

the **Ultimate Guide** to
Disney World
DVC RENTAL



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Disney World DVC Rental is the BEST way to save thousands on a Disney World vacation. Learn what resorts have DVC villas, what renting points costs, and the downsides of DVC rental at Disney World.

14 years ago I learned how to "rent" Disney Vacation Club (DVC) points and stay at Disney World Deluxe resorts for up to 70% off.

DVC rental has made it possible for my family to stay in hotels that we never dreamed we'd be able to afford!

In this guide, I'll share **everything you need to know about how to rent points** in the hopes that you can experience a stay at one of these amazing resorts, too.



Disney's Beach Club Resort

HI! I'M LEAH

I've been visiting Disney World for the past 35 years and have lost track of how many times I've been.

I started sharing tips for doing Disney on a budget on my websites back in 2014.

Since then I've helped millions of readers plan a Disney vacation that doesn't break the bank.

Nothing makes me happier than helping people travel more while spending less. I'm so glad you're here!





Deluxe Studio Villa at Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort

What is Disney World DVC Rental?

Disney Vacation Club (DVC for short) is Disney's vacation ownership program, kind of like a timeshare.

But unlike a timeshare, DVC owners buy a set amount of points that are added to their account each year.

These points can be used to stay at ANY Disney Vacation Club resort any time of the year.

DVC resort rooms are all called "villas" and vary in size from Studio Villas (slightly larger than a standard hotel room) to 3-bedroom "Grand Villas".

They all have kitchenettes or full kitchens and sleep from 4 to 12 people.

DVC resorts are all in the Deluxe Category at Disney World, which means they have amazing pools, excellent dining options, fitness facilities, and more.



Disney's Polynesian Village Resort

These are the ten DVC resorts at Walt Disney World in Florida:

- Animal Kingdom Lodge Villas (Jambo House & Kidani Village)
- Bay Lake Tower at the Contemporary Resort
- Beach Club Villas
- Boardwalk Villas
- Grand Floridian Villas
- Old Key West Resort
- Polynesian Villas & Bungalows
- Riviera Resort
- Saratoga Springs Resort
- Wilderness Lodge Villas (Copper Creek & Boulder Ridge)



HOW DOES DVC RENTAL WORK?

Sometimes DVC owners are not able to use all of their points themselves and decide to "rent" these points out to others.

A DVC owner can make a reservation with their points in anyone's name, even if the people on the reservation are not DVC members themselves.

When you rent Disney timeshare points you essentially pay a member to use their points for a resort stay for your family. You do NOT have to be a DVC member to rent points. I hope that makes sense!

The easiest way to rent points from a DVC owner is through David's Vacation Rentals.

They handle everything for you and you'll still save hundreds (or thousands) on your Disney vacation. Read on to get all of the details.

David's Vacation Rentals has helped tens of thousands of guests rent 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 about DVC rental (well right after "Is this too good to be true??")

And I'm happy to report the answer is YES! **You get all of the same benefits** of staying at a Disney resort when you rent Disney Vacation Club points that you do when you book directly with Disney (more, in fact).

After you rent DVC points for your stay, you will get a Disney confirmation number that you connect to your My Disney Experience account.

With this confirmation number, you will get:

- Ability to make Individual Lightning Lane reservations starting at 7 am ([get my guide to the Lightning Lanes here](#))
- Ability to add a Disney Dining Plan to your reservation if you want
- Free parking at your resort

So you won't miss out on anything by renting DVC points - you'll just pay less because you are in-the-know and are willing to do a little bit of extra work.

How Much Does It Cost to Rent DVC Points?

The number of points required for a stay in a DVC villa depends on several factors. The main considerations that determine how many points you will need are:

- What time of year you are going
- The resort at which you want to stay
- The size of the villa (Studio through 3-Bedroom)

Here is an example: The point range for an Animal Kingdom Lodge studio villa (which sleeps 4) is between 9 and 28 points, depending on the season.

The current going rate for renting points is between \$18-\$25 per point, with an average of about \$22 per point.

So for my studio villa example above, the cost for one night can range from about \$160 to \$600.

I have rented points for stays at the Animal Kingdom Lodge many times and on average pay about \$250 per night.

Other resorts at which you can get a studio villa room for around \$200 include Disney's Old Key West Resort, Saratoga Springs, and the Boardwalk Resort.

Sleeps:		Deluxe Studio				One Bedroom				Two Bedroom				Grand Villa			
		Value	Stand	Savan	Club	Value	Stand	Savan	Club	Value	Stand	Savan	Club	Value	Stand	Savan	Club
		4 beds	4 beds	4 beds	4 beds	4 beds	5 beds	5 beds	5 beds	8 beds	9 beds	9 beds	9 beds		12 beds	12 beds	
WONDER Sep 1 - 30 Sep 1 - 30	Sun - Thu	7	10	13	18	17	20	27	38	22	28	35	51	-	68	73	-
	Fri - Sat	10	13	16	22	20	25	31	43	28	34	43	58	-	78	85	-
ADVENTURE Jan 1 - 31 May 1 - 14	Sun - Thu	8	12	15	20	19	24	31	41	25	31	39	55	-	73	79	-
	Fri - Sat	11	14	17	23	21	28	34	46	31	37	48	63	-	82	89	-
CHOICE May 15 - Jun 10 Dec 1 - 23	Sun - Thu	8	13	16	21	20	26	33	43	27	32	42	58	-	78	86	-
	Fri - Sat	12	15	18	24	22	29	35	49	32	39	50	66	-	88	96	-
DREAM Feb 1 - 15 Jun 11 - Aug 31	Sun - Thu	9	14	17	22	21	27	34	44	29	35	43	60	-	81	89	-
	Fri - Sat	12	15	20	24	24	30	36	50	34	40	52	66	-	91	100	-
FANTASY Oct 1 - Nov 25 Nov 29 - 30	Sun - Thu	10	15	19	23	23	29	35	46	30	36	47	61	-	88	96	-
	Fri - Sat	13	16	20	25	26	32	39	53	35	44	57	71	-	100	110	-
MAGIC Feb 16 - Apr 12 Apr 21 - 30 Nov 26 - 28	Sun - Thu	12	16	19	23	24	32	38	49	31	40	52	66	-	97	107	-
	Fri - Sat	14	18	22	26	27	35	41	56	36	48	61	77	-	111	121	-
PREMIER Apr 13 - 20 Dec 24 - 31	Sun - Thu	16	21	27	33	31	38	47	65	43	55	70	88	-	117	127	-
	Fri - Sat	17	23	29	36	35	45	52	73	48	60	76	98	-	135	144	-

Above is a points chart for Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge. You'll see that rooms are always cheaper Sunday through Thursday nights. There are also months of the year that are the cheapest: September, January, and the first half of May are the lowest point options.

I frequently use these [DVC point charts from David's](#) to figure out the time of year during which we will visit and the type of villa we want.

Each resort has it's own chart and different points required per night for different room types.

It can seem complicated at first but after you spend a few minutes studying one of the charts it should seem much easier to understand!

HOW TO RENT POINTS FROM A BROKER

The easiest way to rent DVC points is to use what is called a points "broker" to arrange your stay.

Points brokers are companies that help DVC owners rent their extra points to interested parties. I strongly suggest using David's Vacation Rentals, my recommended points broker.

They have an excellent reputation and have been helping people with DVC rentals for many years!

This is how the process works: First, submit a reservation request on David's site. You'll pay a \$105 deposit when you make your reservation request, which is completely refunded to you if David's is not able to secure a reservation for your dates and resort.

Disney's Polynesian Village Resort Studio Villa



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. Basically, they do all of the hard work for you!

The current going rate to rent Disney Vacation Club points through a broker is \$20- \$25 per point. This is maybe a dollar or two more per point than you would pay compared to renting from an owner directly, but it is a much easier process.

One other benefit of Disney vacation point rental through a broker is that your trip is eligible for travel insurance.

Because of the non-refundable nature of Disney World DVC rental, I strongly suggest getting a quote for travel insurance for your trip of more than two nights.

Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort

If you are traveling during hurricane season in Florida (generally June through November) then travel insurance is an excellent idea. I recommend Travel Guard's "cancel for any reason" policies .

If you aren't completely satisfied you can get a full refund within 10 days of booking.



IS IT CHEAPER TO RENT POINTS?

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

Just how much can you expect to save by using this approach versus just booking a room through Disney?

Well, as I already mentioned, these resorts are the most luxurious Disney has to offer and come with a pretty exorbitant price tag.

You can expect to save anywhere from 40% to 70% off of Disney's prices for similar rooms at these resorts.

I normally pay between **\$180 - \$400 for a studio villa** at resorts where a room through Disney will cost in the \$500-\$700 range.

The cheapest times of year to rent points are **September, January, and the first half of May.**

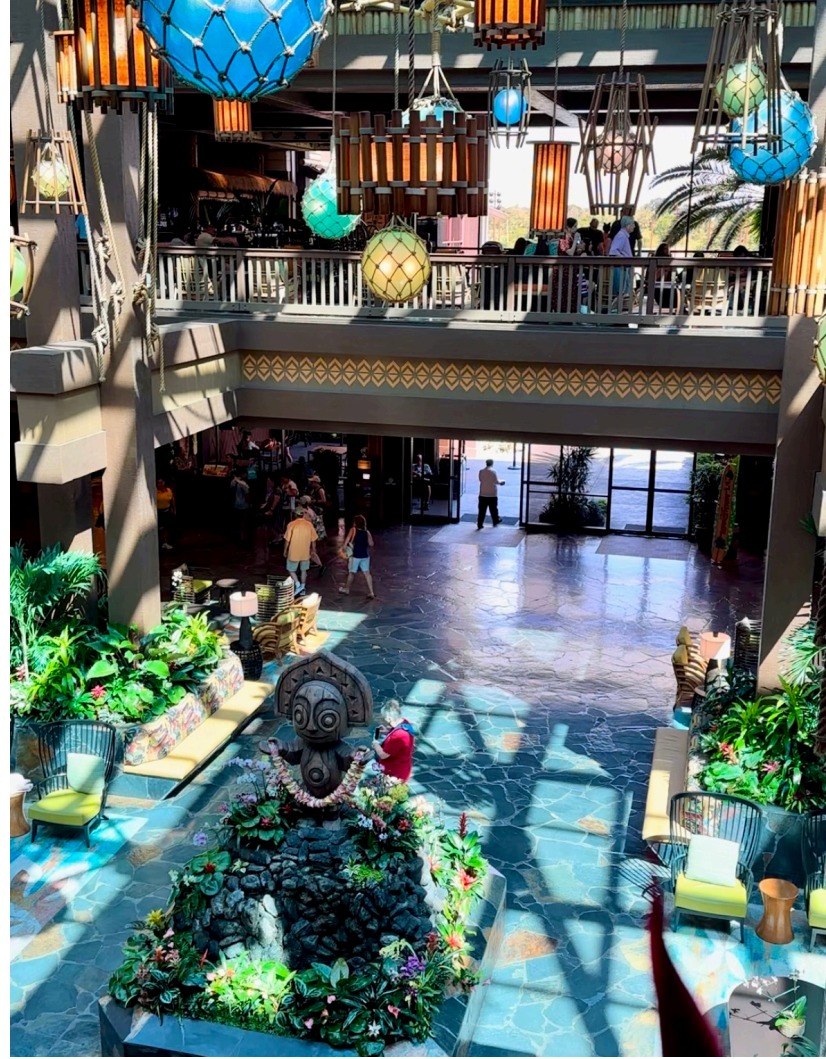
Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge Jambo House



PROS AND CONS

While there are clearly many pros to Disney vacation point rental, there are also some downsides, such as:

- 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)



Disney's Polynesian Village Resort

Disney's Riviera Resort



When you make a reservation through a DVC broker or through an individual, the standard is to pay the whole amount upfront. You can pay via credit card either way.

Sometimes an owner is willing to work with a down payment and the balance due 60 days before arrival, but that depends on the individual.

Due to the nature of DVC points in general there are no cancellations. But I have had luck changing the dates of my trip, such as at the last minute due to a hurricane.

OTHER PERKS

Disney Dining Plan

A big perk is the ability to add a dining plan to your reservation if you rent points!

When you use a broker you would usually pay for this during your original booking. What's nice is that you can pay for it with a Disney gift card that you got at a discount, saving you even more.

Get my advice on [buying discount Disney gift cards here](#) and my [Disney Dining Plan tips and tricks here](#) for further reading.



Extended Evening Hours

Guests staying at any Disney Deluxe resort (including DVC resorts) are eligible for extra time in certain theme parks on select nights at no extra cost.

Others pay hundreds of dollars to be in the parks after closing with very low crowds, but you'll get this for free when you rent points.

[Click here for the latest dates and more info from Disney.](#)



Deluxe Studio Villa at Disney's Old Key West Resort

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

Since I started renting DVC points 14 years ago, it has become more difficult to find availability for dates.

My advice is to try to make a reservation as early as possible – ideally, 7-11 months before you want to visit.

If you want to travel on very popular dates, I suggest putting in a request with David's before the 11-month booking window opens.

Renting DVC points likely won't work for a trip that is just a few months out. These resorts are very popular and it is difficult to find even a few days in a row at many of them 7 months before traveling.

If you're in this boat, I suggest checking out the confirmed reservations you can book instantly here.

IS RENTING DVC POINTS SAFE?



Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge

One additional question that I frequently get is something along the lines of... "I have no idea who this person is that I am renting points from. Couldn't they just cancel my reservation and make off with my money?"

Because David's handles the rental contracts and holds the payment until the stay is completed, there is no way this scenario could play out. That's why I strongly suggest using a trusted third party such as David's for renting points.

You can check out my review of a Standard Studio at Disney's Polynesian Village Resort for an idea of what to expect in a DVC studio.

I hope this information helps you understand how Disney vacation point rental works. I hope you will find a way to make a stay at one of these amazing resorts a reality for your family!

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