

# The Ultimate Guide to Walt Disney World for Guests with Special Needs

Planning a trip to Walt Disney World with a child with special needs can be overwhelming. But it's important to remember that Disney is a place where everyone is welcome, and they have a long history of making accommodations for guests with disabilities.



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This guide is packed with practical advice and insider tips to help you create a magical experience for everyone in your family.

## Before You Go

The first step in planning your trip is to do your research. Familiarize yourself with the different parks and attractions, and decide which ones would be most suitable for your child's needs.

You should also contact Disney Guest Services in advance to let them know about your child's special needs. They can provide you with information about accessible attractions, ride modifications, and other accommodations.

It's also a good idea to pack a few essential items for your child, such as snacks, drinks, and medications. You may also want to bring along a first aid kit and a change of clothes.

## **At the Parks**

When you arrive at the parks, be sure to stop by Guest Services to pick up a Disability Access Service (DAS) card. This card will allow you to bypass the regular lines for attractions and meet characters.

You can also use the DAS card to request ride modifications. For example, if your child has sensory processing difficulties, you can request a ride that is less stimulating.

In addition to the DAS card, there are a number of other resources available for guests with special needs at the parks.

- **Wheelchair rentals** are available at all four theme parks.
- **Sensory rooms** are located in each park where guests can take a break from the crowds and noise.
- **Quiet areas** are also available in each park where guests can relax and recharge.

## **Tips for Specific Special Needs**

In addition to the general tips above, there are a few specific things you can do to make your trip more enjoyable if your child has a particular special need.

## **Autism**

If your child has autism, it's important to create a structured schedule for your day at the parks. This will help them to feel more comfortable and less overwhelmed.

You should also consider bringing along some of your child's favorite toys or activities to help them cope with the crowds and noise.

## **Sensory Processing DisFree Download**

If your child has sensory processing disFree Download, it's important to be aware of their triggers and to avoid them as much as possible.

You can also try to create a sensory-friendly environment for your child by bringing along items such as noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, and a weighted blanket.

## **Wheelchair Accessibility**

If your child uses a wheelchair, it's important to plan your trip accordingly. Make sure that you choose a hotel that is wheelchair accessible and that you have transportation to and from the parks.

You should also be aware of the wheelchair accessibility of the different attractions and rides. You can find this information on the Disney website or by asking a Guest Services cast member.

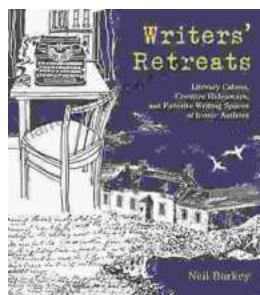
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