



Beating The Disney Quick Service Dining Plan 2026

Part One: Plan Overview

Plan Includes:

- 2 Quick Service Meals Per Person, Per Night
- 1 Snack Per Person, Per Night
- 1 Refillable Mug Per Person

The Disney Quick Service Dining Plan is for guests 3 & up only. **Guests under the age of 3 do not qualify for the plan, so keep that in mind if you have little ones!*

For the remainder of 2026, children ages 3-9 are FREE if you opt for a Dining Plan with your Walt Disney World Resort Package! This means if you have kids, you can absolutely save money if you plan ahead and utilize your credits! This offer can be combined with some other offers and discounts, so call or chat with Disney to see if it can be applied to your vacation! Also note: Disney gives and takes away, so you may want to book this soon before it's gone!

Keep in mind that when we talk about "Quick Service," this essentially means fast food. No reservations required, just walk up (or mobile order, which is what I recommend).

A Quick Service Meal Credit typically covers the cost of your meal and a beverage. If members of your party are 21+, this now includes **alcoholic beverages**.

So, what counts as a meal? Sometimes a meal is considered an entree and a side, for example, if you order a hamburger, it typically comes with your choice of side. Other times, you will only get an entree, such as if you order nachos or a bowl.

Children must order from the kids menu when it's available, but there are a few locations where they do not offer kids meals.

Snacks are items such as cookies, cupcakes, a single serving of popcorn, ice cream, etc. Menu's will note items that qualify for the dining plan with this symbol:



Estimates put the cost of each snack credit on the dining plan at between \$6-7, so if you use high-value snacks and the right strategy, you could potentially stretch your credits to well past what it would cost out of pocket.

Keep in mind: You will receive dining credits **Per Person, Per Night** of your resort stay. What does that mean?

That means that if you're not arriving at Disney Property until, for example, 3 PM, **you will still receive two meals and one snack per person for that day.** This can be great for getting the most out of your plan, or could cause you to leave money on the table if you don't plan accordingly!

So, how do I know if the Disney Quick Service Dining Plan is worth it for my family?

- If you have kids aged 3-9 years old.
- If you plan on ordering alcoholic beverages with a good portion of your meals.
- If you are visiting during a festival at Epcot, such as the Food & Wine Festival.
- If you are willing to somewhat plan your days around what and where you're eating.
- If you want the convenience of paying for your whole vacation up front.

Did you answer no to most of those points? Then the Dining Plan may not be the best option for you!

The Dining Plan may not be worth it for you if:

- You don't drink alcohol
- You or someone in your group is a picky eater
- You don't want the added stress of planning meals ahead of time.
- Your kids are older than 10 or younger than 2 and don't qualify for free dining.

Check back here next week for Part Two, where I walk you through my plan for my upcoming trip and show you how I plan to spend \$850 on the Disney Quick Service Dining Plan, but will actually be utilizing it for over \$870 worth of food with Credits leftover!

Be sure to follow me to stay up to date on the latest dining news!



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