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THE DISNEYLAND DVC RENTAL GUIDE

How to rent points, save money, and
stay close to the magic

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**Disneyland DVC Rental
is the BEST way
to save thousands on
a Disneyland vacation.**

Learn which
Disneyland resort
hotels have DVC villas,
how renting points
works, what it costs,
and the pros and cons
of DVC rental at
Disneyland.





me and Pluto poolside at Aulani

Staying on property at Disneyland has always felt like a splurge to me... until I learned about renting Disney Vacation Club (DVC) points.

DVC rental made it possible for my family to stay in Disney owned resorts at Disneyland for way less than booking directly through Disney, something that used to feel completely out of reach.

And the best part? This isn't just for Disneyland — you can also use DVC points at Disney World and Aulani.

In this guide, I'll walk you through exactly how it works, what it costs, and everything you need to know to decide if renting DVC points is right for your trip ❤️

HI! I'M KRISTIE ❤️

I've been visiting Disneyland for years and go multiple times a year — with my kids, solo, with friends, and every way in between.

What started as helping friends and family plan their trips quickly turned into something more when I realized how many people felt overwhelmed trying to figure it all out.

Since then, I've helped families plan Disneyland trips that feel calm, organized, and actually enjoyable — without wasting time or money.

Nothing makes me happier than helping people feel confident in their plan and come home with the kind of memories that actually matter. I'm so glad you're here ❤️



What is Disneyland DVC Rental?

Disney Vacation Club (DVC for short) is Disney's version of a timeshare. Instead of booking a hotel room with cash, DVC members use points that renew each year to book stays at Disney resorts. These points can be used at Disneyland, Disney World, and Aulani — but in this guide, we'll focus on how it works specifically for Disneyland.

DVC resort rooms are called “villas,” and at Disneyland you’ll find them at Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel & Spa and The Villas at Disneyland Hotel.

These villas come in a range of sizes, including:

- Duo Studios (sleep 2 with a pull-down bed)
- Deluxe Studios
- 1-Bedroom Villas
- 2-Bedroom Villas
- 3-Bedroom Grand Villas

Some feel similar to a traditional hotel room, while others offer more space with separate bedrooms, living areas, and kitchen features — perfect for families or longer stays.

Because both locations are part of Disneyland Resort hotels, they fall into the Deluxe category, meaning you’re getting:

- Prime location (walking distance to the parks)
- Beautiful pools and theming
- Dining and convenience right on property





HOW DOES DVC RENTAL WORK?

Sometimes Disney Vacation Club (DVC) owners don't use all of their points and choose to rent them out.

Because of this, a DVC owner can book a Disney resort stay using their points — in your name — even if you're not a DVC member.

When you rent DVC points, you're essentially paying a member to use their points to book your stay at a Disneyland Resort hotel.

And no — you do not have to be a DVC member to do this ❤️

The easiest way to rent points is through a trusted company (called a broker) like [David's Vacation Rentals](#).

They handle the process for you — finding the points, making the reservation, and managing the details — so you can stay at Deluxe Disney resorts for significantly less.

[David's Vacation Rentals](#) has helped tens of thousands of guests rent DVC points at Disney World for the past 19 years!

Do I Still Get Disney Benefits If I Rent DVC Points?

This is the question I get asked the most (right after “Is this too good to be true?”)

And the answer is YES ❤️

When you rent DVC points at Disneyland, you get the same benefits as booking directly through Disney — because you are staying at an official Disneyland Resort hotel.

After your reservation is confirmed, you’ll link it in the Disneyland app just like any other hotel stay.

With that, you’ll get:

- Charging purchases to your room
- Package delivery to your hotel (when available)
- Access to resort amenities like pools, dining, and proximity to the parks

So no — you’re not missing out on anything.

You’re just paying less for the exact same stay ❤️

How Much Does It Cost to Rent DVC Points?

The number of points needed for a DVC stay depends on a few key factors:

- Time of year (busy seasons cost more)
- The resort you choose
- The size of the villa (from Duo Studios to Grand Villas)

At Disneyland, availability is more limited than Disney World, so pricing can vary depending on demand.

In general, DVC points rent for about \$20–\$25 per point, with an average around \$22 per point.

For a real-world example:

A studio villa at the Grand Californian or Disneyland Hotel may cost roughly 15–40+ points per night, depending on the season.

That means you can expect to pay somewhere around:

👉 \$300–\$900 per night

And to give you a real example — on my last trip, I stayed 5 nights in a Duo Villa at the Disneyland Hotel and saved over \$1,700 compared to booking directly through Disney.

This is one of the cheapest ways to stay on property at Disneyland — especially if you want a Deluxe resort experience without paying full Disney prices ❤️



How much does it cost?

Instead of using a traditional points chart, I recommend using the [DVC cost calculator](#) from David's Vacation Rentals — it's much easier to understand.

You can enter your travel dates, choose your resort (like the Grand Californian or Disneyland Hotel Villas), and select your room type to see exactly how many points your stay will cost.

From there, it will estimate your total price based on current point rates — so you don't have to do any of the math yourself.

One thing you'll notice as you play around with it:

- Weeknights (Sunday through Thursday) are usually cheaper than weekends
- Prices vary based on the time of year, with lower demand dates costing fewer points
- Larger villas require more points than studios

I use this tool all the time to compare dates, test different resorts, and figure out the best value for a trip.

It might feel a little confusing at first, but once you try a few different date combinations, it becomes really easy to see how it all works ❤️

The easiest way to rent DVC points is through a trusted “points broker.”

A points broker is a company that connects you with DVC owners who are renting out their unused points.

Instead of trying to coordinate with an individual owner, the broker handles everything for you — making the process much simpler and more secure.

I personally recommend using David's Vacation Rentals, which is the company I use and trust ❤️

They've helped thousands of families book DVC stays and have a really strong reputation in the Disney space.

Here's how the process works:
First, you'll submit a reservation request through their website with your dates, resort choice, and room type.

At the time of your request, you'll pay a small deposit (currently \$105).

If they're not able to secure your reservation, that deposit is fully refunded — so there's no risk in trying.





David's handles finding someone with the right points, for the right resort, who is willing to rent at the quoted price. They also handle the rental agreement and making the reservation.

They handle all of the details behind the scenes ❤️

The current going rate to rent Disney Vacation Club points through a broker is about \$20–\$25 per point.

This may be slightly higher than renting directly from an owner, but the process is much easier and more secure — which is why I recommend using a trusted broker.

One other benefit of renting through a broker is that your trip may be eligible for travel insurance.

Because of the non-refundable nature of DVC rentals, I strongly suggest looking into travel insurance — especially for trips longer than a couple of nights or if your dates aren't flexible.

Some plans even offer “cancel for any reason” options, which can give you extra peace of mind when booking.

IS IT CHEAPER TO RENT POINTS?



Just how much can you expect to save by using this approach instead of booking through Disney?

Well, as mentioned earlier, these are Disneyland's Deluxe resorts — and they typically come with a pretty high price tag.

You can often expect to save anywhere from 30% to 60% (and sometimes more) compared to Disney's direct pricing for the same room.

For example, rooms that might cost \$700–\$1,000+ per night when booked through Disney can often be rented for significantly less using DVC points.

On my last trip, I stayed 5 nights in a Duo Villa at the Disneyland Hotel and saved over \$1,700 compared to booking directly. While pricing varies depending on demand, time of year, and room type, renting points is consistently one of the most affordable ways to stay at a Disneyland Resort hotel.



A DVC rental will almost always be cheaper than paying for the same room directly through Disney.

PROS AND CONS

While there are clearly many benefits to renting DVC points, there are also a few things to be aware of:

- You must be ready to pay the entire amount upfront
- There are no cancellations (though changes may be possible) so travel insurance is recommended
- You won't get daily housekeeping, but trash and towel service on night four (full housekeeping for stays longer than eight nights)



When you book through a DVC broker or directly with an owner, the standard process is to pay the full amount at the time of booking.

Payment is usually made by credit card.

In some cases, an owner may allow a partial payment with the balance due later, but this varies and isn't guaranteed.

Because of how DVC points work, reservations are generally non-refundable.

That said, changes can sometimes be made depending on availability. I've personally been able to adjust dates before, but it's not something you can count on.





How difficult is it to find availability for my travel dates?

Availability for Disneyland DVC villas can be limited — especially since there are fewer resorts and rooms compared to Disney World.

That said, it's not impossible to find availability closer to your trip. My best advice is to book as early as possible — ideally 7 to 11 months in advance if you have specific dates or want a high-demand resort like the Grand Californian.

But unlike Disney World, I've personally been able to book a DVC stay at Disneyland about 60 days out, so there can still be options if your plans are more last-minute.

Flexibility is key.

If you're open to different room types, resorts, or travel dates, you'll have a much better chance of finding availability.

If your trip is coming up soon, you can also check [confirmed reservations](#), which are already booked stays that you can grab instantly if they match your plans.



Is Renting DVC Points Safe?



This is one of the most common questions I get:
“What if the person I’m renting from cancels my reservation and disappears with my money?”

Totally valid concern — and the reason I always recommend using a trusted broker.

When you book through a company like [David’s Vacation Rentals](#), they handle the rental agreement and manage the payment process.

This adds a layer of protection and structure that you don’t get when booking directly with an individual.

At the end of the day, renting DVC points is simply a different way to book the same Disneyland Resort hotel rooms — just at a lower price.

I hope this guide helped you understand how DVC rental works and whether it’s the right fit for your trip.

If staying on property has felt out of reach before, this might be the option that makes it possible ❤️



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