# Disneyland Paris

Situated a short trip away from Paris city centre, Disneyland Paris is the perfect place for you and your family to enjoy some of that Disney magic without having to travel all the way to the United States. Once you're there, there'll be no shortage of things to do. From riding rides, watching shows, shopping, dining, peoplewatching; the list is endless.

#### Two Parks...

#### **Disneyland Park**

When you think of a Disney park, you probably think of a magnificent castle stood at the top of Main Street USA. Let me tell you: Disneyland Paris's castle does not disappoint, with many (including myself) saying 'Le Château de la Belle au Bois Dormant' is the most beautiful in the world. However, you don't really want to spend all day in awe of the castle; let's jump into what you can do at Disneyland Park! The park is split into five different lands, with each taking you on a different adventure. You may choose to visit Fantasyland to hop aboard a flying pirate ship to Neverland, or a boat to sail around the (small) world. There's also Adventureland, where you can board a slightly more thrilling boat ride on the seven seas with 'Pirates of the Caribbean' or maybe even venture onto the Indiana Jones rollercoaster. Frontierland offers the most unique Big Thunder Mountain experience of all the Disney parks (in my opinion), as the mountain is located on its own island, that you can also sail around onboard one of the riverboats. There's also Phantom Manor: Disneyland Paris's Haunted Mansion. Don't worry! You'll still get the same ride experience, it's just the name that's different. In Discoveryland, you'll find thrills in Star Wars: Hyperspace Mountain and Star Tours, as well as the interactive shooting ride 'Buzz Lightyear Lazer Blast' and Autopia. Finally, there's Main Street USA; the best spot for those uninterrupted views of the castle and parade. This is a good time to mention that you're not just limited to rides in Disneyland Park. With 'Disney Stars on Parade' and 'Disney Tales of Magic' occurring every day, and with the Disney Music Festival on its way in April, there's even more live entertainment on the way!











#### **Walt Disney Studios**

Walt Disney Studios park (soon to be renamed Disney Adventure World upon the opening of World of Frozen) is the second park at Disneyland Paris. At the time of writing, this park is much smaller than Disneyland Paris, but that doesn't mean it's any less magical! This park features everything from a Disney classic in the form of the Tower of Terror, to the latest and greatest with Avengers Campus. There's a "mini Toy Story Land" called Toy Story Playland with three unique attractions. Toy Story Playland is itself a part of 'Worlds of Pixar': an area that contains attractions inspired by other Pixar movies, such as Crush's Coaster (unique to WDS!) and Ratatouille: The Adventure. A personal highlight of Walt Disney Studios for me are two of the fantastic Broadway-style shows on offer. 'TOGETHER: A Pixar Musical Adventure' opened just a few years ago and features some incredibly catchy music. 'Mickey and the Magician' is one of my alltime favourite shows, as it follows Mickey on his way to become a magician. Some parts of that show are incredible, and feature some tricks I have absolutely no idea how they do it! Both, in my opinion, are must-sees; especially if it's your first time visiting. I mentioned at the top of this box about World of Frozen. Due to open in 2026, World of Frozen, Lakeside Promenade and all the surrounding areas will revolutionise this park, turning into much more than a half-day park. The 'Frozen Ever After' (originally from EPCOT) will make its way into this park, alongside many other additions. A Lion King land was also announced at D23 2024, with an estimated opening date of 2028.





### Six Resort Hotels, One Ranch

You won't need to be hunting for places to stay. With seven on-site accommodation offerings, it's almost guaranteed you'll find something to suit your party and budget. The cheapest offering is Davy Crockett Ranch, where you will be staying in your very own private cabin in the woods. Keep in mind however that you will be needing a car if you choose to stay here, as there is no free shuttle from Davy Crockett Ranch to the parks. From there, there's hotels ranging from two stars (Hotel Santa Fe) all the way up to five star luxury and convenience, with the Disneyland Hotel being literally located on top of the entrance to Disneyland Park. You'll get the option for breakfast at your hotel when booking as well, which is always helpful for a quick bite to eat before heading into the parks. The Disneyland Paris page on my website (https://lukeytravel.mrlukey.com/disneylandparis/) has a great short overview of each of the offerings.









## Disney Village

Shopping and dining is sorted, thanks to Disney Village. With multiple Disney-themed shops and dining options from Disney as well as external providers, it's most likely you'll find something to suit your party (yes, there's a McDonalds!). My favourite shop in Disney Village is World of Disney: a ginormous store filled with all the merchandise from the parks. If you're on the hunt for a specific item and can't find it in the parks, World of Disney is the place to look. At the time of writing, Disney Village is also undergoing a massive transformation. Its finishing date is yet to be confirmed, but most locations will still be open during this time; so no need to panic!

Located just outside of Disney Village is the Marne-la-Vallée train station, where you can catch trains to/from Lille, CDG Airport, Paris city centre, and many more destinations.

Phew! That's a lot of information! If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me on travel@mrlukey.com or though one of my social media platforms. Keep in mind that the Disney parks are always changing, so the information on this sheet may not be fully up to date (check the publishing date at the bottom of the document), so make sure to check out https://www.disneylandparis.com/ and the Lukey Travel social media platforms for the latest from Disneyland Paris.

