

Dining on the Disney Dream

Disney Cruise Line dining works very differently than dining inside the parks (or dining on other cruise lines). So, I want to take a moment to help you understand all of the ins and outs of navigating dining on your Disney Dream cruise.

At sea, there are three main dining rooms which are all part of Disney's unique Rotational Dining system. There's also casual dining on board, along with adult-exclusive dining opportunities.

And while the majority of dining options on the Disney Dream are free, some of the dining offered cost extra and aren't included in the price of your cruise. Keep in mind, there is more dining INCLUDED with your cruise than is not included.

HOW WILL YOU KNOW WHICH SEATING TIME YOU HAVE?

There are two dinner seatings each night of your cruise on the Dream.

Times may vary based on the itinerary, but usually, dinner is served at either 5:45 p.m. (Main Seating) or 8:15 p.m. (Second Seating).

You were assigned a seating time when we booked your cruise and it's reflected in your confirmation email. If you would like to change your seating time, we can make a request now. If it's not available, I'll add you to the waitlist, which is not guaranteed and is based on availability opening up.

You will have your dining information shared with you via the Navigator App with an assigned seating time, restaurant schedule (for Rotational Dining), and individual table number. You will have the same table number in each dining location.

WHAT IS ROTATIONAL DINING?

If you've ever cruised before, you may be familiar with the idea of being assigned a Main Dining Room where you eat all of your evening meals.

Disney, however, does things a little bit differently. They utilize what they call "Rotational Dining."

Rotational Dining simply means that for dinner, you will rotate amongst the three main dining rooms during each night of your cruise. **And, because great service is so important, your servers move with you.**

You will get to experience each of the amazing Main Dining options listed below at least once!

- **Enchanted Garden**

- The Enchanted Garden features ambiance galore, with a French Versailles decor style and a ceiling that changes color to mimic the rising and setting of the sun, culminating in a star scene, as well as flower lights that open as you enjoy your dinner...this is one dining experience you'll never forget!
- Enjoy a market-style menu providing flavors from around the world at this restaurant.

- First-course offerings include North Atlantic lobster ravioli, an Ahi tuna, an avocado tower, and curried carrot and apple soup.
- Finish up your dining experience with your choice of decadent desserts, including my personal favorite, a lemon-scented steamed buttermilk pudding.
- **Animator's Palate {MY FAVORITE}**
 - On the four original Disney Cruise Line ships, you'll find an Animator's Palate onboard. Although it's a little different on each ship, it's always a good time and one of the restaurants everyone looks forward to.
 - Animator's Palate provides a spectacular dinner centered around Disney's classic animation and features a unique show starring some of your favorite Disney characters. Sketches of familiar characters and unforgettable scenes from Disney and Pixar films come to life right before your very eyes. The Food features a fusion of Pacific Island foods, Asian dishes, and Californian fare. **The Black Truffle Pasta Purseittes are my absolute FAVORITE!**
 - On the Dream, there is a dinner show also available called "Undersea Magic," which transports you to the underwater world of *Finding Nemo*, in which you'll receive a visit from special characters and may engage in a conversation with Crush.
- **Royal Palace**
 - Dining at the Royal Palace is an elegant affair. Inspired by the classic Disney films Cinderella, Snow White, and the Seven Dwarfs, Beauty and the Beast, and Sleeping Beauty, you'll enjoy princess portraits and decor throughout. Complete with bread baskets shaped like Cinderella's carriage and waitstaff dressed in princely uniforms, the Royal Palace provides the perfect environment for young guests to show off their best princess dresses.
 - You can keep children busy through the fabulous 4-course French-American meal by having them look for hidden images of glass slippers, apples, roses, and tiaras delicately worked into the decor.
 - Your menu choices feature such tantalizing entree options as Roasted Rack of Lamb, Conchiglie Pasta, Oven-Baked Salmon Royale, Chateaubriand-Roasted Filet Steak, and Crispy Roasted Duck Breas. Vegetarian options are also available and include dishes like Wild Mushroom-Stuffed Pasta and Grilled Marinated Tofu, Roasted Zucchini, Eggplant, and Red Peppers. But don't forget to save room for dessert! The Royal Palace is well known for its rich desserts, such as Grand Marnier Soufflé, Tahitian Vanilla Crème Brûlée, Apple Tart Tatin, and the Classic Opera Gâteau.

While not part of the three main rotational dining restaurants, the Dream features an amazing tea experience for an additional charge.

The Royal Court Royal Tea Experience

If you're a Disney Princess fan (and let's face it, who isn't!?), then you're in for a real treat with the [Royal Court Royal Tea](#) experience. This one is sure to be one of the highlights of your cruise, and due to its popularity, you'll want to be sure to book yours before you sail!

The Royal Tea is designed to cater to children ages 3-12, and it's the #1 place to interact with the Disney Princesses! You'll begin your experience with a sprinkling of Pixie Dust, followed by being officially presented at court!

From the Princess doll and other trinkets elegantly placed at your child's seat to the special photo ops and personal interactions with your favorite princesses, this is one experience sure to stand out as one of their best cruise memories!

WHAT ABOUT CASUAL DINING OPTIONS?

Not into the rotational dining plan? Or maybe you just like to take one night to enjoy some casual dining instead. Whatever the case, you have plenty of options aboard the Dream!

- **Flo's Cafe**

In the mood for something super simple, fast, and easy? Flo's Cafe checks all those boxes!! This walk-up eatery features Luigi's Pizza, Fillmore's Favorites, and Tow Mater's Grill. It's a great place to grab a quick bite and appease any picky eaters, as the fare ranges from chicken, to pizza, to burgers.

- **Vista Cafe**

Serving coffee and pastries in the morning and cocktails at night, this cafe located on Deck 4 is a wonderful place to grab a little pick-me-up when desired.

- **Cabanas**

Cabanas is a fun "Finding Nemo" themed indoor/outdoor restaurant that serves made-to-order dishes for breakfast and lunch but switches to table service for the evening meal.

DID SOMEBODY SAY ICE CREAM?

As a part of your cruise package, you have access to FREE ICE CREAM from the self-serve machines located on the pool deck! And the flavors change daily!

Of course, if you prefer to add ice cream or another dessert to your dinner, there are a myriad of options available at each restaurant, too. You'll never run out of new items to try during your cruise, that's for sure!



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