

MICKEY'S VERY MERRY *Christmas Party*



Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party is a holiday must-do at the Magic Kingdom. The park closes early to regular guests and the Christmas fun begins! The party, which runs from 7 p.m. to midnight, includes a special parade and fireworks show, Christmas cookies and hot cocoa, rare character meet and greets, "snow" on Main Street, U.S.A., and a festive holiday atmosphere that is one hundred percent Merry Christmas. Use this guide to plan your party experience and get the most out of your Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party!

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The Basics

- Party Hours are 7 p.m. to Midnight. Guests may enter the Magic Kingdom using their party tickets as early as 4 p.m. or, if already inside, may obtain a wristband to stay for the party by showing their party ticket at a designated wristband distribution spot starting at 4 p.m.
- FastPass+ is not available during the parties. Most, but not all, attractions are open. Many of the restaurants close early.
- All-you-care-to-enjoy cocoa and cookies are served at locations throughout the park during the party.

Things to Do

Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party has lots of party-only events for you to choose from. Our Party Plans on page 4 will tell you how to see and do the most during your time in the park, but here are the special sights and activities you'll find at each party.

Mickey's Once Upon a Christmastime Parade

The Once Upon a Christmastime Parade is a series of floats and performers who celebrate Christmas from Frontierland to Town Square. "Snow" drifts down on Main Street, U.S.A. while toy soldiers, Christmas toys, and your favorite characters dance through the route. The parade kicks off in Frontierland by Splash Mountain and travels down Main Street, U.S.A., twice a night at 8:15 and 10:30 p.m.



Holiday Wishes

Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party brings a holiday version of the Wishes Fireworks Spectacular with special Christmas bursts and a wonderful Christmas soundtrack. This nighttime spectacular is another checkmark on the "don't miss this" list. The show lights up the sky during each party at 9:30 p.m. Because it's a larger show than Wishes, best viewing is actually farther away from Cinderella Castle.



Meet and Greet

Rare characters come out to say hello during the parties including Sandy Claws (Nightmare Before Christmas); Mary Poppins and Bert, the Fab Five, and many more! Check our page 06 for the character locations at the Christmas party and the Party Plans on the following pages for information on how to meet all your favorites.

A Frozen Holiday Wish

Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, and Olaf from Disney's *Frozen* meet on the Cinderella Castle stage to light the Dream lights in a sparkly show each night at 6:15 and 8 p.m.

Treat Stations

Hot cocoa and cookies are available at treat stations located around the Magic Kingdom at The Crystal Palace (9-11p.); Sunshine Tree Terrace (7p. - 12a.); Columbia Harbor House (7p. - 12a.); Pinocchio Village Haus (7-10:30p.); Cosmic Ray's (8p. - 12a.); and Tortuga Tavern (7-11p.)

Shows

The Celebrate the Season Stage Show at Cinderella Castle (7:30, 10:05, & 11:20 p.m.), the Totally Tomorrowland Christmas Show (multiple times) on the Tomorrowland Stage, Holiday Hootenanny (continuous character dance party) at the Diamond Horseshoe Saloon, and the Club Tinsel Dance Party (continuous dance party at Cosmic Ray's) are all great entertainment opportunities at Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party!



Don't miss the festive party-only merchandise! This year you'll find it at the Emporium, Frontier Trading Post, Ye Olde Christmas Shoppe, Big Top Souvenirs, and Mickey's Star Traders!

Party Plans

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT THE PARTY

Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party planning centers around whether or not your focus is meeting characters. Below are two plans, one for meeting and greeting characters, and one for experiencing the party without waiting for specific character meet and greets.



Character Focused Party Plan

This plan will tell you how to make the most of your party experience and meet and greet all the rare characters that come out only on party nights. Use the Character Locator on Page 6 to be in the right places at the right times for this plan!



1. Decide which characters are top priority for you. The most popular characters will be Jack Skellington as "Sandy Claws", Santa Claus himself, and the Seven Dwarves, but these may not top your personal list. You CAN meet and greet every character at the party, but you will not be able to see the parade and fireworks if you attempt it.
2. If "Sandy Claws" tops your personal must-meet list, line up for them prior to 7 p.m. The line usually begins forming around 5:30. You may have to wait a while, but you won't be missing the parade or fireworks to do so.
3. The Dwarves' line, and the line to meet Minnie, Donald, and Daisy, tend to be much shorter toward the end of the night, so plan on meeting them after the second Once Upon a Christmastime Parade.
4. Check relatively popular or rare characters on a "fly-by" basis. If Peter Pan is meeting as you walk to Jack Sparrow, jump in line! This is especially true for the characters special to the party that don't necessarily have huge lines like Mary Poppins.
5. Watch the second Once Upon a Christmastime parade and make use of the shorter lines while the first one is running.
6. Attend the dance parties to meet lots of characters at once. Your pictures may not be so posed, but there's nothing wrong with a good dance photo and there's no line!
7. Make use of the hours from 4-7 p.m. to meet and greet the characters already out in the Magic Kingdom. These characters are noted on the Character Locator on Page 6. You can schedule FastPass+ for these characters until 7 p.m.!
8. Have your camera ready and your autograph books open so that your meeting and greeting goes quickly and smoothly.



See and Do it All Party Plan

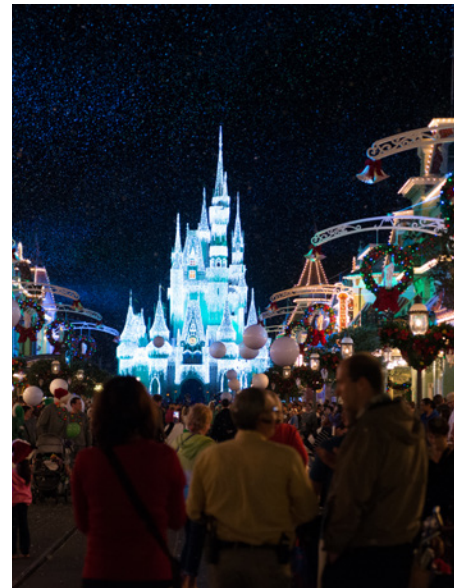
This plan will tell you how to see and do a little bit of everything from character meet and greets to fireworks watching to treat eating and parade watching. We even throw in some advice on riding a few rides!



1. Go early. Your ticket is valid for the party from 7 p.m. until Midnight, but will get you into the Magic Kingdom as early as 4 p.m. Use your extra hours to ride some rides or even have a meal at one of the Kingdom's great restaurants. Party events don't start until 7 but some character lines form as early as 5:30 so if you want to see Jack and Sally and still do a whole lot of partying, get in line early.
2. If merchandise is on your mind, line up early at the event merchandise locations at the Emporium, Frontier Trading Post, Ye Olde Christmas Shoppe, Big Top Souvenirs, and Mickey's Star Traders.
3. In cooler weather, take advantage of the treat stations that are indoors like the one at Crystal Palace. You can have a seat to have your snack and give cold cheeks and hands time to warm up.
4. Watch the first parade. Though it's likely to be more crowded than the second, you'll know if you want to watch it again (it's really that good) or whether you'd rather use the later times to ride rides, trick-or-treat, or meet characters. The best spots are in Frontierland and on Main Street, U.S.A. Don't forget to get there a bit early to catch the pre-parade entertainment and your best viewing spot.
5. Watch the fireworks. Christmas Wishes is a must-do for everyone, and the themed music and bursts make this one of the most fantastic shows of the year. The best spots to watch from are closer to Town Square, as Christmas Wishes has perimeter bursts (fireworks outside the normal bursts surrounding the castle) and a spot too close can limit your view. If you've seen Christmas Wishes before, or are adventurous, try watching from New Fantasyland for a different perspective.
6. Don't miss opportunities to meet and greet characters you'll only find at Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party like Sandy Claws in Storybook Circus or Winnie the Pooh and friends in their Winter Wear at the Thoughtful Spot.

Party Tips

- It can't be said often enough - arrive early. The hours between 4 p.m. when party guests are admitted to the Magic Kingdom and 7 p.m. when the party starts are prime for riding rides and seeing the pre-party sights.
- Be aware of the weather. While highs may be warm enough for short sleeves during the earlier hours of the party, temperatures can drop quickly after the sun goes down and often a light jacket, or even coat and gloves are comfortable. Be aware of any chances of rain. The party won't be cancelled in case of inclement weather, so if the forecast calls for rain, be ready to brave it.
- Scoring party merchandise can be an all-night venture for certain items. Be ready for long lines and limited availability.
- If you can't make it to the park before 7 p.m., eat a meal before you come. That way you can snack through the party on the excellent party-specific snacks without getting a stomach ache and you don't have to use party time for dining.
- Plan a meal during the hours from 4-7 at favorite locations like Be Our Guest and Liberty Tree Tavern



Treat Locations

- **The Crystal Palace** Serving from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. with indoor seating available.
- **Sunshine Tree Terrace** - Serving from 7 p.m. to midnight with outdoor seating only.
- **Columbia Harbor House**- Serving from 7 p.m. to midnight with indoor seating available.
- **Pinocchio Village Haus** - Serving from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. with indoor seating available.
- **Cosmic Ray's Starlight Cafe** - Serving from 8 p.m. to midnight with indoor seating available.
- **Tortuga Tavern** -Serving from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. with seating available that is covered but partially exposed to the elements.

Character Locator

Aladdin, Abu, Jasmine, and Genie - Across from the Swiss Family Robinson tree house in the Adventureland Bazaar.

Captain Jack Sparrow - stage across from Pirates of the Caribbean

! Daisy, Donald, Minnie & Scrooge McDuck - at the entrance to Storybook Circus.

♥ Jack Skellington as Sandy Claws - at the back of Storybook Circus next to Pete's Silly Sideshow

Mary Poppins, Burt, and Penguins - In Town Square

! Mickey Mouse - Inside Town Square Theater

Peter Pan and Wendy - on the Adventureland terrace just across the Adventureland bridge.

! Pooh, Piglet, Tigger & Eeyore - In the Thoughtful Spot next to The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh

Princesses and Princes - Rapunzel and Flynn, Aurora and Phillip, Cinderella and Charming, and Snow White and her prince meet inside Princess Fairytale Hall.

♥ Santa Claus - In Candy Cane Garden next to City Hall

! Santa Goofy - Near the Barnstormer



Seven Dwarves - at the gates between Fantasyland and New Fantasyland

! Tiana and Naveen - in the Gazebo behind Ye Olde Christmas Shoppe

*Note: Princess costumes in the Once Upon a Christmastime parade are Christmas themed. If you're a princess fan, you won't want to miss their holiday attire.

*Clarabelle Cow, Horace Horsecollar, The Country Bears, and Clara Cluck meet at the Holiday Hootenanny at Diamond Horseshoe Saloon in Frontierland. Phineas and Ferb meet at the Club Tinsel Dance Party at Cosmic Ray's. Autographs are not available for these characters.

*Tinker Bell, Ariel, Anna and Elsa, and Merida all meet in their normal locations in their regular costumes throughout the night as well. Check your park map for locations.

♥ = These characters are party-exclusive.

! = These characters have special party costumes.