

Saturday, May 25

8:30 AM	Early Park Admission
9:00 AM	Park Opens
2:00 PM	Akershus (Norway)
9:00 PM	Luminous - the Symphony of Us Fireworks
9:00 PM	Official Park Closing

<u>Genie+ Tips & Ideas</u>

- **Genie +**... Don't forget to be up and ready to start reserving/purchasing Lightening Lane reservations at 7:00 AM!
- I recommend trying to book either Frozen or Ratatouille (these fill up quick)
- Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind is an incredibly popular roller coaster/thrill ride. There are two ways to ride:
  - Purchase on Genie+ when the window opens at 7:00 AM
  - Join the <u>Virtual Queue</u> go into app, click the three lines at the bottom right hand, click "Virtual Queues" then "Join Virtual Queue"

The following Epcot attractions are available with Genie+ Lightning Lane

- Future World
  - Disney and Pixar Short Film Festival\*
  - Soarin' Around the World (The Land) (fairly gentle, 40")

- Journey into Imagination with Figment (World Celebration)\*
- Living with the Land (The Land)\*
- Spaceship Earth\*
- Test Trak (40")\*\*
- The Seas with Nemo and Friends (The Seas)\*
- Turtle Talk with Crush (The Seas)\*
- Mission: SPACE Green (more gentle, 40")\*\*
- Mission: SPACE Orange (more intense, 44")\*\*
- World Showcase
  - Frozen Ever After (Norway)
  - Remy's Ratatouille Adventure (France)

\*Slow Rides or shows \*\*Thrill Rides

# <u>Epcot Tips & Ideas</u>

- Two of the most popular attractions in Epcot, both in World Showcase, are Frozen Ever After (Norway) and Remy's Ratatouille Adventure (France).
- Other popular attractions located in the Future World section of Epcot:
  - **Soarin'** is located in **The Land** building and is a really amazing IMAX "gondola flight" that takes you around the world.
  - On **Test Track** in **Future World**, design your own virtual concept car then take it for a "test drive" on a high-speed racing track (65 mph).
  - One other adventurous attraction is Mission: SPACE, a NASA-simulated mission to Mars that uses a centrifuge to create speed and G-force (Orange is "more intense" and Green is "less intense"). Warning: this ride SPINS FAST!
- The Seas with Nemo and Friends building features a GIANT aquarium! This is a very easy place to explore and tends not to be very crowded.
  - **The Seas with Nemo and Friends** ride doesn't often have a long wait. It's a slow ride that takes you through the Nemo story with lots of fun projections and characters, kids love it
  - **Turtle Talk with Crush** is also in this building it's really funny, Crush (the turtle from Nemo) interacts with the guests

- NEW: Journey of Water, Inspired by Moana
  - Take some time to explore this self-guided exploration trail where you can play with water as it travels from the sky to the oceans and back again. Enjoy magical encounters with water and discover its playful personality!
- Living With the Land (in The Land building) is a slow boat tour focused on farming as well Disney's horticulture program. If you ride **Soarin'** this could be a neat thing to do while you're in the building
  - This is the building where the **Garden Grill** is located.
- **Spaceship Earth** is an Epcot classic so do ride as it takes you through the history of communication throughout the world. It's located inside the iconic silver "golf ball" so you can't miss it! This is a great option if you're hot and need a good long indoors ride. Adults fall asleep on it often, lol.
- Journey Into Imagination with Figment it's dated but it's cute & nostalgic. Figment is finally back for character meet & greets!
- Disney & Pixar Short Films is a 4D highlight of popular Disney/Pixar movies
  Mickey is often here in this building for pictures!

## Meals

- You have lunch reservations at **Akershus** at 2:00 PM. If you can get a Lightning Lane for Frozen Ever After around that time it would be perfect! You can also check the wait times and may luck out with a short wait.
- The **World Showcase** has absolutely amazing options in each country and you can definitely snack around here instead of sitting down for a meal.
- Sunshine Seasons in The Land building is a food court-style lunch option
  Soarin' is located here so it's convenient if anyone wants to ride
- Another easy option is **Connections Eatery**. It's a good restaurant near Guardians of the Galaxy! There is a **Connections Cafe** (Starbucks), too.

<u>Snack Ideas</u>

- Poutine at the **Refreshment Port** and maple popcorn (Canada)
- Fish & Chips at the Yorkshire County Fish Shop (U.K.)

- ALL the desserts at Les Halles Boulangerie Patisserie and the Macaron Ice Cream Sandwich and the Ice Cream Martini at L'Artisan des Glaces (France)
- Almond Pastry and and Baklava at Oasis Sips & Sweets (Morocco)
- Kaki Gori (shaved ice) at the Kabuki Cafe (Japan)
- S'mores Brownie at the Regal Eagle Smokehouse (American Adventure)
- Cannoli and the Gelato Sandwich at Gelati (Italy)
- Jumbo Pretzels (pretzel stand) and Werther's caramel popcorn at Karamell-Küche (Germany)
- Pork and Vegetable Egg Rolls and Chicken Curry Pocket (China)
- School Bread and the Eplekake at Kringla Bakeri Og Cafe (Norway)
- Empanadas con Queso at La Cantina de San Angel and Empanada de Barbacoa at Choza de Margarita (Mexico)
- Soda tasting *it's free!* at **Club Cool**

# <u>Social Media & Instagram</u>

- Bubblegum Wall (near exit of Project Tomorrow near Spaceship Earth)
- Toothpaste Wall (Living Seas Pavilion near Finding Nemo ride)
- Rose Gold Wall (Mission: Space Pavillion)
- Morocco Wall (Morocco it's tucked away, just walk around a bit)





## A Quick World Showcase Overview

### <u>MEXICO</u>

- Go inside the Mexican Pavilion! There is a Mexican market that's fun to poke around (there may be a wait to get inside)
- Ride the **Gran Fiesta with The Three Caballeros** boat ride!

#### • <u>NORWAY</u>

- The Frozen Ever After ride is here!
- Meet Anna and Elsa at the Royal Sommerhus!
- <u>CHINA</u>
  - Reflections of China is a beautiful film
  - Look for Mulan!

#### • <u>GERMANY</u>

- Check out the miniature German village and model trains
- Don't miss the bags of fresh caramel corn at Karamell Küche!

#### UNITED STATES

- Be sure to watch "The American Adventure" (it's an audio-animatronics montage of key points in American history and is really wonderful!)
- Voices of Liberty is a live acapella performance that may be performed in the rotunda; singers perform patriotic classics

#### • <u>JAPAN</u>

• Unique photo ops! Neat place to look around, get a snow cone!

## <u>MOROCCO</u>

- Musique Aramenco often plays traditional and modern Moroccan music and the architecture is beautiful
- Fun fact The back of Morocco's buildings were incorporated into the background of Tower of Terror in Hollywood
- Look for Princess Jasmine!

## • FRANCE

- Impressions de France is a beautiful movie about France, great opportunity to sit down for a bit
- Check and see if the **Beauty and the Beast Sing-Along** is playing in the cinema, this would be a lot of fun
- La Creperie de Paris is delicious and there is a creperie window outside if you don't have a reservation in the restaurant.
- At the Palais du Cinema, you'll explore 6 distinct gallery cases honoring the costumes, music and artwork highlighting French literature through cinema, theater, ballet and opera and how they inspired Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella and Beauty and the Beast.
- Look for Belle!

### UNITED KINGDOM

- Sometimes live music (mostly Beatles) near the back of Magic Kingdom, fun to stop and listen to.
- Look for Alice in Wonderland!

## • <u>CANADA</u>

• Take time to walk around! The gardens are gorgeous and head up to the top to see the waterfall (best viewed during the day).