



Early Entry & Extended Evening Hours



The two resort perks that get you more park time — and who gets which.

Staying on-site buys you time the day-guests don't get: a head start every morning, and — at the right resort — extra hours at night. Here's how both work, and the difference that should shape where you book.



1 EARLY THEME PARK ENTRY

Every resort guest. Every day. 30 minutes early.



The perk:

Every Disney Resort guest can enter any of the four parks 30 minutes before official open — every single day. That goes for Value, Moderate, Deluxe, and Deluxe Villa guests alike, plus select non-Disney hotels on property (Swan, Dolphin, Swan Reserve, Shades of Green, Four Seasons, and select Disney Springs-area hotels).



How it works:

Just arrive early with your park ticket and your Resort ID — a MagicBand, MagicMobile pass, or Key to the World card. The entrance scanner confirms your stay.



Why it's gold:

Thirty minutes doesn't sound like much, but it's a full head start on the headliners before the day-guest crowd pours in — often the difference between a walk-on and an hour in line.



2 EXTENDED EVENING HOURS

Deluxe & DVC only. Everything happens in twos.



The perk:

Guests at Disney Deluxe and Deluxe Villa (DVC) Resorts — plus a few select hotels — get up to two extra hours in the park after regular close. It runs about two nights a week, at two parks: usually Monday at EPCOT and Wednesday at Magic Kingdom (the schedule shifts occasionally — check the calendar).



How it works:

Tap in at the dedicated gate after close with your MagicBand or ticket. It's included — not the separately-ticketed Disney After Hours events.



The catch:

Value and Moderate resorts do not get this one. If low-wait night rides matter to you, that's a real reason to book Deluxe.



The magic:

By the end of the night the park is eerily empty and most attractions are walk-ons. It's the single best low-wait window of your whole trip.

WHO GETS WHAT?		EARLY ENTRY (30 MINUTES)	EXTENDED EVENING (UP TO 2 HOURS)
★	Value (All-Star, Pop Century, Art of Animation)	✓	—
🌴	Moderate (Caribbean Beach, Port Orleans, Coronado Springs)	✓	—
🏰	Deluxe (Contemporary, Grand Floridian, Polynesian, Wilderness Lodge, Animal Kingdom Lodge, Beach Club, Yacht Club, BoardWalk, Riviera)	✓	✓
🌳	Deluxe Villas / DVC	✓	✓
🦩	Select non-Disney (Swan, Dolphin, Shades of Green, Four Seasons)	✓	VARIES — CONFIRM

★ SMART MOVES ★



Rope-drop the biggest headliner the moment early entry starts — the lowest wait you'll see all day.



Save the rides you missed for Extended Evening Hours — that's your walk-on window.



Check the official Hours & Events calendar for which nights and parks before you plan your days.



On the Skyliner? It starts running about 90 minutes before the first park opens.



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