

Disneyland is home to one of the most magical experiences in the world but it is safe to say the planning and finances can create a bit of stress. Here are some top tips to make the most of your time and money at Disneyland Paris based on my last visit in February.

First of all, I highly recommend investing in one of the meal plan options if you are spending multiple days at the park as it saves so much money. The meal plan we went for was a half-board option so you got tokens for breakfast and a main meal each day and you could decide when you used the main meal. We mainly used ours for our evening meal and then just bought some chips or snacks for lunch. This definitely saved us some money on food as it can be very expensive especially if you are with a family.

Another big tip would be to plan your days. Both parks are quite big and there are loads of different areas in either park so it's best to split your days up into the different sections of the park. For example, spending a day in the studios park and then another day in Discoveryland and Fantasyland and then another day in Frontierland and Adventureland. This just makes sure that you are making the most of your time there and are not going back and forth all day.

Leading on from the last point, the Disneyland app is a must have for organising your days there. It has a map with directions which is useful if you are trying to find a specific place or attraction. It also tells you the wait time for rides and times for shows or where the characters are etc... so I would definitely recommend downloading that!

If you are staying in a Disney hotel, you have access to a magic hour. This means you get entry into the park an hour before the public opening times. I highly recommend making the most of this and using that time to either get some good pictures by the castle before it gets too busy or go on the more popular rides with long wait times. Crush's Coaster is a great one to get on straight away because the wait time can be over an hour due to its popularity.

Another good time to get on rides is around 7:30/ 8:00pm as the park dies down a bit as people start to head home or wait for the parades and firework display. I managed to squeeze quite a few in that hour on multiple nights.

Those are the top tips I have for making sure you get the most out of your trip. Just remember to also bring some sort of coat as, like the UK, the weather can be very hit and miss.