

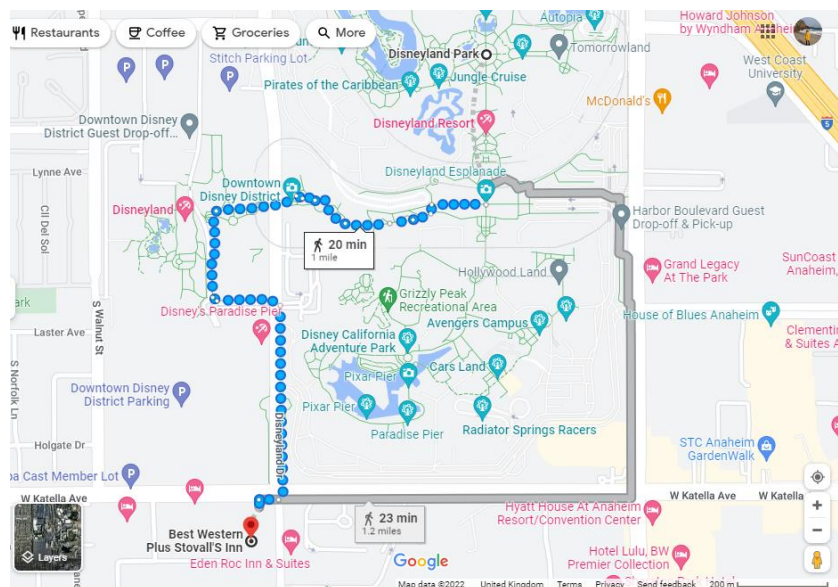
Disney with teens – tips, nuts and bolts



Where to stay:

Hotel	Best Western Plus Stovall's Inn
Website	https://stovallsinn.com/
Address	1110 West Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92802
Distance to park	20 min walk to entrance
Breakfast	Included

Location Map:



Tickets

Check park availability	https://disneyland.disney.go.com/availability-calendar/?segments=ticket,ph
Buy tickets here	https://disneyland.disney.go.com/admission/tickets/ The price of a one day adult ticket can range from \$119 to \$194 in the course of a week – avoid Sat to keep costs down
Genie plus	Add this as an add on during the booking process
Park reservation	Make these here https://disneyland.disney.go.com/experience-updates/park-reservations/

Genie plus

Website	https://disneyland.disney.go.com/genie/lightning-lane/#drawer-card-disneylandAttractionsEntertainment
How it works	Book one ride at a time/ once for each ride.
When can I book the next Genie pass?	<p>You can make your next selection after your currently selected arrival window has either started or been redeemed.</p> <p>You can also make another selection if you're currently holding on to a selection that has an arrival window that's more than 2 hours from the time the selection was made.</p>
Attractions included	<p>Autopia</p> <p>Big Thunder Mountain Railroad</p> <p>Buzz Lightyear Astro Blasters</p> <p>Haunted Mansion</p> <p>Indiana Jones™ Adventure</p> <p>"it's a small world"</p> <p>Matterhorn Bobsleds</p> <p><i>Millennium Falcon:</i> Smugglers Run</p> <p>Roger Rabbit's Car Toon Spin</p> <p>Space Mountain</p> <p>Splash Mountain (soon to be Tiana's Bayou)</p> <p>Star Tours – The Adventures Continue</p> <p>Individual Purchase for Lightning Lane Entrance</p> <p><i>Star Wars:</i> Rise of the Resistance</p>
Which app	Are 2 Disney apps – tickets and Genie booking are all in the one that isn't "my experience"

Ride selection

Strategy	Identify favourite rides the day before and head for these first (recommending the Ride of Resistance/ log flume (when reopens as Tiana's Bayou Adventure in 2024) / Big Thunder railroad)
Interactive attraction map	https://disneyland.disney.go.com/attractions/#/sort=alpha/
Time frame	Open 8am to midnight

TOP TIPS

1.	Ticket booking	Do not forget to book ticket AND a park reservation. Check park availability before you book the ticket just to be sure they are going to let you in to your park of choice on the day you want to visit, before you lay out the cash.
2.	Queue times	You can track queue times live on the app to pick ones you are prepared to wait in. It's worth knowing that these are shortest at the start and end of the day.
3.	Pre arrival food	Food is easy even for a late arrival in town. Disney entrance plaza dinner or local pizza are both winning options.
4.	Disney Eve	Fireworks viewed from a cartoon topiary fringed pool is a great way to start your Disney trip.
5.	Pre arrival ride selection	Pick your priority rides the day before to upfront any arguments around what constitutes fun (everyone gets one non-negotiable?)
6.	Early breakfast	Get up super early if you want to be at the front of the free breakfast queue and thus at the park for opening time.
7.	Using the app	Syncing family phones so one person books all 4 passes at the same time.
8.	Batter pack	Anyone booking a pass will need a fully charged phone all day. Bring a portable charger (and your reading glasses - parents).
9.	Ride the resistance (even if not a fan)	Do not miss Rise of the Resistance! Head there first for the smallest queue of the day as its not in the Genie.
10.	Detonator drink/souvenir combo	For drinks, save fat cash by bringing your own water bottle or buy a refillable detonator to double up as your souvenir.
11.	Alien lunch	Rontos's alien wraps at the Galaxy's Edge are the best – filling, tasty, alien themed and maybe not even that bad for you.
12.	Celebrity Jeep	As you exit the Indiana Jones ride, don't miss the abandoned jeep, the actual vehicle used in the Raiders of the Lost Ark
13.	Save the wet rides for last?	Consider leaving the wettest rides to the end of the day to avoid wet shoe / blister scenarios and potential whining.
14.	Paddle steamer snack opportunities	Kill 2 birds by resting legs and snacking whilst riding the Mark Twain.
15.	Disney Dinner options	Save dinner money and go back for a second alien wrap for tea (or seek out the Pirates of the Caribbean underground riverside restaurant, that serves parents wine).
16.	Rollercoaster fireworks	Watch the 9pm fireworks from a rollercoaster for the best views in town.



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