 Expensive - Pixar Place Hotel, Premium View - \$3,089 Finally, consider a split stay, where you spend some of your trip at one hotel and some at another. Because everything is so close, it isnt too hard to move luggage, even between a Disney hotel and a non-Disney hotel. These next three items: tickets, Lightning Lanes, and dining vary significantly by party size. While Ill note per-person prices, my standard setup is two adults, a child over 10, and a child under 10. Ill note baseline prices for families of other sizes, too. For tickets, you can deduce based on the discussion about trip length, above, that I recommend three-day, park hopper tickets. I recommend these regardless of your budget, but for the sake of completeness, well say our family on the budget trip gets three-day tickets without park hopper, while our family on the expensive trip adds a fourth ticket day to fit some rides into a travel day. Were ignoring Lightning Lanes herethose get covered in their own section next even though you can purchase Lightning Lane Multi Pass with your ticket. I recommend buying tickets from Undercover Tourist because they tend to have the best available prices. And, indeed, as I write this post they have an adults at kids prices promotion going on. This brings our prices to: Budget - 3 Day, No Hopper - \$365 per person / \$1,460 total Baseline - 3 Day, Park Hopper - \$434 per person / \$1,736 total Family of 3 - \$1,302 total Family of 5 - \$2,170 total Expensive - 4 Day, Park Hopper - \$485 per person / \$1,940 total Disneyland Lightning Lane Multi Pass is typically priced at \$30 per day. (Note: Multi-Pass starting price is now \$32. We may update this post at a later time, but for now it sticks with the old price.) One big difference between Lightning Lane Multi Pass at Disney World and at Disneyland is that the Disneyland version covers a smaller fraction of the ridesless than half. The upside of this is that you can and will do a lot even without Lightning Lane Multi Pass. You dont have to decide on Lightning Lanes ahead of time at Disneyland. You might want to take the time to read our Disneyland Lightning Lane Strategy Guide to see if theyre a necessary part of your trip. You could also wait and see how your first day at the parks goes: how are crowd levels, how quickly are you getting around, how early are you waking up and then considering buying Lightning Lanes the next two days. I think even our guests on a budget should splurge on one day of Lightning Lane Multi Pass: theyll spend that day solely focused on Lightning Lanes. I think a good baseline is to get it for two days, which eases some of the stress of cramming two parks worth of Lightning Lanes into one day. And if youre willing to spend a bit more, get it for all three days. Lightning Lane Single Pass is currently offered on two rides at Disneyland: Star Wars Rise of the Resistance (priced around \$26) and Radiator Springs Racers (priced around \$21). I think a family on a budget should have no worry about fitting these two rides in without paying for Lightning Lanes. A reasonable baseline is to get one well say Rise of the Resistance. And if youre spending more money, then getting both makes your days a little easier. Altogether, this brings us to: Budget - 1 Day Multi Pass, No Single Pass - \$30 per person / \$120 total Baseline - 2 Days Multi Pass, Rise Single Pass - \$86 per person / \$344 total Family of 3 - \$258 total Family of 5 - \$430 total Expensive - 3 Days Multi Pass, Both Single Pass - \$137 per person For food and drink, well plan 12 meals (three each of the three full days, three combined for the two travel days). Well also plan for a small snack budget (4, 6, and 8 snacks per person for our three budget categories). While Disneyland has some great table service meals, dining probably wont be as big a focal point as it is for many people at Walt Disney World. This partly a function of trip length: shorter trips mean fewer meals and less time to spend on long meals. Its also a function of Disneyland only having three Disney hotels: most guests who dont stay at those hotels dont want to go out of their way to the hotels for a table service meal (though there are options in the parks). I think having one table service meal probably make it a character meal: a good baseline for a Disneyland trip. I think a family on a budget will do fine skipping table service and sticking to quick service. And a family who wants to spend a bit more money would be reasonable to do three table service meals during their trip (though personally I wouldnt do this regardless of budget size because I just dont think its a great use of time). I just use example meals from Disneyslands restaurant menus to come up with budgets based on these parameters. The restaurants and menus are all available here if you want to do your own math. The totals come out to: Budget - Only Quick Service, Snacks - \$276 per adult, \$172 per child / \$1,000 total Baseline - 1 Table Service, more Snacks - \$345 per adult, \$218 per child / \$1,253 total Family of 3 - \$908 total Family of 5 - \$1471 total Expensive - 3 Table Service, even more Snacks - \$469 per adult, \$296 per child / \$1,703 total And this brings us to the final numbers: Summary of Costs for the Baseline Trip to Disneyland Flight - \$350 per person Roundtrip Airport Transit - \$200 total 4 Nights Hotel - \$1578 total Park Tickets - \$434 per person Lightning Lanes - \$86 per person Food and Beverage - \$345 per adult, \$218 per child The totals for families of example sizes come to (adults are 10+): Two Adults + One Child \$5,296 Three Adults + One Child \$6,511 Three Adults + Two Children \$7,599 Flight - \$350 per person Roundtrip Airport Transit - \$200 total 4 Nights Hotel - \$988 total Park Tickets - \$365 per person Lightning Lanes - \$30 per person Food and Beverage - \$276 per adult, \$172 per child The totals for families of example sizes come to (adults are 10+): Two Adults + One Child \$4,147 Three Adults + One Child \$5,168 Three Adults + Two Children \$6,085 Flight - \$350 per person Roundtrip Airport Transit - \$200 total 4 Nights Hotel - \$3089 total Park Tickets - \$485 per person Lightning Lanes - \$137 per person Food and Beverage - \$489 per adult, \$296 per child The totals for families of example sizes come to (adults are 10+): Two Adults + One Child \$7,439 Three Adults + One Child \$8,880 Three Adults + Two Children \$10,148 Dont be overwhelmed by Disneyland planning! Take a second to check out our most important content and youll not only be an expert, but youll save big \$\$\$ along the way. Just starting out? Check out our Disneyland Planning Guide. When it comes to hotels, weve got reviews of all three Disney hotels: Disneyland Hotel, Disneys Grand Californian Hotel & Spa, and Disneys Pixar Place Hotel. As for tickets, check out where to find discount Disneyland tickets. Know what to ride with our: Disneyland Rides Guide and Disney California Adventure Rides Guide. And just as important, know how to get on the best rides without the wait with our Disneyland Lightning Lane Strategy! For the complete guides to a day at the park, we have a One Day Disneyland Itinerary and a One Day Disney California Adventure Itinerary. We always recommend arriving at the parks early. If you can get access to Early Entry at Disneyland and Disney California Adventure, youll have the most time in the parks. Even without those bonus hours, youll need to know Rope Drop Strategy at Disneyland and Rope Drop Strategy at Disney California Adventure. Finally, before you head out, be sure to check out our to-the-point packing list, 10 essentials you forget to pack for every Disney Trip. And if youre interested in saving, theres no better list than our 53 Ways to Save on your Disney trip from start to finish.

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