

# Disney on A Budget



◆ Smart planning = More magic. Here's how the pros do it. ◆

## TOP MONEY-SAVING TIPS

### TICKETS & PASSES

Use the 4-Day 4-Park Magic Ticket at \$109/day. Buy via Undercover Tourist or AAA for extra savings. Avoid on-site box offices and peak-priced dates.

### GO OFF-PEAK

Visit late May–Sept with the Magic Ticket deal. Crowds drop, waits shrink, hotels cut rates 40%. Avoid holidays and spring break completely.

### STAY OFF-PROPERTY SMART

Good Neighbor hotels cost 50–70% less. Ride free Disney shuttles and skip parking fees. Disney Springs area hotels are walkable options.

### HACK THE FOOD BILL

Ultimate save: pack ALL meals & snacks from home or a nearby grocery store — Disney allows outside food! Plan ahead and spend \$0 on food in the parks. Or split meals if you eat inside.

### MASTER THE APP

Disney app shows live wait times for free. Book Lightning Lane first thing in the morning. Check Extra Magic Hours for bonus park time.

### SOUVENIR STRATEGY

Buy Disney merch at Target, Walmart, or Character Outlet stores before your trip — same items, 30-50% cheaper. Set a per-person budget: splurge in-park OR save big outside.

#### Free Water

Any counter service

#### Free Transport

Disney buses & monorail

#### Free Fireworks

View from outside parks

#### Free Shows

Disney Springs nightly

### SAMPLE BUDGET: 4-DAY TRIP FOR A FAMILY OF 4 | 2026 DEAL PRICING

★ 4-Day, 4-Park Magic Ticket: \$109/day (\$436 total + tax) • Valid May 26 – Oct 3, 2026. No park reservation needed.

CATEGORY	SMART COST	GATE / FULL PRICE
Tickets — 4-Park Magic Ticket x4 adults	<b>\$1,744</b>	~\$2,400+ gate price
Hotel — Good Neighbor hotel, 3 nights	<b>\$480</b>	\$900+ on-property
Food (snacks packed + smart counter choices)	<b>\$320</b>	\$600+ no planning
Parking / Transport (use free Disney shuttle)	<b>\$0</b>	\$120 self-parking
Souvenirs (pre-bought + 1 park pick each)	<b>\$180</b>	\$400+ impulse buys
<b>ESTIMATED SMART TOTAL</b>	<b>~\$2,724</b>	<b>vs ~\$4,420+ full price → Save ~\$1,700</b>