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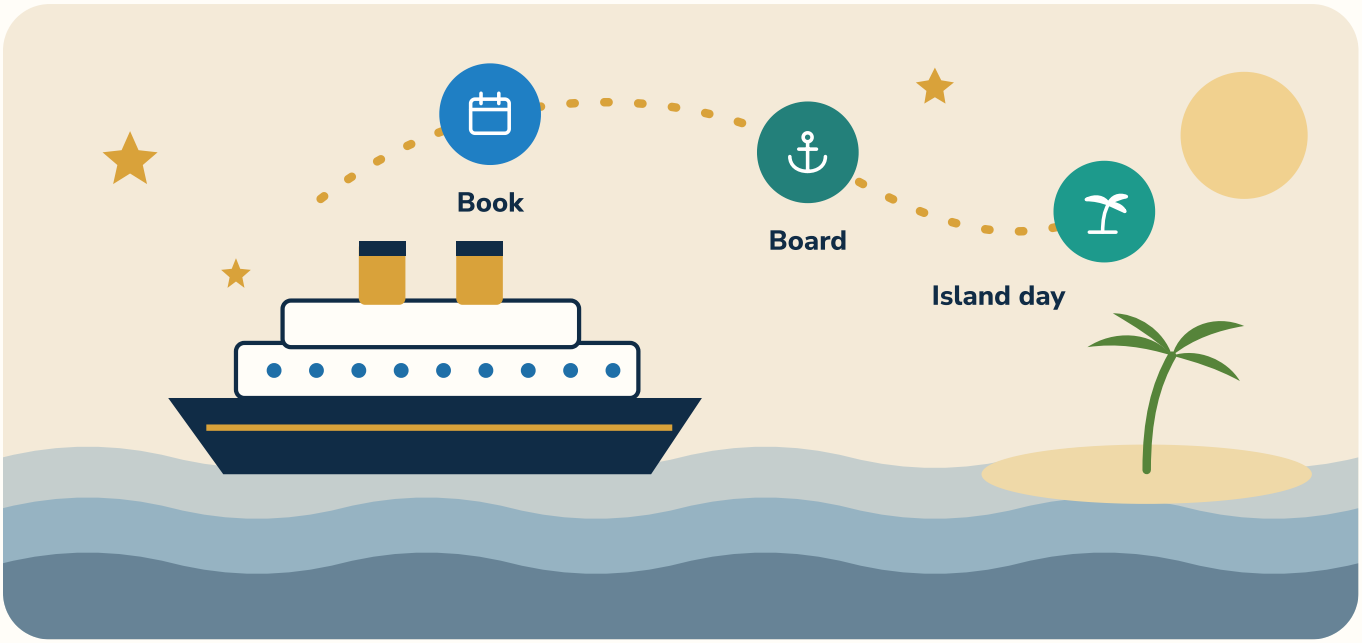
Disney Cruise Line Playbook

Ship-by-ship profiles for the whole fleet, every booking window on one countdown, hour-by-hour plans for embarkation and island days, decision compasses and printable checklists.



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A NOTE FROM THOMAS

Welcome aboard your cruise game plan

Hi, I'm Thomas, and welcome aboard.

A Disney cruise is one of my favorite trips to plan for families, couples and multigenerational groups. You unpack once, the food is part of the fare, the kids clubs are genuinely great, and the shows and deck parties feel like a theme park that follows you out to sea.

It's also a trip with a lot of moving parts that nobody explains up front. Nine ships that feel very different. Booking windows that open on different days depending on your Castaway Club tier. A check-in day at 12:01 AM Eastern that decides how early you board. Dinner rotations, kids club ages, documents for closed-loop sailings, and an island day that goes best with a plan.

This playbook puts all of it in one place. Every Disney detail in here was checked on Disney Cruise Line's own website in November 2026. Where Disney doesn't publish something, I either leave it out or tell you plainly that it's a guest tradition rather than a Disney rule.

Read Parts 1 and 2 while you're choosing and booking. Bring Parts 3 through 6 along, because the hour-by-hour plans, checklists and worksheets are made to be printed and scribbled on.

And if you'd rather hand the whole thing to someone who does this every day, that's exactly what I do. There's more about that on the last page.

Fair winds,

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How to use this playbook

Six parts, in the order you'll need them. Start with the ship, finish with the worksheets.

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2 **Plan & book.** Itineraries, staterooms, the booking countdown, Castaway Club windows and check-in strategy.

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How the Compass pages work

Start at the top and answer for *your* group. Follow YES or NO to a second question, and you'll land on one clear recommendation. There are three: choosing a ship, kids clubs, and travel documents.

A word on Disney's names

Disney names its restaurants, clubs and shows after its films. We use those names only so you can find them on board. Everything else here, from the advice to the artwork, is our own.

PART 1 · CHOOSE YOUR SHIP

The fleet at a glance

Disney sails nine ships, and they're not interchangeable. Size, signature rides, dining and home ports all change the trip.

Ship	Where it sails (per Disney)	Signature water fun	Rotational dining	Adults-only dining
Disney Magic	Bahamas, Western Caribbean, Alaska, plus Galveston and San Diego	AquaDunk drop slide	Rapunzel's Royal Table, Lumiere's, Animator's Palate	Palo
Disney Wonder	Alaska, Mexico and San Diego	AquaLab, Twist 'n' Spout	Tiana's Place, Triton's, Animator's Palate	Palo
Disney Dream	Caribbean, Disney Lookout Cay, Europe	AquaDuck water coaster	Royal Palace, Enchanted Garden, Animator's Palate	Palo, Remy
Disney Fantasy	Bahamas and Caribbean	AquaDuck water coaster	Royal Court, Enchanted Garden, Animator's Palate	Palo, Remy
Disney Wish	Bahamas, Canada, Bermuda; Europe debut in 2027	AquaMouse	Arendelle, Worlds of Marvel, 1923	Palo Steakhouse, Enchanté
Disney Treasure	7-night Eastern and Western Caribbean	AquaMouse	Plaza de Coco, Worlds of Marvel, 1923	Palo Steakhouse, Enchanté
Disney Destiny	3 to 7 nights from Fort Lauderdale and Port Canaveral	AquaMouse	Pride Lands, Worlds of Marvel, 1923	Palo Steakhouse, Enchanté
Disney Believe	From Dec 18, 2027: 4 and 5 nights from Fort Lauderdale	AquaMouse	Oaken's Table, Worlds of Marvel, 1923	Palo Steakhouse, Enchanté
Disney Adventure	3 and 4 nights from Singapore	Family pools and water play (no Quiet Cove)	Themed restaurants incl. Animator's Table	Premium: Palo Trattoria

Think of the fleet in four families

- **Magic & Wonder:** the classic, more intimate ships. They do the far-flung itineraries: Alaska, Mexico, Galveston.
- **Dream & Fantasy:** the AquaDuck ships, with Remy for a splurge night and plenty of Florida sailings.
- **Wish, Treasure, Destiny & Believe:** the newest family, with AquaMouse, 10 pools and Enchanté.
- **Adventure:** a ship-as-destination built for Asia, sailing from Singapore.

What every ship shares

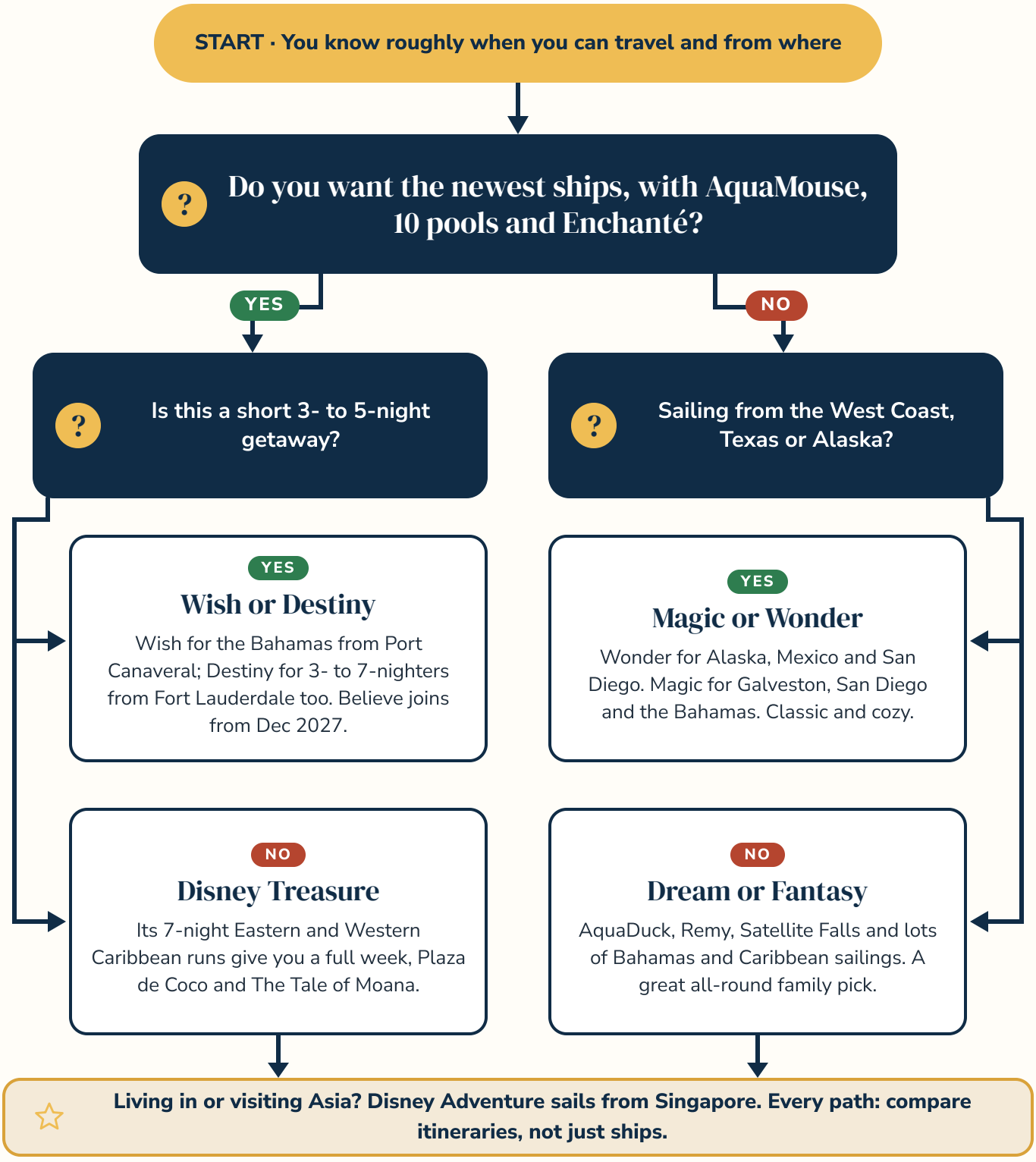
- Rotational dining: three themed restaurants, and your servers rotate with you
- Oceaneer Club for ages 3 to 10, Edge for 11 to 14, Vibe for 14 to 17
- The “it's a small world” nursery for 6 months to 3 years (extra fee)
- Broadway-style shows, deck parties and character meets
- Adult spaces, and Quiet Cove on every ship except Adventure

Itineraries change by season. Destinations above are from each ship's page on disneycruise.disney.go.com, checked Nov 15, 2026.

PART 1 · CHOOSE YOUR SHIP

The TWTT Ship Compass

Two questions, one short list. Answer for the trip you actually want.



An original TWTT flowchart, based on each ship's published itineraries and features (Nov 2026). Deployments change by season.

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Disney Magic

A classic, intimate ship with a wandering streak. Disney lists Bahamas and Western Caribbean sailings plus Alaska, Galveston and San Diego among its popular itineraries.

POPULAR SAILINGS	BIG RIDE	ADULT DINING	BEST FOR
Bahamas · W. Caribbean · Alaska · Galveston · San Diego	**AquaDunk**	**Palo**	**Families who want a cozier ship**

Signature dining

Rapunzel's Royal Table
Rotational. A Tangled-inspired “feast fit for royalty.”

Lumiere's
Rotational. Beauty and the Beast-inspired dining room.

Animator's Palate
Rotational. Animation-themed dinner where the art is part of the show.

Casual bites
Cabanas, Duck-In Diner, Pinocchio's Pizzeria, Eye Scream and Frozone Treats.

Shows, parties & fun

- Broadway-style: **Tangled: The Musical**, **Twice Charmed** and **Disney Dreams – An Enchanted Classic**
- **Marvel Days at Sea** on select sailings, a Magic-only theme
- Mickey's Sail-A-Wave Party bon voyage, Pirate Night and New Year's Eve deck parties
- Seasonal Halloween on the High Seas and Very Merrytime sailings

Kids, tweens & teens

- Oceaneer Club (3–10) with **Marvel Super Hero Academy** and **Andy's Room**, plus Oceaneer Lab
- **Edge** for 11–14; **Vibe** for 14–17, inside the forward funnel
- Nephews' Splash Zone for tots up to age 3
- Nursery, Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique and Royal Court Royal Tea (ages 3–12)

Adults-only spaces

- **Palo**, Northern Italian, for brunch and dinner
- Lounges: Soul Cat Lounge, and After Hours with O'Gills Pub, Keys and Fathoms
- **Quiet Cove** pool with whirlpools, Signals bar and Cove Café
- Senses Spa & Salon, with Spa Villas

Standout features

- **AquaDunk** drop slide: 48 in. minimum
- AquaLab and **Twist 'n' Spout** slide (38 in.)
- Goofy's Pool for the whole family
- White-wall and Navigator's verandahs exist only on Magic and Wonder

Concierge

- Concierge Verandah Staterooms (sleep 5)
- Concierge 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites (4 to 7 Guests)
- Concierge Royal Suites (7 Guests)
- Dedicated Concierge team and lounge, and the earliest booking window

THOMAS'S TIP

On Magic and Wonder, a “Navigator's Verandah” is enclosed with a large porthole-style opening. It's cozy and private, but not an open-air balcony. Look at the verandah type, not just the category, before you choose.

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Disney Wonder

The Magic's sister, and Disney's ship for cooler-weather adventures. Disney highlights Alaska, Mexico and San Diego sailings.

POPULAR SAILINGS	BIG FUN	ADULT DINING	BEST FOR
Alaska · Mexico · San Diego	**AquaLab & Twist 'n' Spout**	**Palo**	**Alaska and West Coast trips**

Signature dining

Tiana's Place
Rotational. A Princess and the Frog-inspired celebration.

Triton's
Rotational. Little Mermaid-inspired “ocean of flavors.”

Animator's Palate
Rotational. Animation-themed dining room.

Casual bites
Cabanas, Daisy's De-Lites, Pinocchio's Pizzeria, Pete's Boiler Bites.

Shows, parties & fun

- **Frozen, A Musical Spectacular**, **Disney Dreams** and **The Golden Mickeys**
- **A Frozen Fjord Celebration**, a Wonder-only deck party
- Mickey's Sail-A-Wave Party, Pirate Night and New Year's Eve
- On Alaska sailings the Pixar Pals Party moves to the atrium, and there are no fireworks

Kids, tweens & teens

- Oceaneer Club (3–10) with Marvel Super Hero Academy and Andy's Room, plus Oceaneer Lab
- **Edge** (11–14) and **Vibe** (14–17) in the forward funnel
- **Dory's Reef** splash area for ages 3 and under
- Nursery and Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique

Adults-only spaces

- **Palo** for brunch and dinner
- French Quarter Lounge; After Hours with Crown & Fin Pub, Cadillac Lounge and Azure
- Quiet Cove pool with whirlpools, Signals and Cove Café
- Senses Spa & Salon with Spa Villas

Standout features

- Goofy's Pool with the **Funnel Vision** big screen
- AquaLab water play and Twist 'n' Spout slide (38 in.)
- Alaska-ready itineraries: Juneau, Ketchikan, Skagway and Icy Strait Point are among Disney's Alaska ports
- White-wall and Navigator's verandah types, as on Magic

Concierge

- Concierge Verandah Staterooms
- Concierge 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites with Verandah
- Concierge Royal Suites with Verandah
- Concierge lounge and team; 130-day activity booking through Shoreside Concierge

☆ THOMAS'S TIP

Sailing to Alaska? Disney's own packing list calls for a waterproof, windproof coat, layers, sturdy rubber-soled shoes and binoculars, along with cruise-casual dinner clothes. A verandah is worth the most on this itinerary.

Disney Dream

An AquaDuck ship with Remy, which Disney calls the most luxurious dinner experience on board. Disney features Caribbean, Disney Lookout Cay and Europe sailings.

POPULAR SAILINGS	BIG RIDE	ADULT DINING	BEST FOR
Caribbean · Lookout Cay · Europe	**AquaDuck**	**Palo · Remy**	**First-timers wanting a bit of everything**

Signature dining

Royal Palace
Rotational. Billed by Disney as “a majestic feast.”

Enchanted Garden
Rotational. A garden-themed dining room.

Animator's Palate
Rotational. Includes a Finding Nemo experience with Crush.

Casual bites
Cabanas, Flo's Café, and Vanellope's for sweets.

Shows, parties & fun

- **Beauty and the Beast**, **Disney's Believe** and **The Golden Mickeys**
- Let's Set Sail sail-away party, Pirate Night and New Year's Eve
- Seasonal Halloween and Very Merrytime sailings, and select Bluey sailings
- Royal Court Royal Tea for ages 3 to 12

Kids, tweens & teens

- Oceaneer Club (3–10) with **Andy's Room** and **Star Wars: Millennium Falcon**, plus Oceaneer Lab
- **Edge** (Deck 5 forward) and **Vibe**, a teen club and sundeck
- **Nemo's Reef** splash zone for little ones
- Nursery and Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique

Adults-only spaces

- **Remy**: French fine dining by Chefs Arnaud Lallement and Scott Hunnel
- **Palo**, plus the Meridian lounge
- **The District**: District Lounge, Pub 687, Pink, Skyline and Evolution
- Quiet Cove, **Satellite Falls** (18+) and Senses Spa

Standout features

- **AquaDuck** water coaster: 42 in. minimum, 54 in. to ride alone
- Mickey's Pool with Mickey's Slide (ages 4–14, 38 to 64 in.)
- Donald's Pool and the Funnel Puddle
- Buena Vista Theatre for first-run Disney films, plus Funnel Vision on deck

Concierge

- Concierge Verandah Staterooms and 1-Bedroom Suites
- Concierge Royal Suites with Verandah
- The **Dream Tower Suite**
- Concierge Lounge, dedicated team, early booking

THOMAS'S TIP

Remy and Palo can look full at your window. Disney itself suggests stopping by these restaurants on your first day aboard, because last-minute cancellations open new tables. Make it your first stop after lunch.

Disney Fantasy

The Dream's twin, with its own shows, Europa nightlife and the Pixar Days at Sea theme on select sailings.

POPULAR SAILINGS	BIG RIDE	ADULT DINING	BEST FOR
Bahamas · Caribbean	**AquaDuck**	**Palo · Remy**	**Pixar fans and Bahamas getaways**

Signature dining

Royal Court
Rotational. A fairytale-themed dining room.

Enchanted Garden
Rotational. A garden-themed room “in full bloom.”

Animator's Palate
Rotational. Animation-themed, with undersea magic.

Casual bites
Cabanas, Flo's Café, and Sweet on You for treats.

Shows, parties & fun

- **Aladdin**, **Disney's Believe** and **Frozen**
- **Pixar Days at Sea** on select 5-night Bahamian sailings
- Let's Set Sail, Pirate Night and New Year's Eve
- **Midship Detective Agency**, a self-paced family mystery game

Kids, tweens & teens

- Oceaneer Club with **Marvel Super Hero Academy** (Doctor Strange) and **Star Wars: Command Post**, plus Oceaneer Lab
- Edge (Deck 5 forward) and Vibe
- Nemo's Reef for little ones
- Nursery, Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique, Royal Court Royal Tea

Adults-only spaces

- **Remy** and **Palo**, with Meridian lounge
- **Europa**: La Piazza, Ooh La La, O'Gills Pub, Skyline and The Tube
- Quiet Cove with its 3-circle main pool design
- Satellite Falls (18+) and Senses Spa with Spa Villas

Standout features

- **AquaDuck**: 42 in. minimum, 54 in. to ride alone
- AquaLab water play and Nemo's Reef
- Seasonal Halloween and Very Merrytime sailings
- Disney lists Fantasy among its Port Canaveral departures

Concierge

- Concierge Verandah Staterooms and 1-Bedroom Suites
- Concierge Royal Suites with Verandah
- The **Fantasy Tower Suite**
- Concierge Lounge and dedicated team

☆ THOMAS'S TIP

If your crew loves Toy Story and Cars, ask me to look for a Pixar Days at Sea sailing. It's only on select Fantasy sailings, and dates are limited.

Disney Wish

AquaMouse, 10 pools and Enchanté, sailing from Port Canaveral. Disney lists Bahamas, Canada and Bermuda sailings, with a Europe debut in 2027.

HOME PORTS	BIG RIDE	ADULT DINING	BEST FOR
Port Canaveral; New York and Europe on select dates	**AquaMouse**	**Palo Steakhouse · Enchanté**	**Short Bahamas trips with all the newest toys**

Signature dining

Arendelle: A Frozen Dining Adventure
Rotational. Dinner and a Frozen show.

Worlds of Marvel
Rotational. A cinematic dinner: Avengers: Quantum Encounter.

1923
Rotational. Evokes the glitz and glam of Old Hollywood.

Casual bites
Marceline Market, Festival of Foods, Inside Out: Joyful Sweets, Wishing Star and Enchanted Sword cafés.

Shows, parties & fun

- **Disney The Little Mermaid**, **Seas the Adventure** and **Aladdin**
- Pirate's Rockin' Parlay Party on Pirate Night
- Let's Set Sail deck party and seasonal Halloween sailings
- **Disney Uncharted Adventure**, an interactive onboard quest

Kids, tweens & teens

- Oceaneer Club: **Marvel Super Hero Academy**, **Star Wars: Cargo Bay**, Walt Disney Imagineering Lab, Fairytale Hall
- **Edge** (Deck 5 aft, 11–14) and **Vibe** (Deck 12 aft, 14–17)
- **The Hideaway**: evenings for young adults 18 to 20
- Toy Story Splash Zone with Slide-a-saurus Rex (38 in.); nursery; BBB

Adults-only spaces

- **Enchanté** by three-Michelin-starred Chef Arnaud Lallement
- **Palo Steakhouse**, Italian meets steakhouse, brunch and dinner
- **Star Wars: Hyperspace Lounge**, The Rose, Nightingale's, The Bayou, Keg & Compass
- Quiet Cove infinity pool; Senses Spa with Rainforest; Untangled Salon, Hook's Barbery

Standout features

- **AquaMouse**: Disney's first attraction at sea, 760 ft of tubes. 42 in. minimum, 48 in. alone
- 10 pools and water play areas
- **Hero Zone** family sports and game-show space, plus Luna
- Spa experiences Disney offers only on the Wish

Concierge

- Concierge Oceanview and Verandah Staterooms (up to 5)
- Concierge 1-Bedroom Suites; 1- and 2-Story Royal Suites with a whirlpool spa
- The **Wish Tower Suite** inside a funnel (up to 8)
- Concierge Lounge, dedicated team, earliest booking

THOMAS'S TIP

Hyperspace Lounge welcomes families in the daytime and turns adults-only at night, so the whole family can see it. Pop in early in the cruise for a look before you plan an evening there.

Disney Treasure

Treasure is built around a full week: 7-night Eastern and Western Caribbean sailings, and two nights of storytelling at Plaza de Coco.

SAILINGS	BIG RIDE	ADULT DINING	BEST FOR
7-night Eastern & Western Caribbean	**AquaMouse: Curse of the Golden Egg**	**Palo Steakhouse · Enchanté**	**A full week with the newest experiences**

Signature dining

Plaza de Coco
Rotational. Two nights of Coco-inspired dinner entertainment.

Worlds of Marvel
Rotational. Groot Remix and Avengers: Quantum Encounter.

1923
Rotational. Old Hollywood style.

Casual bites
Marceline Market, Festival of Foods, Jumbeaux's Sweets, Jade Cricket Café and Heihei Café.

Shows, parties & fun

- **Disney The Tale of Moana**, exclusive to Treasure
- **Beauty and the Beast** and **Seas the Adventure**
- **Sarabi**: music, comedy and game shows by day; a lively lounge at night
- Let's Set Sail, Pirate's Rockin' Parlay Party and seasonal sailings

Kids, tweens & teens

- Oceaneer Club: Marvel Super Hero Academy, Star Wars: Cargo Bay, Imagineering Lab and Fairytale Hall
- **Edge** (11–14), **Vibe** (14–17), The Hideaway for 18–20 evenings
- Toy Story Splash Zone with Slide-a-saurus Rex (38 in.)
- Nursery and Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique

Adults-only spaces

- **Haunted Mansion Parlor**, **Skipper Society** and **Periscope Pub**
- Scat Cat Lounge and The Rose
- Palo Steakhouse and Enchanté
- Quiet Cove infinity pool, plus Senses Spa

Standout features

- AquaMouse: **Curse of the Golden Egg**, with 760 ft of water fun. 42 in. minimum, 48 in. alone
- 10 pools and Toy Story water play
- Hero Zone for family sports and friendly competition
- **The Haunted Mansion Happy Hunt**, a DisneyBand+ interactive quest

Concierge

- Concierge Oceanview and Verandah Staterooms
- Concierge 1-Bedroom Suites, plus 1- and 2-Story Royal Suites
- The **Treasure Tower Suite**
- Concierge Lounge, dedicated team and early booking

THOMAS'S TIP

Treasure repeats each dining room on its 7-night runs. Before you reserve adult dinner, check your rotation on board so an adults-only dinner doesn't land on one of your Plaza de Coco nights.

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Disney Destiny

Heroes and villains share the spotlight on Disney's newest sailing ship. Disney lists 3- to 7-night cruises from Fort Lauderdale and Port Canaveral to the Bahamas and Western Caribbean.

HOME PORTS	BIG RIDE	ADULT DINING	BEST FOR
Fort Lauderdale · Port Canaveral	**AquaMouse: Villain Mountain**	**Palo Steakhouse · Enchanté**	**Hercules, Lion King and villain fans**

Signature dining

Pride Lands: Feast of The Lion King
Rotational. Dinner on the savanna.

Worlds of Marvel
Rotational. A celebration of Marvel's heroes.

1923
Rotational. A taste of Disney's golden age.

Casual bites
Marceline Market, Festival of Foods, Edna À La Mode Sweets, Café Megara and Café Merida.

Shows, parties & fun

- **Disney Hercules**, exclusive to Destiny
- **Frozen, A Musical Spectacular** and **Seas the Adventure**
- Characters include Loki, Cruella, Dr. Facilier, Maleficent, Black Panther and Spider-Man
- **Saga**, a Black Panther-inspired family lounge that becomes adults-only at night

Kids, tweens & teens

- Oceaneer Club: Fairytale Hall, Marvel Super Hero Academy, Star Wars: Cargo Bay and Imagineering Lab
- Mickey & Minnie Captain's Deck for littler kids
- Edge (11–14), Vibe (14–17), The Hideaway for young adults 18–20 at night
- Nursery, BBB and Toy Story Splash Zone

Adults-only spaces

- **De Vil's**, **Haunted Mansion Parlor**, **Cask & Cannon** and **The Sanctum**
- The Rose, Palo Steakhouse and Enchanté
- Quiet Cove adults-only pool retreat
- Senses Spa with Rainforest experiences

Standout features

- AquaMouse: **Villain Mountain**. 42 in. minimum, 48 in. alone
- 10 pools and water play areas
- Hero Zone family competition space
- The Haunted Mansion Happy Hunt with DisneyBand+

Concierge

- Concierge Oceanview and Verandah Staterooms
- Concierge 1-Bedroom Suites, plus 1- and 2-Story Royal Suites
- The **Destiny Tower Suite**
- Concierge Lounge and dedicated team

THOMAS'S TIP

Destiny's lounges are a big part of its personality. Plan one lounge night rather than trying them all after dinner. Check the app for age restrictions at the time you want to visit; some family spaces change at night.

Disney Believe

Coming December 18, 2027. Believe's first voyages are 4- and 5-night cruises from Fort Lauderdale to the Bahamas and Caribbean, with an Encanto stage show and Oaken's Table.

FIRST SAILING	HOME PORT	BIG RIDE	BEST FOR
December 18, 2027	**Fort Lauderdale**	**AquaMouse: four new adventures**	**Encanto, Frozen and Tangled fans**

Signature dining

Oaken's Table: A Frozen Family Feast
Rotational. A “feast worth melting for.”

Worlds of Marvel
Rotational. “Heroes and hits.”

1923
Rotational. Hollywood's golden age.

Casual bites
Marceline Market, Festival of Foods (with Pluto's Pita Platters), Inside Out: Joyful Sweets, Big Hero Sips and Café Kakamora.

Shows, parties & fun

- **Disney Encanto**: Disney calls it the world's first stage adaptation
- **Tangled: The Musical** and **Seas the Adventure**
- **Gazelle**: Zootopia-inspired family hub with Nick Wilde and Judy Hopps
- Hero Zone, a futuristic sports arena inspired by The Incredibles

Kids, tweens & teens

- Oceaneer Club with a playful **Monsters, Inc.**-inspired entrance
- Dedicated tween and teen spaces at Edge and Vibe
- Nursery and Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique
- Confirm Edge and Vibe age ranges for Believe closer to sailing

Adults-only spaces

- **Sea Notes**, **Wishing Well**, **Haunted Mansion Parlor** and **Skygazers**
- Palo Steakhouse, Enchanté and The Rose
- Quiet Cove, Senses Spa, Untangled Salon and Hook's Barbery
- The same new-generation blend of adult dining and themed lounges

Standout features

- AquaMouse: **4 new adventures** through 760 ft of winding tubes
- 10 pools and water play areas
- Inside Out: Joyful Sweets with 20 gelato flavors
- All details are announced plans, subject to change before the ship debuts

Concierge

- Concierge Oceanview and Verandah Staterooms; 1-Bedroom Suites
- Royal Suites inspired by Beauty and the Beast and The Little Mermaid
- The **Believe Tower Suite**, themed to Magic Kingdom (up to 8)
- Concierge Lounge, dedicated team and early booking

THOMAS'S TIP

For a ship that hasn't sailed yet, I build a flexible plan. Reserve the itinerary and room you want, then we confirm venue schedules and any age-rule changes closer to sailing. Announced features are not a daily timetable.

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Disney Adventure

The ship is the destination. Adventure sails from Singapore on 3- and 4-night holidays, with seven themed areas, family pools and a dedicated pre-arrival guide with Singapore-specific rules.

HOME PORT	SAILINGS	PREMIUM DINING	BEST FOR
Singapore	**3 & 4 nights**	**Palo Trattoria · Mike & Sulley's**	**Asia-based families and ship-first trips**

Signature dining

Rotational dinner
Three distinctly themed experiences, at about 5:45 PM or 8:15 PM. Arrive 15 minutes before the app's time.

Premium family dining
Palo Trattoria and Mike & Sulley's Flavors of Asia.

Duffy's breakfast
Bon Voyage Breakfast with Duffy's Friends at Hollywood Spotlight Club.

Character tea
Royal Society for Friendship and Tea, ages 3–12.

Shows, parties & fun

- **The Lion King: Celebration in the Sky** fireworks show
- **Duffy and the Friend Ship**, an original show
- **Let's Set Sail** deck party
- Marvel Style Studio for transformations; at select times it becomes a lounge

Kids, tweens & teens

- Oceaneer Club (3–10), which Disney calls an immersive wonderland
- **Edge** is a secret tween hangout styled as a Victorian café on San Fransokyo Street
- **Vibe** is a retro lounge inspired by record stores
- Nursery, Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique, family pools and water play

Adults-only spaces

- Adult lounges, specialty shopping and spa treatments
- **No Quiet Cove** pool: the pools are for families
- Palo Trattoria is **premium** dining, not the adults-only Palo restaurant
- Concierge's private lounge and sundeck are an option if you want a more secluded retreat

Standout features

- **7 themed areas**, including Disney Imagination Garden and Disney Discovery Reef
- Royal Gathering books **on board only**, through the Navigator app
- DisneyBand+ is **not available**
- Luggage tags arrive at the terminal (or via Disney ground transport), not by mail

Concierge

- Concierge Inside and Verandah Staterooms (up to 6)
- Concierge Suites (5 to 6), plus Frozen-inspired Royal Suites
- Exclusive private **Concierge Lounge and sundeck**
- Priority boarding and a dedicated team before and during the cruise

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Use Adventure's own pre-arrival guide, not a Florida checklist: Singapore bans items such as vapes and chewing gum, and immigration rules differ. Disney's FAQ describes no-port cruises, but select 4-night sailings from fall 2027 add Langkawi, Malaysia. Confirm your date.

Itineraries & home ports

Pick the itinerary first, then the ship. Where you sail from and how many sea days you get shape the trip more than anything else.

Region	Lengths Disney lists	Sails from	Good to know
The Bahamas	3 to 7 nights	Port Canaveral, Fort Lauderdale, Galveston	Nassau, Castaway Cay or Lookout Cay.
Caribbean	4 to 8 nights	Port Canaveral, Fort Lauderdale, Galveston, San Juan	Most visit one or both Disney island destinations.
Baja & Mexican Riviera	3 to 7 nights	San Diego (Magic or Wonder)	Ensenada and Catalina on short trips; Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta on longer ones.
Bermuda	4, 5, 6 or 8 nights	New York, Fort Lauderdale	A handy drive-to option from the Northeast.
Canada & New England	5 to 7 nights	New York	Ports may include Halifax, Charlottetown and Saint John.
Alaska	Varies	Vancouver	Ports like Juneau, Ketchikan, Skagway, Icy Strait Point. No fireworks.
Pacific Coast	4 nights	Between Vancouver and San Diego	One-way: plan two airports.
Panama Canal	14 nights	San Diego or Galveston	Passport required, valid 6 months after the cruise ends.
Europe	Varies	Barcelona, Civitavecchia (Rome), Southampton	Passport valid 6 months after sailing; new EU and UK entry systems apply.
Singapore	3 or 4 nights	Singapore (Adventure)	A ship-as-destination holiday; select future sailings add Langkawi.

Port Canaveral, Florida

- About **1 hour** from Orlando International (MCO), 50 minutes from Melbourne, and about **1 hour 30 minutes from Walt Disney World**
- Disney uses **Cruise Terminal 8 and Terminal 10**, depending on ship and date
- The port-run parking garage opens at **10:15 AM**

Fort Lauderdale (Port Everglades)

- About **15 minutes** from Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood (FLL), traffic permitting
- Disney uses **Terminals 2, 4 and 26**; some sailings board at one and return to another
- Heron Parking Garage opens at **10:45 AM**, with an air-conditioned bridge to Terminal 2
- Drop bags at the terminal first, then park

Port days, in plain words

- Most ports: walk off the gangway. A few: a **tender** boat takes you ashore
- Check the app for each day's all-aboard time
- Every adult needs **photo ID plus a Key to the World card** (or DisneyBand+) to get off and back on

Staying on board in port?

- Pools and some restaurants stay open, and the ship is wonderfully quiet
- Adults can use the fitness center and spa; teens 14–17 have the **Chill** teen spa

Staterooms & Concierge

Every Disney stateroom sleeps at least three, and most have a split bathroom. The real choices are category, verandah type and where on the ship you'll be.

Inside

Sleeps 3 to 4. No window, but close to restaurants and lounges in the heart of the ship. On the newest ships, Disney lists inside rooms at 169 sq ft.

Oceanview

Sleeps 3 to 5 (varies by ship). One or two portholes, or a large window on the newer ships. Great for natural light without a balcony.

Verandah

Sleeps 3 to 5. A private balcony and a sleeper sofa. Many can connect, with the partition opened for a shared balcony.

Sample sizes from Disney's ship pages

Ship	Inside	Oceanview	Verandah (incl. balcony)	Concierge range
Disney Magic	184–214 sq ft, 3–4 Guests	214 sq ft, 3–4	223–304 sq ft, 3–4	304 to 1,029 sq ft; up to 7
Disney Wish	169 sq ft, 3–4	181–349 sq ft, up to 5	Up to 284 sq ft, up to 5	296 to 1,966 sq ft; Tower Suite up to 8
Disney Believe	169 sq ft, 3–4	181–363 sq ft, 3–4	243–796 sq ft, 3–4	296 to 1,966 sq ft; Tower Suite up to 8
Disney Adventure	Up to 209 sq ft, up to 4	Up to 209 sq ft, up to 4	Up to 253 sq ft, up to 4	Up to 2,461 sq ft; up to 6

Verandah types to know

Standard (Categories 4–6)
Open-air, with a clear acrylic wall. On Dream and Fantasy, Category 4E has oversized balconies.

White-wall (Category 6)
Magic and Wonder only. A solid white wall to the railing: more privacy, limited seated views.

Navigator's (Category 7A)
Fully enclosed with a large open-air porthole on Magic and Wonder; an obstructed view elsewhere. None on Adventure.

Concierge, in a nutshell

- Suites and staterooms for 5 to 7 Guests (most ships)
- A dedicated Concierge team, before and during the cruise
- A private Concierge lounge; Adventure adds a sundeck
- Concierge Guests can book activities **130 days** out via Shoreside Concierge (online from 123)

Where on the ship?

You choose **Forward, Midship or Aft**, then a specific room on the locator map. Midship tends to mean less walking. A “guaranteed” category means Disney assigns the room for you.

Big groups and connecting rooms

You can book up to 4 staterooms in one online reservation, and Disney's planning tools let you link parties to dine and book together. Connecting rooms are limited on Magic and Wonder.

PART 2 · PLAN & BOOK

The booking countdown

Everything Disney opens before you sail, in order. Fill in your own dates in the last column and set phone alarms.

When (days before sailing)	What opens or is due	My date
About 12 months out	Book. Disney recommends booking about a year ahead when you can; holiday sailings sell out quickly.	
When new dates release	Castaway Club members get early access, 1 to 4 days before the public, by tier.	
Right after booking	Download the Navigator app. Link family and friends so you can dine and book together. Check every passport's expiration date.	
Final payment date	Shown in My Reservations. It does not happen automatically, and you can't book activities until you're paid in full.	
130 days	Concierge Guests can book activities through Shoreside Concierge (online from 123 days).	
123 / 120 / 105 / 90 days	Activity booking opens for Pearl, Platinum, Gold and Silver Castaway Club members.	
75 days	Activity booking opens for first-time Disney cruisers.	
10 / 5 weeks	Kosher Passover meal requests (10 weeks). Kosher or halal requests (5 weeks); halal and Jain on Adventure.	
40 / 38 / 35 / 33 days	Online Check-In and Port Arrival Time open for Pearl, Platinum, Gold and Silver members, at 12:01 AM Eastern.	
30 days	Online Check-In opens for first-timers. Royal Gathering character booking opens (on Adventure, book on board).	
About 3 weeks	Tell Disney about a special occasion through Special Requests. Order DisneyBand+ well ahead; it takes about 10 business days.	
7 days	Last day to order a cake. Read your Guest Travel Booklet and the prohibited-items list.	
3 days	Last day for other onboard gifts, dietary special requests and Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique changes.	
1 day	Finish or edit Online Check-In. Print or save your Port Arrival Form with its QR code.	
Sail-day morning	Complete the Health Questionnaire in the app before leaving for the terminal.	

How to count your days

Count back from your sail date on a calendar, not in your head. Online Check-In opens at **12:01 AM Eastern** on the first day of your window, so the alarm goes on the night before.

If you booked through me

Activity windows still open on Disney's schedule. I'll send you a reminder before each one and help you prioritize, so you're ready the minute it opens.

Castaway Club & booking-window day

Disney's loyalty program, the Castaway Club, starts after your first completed cruise. Your tier sets three of the most important dates on your calendar.

Tier	Completed sailings	Early booking of new sailings	Activity booking	Online Check-In & PAT
First-time	0	None	75 days	30 days
Silver	1 to 4	1 day early	90 days	33 days
Gold	5 to 9	2 days early	105 days	35 days
Platinum	10 to 24	3 days early	120 days	38 days
Pearl	25 or more	4 days early	123 days	40 days, plus Boarding Group 2

Castaway Club fine print worth knowing

- Everyone in a stateroom gets the benefits of the **highest-tier member** in that stateroom
- Every tier gets a Welcome Back Aboard gift and exclusive terminal check-in where available
- Gold and above: a private reception on 8-night and longer voyages
- Stay active by booking or sailing within **5 years** of your last voyage

How to book in your window

My Reservations → **My Plans** → pick the day → **Add Activities** → choose Guests → **Check Availability** → save. Do it on a laptop, with each person's priorities written down.

Your cruise must be **paid in full** first.

What I book first when a window opens

1. **Adults-only dinners** (Palo, Remy, Enchanté or Palo Steakhouse). Tables are limited. A reservation replaces that night's rotational dinner, so pick a night that isn't your favorite rotation.
2. **The nursery**, for little ones 6 months to 3 years. Disney calls space “extremely limited.”
3. **Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique, Pirates League and character teas.** Pirates League is offered only on Pirate Night, on select itineraries.
4. **Cabanas and must-do Port Adventures.** Island cabanas open in your window, subject to availability.
5. **Spa treatments**, ideally on a sea day or port day. Then fill in the rest.

Disney allows one reservation per ticketed event per cruise, and first-day availability is limited. Tiers and windows from Disney's Castaway Club page and booking FAQ, Nov 15, 2026.

Online Check-In & Port Arrival Time

Online Check-In is required before you get to the port, and it's where you pick your Port Arrival Time. Disney itself notes that checking in right away lets you choose an earlier arrival time.

Have these ready before 12:01 AM

- [ ] A clear, glare-free photo of each Guest's government-issued ID
- [ ] A **new** passport-style security photo of each Guest: color, shoulders up, no glasses or hats, not the ID photo
- [ ] An emergency contact who is **not** on the cruise
- [ ] A credit card for your onboard account
- [ ] Flight numbers, hotel name and address, or your home address if driving
- [ ] Kids club choices and Traveling with Minors permissions

What check-in covers

- **Guest Information:** ID, security photo, emergency contact
- **Onboard Account:** sets up your Key to the World card as room key and charge card, and who can charge
- **Travel Plans:** how you're getting to and from the port
- **Traveling with Minors:** youth club self check-in and check-out, and who can take kids ashore
- **Port Arrival Time:** your terminal arrival time

Port Arrival Time: what it is and isn't

It is...

- Your time to arrive at the terminal, where documents are verified
- A hard start: you **can't enter the terminal** before it
- Saved on your Port Arrival Form, with a QR code (print it or save it to your phone)

It isn't...

- Your boarding time. Boarding groups are called afterward, and times can differ
- A reason to show up early. You'll wait outside, with limited shade
- Optional at the end: you must be aboard before the Guest Onboard Time

The TWTT check-in plan

1. **The week before your window:** photograph IDs and take new security photos in good daylight.
2. **11:50 PM Eastern the night before:** sign in on a laptop. At 12:01 AM, select “Begin Check-In.”
3. **Do the Port Arrival Time step as soon as you reach it,** and pick the earliest time that fits your travel. Plan 15 to 30 minutes in all.
4. **Don't worry about “pending.”** Disney reviews documents by hand, sometimes up to a week before sailing. You'll get a confirmation email.

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> Arriving from out of town? Pick a Port Arrival Time that gives your flight or drive a real cushion. Disney's ground transportation page lists the latest recommended flight arrival for each port; for Port Canaveral sailings it's 11:30 AM into Orlando.

Embarkation day, hour by hour

Embarkation day is half travel day, half the best day of the cruise. Here's how it flows, built around *your* Port Arrival Time (PAT).

When	What to do
The night before	Bag tags on (generic tags are also at the terminal). Charge DisneyBand+ if you have one. Save the Port Arrival Form to every phone. Original documents go in the day bag, not the suitcase.
Morning	Watch for Disney's email and app notification, then complete the mandatory **Health Questionnaire** in the Navigator app before you leave.
Leave with a cushion	Port Canaveral is about 1 hour from Orlando's airport and about 1 hour 30 minutes from Walt Disney World. Port Everglades is about 15 minutes from FLL. The port garages open at 10:15 AM (Canaveral) and 10:45 AM (Heron Garage, Fort Lauderdale).
At the curb	Hand tagged bags to the porters. Keep documents, medications and valuables with you. Visitors aren't allowed in the terminal, so say goodbyes outside.
Your PAT	Enter the terminal for security and document check. Show your QR code. If you're wearing a DisneyBand+, the port agent taps it to activate it.
Group called	Board when your boarding group is called. Times can differ from PATs, so keep an ear out and the app open.
First hour aboard	Lunch, then check the Navigator app's onboard activities that need reservations. Stop by the adult-dining hosts and Port Adventures desk for newly opened spots.
About 1:30 PM	Staterooms are ready, per Disney's guidance. Bags can take a few hours to arrive, so swimsuits stay in the day bag.
Before sailing	Complete the **mandatory safety drill**. Then visit kids club Open House, check your dining rotation and table number in the app.
Sail-away	The sail-away deck party: Let's Set Sail on many ships, Mickey's Sail-A-Wave Party on Magic and Wonder.
Evening	Dinner at 5:45 PM or 8:15 PM (times vary by up to 15 minutes), plus the evening's show at the opposite time.

The day bag

- [ ] Passports or citizenship documents and photo IDs
- [ ] Medications in original containers
- [ ] Port Arrival Form (printed or saved)
- [ ] Swimsuits, cover-ups, sunscreen and a hat
- [ ] Phone chargers; extra glasses or contacts
- [ ] Anything you can't live without for a few hours

Get the app working

- Download the Navigator app at home and sign in
- Aboard, join the **DCL-GUEST** Wi-Fi network for the app and onboard chat
- Internet packages are sold separately in the app
- Cellular at Sea switches on about 6 nautical miles from shore; ask your carrier about rates first

Rotational dining & dress codes

Rotational dining is the Disney cruise signature. You move through three themed restaurants, and your serving team moves with you, learning everyone's preferences as the week goes on.

How it works

- Two dinner seatings: **5:45 PM and 8:15 PM**, give or take 15 minutes
- Booking online assigns **8:15 PM** automatically. Change it under My Reservations → Dining → Change Seating, or join the waitlist
- Cruises longer than 3 nights repeat at least one restaurant
- Your rotation and table number appear in the Navigator app once you're aboard
- Kids' menus are in every rotational restaurant

Who sits with you

- Everyone in your stateroom shares a table
- At booking, you can ask to sit with others on the same sailing; link them in your planning tools
- Otherwise Disney fills tables, matching families with families and adults with adults
- Need a change? Ask at Guest Services or in the app once aboard

Early or late seating?

	5:45 PM (early)	8:15 PM (late)
Shows	You see the later performance	You see the earlier performance
Best for	Young kids, early risers, families who want a long evening on deck	Long port days, adults, older kids and teens
Watch for	Arriving straight from a full port day	Little ones who fade by 8 PM, and later bedtimes

What to wear

Most nights: cruise casual
Khakis, nice jeans, polos, dresses and stylish tops. Shorts, T-shirts and sundresses are fine. No swimwear or tank tops.

Shorter sailings
A pirate or other themed night, and an optional dress-up night.

Longer sailings
One formal and one semi-formal night, both optional, plus a themed night. Check the app each day for attire advice.

Food beyond dinner

- Breakfast and lunch at some rotational restaurants, casual spots and poolside
- **24-hour room service** (until 1:30 AM on the last night). Many items included; some carry a fee
- Unlimited soft-serve, soft drinks, coffee and tea on deck and at table-service restaurants
- Dietary requests are free: up to 3 days before sailing; kosher or halal at least 5 weeks out

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Celebrating a birthday or anniversary on a specific night? Disney suggests telling them at least 3 weeks before sailing through Special Requests, so the dining room can plan for you.

Adult dining, spa & grown-up spaces

A Disney cruise is not just for kids. Every ship has adults-only restaurants, lounges and, on all but Adventure, the Quiet Cove pool.

Restaurant	Ships	Meals	The feel
Palo	Magic, Wonder, Dream, Fantasy	Brunch, dinner	Northern Italian with sea views and live music. Prima Notte on night one.
Remy	Dream, Fantasy	Brunch, dinner	Ratatouille-inspired French fine dining by Chefs Arnaud Lallement and Scott Hunnel.
Palo Steakhouse	Wish, Treasure, Destiny, Believe	Brunch, dinner	Italian classics meet steakhouse, in a Cogsworth-inspired room.
Enchanté	Wish, Treasure, Destiny, Believe	Lunch, dinner, brunch	French cuisine by three-Michelin-starred Chef Arnaud Lallement.
Palo Trattoria	Adventure	Dinner	Premium Italian inspired by Luca. Minimum age rules apply.

Adults-only dining rules

- Ages **18 and up**, reservation required
- It **replaces** that night's rotational dinner
- Formal, semi-formal or polished dress-casual. No T-shirts, swimwear or sportswear
- Dress shorts are fine at Palo and Palo Steakhouse brunch, but not at Remy or Enchanté
- Cancel at least 24 hours ahead to avoid a fee

Senses Spa & Salon

- Spa is 18+; teens 13–17 may book select services, and 14–17 have the **Chill** teen spa
- Book online in your window, or at the spa from day one. Times fill very quickly
- Spa Villas with open-air verandahs on Magic, Wonder, Dream and Fantasy
- Port days are a peaceful time aboard for a treatment

Adults-only spaces

- **Quiet Cove** pool and whirlpool (18+) on every ship except Adventure; Cove Café on several ships
- **Satellite Falls** (18+) on Dream and Fantasy
- Lounge districts: After Hours (Magic, Wonder), The District (Dream), Europa (Fantasy), plus themed lounges on the newer ships
- Fitness center (18+), adults-only Port Adventures and Serenity Bay ashore

For 18- to 20-year-olds

- **1820 Society**: coffee tastings, movie nights, karaoke and outings; check the app aboard
- **The Hideaway** on Wish, Treasure and Destiny turns into a young-adult hangout in the evening
- Wine and beer brought aboard is for Guests **21+** (18+ on Singapore round trips)

Kids clubs & age rules

Disney's youth clubs are included in your fare (the nursery is the exception), staffed by specially trained counselors, and open long hours. Here are the age rules that matter.

Club	Ages	Where	Good to know
“it's a small world” nursery	6 months to 3 years	Every ship	Extra fee. Book in your window; Disney calls space extremely limited. Hours vary by day.
Disney's Oceaneer Club	3 to 10, fully toilet-trained	Every ship	Themed spaces by ship. On the classic four ships it connects with Oceaneer Lab.
Disney's Oceaneer Lab	3 to 10	Magic, Wonder, Dream, Fantasy	Games, experiments and workshops; 3- and 4-year-olds get guided activities.
Edge	11 to 14	Every ship	Tween lounge with gaming, karaoke, scavenger hunts and themed nights.
Vibe	14 to 17	Every ship	Teens-only lounge. A 14-year-old can choose Edge or Vibe.
The Hideaway	18 to 20, evenings	Wish, Treasure, Destiny	A nightclub-style evening hangout for young adults.

Check-in and pick-up

- Register kids during **Online Check-In**, or once aboard
- Kids wear an **Oceaneer Band** (or DisneyBand+ on select sailings). It uses RFID, not GPS
- Any child can check in. Ages **8+** with self-check privileges may leave on their own
- Pick-up needs an authorized adult 13+ in your party, their Key to the World card and your child's **secret word**
- No reservations needed for regular club time

Open House is your first-day secret

During **Open House** hours, Guests of every age can explore the clubs together, and there's a youth venue tour on day one. It's how nervous kids warm up, and how younger siblings get a peek at the big-kid spaces.

At other times, each club is reserved for its age group.

Pools, slides and heights

- AquaMouse: 42 in., 48 in. to ride alone (under 7 rides with someone 14+)
- AquaDuck: 42 in., 54 in. to ride alone. AquaDunk: 48 in.
- Mickey's Slide: ages 4–14, 38 to 64 in. Twist 'n' Spout and Slide-a-saurus Rex: 38 in.
- Family pools: adult supervision for kids under 12

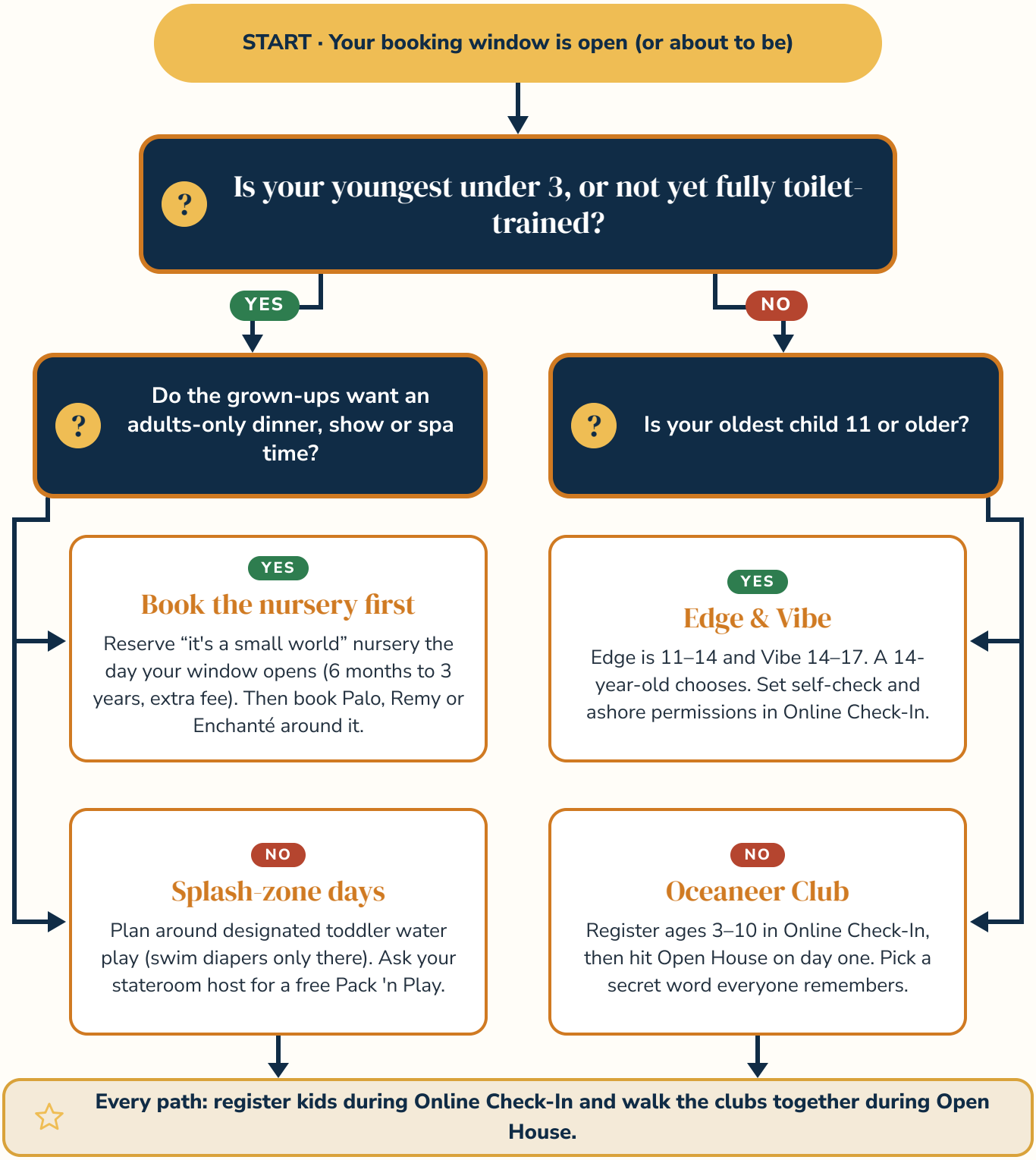
Littlest cruisers

- Minimum age to sail: **6 months** (1 year on Transatlantic, Panama Canal and Hawaii)
- Swim diapers only in designated splash areas, for ages 4 and under, never in pools or slides
- Free Pack 'n Play cribs, high chairs, bottle warmers and diaper disposal on request
- Ship shops sell diapers, formula and baby basics

Quiet hours in hallways run 10 PM to 8 AM, and Guests under 18 must be in their stateroom or with an adult in their party from 1 AM to 6 AM.

The TWTT Kids Club Compass

Two questions, babies to teens. Answer for your youngest and your oldest.



Original TWTT flowchart from Disney youth-club rules (Nov 15, 2026). Varies by ship.

Pirate Night, deck parties & themed sailings

Deck parties are where a Disney cruise feels most like Disney: characters, music and dancing under the stars. Most sailings end a big night with fireworks at sea.

Pirate Night

On select itineraries, Pirate Night pairs a pirate-themed dinner with the **"Pirates in the Caribbean"** show and deck party, plus trivia, games and characters in pirate garb. On Wish, Treasure and Destiny it's the **Pirate's Rockin' Parlay Party**.

Ships: Magic, Wonder, Dream, Fantasy, Wish, Treasure and Destiny.

Make it a night

- Pack a bandana, striped shirt or eye patch. Costumes must be family-friendly, with no prop weapons
- Full-face masks are only for photo spots
- **Pirates League** makeovers (ages 3+) run only on Pirate Night, on select itineraries. Book in your window
- Pirate Night counts as one of your themed dinners, so plan photos before dinner

Party or theme	Ships (per Disney)	What to expect
Let's Set Sail	Adventure, Fantasy, Treasure, Wish, Destiny, Dream	The sail-away party on deck
Mickey's Sail-A-Wave Party	Magic, Wonder	A bon voyage celebration
A Frozen Fjord Celebration	Wonder	Frozen-themed deck party
The Lion King: Celebration in the Sky	Adventure	A Lion King fireworks tribute
Marvel Days at Sea	Magic, select sailings	A Marvel-themed day at sea
Pixar Days at Sea	Fantasy, select sailings	A Pixar-themed day at sea
Halloween on the High Seas	Magic, Wonder, Dream, Fantasy, Wish, Treasure, Destiny	Late September through Halloween: Mickey's Mouse-Querade and pumpkin trees
Very Merrytime	Seasonal sailings	Characters in festive attire, holiday crafts and activities
New Year's Eve	Dream, Fantasy, Magic, Wonder	A celebration on sailings over New Year's Eve

Getting a good spot

- Check the Navigator app for the day's times and location
- Arrive early for kids who want to be near the front
- Bring a light layer; decks get breezy after dark

Fireworks fine print

- Fireworks at sea happen on most sailings
- There are **no fireworks** on Alaska sailings
- Weather can move or cancel deck events

PART 4 · ISLAND DAYS

Disney Castaway Cay, hour by hour

Disney's private island in the Bahamas, reserved for Disney Cruise Line Guests. The ship docks and you simply walk off, so the whole day is yours.

Sample time	The TWTT plan (adjust to your app's docking time)
7:30 AM	Early breakfast aboard. Pack the beach bag (list below). Every adult needs **photo ID plus a Key to the World card** to go ashore and come back.
8:30 AM	Walk off as soon as the ship is cleared. Running the **Castaway Cay 5K**? Check the app for the start; finishers get a medal.
9:00 AM	Tram or walk to your beach: **Castaway Family Beach**, or **Serenity Bay** for adults 18+. Chairs, umbrellas and towels are included.
9:30 AM	Drop kids at **Scuttle's Cove**, supervised by Disney youth counselors. Teens 14–17 head to the **Teen Hideout**.
10:00 AM	Snorkel the lagoon or rent kayaks and paddleboats at Gil's Fins and Boats or Flippers & Floats. Ride **Pelican Plunge**, with its 2 waterslides.
11:30 AM	Beat the lunch rush at **Cookie's BBQ** on the family side, or the adults-only barbecue at Serenity Bay. Soft drinks and soft-serve are included.
1:00 PM	Character sightings, volleyball at the **Sports Beach**, games at In Da Shade, or a postcard from the island post office on the dock.
2:30 PM	A frozen treat at **Olaf's Summertime Freeze** (extra cost), last swim, and pick up the kids.
3:00 PM+	Head back with time to spare; check the app for the all-aboard time. A quiet ship and short lines await.

Included vs. extra

Included

Beaches, chairs, umbrellas and towels, BBQ lunch, soft drinks, soft-serve, waterslides, Scuttle's Cove, Teen Hideout, character meets, Sports Beach, the 5K, trams.

Extra cost

Port Adventures (stingrays, parasailing, glass-bottom boats and more), cabanas, cabana massages, rentals, Olaf's frozen drinks, shopping.

Beach bag checklist

- [ ] Photo ID and Key to the World card for every adult
- [ ] Plenty of sunscreen
- [ ] Hats, sunglasses and cover-ups
- [ ] Swim diapers for toddlers
- [ ] A dry bag for phones
- [ ] Leave drones, floats and fishing gear on the ship; they're not allowed

Families with little ones

Disney offers **complimentary wagons** on Castaway Cay for sandy beaches, and flotation vests for kids and adults are available at both island destinations.

Book a cabana early

Private cabanas are limited and open in your activity booking window, subject to availability. If a cabana matters to you, it goes near the top of your booking-day list.

PART 4 · ISLAND DAYS

Disney Lookout Cay, hour by hour

Disney Lookout Cay at Lighthouse Point sits on the southern tip of Eleuthera in The Bahamas, with Bahamian culture woven into the whole day. You walk ashore on a pier.

Sample time	The TWTT plan (adjust to your app's docking time)
7:30 AM	Breakfast aboard. Every adult needs **photo ID plus a Key to the World card**. Comfortable walking shoes if you plan the trail.
8:30 AM	Walk off along the pier. An accessible cart shuttle runs to Mabrika Cove, with a tram on to the Goombay area.
9:00 AM	Settle in on the **Family Beach** (towels, chairs, umbrellas included) or adults-only **Serenity Bay**.
9:30 AM	Kids to **Sebastian's Cove**, the counselor-staffed kids club with a Little Mermaid-inspired splash pad.
10:00 AM	Cool off at **Rush Out Gush Out Water Play**, with fountains, water drums and 2 corkscrew slides. Or walk the **Nature Trail** to the historic lighthouse while it's cooler.
11:30 AM	Lunch at **True-True BBQ** or True-True BBQ Too, with Bahamian-inspired sides like plantains. Adults can use the Serenity Bay BBQ.
1:00 PM	Visit the **Goombay Cultural Center**, then catch **RUSH! A Junkanoo Celebration** and the Disney Fun in the Sun Beach Bash, with limbo, ring toss and characters.
2:30 PM	Shopping and treats: Treasures of Eleuthera (local artists), Disney T'ings, Plaits and Pleats braiding, Sandsational Smoothies, Mangos & Go.
3:00 PM+	Pick up the kids and head back early. Check the app for the all-aboard time.

Included vs. extra

Included

Family Beach and Serenity Bay, towels, chairs, umbrellas, BBQ lunch, soft drinks and soft-serve, Sebastian's Cove, the water play area, cultural programming, the Nature Trail.

Extra cost

Serenity Bay cabanas and other cabanas, Port Adventures with local operators, snorkel rentals at Flippers and Fins, shopping, and the four adults-only bars: Watering Hole, Reef & Wreck, Bow & Ribbon and Blue Hole.

Good to know

- Swimming and water activities can be limited by weather, currents or marine life. Have a dry-land Plan B
- Use your phone on the Nature Trail to learn about points of interest
- Cabanas open in your booking window, subject to availability
- Port Adventures here were developed with local tour operators

Minors ashore, at either island

Under-18s go ashore with an adult from their stateroom or another adult authorized in **Traveling with Minors** during Online Check-In (or on a form aboard). A **Minors Ashore Approval** lets teens 14+ explore the islands on their own, with their Key to the World card.

Island-day dinner

Port days are long and sunny. If you have the early seating, a quick nap or a quiet pool hour after you reboard keeps dinner happy.

Documents: passport or birth certificate?

Documents are the one thing that can stop you at the pier. Disney's rule is simple: Guests without proper documentation are denied boarding, and documents must be valid for the whole voyage.

US citizens on a closed-loop cruise

For round trips from and back to **Port Canaveral, Fort Lauderdale, Galveston, New York, San Diego or San Juan** (Bahamas, Caribbean, Pacific Coast, Bermuda or Canada), Disney accepts any one of:

- A valid US **passport book** or **passport card**
- An **original state-issued birth certificate** plus a **physical** government photo ID
- A Consular Report of Birth Abroad, or a Certificate of Naturalization, plus a physical photo ID

Children **15 and under** need the citizenship document, but not a photo ID.

What Disney does *not* accept

- Hospital-issued birth certificates
- Puerto Rico birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010
- Digital or mobile state IDs (to sail)
- Social Security cards or Global Entry cards as proof of citizenship
- Photocopies, where Disney asks for originals

When a passport is required

- **Europe, Panama Canal, Transatlantic and Singapore**: a passport valid at least **6 months after** the sailing ends
- Anyone entering or re-entering the US **by air** needs a valid passport
- **Alaska from Vancouver:** flying into Canada needs a passport book; by land or sea, a passport card or NEXUS also works (kids 15 and under can use a birth certificate)
- One-way sailings (for example, to San Juan): check Disney's page for your exact route

Why I still say "get the passport"

Disney itself recommends carrying a valid passport even when it isn't required. If an emergency means flying home from a foreign port, a passport lets you board that flight without delay.

A passport card works at sea and land borders, but not for international flights.

Other rules people miss

- Disney asks for passport numbers in your Guest Information during Online Check-In
- An adult traveling with a minor who isn't their child needs a signed **Minor Authorization Form**
- REAL ID isn't needed to board the ship, but adults 18+ need REAL ID (or a passport) for US flights
- Non-US citizens may need visas or ESTA; Europe has the new EES and UK ETA systems

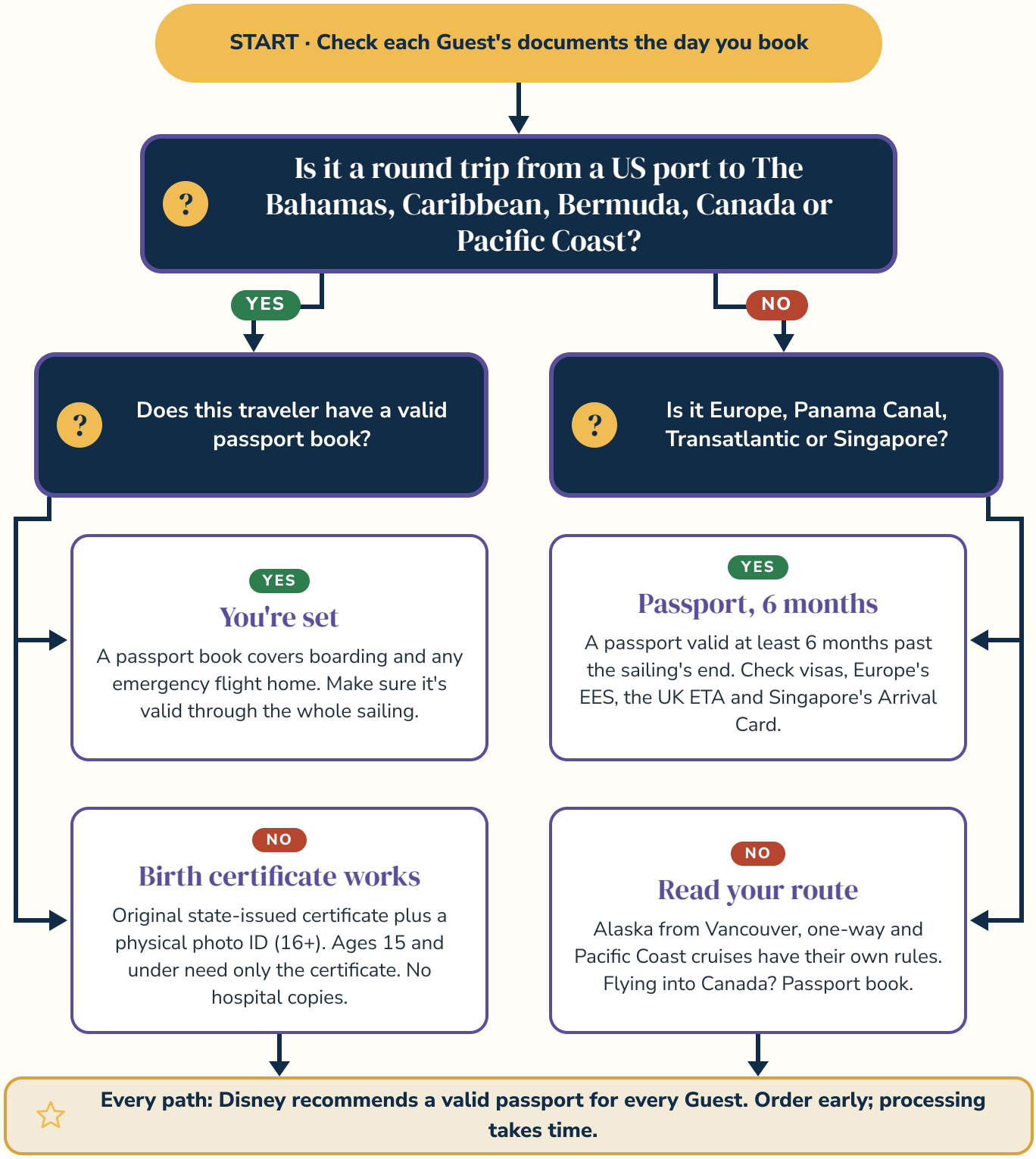
Keep them with you

When you drop luggage at the curb, keep every document in your hands for terminal check-in. Bring **originals**, and keep the Port Arrival Form ready on a phone.

From Disney's Passports, Visas & Citizenship Documentation page and documents FAQs, checked Nov 15, 2026. Government rules change, so confirm for your itinerary.

The TWTT Documents Compass

Two questions for every US citizen in your party. Answer for each traveler, not just the group.



An original TWTT flowchart, simplified from Disney's documentation page (Nov 15, 2026). It is not legal advice; confirm with Disney and the US State Department.

PART 5 · PAPERWORK & LOGISTICS

Gratuities, your folio & debarkation

The last night and last morning go smoothly when you know three things: how gratuities work, how your onboard account settles, and how to plan your trip home.

Gratuities, without the math

- Disney recommends a gratuity **per night, per Guest**, including infants and children
- It goes to your dining room server, assistant server, head server and stateroom host. Concierge adds the assistant stateroom host and Concierge Lounge team
- Prepay in My Reservations. Booked with an advisor? Ask them to apply it
- Not prepaid? It's added to your onboard account. Adjust it at Guest Services
- **Not included:** drinks added at dinner, adult and premium dining, shop and poolside food or drink, room service and similar extras

Your onboard account

- Everything goes on your stateroom folio, in **US dollars**, using your Key to the World card
- A credit card on file means the account can settle without a stop at Guest Services
- Check your folio in the app during the cruise, not just on the last night
- Let your card company know you're traveling
- Carry a little cash or a card in port for snacks and souvenirs

The last 24 hours

When	What to do
Last afternoon	Collect any wine or spirits bought in port, which Disney holds until the end of the cruise. Review your folio. Check the app for debarkation instructions.
Last evening	Pack. Keep documents, medications and tonight's and tomorrow's clothes out. Room service runs until 1:30 AM on the final night. On Adventure, debarkation luggage tags arrive in your stateroom that evening.
Debarkation morning	Carry off your day bag. Have documents ready for US Customs and Border Protection. At some ports you declare by choosing a processing lane as you exit.
Flying home	Disney's ground transportation page lists the earliest recommended flights: 11:15 AM from Orlando for Port Canaveral round trips, 11:00 AM from Fort Lauderdale and 12:00 PM from Miami for Fort Lauderdale round trips.
After you're home	Photos you bought on board or in a package stay in My Cruise Photos for 45 days from when they were taken. Download them early.

US Customs, simply

- On your return, you give US Customs and Border Protection your declaration status
- A declaration form may be requested; at some ports you pick a processing lane as you exit
- Keep receipts for what you bought ashore and on board
- Undeclared purchases over your allowance can bring fines

A calm last morning

- Set out the clothes you'll wear off the ship before you pack
- Keep chargers, medications and documents in your day bag
- Settle any folio questions the evening before, not at the gangway

The printable packing checklist

Print this page and check things off. Pack the day bag first, because your suitcases may not reach your stateroom until a few hours after sailing.

Day bag (carry-on)

- [ ] Passports or citizenship documents, plus photo IDs
- [ ] Port Arrival Form, printed or saved
- [ ] Medications, in original containers
- [ ] Swimsuits, cover-ups, sunscreen, hats
- [ ] Camera, batteries, memory cards
- [ ] Extra glasses or contacts
- [ ] Any wine or beer you're bringing (it must be carry-on)
- [ ] DisneyBand+ and its charger, if you have one

Clothes & dining

- [ ] Cruise-casual dinner outfits (no swimwear or tank tops)
- [ ] Dressier outfits for dress-up, formal or semi-formal nights
- [ ] A polished outfit for Palo, Remy, Enchanté or Palo Steakhouse
- [ ] A pirate or themed-night outfit
- [ ] Rubber-soled shoes for Port Adventures
- [ ] A light jacket or sweater for breezy decks
- [ ] Workout clothes and sleepwear

Kids & family

- [ ] Swim diapers (for designated splash areas only)
- [ ] A night light for little ones
- [ ] Autograph book and a fat pen for character meets
- [ ] Baby food or formula, pre-packaged and unopened
- [ ] Lanyards for Key to the World cards
- [ ] Pirate Night bandanas and family costumes (no prop weapons)

Already in your stateroom

- [ ] Hair dryer
- [ ] Shampoo, conditioner, lotion and soap
- [ ] A safe for valuables
- [ ] Pack 'n Play crib, bed bumpers or high chair (request free via Special Requests)
- [ ] Self-service laundry with irons, paid with your Key to the World card

Leave these at home (Disney's prohibited list)

- Irons and garment steamers
- Extension cords, power strips and surge protectors
- Over-the-door hooks and hanging organizers
- Drones
- Inflatable pools, rafts and floats
- Candles, weapons and marijuana (even if legal at home)
- Coolers, except small carry-on ones for medicine or baby food
- Homemade or perishable food
- Selfie sticks over 18 in. (keep in the room)

Alcohol: Guests 21+ may bring one unopened bottle of wine (up to 750 ml) or 6 beers in carry-on bags; checked alcohol is removed. Golf clubs don't count toward the 2-bag limit.

Celebrations, door décor & Fish Extenders

Little touches make a Disney cruise feel personal. Some are official Disney services; one of the most beloved is a guest-made tradition.

Official ways to celebrate

Special occasions

Tell Disney at least **3 weeks** ahead through My Reservations → Special Requests (birthday, anniversary, honeymoon, graduation, reunion). Orders must be in at least 48 hours before departure.

Onboard gifts

Order door decorations, in-room décor, flowers, treats, robes and more. **Cakes: 7 days** before sailing. **Other gifts: 3 days.**

Sail Away Gift

Share a link so family and friends can add onboard credit for you.

Free character call

Schedule a pre-recorded Disney character call from My Reservations (US and Canada numbers only).

Fish Extenders, explained

A **Fish Extender** is a guest-community tradition, not a Disney program. Families on the same sailing connect online before the cruise, then hang a fabric organizer with pockets outside their stateroom door. Over the week, group members drop small surprise gifts into each other's pockets.

It's a lovely way to make friends, and kids adore checking the door.

Fish Extender, the TWTT way

- Join a group for your exact ship and sail date and read its rules first
- Keep gifts small, light and useful: a magnet, a keychain, a sticker sheet, a bookmark
- Skip food unless it's sealed and allergy-labeled
- Label every gift with your stateroom and family name
- Plan for the number of families in your group, plus a couple of spares

Check Disney's rules before you hang anything

Disney's prohibited-items list includes **over-the-door hooks and over-the-door hanging organizers**. Before you pack hanging hardware, check Disney's current prohibited-items page and ask your stateroom host what's allowed on your ship.

Door decorations are also sold through Disney's onboard gifts.

Celebration ideas that never fail

- A themed family photo on dress-up or formal night
- A cake delivered to dinner on the night you choose
- Matching Pirate Night outfits
- A surprise character call a week before you sail

Make it a surprise

Planning a secret? Order onboard gifts on your own login, or ask me to place it with your reservation. Gifts usually arrive on embarkation day, and cakes can go to your stateroom or dining room at a time you choose.

Pre-cruise hotels & adding Walt Disney World

Arriving the day before is the single best travel-insurance policy I know. Disney agrees: an early arrival gives you time to spare if travel goes sideways.

Why stay before you sail

- **Peace of mind:** a flight delay doesn't cost you the ship
- **A relaxed morning** for your Port Arrival Time and the health questionnaire
- **Transportation help:** Disney can arrange transfers between airport, hotel and port
- Disney offers pre- and post-cruise hotel stays near its ports

Disney's flight-time guidelines

Port Canaveral (fly into MCO)
Latest recommended arrival on sail day: 11:30 AM.
Earliest flight home on debarkation day: 11:15 AM.

Fort Lauderdale (FLL or MIA)
Latest arrival: 12:30 PM at FLL, 11:30 AM at MIA.
Earliest flight home: 11:00 AM FLL, 12:00 PM MIA.

Galveston (IAH), 2027 sailings
Latest arrival: 10:45 AM. Earliest flight home: 1:00 PM.

Adding Walt Disney World

Land and sea, Disney's way

- Disney packages a Walt Disney World Resort stay before or after your cruise
- Transfers can be arranged between Port Canaveral, Walt Disney World Resort and Orlando International Airport
- Port Canaveral is about **1 hour 30 minutes** from Walt Disney World
- Select Disney Deluxe Villa resorts are among the options

Parks first or ship first?

Parks first works best for most families. You finish the trip on the ship, rested and fed, instead of jumping from a cruise into park mornings.

Ship first is great if your crew wants the cruise to be the calm start before a big park finale.

Sailing from Singapore?

Disney's Adventure guide notes that Guests at Marina Bay Sands, Raffles Singapore or Shangri-La Rasa Sentosa can prepurchase Disney ground transportation, with luggage delivered to the stateroom and an earlier Port Arrival Time.

Want both trips planned together?

My **Walt Disney World Park Playbook** pairs with this guide. I can line up park days, dining windows and Lightning Lane with your cruise windows, so nothing overlaps.

Ground transportation

- Disney can arrange transfers at most of its ports
- Transfers can connect the airport, a pre-cruise hotel and the terminal
- Disney's ground transportation service is not available in Singapore

Book the hotel when you book the ship

Disney recommends booking about a year ahead; holiday sailings sell out. Port hotels fill on busy sail dates too, so I book the night-before stay at the same time.

First-timer mistakes (and how to avoid them)

The twelve slip-ups I see most, and the quick fix for each. Read this one twice.

1. **Missing the final payment date.** It isn't automatic, and you can't book a single activity until the cruise is paid in full.
2. **Waking up late on check-in day.** Online Check-In opens at 12:01 AM Eastern. Disney notes that checking in right away gets you earlier arrival times.
3. **Showing up before your Port Arrival Time.** You can't enter the terminal early, and you'll wait outside with limited shade.
4. **Packing documents or medications in checked bags.** Luggage can take hours to reach your room. Day bag, always.
5. **Packing wine in a suitcase.** Alcohol in checked luggage is removed. It must be in your carry-on, within Disney's limits.
6. **Assuming a mobile ID or hospital birth certificate works.** Neither is accepted to sail. Bring physical IDs and state-issued certificates.
7. **Booking an adults-only dinner on your favorite rotation night.** Adult dining replaces rotational dinner. Check your rotation first.
8. **Skipping the nursery or Palo booking on window day.** Both are limited and fill fast. Book them first.
9. **Forgetting Traveling with Minors permissions.** Without them, teens can't go ashore with friends' parents or on their own at the islands.
10. **Bringing a power strip or over-the-door hooks.** Both are on Disney's prohibited list.
11. **Giving up when an activity shows full.** Keep checking the app, and stop by the restaurant or Port Adventures desk on day one. Cancellations happen.
12. **Booking a too-early flight home.** Use Disney's earliest recommended flight time for your port, or later.

Before your booking window opens

- [ ] Cruise paid in full
- [ ] Family and friends linked in the app
- [ ] Everyone's top three must-dos listed
- [ ] Know which nights matter most (Pirate Night, a favorite show)
- [ ] Heights checked against slide rules

Check-in night

- [ ] Alarm set for 12:01 AM Eastern
- [ ] IDs and passport numbers ready
- [ ] Credit card ready for the onboard account
- [ ] Kids club and minors-ashore choices agreed
- [ ] Port Arrival Form saved to every phone

☆ **THOMAS'S TIP**

Make one shared family note with every confirmation number, booking window date and Port Arrival Time. When something changes, there's one place to update.

Day-by-day planner & booking worksheet

Fill in the top once your rotation and reservations are set, and use the bottom on booking-window day. Keep it on the fridge, then snap a photo.

Ship: _____ **Sail date:** _____ **Stateroom:** _____

Castaway Club tier: _____ **Activity window opens:** _____

Check-in opens: _____

Day	Port or sea day	Dinner restaurant	Booked times (spa, Palo, tours)	Show / deck party	Our one must-do
Day 1					
Day 2					
Day 3					
Day 4					
Day 5					
Day 6					
Day 7					
Day 8					

Reservations to make on window day

Reservation	Day & time wanted	Booked? ✓	Notes
Adults-only dinner			
Nursery			
Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique / Pirates League			
Character tea or Royal Gathering			
Cabana			
Port Adventures			
Spa or salon			

LET THOMAS PLAN IT

You enjoy the voyage. I'll handle the details.

This playbook gives you a strong start. If you'd rather have someone build the whole cruise around your family, that's exactly what I do.

How I can help

- Matching the right ship, itinerary and stateroom to your family
- Watching every booking window and check-in date for you
- A booking-day plan for dining, the nursery, kids' extras and Port Adventures
- Pre-cruise hotels, transfers and Walt Disney World add-ons
- Staying with you through changes, right up to sail day

What happens next

- **Reach out** on my website or by email with rough dates and who's traveling
- **We talk it through:** ships, budget comfort, must-dos and questions
- **I build your plan**, then stay with you through every window and change

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