

Beating The Disney Quick Service Dining Plan 2026

Part Two: The Details

Ok, so now you know the basics of the Quick Service Dining Plan, let's get into the details that will help you get your money's worth!

In this part of the guide, I will cover some quick tips & tricks on how to get more than you paid for with this plan. I will also be giving real-world examples of meals, out of pocket costs, and the best ways to use your credits. So, let's get into it!

For this guide, we will be using an example of a Quick Service Dining Plan for three people, two adults, and one child who falls into the kids eat free promo.

Currently, the dining plan for two adults with the child eating free costs **\$846.58 for 7 nights**, so, in order to "beat the plan," the idea is to get food that would cost us more than that out of pocket.

Off the bat, each individual on the plan will receive their own **Disney Rapid Fill Refillable Mug**. As of the time of this writing, these cost **\$22.99 each (before tax)**. **Everyone ages 3 and up will receive a mug.**

The Disney Rapid Fill Refillable Mug (which we'll refer to as "refillable mugs" from here on out) can add great value to your Dining Plan!

You can only refill these mugs at your resort, and some resorts have more than one beverage station to refill at. Typically, the beverage station will have a selection of sodas, coffee, lemonade, etc. Across Disney property a fountain drink will typically run you about \$4.79. ***That means to break even on the refillable mug, you would need to use it at least five times, regardless of the length of your stay.***

Bonus tip:

Grab a cheap bottle brush and a small jug of dish soap to wash your refillable mugs with! There are sinks to rinse them in the food court but no soap!

Plan value so far:

\$73.44 (includes taxes)
for 3 refillable mugs

Now, with the Quick Service Dining Plan, ***each person on the plan will receive 2 meal credits and 1 snack credit***

per night of your stay. However, not all meal credits are the same.

Anyone on the dining plan ages 3-9 will receive credits that can only be used on kids' meals, unless they are not available. This is very important because there are several quick service locations across the property that do not offer kids' meals, and therefore, you can order adult meals on a child's credit, which will help stretch the value of your plan.

A few of those locations are:

- Casey's Corner in Magic Kingdom
- Yorkshire County Fish Shop in Epcot
- Fairfax Fare in Hollywood Studios
- Kusafiri Coffee Shop & Bakery in Animal Kingdom
- Ronto Roasters in Hollywood Studios

This is not an exhaustive list, just a few to give an example that there are quite a few across the property.

Snacks on the Dining Plan can make or break the value. We want to spend at least \$7 per snack in order to get the most out of our snack credits. If you're visiting during an Epcot festival, this is easy to do! Just keep in mind when picking snacks that you do not want to waste a snack credit on popcorn or a bottle of water.

So, let me walk you through a day of getting the absolute most out of the dining plan! For this example, I'll show you how to get the most out of a day at Magic Kingdom!

Breakfast:

Gaston's Tavern

- Cinnamon Roll
- Creme Brulee Croissant
- 2 LeFou's Brew

Total: \$30 or 4 Snack Credits

Lunch:

Peco's Bill

- Rice Bowl
- Nacho Bowl
- Rice Bowl Kid's Meal
- 2 Strawberry Limeade

Total: \$52.12 or 2 Adult, 1 Kid Quick Service Credit

Dinner:

Casey's Corner

- 2 Foot-long Chipotle BBQ Hot Dogs
- Corn Dog Nuggets
- 3 Frozen Mint Julep Lemonades

Total: \$70.10 or 3 Kids Quick Service Credits

Total (out of pocket): \$152.22

Credits used: 4 Snack, 2 Adult Quick Service, 4 Kids Quick Service

Bonus tip:

Magic Kingdom is the best park to use Kids Credits in, as it is the only dry park. To get the most out of your plan, you want to order alcohol or specialty drinks with meals when possible!

Plan value so far:

- \$73.44(includes taxes) for 3 refillable mugs
- 152.22 for meals in Magic Kingdom

Total:\$225.66

Hollywood Studios would look a bit like this:

Breakfast:

Fairfax Fair

- Waffle Platter & Specialty Drink

OR

Ronto Roasters

- Ronto Wrap & Specialty Drink

Total: \$20 or 1 Kids Quick Service Credit

Lunch:

Docking Bay 7

- Endorian Fried Chicken Tip Yip
- Sweet-and-Spicy Puffer Pig Pasta
- Sweet Puffer Pig Ribs With Portion Bread
- 2 Takodana Quencher
- 1 Surly Sarlacc

Total: \$107.32 or 3 Adult Quick Service

Dinner:

Woody's Lunchbox

- Brisket Melt
- Totchos
- Grilled Cheese Kids Meal
- 2 Grown-up Lemonade

Total: \$67.60 or 2 Adult, 1 Kid Quick Service

Snacks:

Cold Brew Black Caf (Kat Saka's Kettle) \$7.23

Jack-Jack's Num Num Cookie (Market Cart) \$6.99

Total(Out of Pocket): \$209.14

Credits Used: 2 Snack, 5 Adult Quick Service , 2 Kid Quick Service

Plan value so far:

- \$73.44(includes taxes) for 3 refillable mugs
- \$152.22 for meals in Magic Kingdom
- \$209.14 for meals in Hollywood Studio

Total: \$434.80

Next, lets peek at Animal Kingdom and see what we can do there:

Breakfast:

Kusafiri Coffee Shop & Bakery

- 2 Totcho Bowls
- 1 Orange Juice
- 1 Soda

Total: \$ 34.40 or 2 Kids Quick Service

Lunch:

Satu'li Canteen

- 2 Beef and Chicken Bowls
- 1 Kids Chicken Bowl
- Trader's Tailwind
- Mo'ara High Country Ale

Total: \$78.03 or 2 Adult, 1 Kid Quick Service

Dinner:

Yak and Yeti Local Food Cafes

- Korean Fried Chicken Sandwich
- Korean Barbecue Rib Tips
- Chicken Strips Kids Meal
- Safari Amber Lager
- J Pop Tokyo Sparkling Cocktail

Total: \$68.22 or 2 Adult, 1 Kid Quick Service

Snacks:

Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Brownie Ice Cream Sandwich (Multiple

Locations) \$8.30

Pineapple Crisp Sundae (Animal Kingdom) \$7.50

Mr. Kamal's Seasoned Fries (Animal Kingdom) \$7

Total (Out of Pocket):\$203.45

Credits Used:3 Snack, 4 Adult Quick Service, 4 Kid Quick Service

Plan value so far:

- \$73.44(includes taxes) for 3 refillable mugs
- \$152.22 for meals in Magic Kingdom
- \$209.14 for meals in Hollywood Studio
- \$203.45 for meals in Animal Kingdom

Total:\$638.25

Epcot is a bit trickier with all of the Festival Offerings available, but if I wanted to get the most of my Dining Plan this is what and where I would eat:

Lunch:

La Cantina De San Angel

- Tacos Barbacoa
- Tacos Camerons
- Kids Meal
- Churro Margarita
- Beer

Total: \$73 or 2 Adult, 1 Kid Quick Service

Dinner:

Reagle Eagle

- 2 BBQ Platters
- 1 TN Lemonade
- 1 Beer
- 1 Kids Meal

Total: \$80.90 or 2 Adult, 1 Kid Quick Service

Snacks:

A5 Waygu Nigir Combo (Kabuki Cafe) \$16.50

Mickey Werthers Original Caramel Chocolate Cookie Sandwich
(Karamell-Küche) \$8

Various Food & Wine Festival Booth Items, aim for prices \$7-10

Total (Out of Pocket):\$192.40 (Assuming two both items at \$7 each)

Credits Used: 4 Snack, 4 Adult Quick Service, 2 Kid Quick Service

Plan value so far:

- \$73.44(includes taxes) for 3 refillable mugs
- \$152.22 for meals in Magic Kingdom
- \$209.14 for meals in Hollywood Studio
- \$203.45 for meals in Animal Kingdom
- \$192.40 for meals in Epcot

Total:\$830.65

Resort/Disney Springs options are:

Breakfast:

Everything POP Food Court (POP Century Resort)

- **1** Mickey-Shaped Waffle Kids Meals
- 1 Milks

Total: \$8 or 1 Kid Quick Service Credits

Lunch:

The Polite Pig (Disney Springs)

- Butcher Board (for 2)
- Sliced Smoked Turkey Breast Kids Meal
- Vodka Lemonade
- Old Fashioned

Total: \$77 or 2 Adult, 1 Kid Quick Service Credits

Dinner:

Morimoto Asia Street Food

- Bulkogi Kmuchi Ramen
- Chicken Dan Dan Noodle
- Frozen Lemonade
- Sake

Total:\$57.50 or 2 Adult Quick Service Credits

Snacks:

Watermelon Lime Cone (Swirls on the Water, Disney Springs) \$7.29

Petit Mickey Mouse Dome (Amorette's Patisserie, Disney Springs)\$11

Street Corn Fries (Everything POP, POP Century) \$6.99

Cookie Butter Croissant (Everything POP, POP Century) \$6.50

Total (Out of Pocket):\$174.28

Credits Used:4 Snack, 4 Adult Quick Service , 2 Kid Quick Service

Plan value so far:

- \$73.44(includes taxes) for 3 refillable mugs
- \$152.22 for meals in Magic Kingdom
- \$209.14 for meals in Hollywood Studio
- \$203.45 for meals in Animal Kingdom
- \$192.40 for meals in Epcot
- \$174.28 for meals at Resort/Disney Springs

Total:\$1,004.93

And that's all it takes to beat the dining plan cost for a 7-night stay with two adults and one child eating free!

This plan uses 19 of 28 total adult meal credits, 14 of 14 total kids meal credits, and 17 out of 21 snack credits. That means I am leaving some flexibility in the cards, so if one day we want breakfast or if we'd like to have more snacks on any given day, that option is there!

Still not sure how to make this work for you or if it is worth it for your family? Check out my social media accounts for more tips and tricks, and feel free to message me on either of my social media accounts if you would like help customizing this guide for **free!**

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



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