



Disneyland Paris: Guide Sheet



Introduction

Location: Disneyland Paris (DLP) is approximately 35kms east of the city of Paris in France. You can travel via bus or taxi from Charles de Gaulle airport. Alternatively, the resort has its own train station on the RER line and takes about 45 minutes from central Paris. The station is also served by channel tunnel trains from London.



Two Theme Parks: Disneyland Paris
 Walt Disney Studios Paris

Seven Official Hotels: Disneyland Hotel
 Disney's Hotel New York
 Disney's Hotel Cheyenne
 Disney's Hotel Santa Fe
 Disney's Newport Bay Club
 Disney's Sequoia Lodge
 Disney's Davy Crockett Ranch (self-catered cabins)

Must see attractions and shows (Disneyland Paris)

Disneyland Paris is a beautiful park – probably the most attractive Magic Kingdom park in the Disney universe with a magnificent castle, theming and landscaping.

Adventureland

- Pirates of the Caribbean – the classic ride but shown in a different sequence of events. This is possibly the best PotC ride in a Disney park!
- Indiana Jones and the Temple of Peril – rollercoaster with a single loop.

Frontierland

- Big Thunder Mountain Railroad (mild rollercoaster)
- Phantom Manor – DLP's take on the Haunted Mansion – a bit scarier than the other Haunted Mansions!

Fantasyland

- It's a Small World
- Alice's Curious Labyrinth (unique to Disneyland Paris)

- Casey Jnr – this is more of a gentle rollercoaster ride than the traditional train ride as featured in Disneyland Anaheim.
- Le Pays des Contes de Fees (Storybook land Canal Boats)
- Fantasyland also has the famous standard rides like Peter Pan, Dumbo, Teacups etc.
- Le Chateau de la Belle au Bois Dormant (Sleeping Beauty Castle) – without a doubt, this is the most beautiful of Disney’s castles to date. Don’t miss the cave to the left of the main castle entrance which houses an amazing animatronic dragon. Also visit upstairs inside the castle where there is an amazing gallery of stained glass windows and a balcony overlooking fantasyland.



Discoveryland

- Space Mountain 2 - a very fast and intense rollercoaster in the dark (includes multiple inversions) – it is a fantastic ride if you like intense coasters. Remember to put your head right back against the headrest!
- Star Tours – the original version – no word on any upgrade to version 2 yet.
- Les Mysteres de Nautilus - unique walk through of Captain Nemo’s submarine!
- Buzz Lightyear – similar to versions in other parks.
- Autopia – ride the freeways.
- Videopolis Theatre – currently showing the CineDisney show.

Parades and Shows

Current parade is titled *Disney’s Magic on Parade*.

Each night, a castle projection and fountain spectacular titled *Disney Dreams* is shown and is not to be missed!

Restaurants

“Walt’s” on Main St U.S.A. is a wonderful place to eat. Make reservations when you arrive at the park. You eat upstairs in its beautifully themed rooms very reminiscent of Club 33 at Disneyland except here it is open to everyone. We found that the food throughout France was of the highest quality, and that includes the meals available throughout the park. There are many quality restaurants throughout the resort to discover!

Must see attractions and shows (Walt Disney Studios Paris)

Walt Disney Studios Paris opened in 2002 and at the time, it was a small park that suffered from the same budget cutbacks that Disney California Adventure did in the US. Since 2002 however, there has been significant expansion in terms of attractions and placemaking, which has provided considerable improvement. Additionally, it is home to many unique attractions that make this park a must see when visiting.

Front Lot

This is the park’s main entrance and shopping area, which is based indoors within a *soundstage-type* building. The Walt Disney Studios Store and the Legends of Hollywood stores are both terrific.

Toon Studio (including Toy Story Playland)

- Animagique – unique live show featuring Disney Classics.

- Crush's Coaster – unique coaster based on Finding Nemo.
- Cars Rally – spin ride based on the movie Cars.
- RC Racer – steel half loop coaster – a modern take on the old pirate ship rides.
- Slinky Dog Zig Zag Spin – caterpillar type ride based on Slinky Dog.
- Toy Soldier Parachute Drop – parachute drop ride based on Toy Story.
- Ratatouille Kitchen Calamity – dark ride opening in 2014!

Production Courtyard

- CineMagique – a unique theatre and movie show that portrays many classic movie scenes through the history of film and includes and live special effects. This is the park's signature attraction and is not to be missed!
- Stitch Live – interactive character show based on Stitch.
- Twilight Zone Tower of Terror – freefall elevator thrill ride as seen in Disney California Adventure.

Backlot

- Armageddon Special Effects – walkthrough attraction based on the movie Armageddon.
- Moteurs...Action! Stunt Show Spectacular – a live car stunt show featuring cars, motorcycles and jet skis. Not to be missed.
- Rock 'n' Roller Coaster – intense indoors roller coaster with multiple inversions. Not to be missed if you like intense coasters.



Transport to and from the Resort

At the resort is a TGV station. There is a daily service from Waterloo Station in London at 6am which gets you to Disneyland Paris around 8.30am. Your bags are taken to your resort and you can go straight into the park. In the evening there is a train direct to Waterloo station. Your bags are then picked up at the station for your return trip to London. A very good service. There is a resort shuttle to Charles de Gaulle and Orly Airports. For flights departing up to midday you need to catch the first shuttle. [It is very important to specify to the driver the number and letter of your flight's terminal e.g. 2C, to ensure you are dropped off at the correct location.]

Weather and time to go

Paris has a fairly stable four-season climate with hot summers, cold winters and a mild autumn and spring. Summer and spring months are peak tourist seasons, and the city can become quite busy at that time. Autumn is the pick of visiting times, as the summer rush has ended, but the days are still sunny and mild. One thing to note is that some of the park attractions may go on hiatus from the beginning of September as crowds begin to diminish and the evenings cool down.

It must be noted that the theme park is extremely busy on weekends (just like in Tokyo). Tourists from all over Europe descend on the park on weekends, brought in by the high-speed train network, to spend the day. We highly recommend using the weekends to tour the beautiful city of Paris, and enjoy the park on weekdays.