

Itinerary for Families with Young Kids at MICKEY'S VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

🞄 BEFORE THE PARTY BEGINS: 🕕 4:00 PM – ARRIVE EARLY

Although the party officially starts at 7:00 PM, **ticket holders can enter Magic Kingdom as early as 4:00 PM.** Use this time to:

Z Eat an early dinner before you arrive or at a quick-service restaurant (Pecos Bill's, Cosmic Ray's, or Casey's Corner)

Ride a couple of attractions with shorter waits (like Dumbo, it's a great pre-party ride for little ones!)

Grab a party map and scout out the best viewing spots for shows and parades. There are still going to be lots of people in the park. Don't stress about rides too much.. You'll have plenty of time later!

🤜 7:00 PM – THE PARTY BEGINS! – CHARACTER MEET & GREET

Tip: The party-exclusive treats and character meet-and-greets can get long lines early, so prioritize must-do activities first.

Town Square Theater or Storybook Circus

Head to **meet Mickey Mouse in his holiday outfit** or **Santa Claus early** before lines get too long. If your kids love characters, Storybook Circus is the best spot for rare characters like Scrooge McDuck and the Seven Dwarfs.

7:45 PM – COOKIE & HOT COCOA STOP

Main Street Bakery or Pinocchio Village Haus

Pick up complimentary cookies and hot cocoa to keep little ones energized. These are available all night at various locations.

J 8:00 PM – MICKEY'S ONCE UPON A CHRISTMASTIME PARADE

First Showing!

Frontierland or Main Street, U.S.A

The first parade is usually busier than the second, but if you don't plan to stay late, find a good spot at least 30 minutes before. Watching from Frontierland is a great choice for avoiding Main Street crowds.

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▲ 8:45 PM – RIDES & ATTRACTIONS WITH SHORT WAITS

Now is a great time for attractions since many guests are watching the parade. Prioritize:

W "Jingle Cruise" (Jungle Cruise Holiday Overlay) – A fun, festive take on a classic ride!

V Peter Pan's Flight or "It's a Small World" – These are gentle rides great for little ones.

The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh – Interactive queue keeps young kids entertained.

If your kids love thrill rides, head to **Seven Dwarfs Mine Train** while wait times are lower!

****** 9:30 PM – MINNIE'S WONDERFUL CHRISTMASTIME FIREWORKS

P Near Cinderella Castle or Hub Grass

Find a spot at least 20-30 minutes early to enjoy the show. If little ones are getting tired, consider watching from **Fantasyland behind the castle,** where it's less crowded.

🞠 10:00 PM – MORE RIDES & CHARACTER FUN

By now, some younger kids might be fading, but if they still have energy:

Dumbo the Flying Elephant – No long waits, and a great nighttime ride!

Meet more characters – If lines were too long earlier, check for shorter waits now.

Mad Tea Party (Christmas Overlay) – A fun, festive twist on the classic ride!

Tip: If kids are tired, consider a slow stroll down Main Street with a snack or heading toward the exit early to avoid post-party crowds.

👼 10:45 PM – MICKEY'S ONCE UPON A CHRISTMASTIME PARADE

Second Showing – Less Crowded!

If your little ones have energy left, **the second parade is much less crowded** than the first. Find a last-minute spot near Frontierland or Liberty Square.

🎄 11:30 PM – FINAL TREAT STOP & LAST RIDE

Before heading out, grab one last cookie and do a final ride. Under the Sea – Journey of the Little Mermaid is a relaxing way to end the night!

🎁 12:00 AM – EXIT VIA MAIN STREET, U.S.A.

Slowly make your way out while soaking up the holiday atmosphere. Take family photos under the Christmas lights, and enjoy the magical snowfall on Main Street before leaving!

Tip: If you have a stroller, this is the best time to park and rest while letting little ones wind down before the journey back to the hotel.

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