

The Budget *Mouse*

MICKEY'S VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY GUIDE 2026



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FESTIVE Highlights



Join Mickey & Friends as they celebrate the Yuletide season in true Disney fashion at **Mickey's Once Upon a Christmastime Parade**.



Take center stage at the Castle & enjoy the exclusive festive fireworks: **Minnie's Wonderful Christmastime Fireworks Show**.



Grab a festive selfie with some of your favorite Disney Pals, decked out in their Holiday finest at **Character Meet & Greet**s



Enjoy complimentary **sweet sips & festive cookies** at locations throughout the park and pick up a complimentary ornament on Market Street until 8pm.



Ride a Disney World favorite attraction with exclusive **Holiday Overlays** like the World Famous Jingle Cruise!



Soak in the **holiday cheer & atmosphere** of Main Street USA & feel the festive spirit.

PARTY OVERVIEW

Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party is a separately ticketed event that offers guests the opportunity to meet unique characters, experience festive ride overlays, indulge in complimentary themed treats, and catch exclusive entertainment. This year, the event will run select nights from **November 8 through December 22, 2026**.

Guests with event tickets are **admitted to Magic Kingdom park as early as 4 pm** on the valid date of their ticket, allowing for extra magical time before the main event begins. If you are already in the park, you can pick up a wristband at several locations inside the Magic Kingdom. Check with a cast member to find your closest distribution point. Ride overlays generally open from around 6 pm, with queues for popular character meet and greets starting to form around 4 pm. **The party officially kicks off at 7 pm & runs through midnight**, with some merchandise locations remaining open a little after this.

Typically, there is one showing of *Minnie's Wonderful Christmastime Fireworks Show* nightly. Some of the other entertainment, including *Mickey's Once Upon A Christmastime Parade*, offers multiple shows. Generally, the later showings are less crowded.





RIDES & ATTRACTIONS

With so much to do during the main event hours, taking advantage of early entry at 4 pm can give you and your guests time to experience some attractions before the main event and ride anything that will be closed during the party. **To take full advantage of that extra time, be in line at the turnstiles at least 30 minutes before entry time.**

Once the party officially starts, guests can also experience rides with party-only holiday overlays.

The party is a great time to enjoy Magic Kingdom's most popular attractions, including TRON, Seven Dwarf's Mine Train, and Tiana's Bayou Adventure with shorter waits! Keep an eye on wait times throughout the night.

2026 PARTY ATTRACTIONS

ADVENTURELAND

- Jingle Cruise ❄️
- The Magic Carpets of Aladdin

FRONTIERLAND

- Tiana's Bayou Adventure [40"]
- Big Thunder Mt Railroad [38"]

LIBERTY SQUARE

- Haunted Mansion

FANTASYLAND

- Seven Dwarfs Mine Train [38"]
- Prince Charming Carousel
- It's a Small World
- Peter Pan's Flight
- The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh
- Mad Tea Party ❄️
- Under the Sea - Journey of the Little Mermaid

STORYBOOK CIRCUS

- Dumbo the Flying Elephant
- The Barnstormer [35"]

TOMORROWLAND

- Buzz Lightyear
- Astro Orbiter
- Monsters Inc. Laugh Floor ❄️
- Space Mountain [44"] ❄️
- TL Speedway [32"] ❄️
- TTA PeopleMover
- TRON Lightcycle [48"]



PARTY ENTERTAINMENT

MINNIE'S WONDERFUL CHRISTMASTIME FIREWORKS

Gather by the castle at 10pm and be enchanted by the merriest & magical fireworks display to the tune of holiday favorite carols. While The Hub area is the best place to watch, fireworks can also be enjoyed from Main Street, Liberty Sq., Fantasyland & Tomorrowland.

MICKEY'S ONCE UPON A CHRISTMASTIME PARADE

Join Mickey Mouse & fan favorite characters as they parade from Frontierland all the way to Main Street USA with dancing gingerbread men & marching toy soldiers at 8.30 pm & 11 pm. Catch the parade at any point along the route, the later parade will be less crowded also.

MICKEY'S MOST MERRIEST CELEBRATION

Join Mickey Mouse for a yuletide stage show at Cinderella's Castle. Fabulous, fun, festive cheer for the whole family. Catch the show at 7:40 pm, 9:25 pm, 10:35 pm, 11:55 pm.

FROZEN HOLIDAY SURPRISE

Join Elsa, Anna, and friends for an all-new experience around Cinderella's Castle as they entertain and illuminate the castle hub like never before. Watch the show before the party at 6:15 pm or during the party at 8:15 pm.

CLUB TINSEL

Club Tinsel is back to dance the night away at Rocket Tower Plaza Stage in Tomorrowland from 7 pm till late with a resident DJ; alongside Judy Hopps, Nick Wilde, Chip n' Dale, and a bunch of festive holiday cheer.

DISNEY JUNIOR JINGLE JAM

Disney Jr. has taken over from Sonny Eclipse at Cosmic Rays Starlight Cafe to throw their own dance party from 7pm where little ones can groove with Fancy Nancy, Vampirina, Doc McStuffins & Friends.

REINDEER RANGERS

The festive edition of The Dapper Dans have been spotted crooning in Frontierland with the Country Bears, with regular sets running all night.



HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOTS

Guests with Memory Maker can take advantage of some Party Exclusive Magic Shots throughout the park during party hours. Nearly all of these fun features are digitally imposed, and the photographers will help navigate you through poses for the best shot. Look for Photopass Photographers around the park...

✦ Step inside a **Christmas Ornament** with the loveable Chip n' Dale. Available in the Castle Hub Area, Main Street USA.

✦ Fans of the **Muppets Christmas Carol** can step into a Magic Shot with Kermit, Miss Piggy & Tiny Tim Cratchit on Liberty Square.

✦ Hold up **Tinkerbell** in a festive Lantern - available near Pinocchio Village Haus in Fantasyland

✦ What's better than a picture outside Cinderella's Castle? One where **Santa's Sleigh** is flying overhead! Available at the Castle Hub Area on Main Street USA

More Festive Photo Ops:

Pose with the **Toy Soldiers** by the entrance to the Park or next to the giant **Christmas Tree** on Main Street USA. Step into a **Festive Photo Frame** located across the park or capture a sweet moment on Main Street under the **Falling Snow**.

Memory Maker

Memory Maker is an add-on service available for all guests visiting Disney World to purchase. Guests can choose a one-day version or the standard version, which can be used for 30 days from validation. The service offers guests unlimited digital downloads of all Photo Pass photos and videos taken in the parks. [Click here for more information.](#)

CHARACTER MEET & GREETES

Most characters will start meeting from 7 pm (or a little earlier, around 6.30 pm). Lines will open in advance for all characters.

ANTICIPATED 2026 MEET & GREETES

Anna & Elsa, Fairytale Hall, Fantasyland ❄️
Santy Jack & Sally at Town Square Theatre
Mickey & Minnie Mouse, Town Square Theatre ❄️
Santa Claus, Storybook Circus, Fantasyland
Aladdin, Abu, Jasmine & Genie, Adventureland
Aurora & Prince Philip, Fairytale Hall
Alice & Friends, Near Mad Tea Party ❄️
Ariel & Prince Eric, Near Under The Sea
Belle, Outside Enchanted Tales with Belle ❄️
Cinderella & Prince Charming; Fairytale Hall
Donald & Scrooge, Storybook Circus Area ❄️
Daisy Duck, Storybook Circus Area ❄️
Pooh & Friends, Many Adventures Area ❄️
Mirabel & Bruno, Fantasyland
Mary Poppins, Main Street USA
Peter Pan, Frontierland
Rapunzel & Flynn Ryder; Fairytale Hall
Snow White & Prince Florian; Fairytale Hall
Seven Dwarfs, Storybook Circus ❄️
Stitch, Frontierland ❄️
Tiana and Naveen, Liberty Square

❄️ FESTIVE ATTIRE

Check the App & Event Map for timings. Lines may close from 11 pm, and certain characters may not be available to meet during the parade.



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FESTIVE TREATS

Make sure to leave room for a Party Exclusive Snack at some point during the night. Here are some of last year's offerings (more party-exclusive treats are listed on the next pages):

- Looking for a festive sip? Stop by *Cosmic Ray's* in Tomorrowland for a **Cranberry Cider Punch**: Cranberry juice, apple cider, and Sprite with sugared cranberries and a rosemary sprig
- Still peckish? Pick up some **Holiday Mini Corn Dogs** at Casey's Corner on Main St USA: Mini Corn Dogs topped with pot roast, beer-cheese sauce, crispy onions, and horseradish mustard.

COOKIE TRAIL SIP & STROLL

Remember to pick up your free holiday cookies and festive sips throughout the park. Check out last year's while we wait for this year's!



Buttercream Red Sprinkle Cookie and Hot Cocoa

Lunching Pad, Tomorrowland



Buttercream Tree Cookie and Hot Cocoa

Cosmic Rays, Tomorrowland



Caramel Pretzel Choc Chip Cookie

Columbia Harbour House



Red Velvet Cake Cookie and Warm Apple Cider

Tortuga Tavern, Adventureland



Buttercream Frosted Gingerbread Cookie & Eggnog

Gaston's Tavern, Fantasyland





SAVORY PARTY TREATS

Check out some of the items from last year's party while we wait on this year's!

PARTY EXCLUSIVE

SAVORY TREATS

CARNE ASADA LOADED FRIES

Peco's Bill, Frontierland
Seasoned Fries; Carne Asada, with Chipotle Queso, Avocado Salsa Verde and Caramelized Onion. Until 11pm

YULETIDE CHICKEN STRIPS

Golden Oak, Frontierland
Crispy chicken strips with sage butter & cranberry BBQ glaze served with sweet potato fries

HOLIDAY POTROAST HOTDOG

Casey's Corner, Main Street
All-beef hot dog topped with pot roast, cheese sauce, crispy onions, and horsey mustard

HOLIDAY POTROAST LOADED FRIES

Casey's Corner, Main Street
topped with pot roast, beer-cheese sauce, crispy onions, and horseradish mustard

SZECHUAN CAULIFLOWER

Sleepy Hollow, Liberty Square
Spicy Breaded Cauliflower tossed in a Sticky Szechuan-Soy Glaze, glass noodles

SPINACH ARTICHOKE HAND PIE

Friar's Nook, Fantasyland
Flaky hand pie filled with cheesy spinach and artichoke dip and drizzled with red pepper sauce

HOLIDAY LASAGNA FLATBREAD

Pinocchio Village, Fantasyland
Italian sausage, meatballs, five cheese mix, ricotta cheese, and pesto. Until 9.30 pm

CHRISTMAS CHICKEN TAMALES

Peco's Bill Frontierland
with mild red chile sauce and pumpkin seed salsa, cilantro rice, pinto beans, and queso fresco

HOLIDAY TURKEY BURGER

Cosmic Ray's, Tomorrowland
Turkey burger topped with traditional stuffing, provolone, and cranberry chutney on a brioche bun

ORANGE CHICKEN TENDERS

Sleepy Hollow, Liberty Square
Fried Chicken Tenders with Orange-soy Glaze with Glass Noodles, Green Onions, and Crispy Garlic

HOLIDAY POT ROAST MELT

Cosmic Ray's Tomorrowland
Slow-cooked beef on thick toast with cheddar, Swiss cheese, beef gravy, horseradish cream sauce



SWEET PARTY TREATS

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PARTY EXCLUSIVE

SWEET TREATS

POMEGRANATE YULE FLOAT

Aloha Isle, Adventureland
Ginger ale, Vanilla Soft-Serve, Dole Whip
Pomegranate, boba pearls, and a slice of lime.

FRIED ICE CREAM CHRISTMAS TREE

Golden Oak, Frontierland
Peppermint ice cream rolled in cereal topped with green cookie butter whipped cream and festive sprinkles

SANTA SURF SNACK FLOAT

Aloha Isle, Adventureland
Passion Fruit Orange Guava Juice, coconut soft-serve, spiced pineapple tree pop

MILK AND COOKIES MOUSSE

Sleepy Hollow, Liberty Square
Brown Sugar Cookie Cake with Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Mousse, & Cookies

BUCKLE UP MOUSSE

Cosmic Rays, Tomorrowland
Gingerbread mousse, chocolate crèmeux, and flourless chocolate cake with choc décor

ARROZ CON LECHE WREATH

Pecos Bill Frontierland
Rice pudding mousse, citrus chutney, coconut whipped cream, and a chocolate bow

MEXICAN HOT CHOC MINI CHURROS

Pecos Bill, Frontierland
Tossed with Hot Cocoa Powder, cinnamon, warm spices with sprinkles & marshmallow fluff dip

GINGERBREAD CAKE

Columbia Harbor House
With cream cheese frosting, whipped dulce de leche panna cotta, crispy pearls, choc piece

REINDEER SUNDAE

Pinocchio Village Haus
Chocolate soft-serve, caramel sauce, pretzels, rice cereal, and a reindeer chocolate piece

UGLY SWEATER SHAKE

The Friar's Nook, Fantasyland
Vanilla shake, whipped cream, festive sprinkles, peppermint-white choc sauce, choc piece

SANTA HAT BROWNIE SUNDAE

Main Street Bakery
Brownie, vanilla ice cream, hot fudge, whipped cream, crushed peppermint, red velvet cone.



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PLANNING YOUR NIGHT

1. GET TO THE PARK EARLY

Aim to be at the turnstiles by at least 3:30 pm to take full advantage of that extra time. Have a game plan before you go - Magic Kingdom is a large park, and with so much to see in a few short hours, you don't want to spend time going back and forth.

2. EAT BEFORE THE PARTY

Have a late lunch or grab quick service before the event (4.30-5 pm). Enjoy Party Exclusive Snacks during the event. Utilize Mobile Ordering where possible.

4. PRIORITIZE CHARACTERS

If you plan on meeting characters, **allow plenty of time for Meet & Greet in your itinerary.** Some popular characters will open lines & start meeting a little early.

5. MY DISNEY EXPERIENCE APP

Keep an eye on the App for wait times for the most popular attractions, Seven Dwarf's Mine Train & Tron, throughout the night to find a good time to jump in line.

6. STAY LATE

Later entertainment will offer a less crowded experience. Some **Main Street Merchandise locations stay open until 12.30 pm.** Use this time to enjoy some late-night shopping and avoid waiting in long lines for transport. Buses & the monorail will run for at least 60 minutes after the party finishes.



SAMPLE ITINERARY

4-7 PM: Arrive at the park and enjoy non-event rides, then grab a quick-service dinner. Catch Frozen Holiday Surprise at 6.15 pm (tbc) and get in line for your preferred, most popular Character.

7-8.15 PM: Enjoy Tomorrowland Entertainment, Meet Characters & Participate in the Holiday Cookie Stroll

8.30-10.30 PM: Catch Mickey's Once Upon A Christmastime Parade at 8.30 pm, followed by Mickey's Most Merriest Celebration at 9.25 pm. Stay for the one showing of Minnie's Wonderful Christmastime Fireworks Show at 10 pm. In between performances, consider grabbing party-exclusive treats (mobile order where possible) and let one person go while everyone else holds your spot.

10.30-12 AM: The park should empty a little at this point, so check the app and spend the remainder of the evening meeting characters/ riding attractions. Keep an eye on the wait times for Tron and Tiana's Bayou Adventure to decide when to jump in line. Stop by Treat Stations throughout the night.

If you plan to stay until late, consider catching the later entertainment starting with Minnie's Wonderful Christmastime Fireworks Show at 10 pm; Mickey's Most Merriest Celebration at 10.35 p,m and Mickey's Once Upon a Christmastime Parade at 11 pm. Typically, the later shows are less crowded, and guests can use the first parade time to enjoy characters/popular attractions with a lower wait.

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MICKEY'S VERY MERRY PARTY PLANNER

Our Plan

Day: _____ Date: _____

Leave at: _____

☐ Tickets Purchased

Dining Plans

TIME:

VENUE

RESERVATION
MOBILE ORDER

Dinner: _____

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Snack 1: _____

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Snack 2: _____

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Rides & Attractions

RIDE/ATTRACTION

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Entertainment / Characters

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Event Dates 2026

Sunday, November 8	Tuesday, December 1
Monday, November 9	Thursday, December 3
Thursday, November 12	Friday, December 4
Friday, November 13	Sunday, December 6
Sunday, November 15	Tuesday, December 8
Tuesday, November 17	Wednesday, December 10
Thursday, November 19	Friday, December 11
Friday, November 20	Sunday, December 13
Tuesday, November 24	Tuesday, December 15
Wednesday, November 25	Thursday, December 17
Friday, November 27	Friday, December 18
Sunday, November 29	Sunday, December 20
	Tuesday, December 22



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