



Is the Dining Plan Worth It?

A few honest questions about how your family really eats — follow the arrows to your verdict.

FIRST — CAN YOU EVEN GET IT?

You need a Disney Resort hotel stay booked as a package (room + tickets).
DVC Members and Annual Passholders can usually add it to a room-only stay.
Third-party hotels — Swan, Dolphin, Swan Reserve — don't participate.

✗ Not you? The plan isn't available — pay as you go, skip the rest.

✓ You're in? Follow the arrows below ↓

1 • Do you plan to sit down for a table-service meal most days?

IF NO ↙

2 • Do you eat two real counter-service meals a day, and grab a snack most days?

NO



SKIP IT —

If you graze, share plates, or leave the parks midday, you'll leave credits (and money) unused. Pay as you go.

YES



QUICK-SERVICE PLAN FITS —

Two counter meals + a snack + the refillable mug is close to how you'd eat anyway. The win is prepaid certainty, not big savings.

IF YES ↘

3 • Do you usually order an entrée AND dessert — and would a specialty or 21+ drink come with the meal?

NO



THE MATH TIGHTENS —

The plan assumes you order the dessert and the pricier items. Skip those and you're often better paying out of pocket. Lean Quick-Service or no plan.

YES

4 • How many sit-down meals a day do you actually want?

ONE



TABLE-SERVICE PLAN —

(called the "Disney Dining Plan" in 2026). One sit-down + one counter meal + snack + mug. The best fit for most table-service families.

TWO



DELUXE TABLE-SERVICE PLAN (2027) —

Two sit-downs + snack + mug. Only worth it if you dine big every single day.

BEFORE YOU DECIDE



Credits pool for the whole trip — you don't have to spread them evenly.



Character meals, signature restaurants & dinner shows cost 2 table-service credits each.



Gratuities aren't included — budget about 18–20% cash on top.

WHAT EACH PLAN INCLUDES — per person, per night, ages 3+

	QUICK-SERVICE	TABLE-SERVICE	DELUXE (2027)
Table-service meals	—	1	2
Quick-service meals	2	1	1
Snack	1	1	1
Refillable mug	✓	✓	✓

★ Deluxe Table-Service arrives in 2027. In 2026, the Table-Service plan is simply called the "Disney Dining Plan."

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