

*Once upon a time...*

# Your 5-Day *Deaf Disney* Trip Planner

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Communication-first planning for Walt Disney World

From the Fairytale Dreamers Travel team

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## WELCOME

# How to use this planner.

This planner is built for Deaf, hard-of-hearing, and signing families planning their first — or fiftieth — Walt Disney World trip. We focus on the moments where communication actually matters: the booking windows, the requests, the on-the-ground tools.

## WHAT'S INSIDE

- Pre-trip timeline — every booking window from 12 months out to check-in day
- 5 daily planning pages — write your itinerary, log accessibility requests, save dining notes
- ASL & access quick-reference — interpreter requests, DAS, captioning, key phone numbers
- Cruise communication checklist — if your trip extends to Disney Cruise Line
- Post-trip review — what worked, what to remember for next time

**From our team:**

This planner is meant to be printed, written in, or filled out on your tablet — whatever helps. If you'd like one of our Dreamers to walk through it with you in ASL or text, just email us.

## BOOKING WINDOWS

# The Disney planning timeline.

Disney's booking system has many windows — miss one and you may miss a dining reservation, a special experience, or even a discounted rate. Here's what to track.

- 12 MONTHS OUT** Resort + flights start opening. If your trip includes a holiday week or runDisney weekend, book early.
- 9 MONTHS OUT** Memory Maker, Annual Passholder offers begin. Look for room-only discounts.
- 6 MONTHS OUT** runDisney registration typically opens for each season's events.
- 60 DAYS OUT** Advance Dining Reservations open at 6am ET. Signature restaurants fill in minutes.
- 60 DAYS OUT** ASL interpreter requests should be submitted (407-560-2547 voice · 407-827-5141 TTY · [disability.services@disneyparks.com](mailto:disability.services@disneyparks.com)).
- 60 DAYS OUT** Disney Cruise Line ASL request window for U.S.-based and select European sailings.
- 30 DAYS OUT** Final payment due on Walt Disney Travel Company packages.
- 14 DAYS OUT** DAS registration available via live video chat. Latest you should request ASL interpreters.
- 7 DAYS OUT** Lightning Lane Single Pass on-sale for top-tier attractions (resort guests).
- 3 DAYS OUT** Lightning Lane Multi Pass selections (resort guests).
- DAY OF** All-day Genie+ and walk-up wait lists open. Apply communication-kit requests at check-in.

## NUMBERS + EMAILS TO KEEP HANDY

# ASL & access — quick reference.

Print this page. Tuck it in your bag. Take it to Guest Relations on day one.

## Disney Services for Guests with Disabilities

Voice: 407-560-2547

TTY: 407-827-5141

Email: [disability.services@disney.com](mailto:disability.services@disney.com)

Use for ASL interpreter requests, captioning support, attraction-specific access questions.

## Reservations & Tickets

WDW main: 407-939-5277

Military: 407-939-7830

Dining: 407-939-3463

All numbers above are voice. Add a TTY relay service for direct-to-Disney TTY communication.

## What's interpreted at WDW

Festival of the Lion King (AK)

Finding Nemo: The Big Blue (AK)

Indiana Jones Stunt Spectacular (HS)

Beauty and the Beast Live (HS)

The American Adventure (EPCOT)

PhilharMagic (MK) · Country Bear (MK)

Request 14+ days in advance.

## What's accessible without request

Closed-captioning handheld devices at Guest Relations (refundable deposit)

Stationary attractions with full captioning: Carousel of Progress, Hall of Presidents, Spaceship Earth, Living with the Land

Many ride pre-shows include captions

DAILY PLANNER

# Day 1 *Hello, Magic*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARK: \_\_\_\_\_

PARK HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_

ASL INTERPRETED SHOW: \_\_\_\_\_

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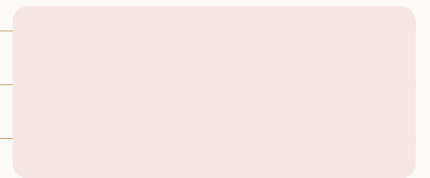
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Arrival day. Stop at Guest Relations  
**Today's tip** to request assistive devices  
 (refundable deposit). Confirm ASL  
 requests.

DAILY PLANNER

# Day 2 *First Park Day*

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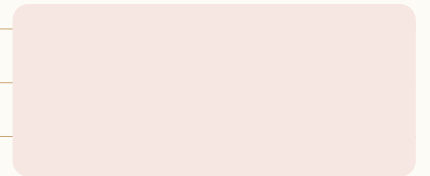
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First full park day — start early  
**Today's tip** Download the My Disney  
 Experience app for visual queue  
 updates.

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# Day 3 *Festival or Cruise Day*

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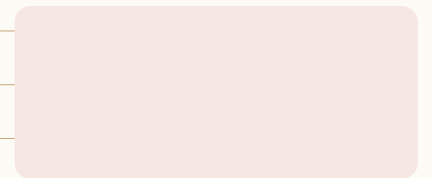
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**Today's tip**  
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# Day 4 *Big Show Day*

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PARK HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_

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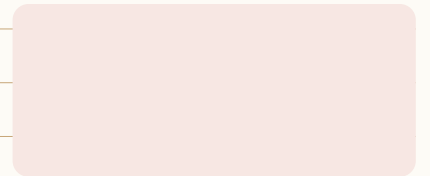
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Major show + character meet day.  
**Today's tip:** If you see a character meets often sign — let them know your party's signing.

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# Day 5 *Last Hurrah*

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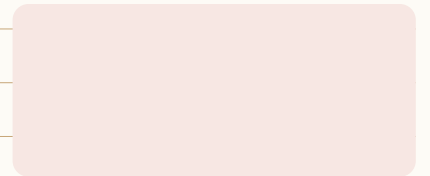
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**Today's tip:** This is your final park. Build in down time before flights. Memory Maker uploads finalize today.

## REVIEW &amp; NEXT STEPS

# How did the magic land?

Take a few minutes after the trip – your future self (or future Dreamer-planner) will thank you.

Which park days flowed best?

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Where did communication work well?

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Where did it not? What would we do differently?

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Did Disney's ASL/DAS process work end-to-end?

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Top three memories – for the highlight reel.

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Top three things to book differently next time.

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