

A ROOM WITH A CHEW

While dining in a Disneyland Resort restaurant can be delightful, sometimes the perfect remedy for a rumbly in your tumbly is a simple knock on your hotel room door—provided that knock comes from a friendly server on hand to deliver a mouth-watering meal. Fortunately, two of the Disneyland Resort Hotels offer the convenient option of in-room dining—the Disneyland Hotel and Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa. To place an order, simply touch "Room Service" on your in-room phone. Breakfast is usually available from about 5 A.M. until 11 A.M., while dinner is offered from about 5 P.M. till midnight.

NEW **THE SKETCH PAD CAFE:** A lobby spot, Sketch Pad serves coffee, tea, soft drinks, pastries, and light bites throughout the day. You will find it across from the Store-E shop. **BLDS/\$\$-\$\$\$**

NEW **SMALL BYTES:** On the pool deck, Small Bytes features bites of all sizes. The alfresco locale serves salads, burgers, nachos, mega pretzels, spirits, and soft drinks. **BLDS/\$\$-\$\$\$**

DISNEY'S GRAND CALIFORNIAN HOTEL & SPA

The restaurants at this resort offer a taste of (and a bit of a twist on) California cuisine. To make reservations visit disneyland.com, or use the Disneyland mobile app.

NAPA ROSE: This popular, nationally recognized, award-winning restaurant features a seasonal, upscale menu of market-fresh, wine country-inspired dishes flavored by fruits of the sea and vine (the eatery is named after

HOT TIP



Guests who dine at Napa Rose get five hours of free parking at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa. Fees apply after the initial 5-hour period. (About \$35 for the first hour for self-parking; \$65 for the first hour for valet parking. Each hour after that costs \$10, with a self-parking maximum of \$75 and a \$135 maximum for valet).

HOT TIP



Storytellers Cafe offers guests complimentary parking with restaurant validation. After the initial three-hour period (plenty of time to enjoy a meal), hourly parking fees apply.

California's world famous valley of vineyards). A striking, 20-foot, stained-glass window offers views of Disney California Adventure park while the open kitchen gives a view of California cooking. The morning meal, also known as Disney's Princess Breakfast Adventure, invites guests to meet Disney royalty while they enjoy their breakfast.

The offerings evolve as new items are introduced, but favorites have included grilled diver scallop with roasted carrot cloud, portobello mushroom "cappuccino," rabbit and dumplings, filet mignon, and sustainable fish of the day. The dessert menu may offer delectable creations such as tangerine crème brûlée tart, winter pear cake with pomegranate sorbet, and single origin chocolate with hazelnut crunch and praline ice cream. Kid-friendly entrées and desserts are served. The California wine list is one of the most extensive on-property.



The character breakfast is presented Thursday through Monday from 8 A.M. until 11 A.M. The 3-course "Princess Breakfast Adventure" starts at about \$135 (plus tax and gratuity) for all guests age 3 and older. This breakfast experience includes a special keepsake. Reservations are suggested. Prices are subject to change. **BD/\$\$\$\$**

HEARTHSTONE LOUNGE: A great site for a late bite, this lounge offers hearty fare until about midnight each day. The menu has offered chorizo poutine, Cobb salad, shrimp and grits, wings, burgers, cheese & charcuterie, artisanal pizza, desserts, and, of course, an extensive selection of beer, wine, cocktails, and mocktails. It's a great way to cap off a Disneyland day. **LDS/\$\$-\$\$\$**

GCH CRAFTSMAN BAR: The hotel's Arts and Crafts motif extends to this alfresco eatery, located near the Redwood Pool. In fact, the structure of the venue resembles that of the original garage at Pasadena's Gamble House—the landmark building that inspired the design of Disney's Grand Californian Hotel. The signature clinker brick, stone columns, and shady trellis set the stage for outdoor dining amid plush, residential-style patio seating. Dishes of note include poke bowls, burgers, carnitas quesadilla, avocado toast, steak salad, and artisanal pizzas. Oh, they have a hot dog of the month, too! Kid's meals are available, including burgers and Power Packs (yogurt, fruit, carrots, crackers, and more). The dessert menu is simple-but-sweet: classic ice cream sundaes. Beer, wine, specialty cocktails (with or without alcohol), and soft drinks are served. The extensive wine list is quite impressive. Reservations are highly recommended. **LDS/\$\$-\$\$\$**

STORYTELLERS CAFE: It's hard to imagine a time before computers and smartphones (especially for the youngest members of the group), when children were exposed to new cultures and histories only through the stories of others. This eatery salutes tales set in the state of California, like "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" and *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, through murals that act as backdrops to the chefs at work in the exhibition kitchen. In the morning, the stage is set for a festive, character-hosted buffet known as Mickey's Tales of Adventure Breakfast Buffet. Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters engage guests throughout the meal. The buffet offers a feast of breakfast options, with bagels and smoked salmon, Mickey-shaped waffles, French toast, eggs Benedict, sausage, and a selection of fresh fruit. The brunch buffet, offered daily from 11 A.M. until 1:30 P.M., includes all breakfast offerings, plus artisanal composed salad and beignet



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bites. The dinner buffet features pastas, salads, flatbreads, carved meats, soups, seafood, and chicken.

Breakfast and brunch cost about \$52 per adult; \$31 per child; dinner—which does not include character visits—costs about \$47 per adult and \$26 per child. Prices quoted don't include tax or gratuity and are subject to change at any time. **Brunch BD/\$\$\$**

GCH CRAFTSMAN GRILL: The splish-splash of the waterfall and kids soaring down the slide at the resort's Redwood pool set the mood for this elegant casual dining spot. This spot is open for all meals (though hours vary). The snazzy snack bar serves coffee, pastries, and made-to-order breakfast selections in the morning. House-made sandwiches, poke bowls, chicken skewers, steak, wagyu burgers, artisanal pizza, salad, and hot dog of the month are among lunch and dinner options. Grab-and-go items that may be available throughout the day: Cobb salad, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, yogurt, cereal, chips, donuts, cookies, candy, soft drinks, beer, and wine. Details are subject to change. **BLDS/\$\$-\$\$\$**

HOT TIP



If you don't have a restaurant reservation, brace yourself for a rather long wait at traditional mealtimes. It's next to impossible to snag a table at Disneyland Resort hotels or Downtown Disney full-service spots with any spontaneity.

Avoid getting caught with a growling stomach—reserve table-service meals far in advance! Restaurants may be bookable up to 60 days ahead. To do so, simply visit disneyland.com, or use the (free) Disneyland Resort mobile app.

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