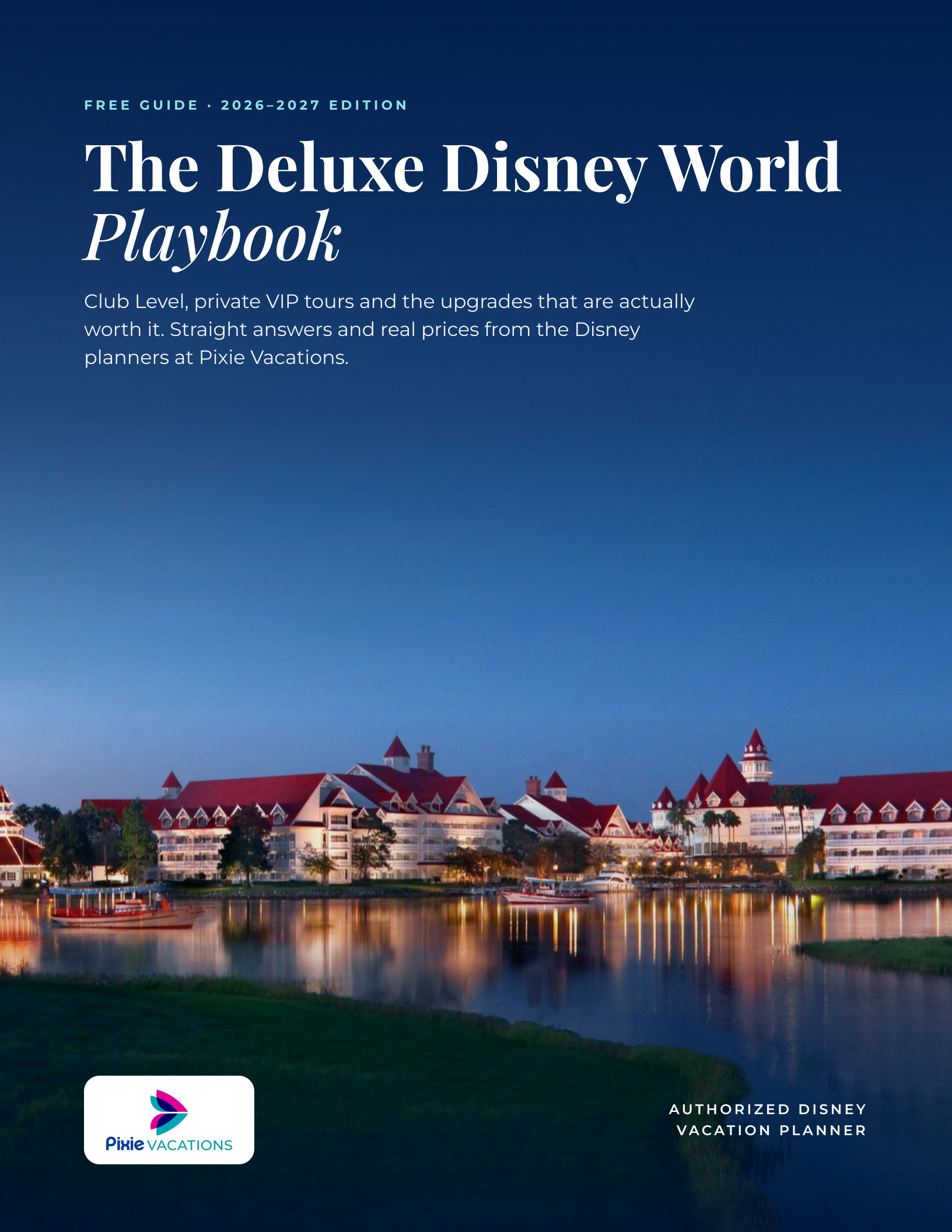
FREE GUIDE · 2026–2027 EDITION

The Deluxe Disney World *Playbook*

Club Level, private VIP tours and the upgrades that are actually worth it. Straight answers and real prices from the Disney planners at Pixie Vacations.



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CHAPTER 1

What “Deluxe” really buys you

Some perks people pay Deluxe prices for come with every Disney Resort hotel. Here is what is exclusive and what isn’t, so you spend where it counts.

DELUXE ONLY

Extended Evening Theme Park Hours

Deluxe and Deluxe Villa guests get extra park time after the day crowd leaves, on select nights. For November and December 2026 that is EPCOT on Mondays (9–11 p.m.) and Animal Kingdom on Wednesdays (6–8 p.m.).

THE REAL LUXURY

Location

Monorail, boat, Skyliner or a walk. A Deluxe address turns a midday break into a short hop instead of a long bus round trip. That is how families make it to the fireworks still smiling.

EVERY DISNEY RESORT HOTEL

Early Theme Park Entry

30 minutes before the general public, every day, at all four parks. Deluxe doesn’t add time, but being a walk or a monorail ride away means you actually use it.

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Lightning Lane head start

Disney Resort hotel guests can buy Lightning Lane passes 7 days before check-in, for the whole stay, starting at 7:00 a.m. ET. Off-site guests wait until 3 days before.

STEVE’S TAKE

“I hate wasting money. But you only get so many vacation days, and time is money. Deluxe is worth it when you’ll use the location. Pay for the minutes you get back.”

CHAPTER 2

Pick your Deluxe resort by how you'll get to the parks

Theme is the fun part, but transportation decides how your days feel. Start here.

Resort	Getting to the parks	Club Level lounge	Best for
Grand Floridian	Monorail or boat to Magic Kingdom	Royal Palm Club	Classic elegance, Magic Kingdom-heavy trips
Polynesian Village	Monorail or boat to Magic Kingdom	King Kamehameha Club	Tropical feel, lagoon views
Contemporary	Monorail or a short walk to Magic Kingdom	Atrium Club	Fastest route to Magic Kingdom
Wilderness Lodge	Boat to Magic Kingdom	Old Faithful Club	Cozy lodge feel, a quieter base
Yacht Club	Walk to EPCOT; boat to Hollywood Studios	Regatta Club	EPCOT and Studios fans
Beach Club	Walk to EPCOT; boat to Hollywood Studios	Stone Harbor Club	EPCOT and Studios fans
BoardWalk Inn	Walk to EPCOT and Hollywood Studios	Innkeeper's Club	Evenings on the BoardWalk
Animal Kingdom Lodge	Bus	Kilimanjaro Club	Savanna views from your room
Riviera (Deluxe Villa)	Skyliner to EPCOT and Hollywood Studios	No Club Level	European style, Skyliner access
Gran Destino Tower (Coronado Springs)	Bus	Chronos Club	Club Level at a lower price
Lakeshore Lodge (new)	Opens July 1, 2027	The Artist's Nest	Brand-new, with fireworks views from the lounge

Transportation and Club Level list per Disney (disneyworld.disney.go.com), as of November 2026. Lounge names per Disney Tourist Blog (Feb 2026). Gran Destino Tower is part of a Moderate resort that offers Club Level.

Not sure which one fits?

Tell us your parks, your crew and your must-dos. We'll shortlist two resorts and price Club Level and standard rooms side by side, free.



CHAPTER 3

Club Level: worth it, or not?

What you get

- A private lounge with its own concierge team, staffed about 7 a.m.–10 p.m.
- Five food presentations a day: continental breakfast, midday snacks, afternoon treats, evening hors d'oeuvres, desserts and cordials
- Evening wine and beer
- Help with dining reservations, park hours, show times and tickets

What it won't do

- Skip any lines. There is no ride perk.
- Get you into a sold-out restaurant

$120–$375

typical extra cost per night over a standard room at the same resort

Worth it if

- You'll stop in two or three times a day
- You take a midday break at the resort
- You're celebrating, or bringing the grandparents

Skip it if

- You're at the parks open to close
- Most meals are sit-down reservations

OUR TAKE

"Club Level isn't a money-saver. It's a time-saver. Breakfast in ten minutes, a glass of wine at five, and no hunting for snacks."

Sources: Disney resort concierge page; Disney Tourist Blog and Mousehacking (2024–2026). Food times vary by lounge. Prices as of November 2026; we confirm yours.



CHAPTER 4

Disney Private VIP Tours, decoded

Included

- Your own Disney VIP guide
- Private vehicle pickup at your hotel, and between parks
- Pre-arrival planning and a flexible start time
- Multiple parks in one day
- Efficient access to the attractions you choose

Not included

- Park tickets for every park you visit

The rules

- $450–$950 per hour, by date
- 7-hour minimum, 10-hour maximum
- Up to 10 guests, infants included
- Books up to 60 days out; cancel 3+ days ahead or pay 2 hours

Cost per person, 7-hour tour

Hourly rate	6 guests	8 guests	10 guests
$450	$525	$394	$315
$700	$817	$613	$490
$950	$1,108	$831	$665

The hourly rate is the same for 2 guests or 10, so a full group gets the best value. Before tax and tickets.

Booking through us?

Since April 2026, travel advisors can add a VIP Tour to a Walt Disney Travel Company package. One booking, one payment plan, and we handle the request.

Source: disneyworld.disney.go.com/events-tours/private-vip-tours, as of November 2026; package add-on per WDWMagic (Apr 2026). Rates change; we confirm yours.

CHAPTER 5

The upgrade ladder: what to buy first

With a fixed budget, buy in this order. Each step gives back more time per dollar than the one below it.

#	Upgrade	Typical price	Buy it when
1	**A Deluxe location**	Varies by resort and date	You want midday breaks and Extended Evening Theme Park Hours
2	**Club Level**	+$120–$375 per night	You'll use the lounge two or three times a day
3	**Lightning Lane Premier Pass**	About $119–$499 per person, per park day	Your busiest park day, or a short trip. Very limited quantities.
4	**Private VIP Tour**	$450–$950 per hour, 7-hour minimum	Groups of 6–10, short trips, milestone days
5	**Disney After Hours (2027)**	$159–$209 per person	You want lower crowds after closing, with ice cream and popcorn included
6	**Fireworks dessert party**	Seated about $129–$144 adults, $74 ages 3–9	The celebration night
7	**Victoria & Albert's**	From about $295 per person (confirm)	Anniversaries and once-in-a-lifetime dinners

Premier Pass by park

Animal Kingdom $119–$199 · EPCOT $169–$249 · Hollywood Studios $269–$349 · Magic Kingdom $329–$449, with about +$50 on peak days. One park per day, per person.

After Hours 2027 dates

Magic Kingdom Jan 11–Jul 19 ($189–$209) · Hollywood Studios Jan 16–Aug 25 ($159–$199) · EPCOT Jan 21–Aug 19 ($159–$189). Plus tax.

Sources: Disney (Lightning Lane, After Hours, dessert party pages); Disney Tourist Blog (Oct 2026), Disney Fanatic (Oct 2026), Disney Food Blog (Aug 2026). Sources disagree on some prices; we confirm yours before you book.



CHAPTER 6

The Deluxe planning timeline

When	What happens
12–18 months out	Book the resort. Club Level rooms and holiday weeks sell out first.
60 days out	Dining reservations open. VIP Tour requests open too.
7 days before check-in	Lightning Lane window opens for Disney Resort hotel guests at 7:00 a.m. ET, including Premier Pass.
Arrival	Early Theme Park Entry every morning. Extended Evening Theme Park Hours on select nights.

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- A VIP Tour estimate for your group, if it fits your trip
- A dining and Lightning Lane plan, with the booking windows watched for you
- An honest answer on which upgrades to skip

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