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Disney Parks Magical Christmas Day Parade Coming to ABC on December 25th. ABC/Disney and fans have been enjoying 'Tis the Season for Festive Holiday Programming since mid-November. The festivities continue and will be capped off by Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest 2023' Rings in the New Year.

Join celebrity hosts for the two-hour Christmas day special as they follow the famous Christmas Day Parade down Main Street U.S.A., featuring performances by some of today's top artists across Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and Disneyland Resort in California. Also during the Christmas Day Parade, viewers will be treated to several Disney Parks sneak peeks, including behind-the-scenes looks into future attractions coming to Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and Disneyland Resort in California.

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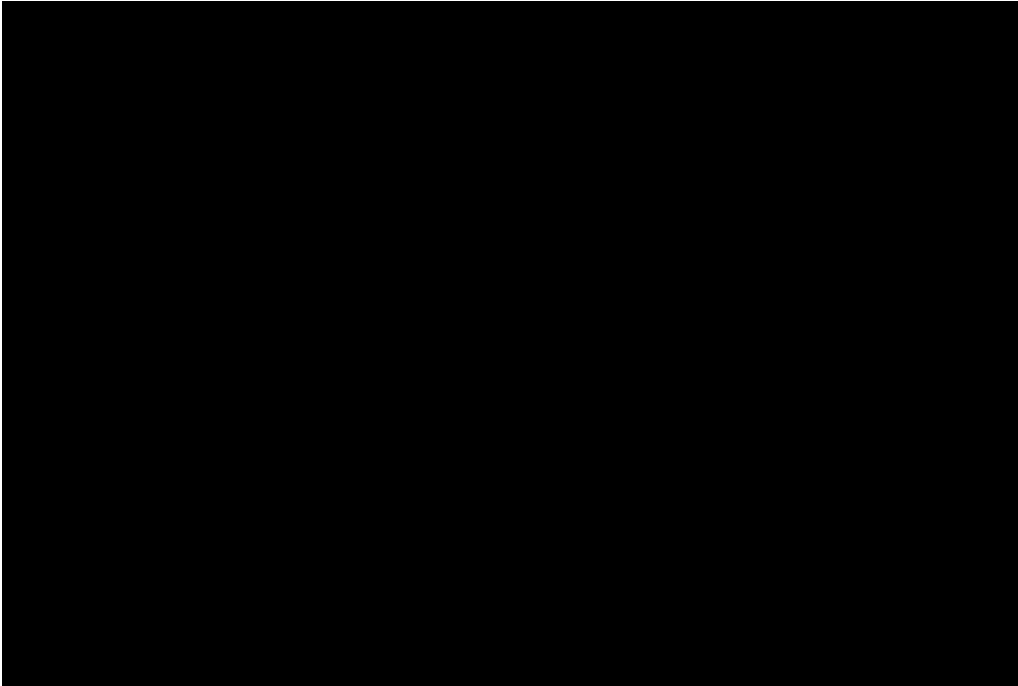


**DISNEY PARKS MAGICAL CHRISTMAS DAY PARADE** – Disney's annual Christmas celebration returns Christmas morning with heartwarming stories, dazzling celebrity performances and of course, the Christmas Day Parade! The holiday special is executive produced by Disney Parks along with Film 45 Live, airing **SUNDAY, DEC. 25 (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST/7:00-9:00 a.m. PST)**, on ABC. (Disney/Matt Strohane) **DEREK HOUGH, JULIANNE HOUGH**

In the meantime, we have enjoyed many Disney Holiday favorites like “The Great Christmas Light Fight”. The new “Mickey Saves Christmas”, and old classics “Disney Prep & Landing”. Movies are always a part of Tis the Season, and this year ABC is showing “The Sound of Music”.

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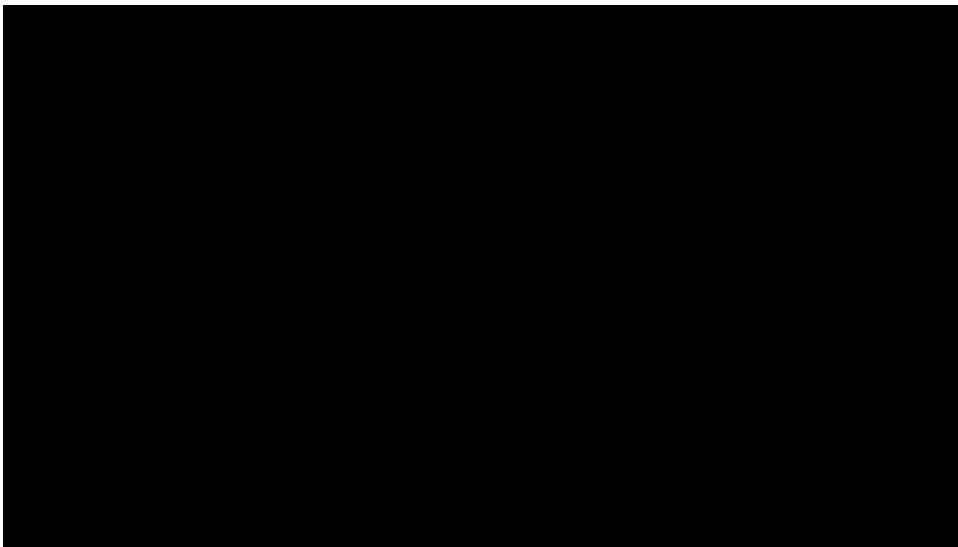
On Christmas Day we get one of our favorite annual parades “Disney Parks Magical Christmas Day Parade” filmed at Disneyland.

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## what happened to Have a Magical Day?



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I have just gotten back from 6 days at WDW.. and while the staff was outstanding and courteous and outgoing and friendly.. One thing was missing.. No More "Have a Magical Day".. and I was shocked.. I always look forward to having a magical day in the parks.. and I work in a call center and when I speak to people from the Orlando area... I almost always say it to them.. that and the true absence of seeing Mickey.. Mickey , himself was almost absent from the park.. Grant you that it was very very rainy all week.. but we had a true absence of characters on a whole..

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What stopped you from getting in line at his M&G? Or any other characters for that matter?

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I was at Disney's Hollywood Studios today, and as I left the Hollywood & Vine buffet, a cast member told me to have a magical day. So it's not completely dead.

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Magic is an upcharge now.

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Pretty sure they spent all the magic on the dessert parties

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Well Mickey still meets park open to park close in all four parks, appears in the castle show, Move It Shake It, day parade and Fantasmic...so he's still around.

But also I would much rather receive a genuinely a

averaged out of any company I've experienced. They do a phenomenal job with the amount of people employed and the number of guests that run through Disney.

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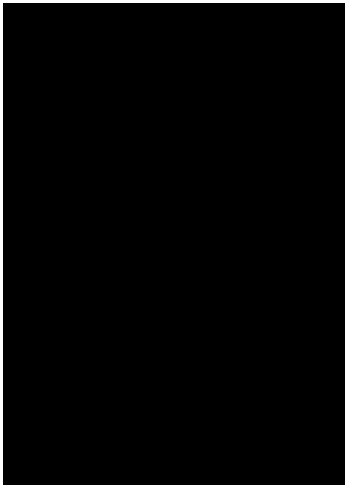
I like it, it's unique. It gives you a sense of anticipation. The day before I went to Magic Kingdom my last trip I purposely drove up to the Magic Kingdom parking lot. I "pretended" that I needed to turn around. I just wanted to get as close as I could to the park. The lady at the parking ticket booth was helpful and told me just to turn around to the left and I'll get right back out. She said "Have a magical day!". So yeah, people still say it.

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Made POFQ reservations yesterday and at the end the CM said "have a magical day seems to be live and well

## Have a Magical Day

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Walt Disney World is known as the most "magical" place in the world. "Have a Magical Day" is one of the lines most commonly heard out of each cast members' mouth. But do you know just how magical? Disney World is so full of hidden gems, inside jokes and little details that guests see everyday but don't realize the significance. Guests visiting the Magic Kingdom get their first taste of Walter E. Disney's amazingly creative mind as soon as the rope drops.

The Magic Kingdom was designed as if its guests are walking into a movie theater. You must pass through the tunnels of the railroad station in order to get into the park. The WDW Railroad station serves as the "curtain" rising upon the upcoming movie. As you pass through the tunnel, pay attention to the large posters of the rides found throughout the park – these posters are placed there to show guests the "upcoming attractions".

Once you have passed through the train station tunnels, you will notice the strong smell of freshly popped popcorn. Look to your left where you will find an old fashioned popcorn cart. Do you know why? That wonderfully enticing smell of fresh popcorn creates the illusion that you have just stepped into the lobby of a theater.

As you walk down Main Street, USA towards Cinderella's Castle, there are shops offering merchandise and food which is what most people pay attention to. There's more than meets the eye. The 2nd and 3rd story windows of the shops along Main Street represent the "opening credits" to the movie. These windows not only bear the names of fictional businesses but also offer a tribute to those people who were significant to the Disney Company, to the development of the Walt Disney World Resort and their families. For example, Walt's brother Roy's name can be found above the Confectionary shop (for those long time visitors, it's where the old camera shop used to be) as well as his wife's name and 7 of their children. The last credit is given to Walt Disney himself and can be found above the Ice Cream Parlor. If you are standing facing the castle at the end of Main Street, turn around and look above the Ice Cream Parlor. There is it – the "star" of the show – Walter E. Disney.

And last but not least, the "main attraction" of the your movie experience – Cinderella's Castle. This is where your "Magical Day" begins. Enjoy the show!

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## **How To Have A Magical Day At Disney World For Less Than \$100 - DVC Shop**

With the rising costs of goods and services across the globe, many of us are looking to save where we can. Your vacation may be no exception—but even if you are on a budget, there are numerous cost-effective activities and entertainment to be found in Disney World. Read on for some suggestions on having a magical day in Disney World...for less than \$100!

### **Disney Springs Day**

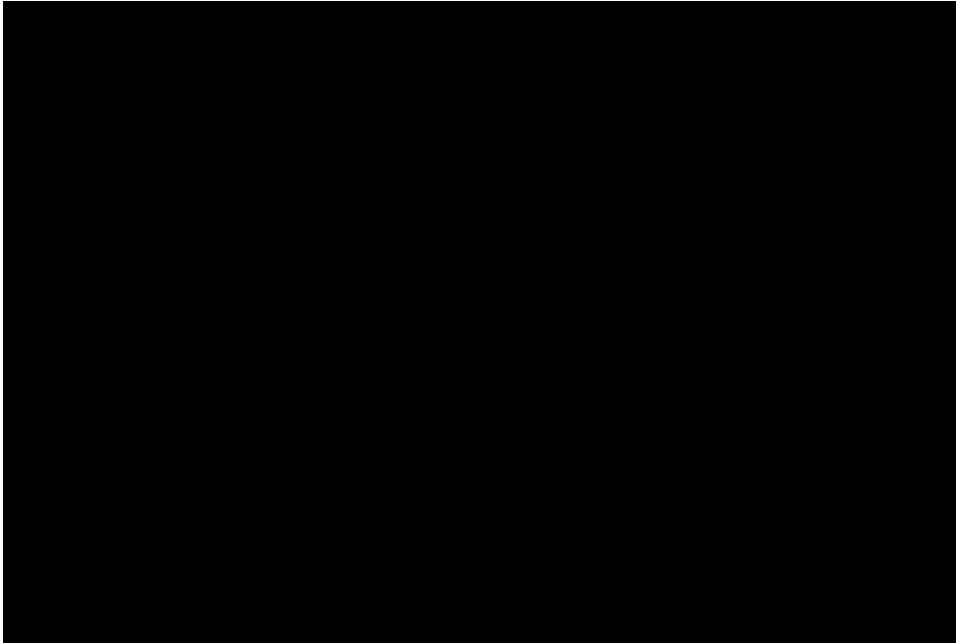
Disney Springs (Disney World's shopping, dining, and entertainment complex) offers a wealth of activities, sights and events that you can experience even when on a budget.

### **See A Movie At AMC Theater**

This upscale movie theater in Disney Springs offers plush seating and dine-in service for the ultimate movie-going experience. You can reserve a seat starting at \$19.79 per adult ticket, then grab a drink from MacGuffins Bar and Lounge right in the theater complex or order up hand-crafted food from the dine-in service.

### **Visit The Christmas Tree Stroll**

This holiday season between November 11 to December 30, head on over to Disney Springs to experience the magical Christmas Tree Stroll. This free activity makes for a perfect date activity or family outing! Pick up a map from City Works Eatery & Pour House, Crystal Arts by Arribas Brothers, Planet Hollywood, The BOATHOUSE or UNIQLO and explore Disney Springs to find all 20 fantastically themed trees.



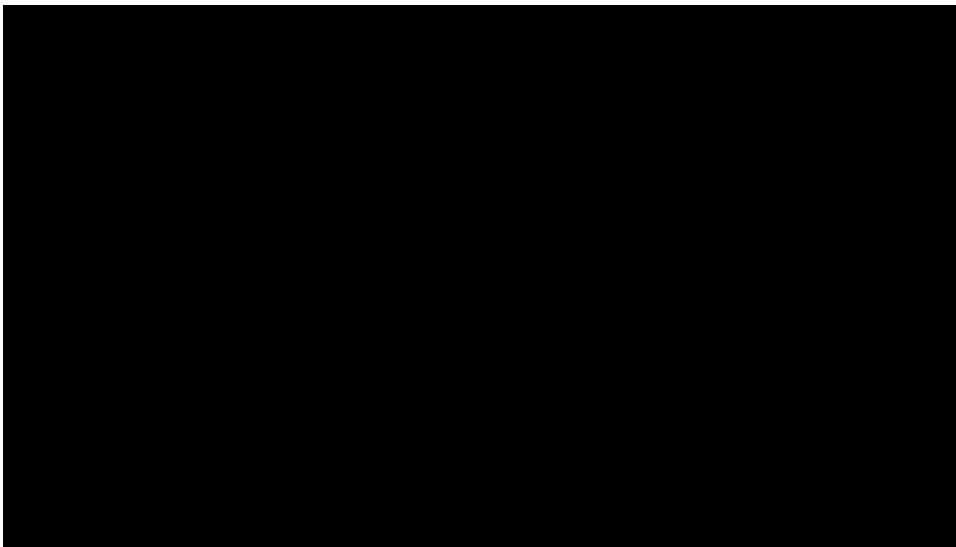
The Christmas Tree Stroll is a fantastic (and free!) activity for all ages in Disney Springs. Photo by Disney Parks.

### **Experience Exposition Park**

On the West Side of Disney Springs, you'll find Exposition Park: the hub for food trucks. Make a day of trying the different offerings from the food trucks, which feature a variety of food options from plant-based fare to Mexican-inspired dishes.

### **Go Miniature Golfing**

For a family-friendly activity, visit the 18-hole miniature golf courses available right in Disney World. Fantasia Gardens and Fairways Miniature Golf offers two different minigolf adventures based on the film "Fantasia." You'll recognize classic scenes and characters from the movie throughout the courses, plus encounter some surprising and exciting challenges! At just \$14 per adult and \$12 per child ages 3-9, you can bring the whole family for this cost-effective outing. Call (407) WDW-PLAY or (407) 939-7529 to make reservations.

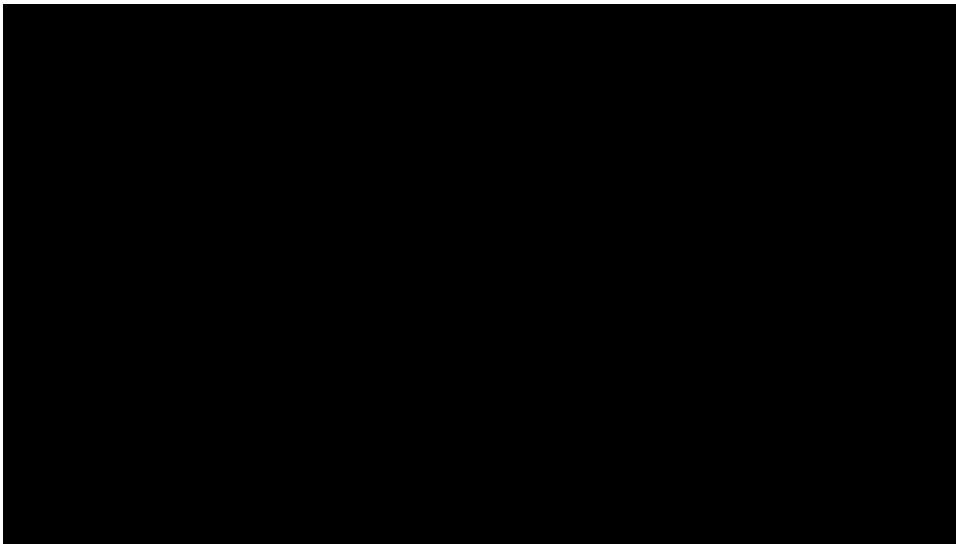


Mickey sprinkled a little magic throughout the miniature golf courses at Disney World! Photo by Disney.

## **Rent a Boat**

For an activity that surprisingly costs less than \$100, head over to one of the resort marinas to rent a pontoon boat. There are marinas offering boat rentals at The Contemporary Resort, Beach Club Resort, Yacht Club Resort, and The Grand Floridian. The spacious Sun Tracker Pontoon boats can accommodate up to 10 guests, and cost \$45 per half hour.

After your relaxing cruise around Seven Seas Lagoon, Bay Lake or Crescent Lake take some time to explore all the resort has to offer!



A pontoon boat rental makes for the perfect non-park activity. Photo by Disney.

## **Resort Hop**

Speaking of the resorts, there are endless activities, sights and experiences throughout the resorts of Disney World. Make a day of exploring them! Some of my favorite Disney vacation days have been spent just visiting the resorts and enjoying the beautiful decor and theming.

The Contemporary Resort / Bay Lake Tower, The Polynesian Resort & Villas, and The Grand Floridian Resort & Spa are all located on the resort monorail line, making them easy to visit. Start your resort-hopping day by parking at the Transportation & Ticket Center (please note there is an applicable parking fee), then take the resort monorail line to visit each of these resorts.

See the beautiful beaches and lush plants at the Polynesian Resort & Villas, and grab a Dole Whip at the Pineapple Lanai! Then take the monorail to the Grand Floridian, where you can visit some unique gift shops and maybe take in a piano performance right in the lobby. Finally, take the monorail past the Magic Kingdom over to the Contemporary Resort/Bay Lake Tower where you can see the iconic Mary Blair lobby mural and relax in one of the lounges.

Each of these resorts also hosts daily activities that are great for families, and offer an endless variety of dining options to suit any taste or budget.



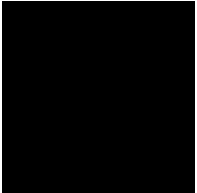


Make a day of visiting the Disney World

resorts and all they have to offer. Photo by Disney.

What are your favorite budget-friendly activities in Disney World? Let us know in the comments!

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