

Dining on the Disney Magic

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 Magic 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.

HOW WILL YOU KNOW WHICH SEATING TIME YOU HAVE?

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

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.

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 between 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.

- **Rapunzel's Royal Table**

- A variety of starters, entrees, and tantalizing desserts are offered for dinner, including ravioli stuffed with pulled beef, pan-seared sea bass filet in a Champagne-truffle vinaigrette, and crème brûlée cheesecake all amidst an enchanting Tangled inspired theme, complete with dazzling wish lanterns.
- There's even live entertainment featuring appearances by Flynn Rider, Your favorite Thugs, and the sensational Rapunzel, herself.

One of my clients LOVES the floating lantern scene. It will bring you to tears (well maybe, if you're overly emotional like I am), she has been aboard all of the ships and this has been one of her favorite dining experiences onboard Disney Cruise Line.

● Animator's Palate

- 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 eyes. The menu features a fusion of Pacific Island foods, Asian dishes, and Californian fare.
- On the Magic, there are two dinner shows available. The first is called "Drawn to Magic," in which guests watch as Sorcerer Mickey helps tell a hero's story through Disney and Pixar animation. For the finale, the black-and-white interior of the restaurant is transformed with vibrant colors.
- There's also "Animation Magic," which is only available on 7-night or longer sailings. The show allows guests to draw their own character and watch as your creation comes to life alongside other Disney characters.

● Lumiere's

- If you love Beauty and the Beast, like me, then you'll probably love dining at Lumiere's. You can grab breakfast, lunch, and dinner here.
- **For those who wish to forgo the buffets or remain on the ship for breakfast and lunch, you can dine at Lumiere's and enjoy open seating versus reserved tables, like at dinner. There is a range of breakfast options along with a 3-course lunch.**
- Dinner is four courses and offers American and French dishes with a modern twist, like "Mrs. Potts" French onion soup, "Gaston's" escargots gratinés, and "Lumiere's" seared sea bass.

At all restaurants, you can purchase beer, wine, after-dinner liqueurs, dessert wines, and specialty drinks for an added fee. Vegetarian dishes and kids' menus are also available.

While not part of the three main rotational dining restaurants, the Magic 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 Magic!

- **Duck in Diner**

In the mood for a great burger? Donald Duck's got you covered! Pop into Duck in Diner and grab some classic fare like burgers and hot dogs and keep the kids happy and the dinner simple.

- **Pinocchio's Pizzeria**

Have a pizza lover in the family? Head on over to Pinocchio's Pizzeria for sizzling pizza served all day and outdoors!

- **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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