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A JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLDS OF DISNEY

NEW: DESTINATION D23 TICKETS ON SALE BEGINNING APRIL 14

Biggest Destination D23 ever with a week-long celebration including nightly events, giving fans more of what they love

BURBANK, Calif – April 7, 2025 – D23: The Official Disney Fan Club announced today that tickets for the highly anticipated **Destination D23: A Journey Around the Worlds of Disney presented by Lug** will go on sale at 10 a.m. PDT / 1 p.m. EDT on April 14, 2025, exclusively for D23 Gold Members. Taking place at Walt Disney World® Resort in Orlando, Florida, this one-of-a-kind event will bring together the biggest Disney fans for a multi-day experience on August 29, 30, and 31, 2025. New this year, Destination D23 will take place at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, providing a larger venue with increased capacity.

"Disney is uniquely beloved by generations of people who are captivated by the magic of our timeless stories and the imaginative ways we bring them to life," said Michael Vargo, Head of D23. "Destination D23 will bring together some of Disney's most passionate fans for an immersive event allowing them to celebrate and experience what they love most from across the worlds of Disney."

EVENT PROGRAMMING

On Saturday, August 30, and Sunday, August 31, ticketed guests can enjoy a full slate of over 25 specially curated presentations from across The Walt Disney Company, including Walt Disney Studios, Disney Entertainment Television, Disney Experiences, and the Walt Disney Archives. This programming will feature the creative visionaries and talent behind popular films and series, Imagineers, archivists, and Disney Legends, providing exclusive access and behind-the-scenes looks at fan-favorite entertainment and experiences.

D23 Shopping Spree, an exclusive shopping experience, will be available to Destination D23 attendees starting Friday, August 29 and run throughout the weekend. Returning favorites include The Walt Disney Company Store and Mickey's of Glendale, and new this year, is Disney Studio Store Hollywood. All three locations will offer specialty merchandise, including limited-edition pins that will only be available through a Random

Selection Process (RSP) opportunity. The return of the Ink & Paint Marketplace will feature an assortment of items from some fan-favorite brands and friends of Disney.

On Saturday, August 30, all attendees are invited to celebrate 25 years of Walt Disney Animation Studios' *The Emperor's New Groove* during **D23 Kuzcotopia Night at Typhoon Lagoon**, which will feature complimentary snacks, photo opportunities, special activities, and exclusive entertainment.

On Sunday, August 31, *Disney '80s-'90s Celebration in Concert*, presented by **Disney+**, caps off the weekend's festivities as Broadway and Disney Animation stars take attendees on a musical journey with show-stopping performances, rock-concert lighting, and larger-than-life projections tied to musical moments from some of the best hits of these groundbreaking decades.

Throughout the weekend, additional experiences will be available for Destination D23 attendees to enjoy at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, including **The Walt Disney Archives Presents: Charting the Course, Disney's Global Stories & Inspirations**. This all-new exhibit celebrates the world around us and the global locations and cultures that have inspired Disney storytelling for generations. From Dwayne Johnson's *Jungle Cruise* (2021) costume to animation maquettes from *The Lion King* (1994) and *Mulan* (1998) to original puppets from EPCOT's *Tapestry of Nations*, fans will discover a vibrant global celebration.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVATIONS

During the week leading up to the event, fans can enjoy **D23 Nights at Disney Springs**, featuring a variety of additional fun activities and offers. And, on Thursday, August 28, D23 is hosting **A Goofy Movie Throwback Premiere**. Stay tuned for more information coming soon about this separately ticketed event available to all D23 Members. Additional information will be released at a later date about an event happening the evening of Friday, August 29.

TICKETING INFORMATION

Tickets for Destination D23 will go on sale exclusively to D23 Gold Members on April 14 starting at 10 a.m. PDT / 1 p.m. EDT. General admission tickets are available for \$299. In addition, a limited number of Preferred (\$549) and Premiere (\$799) seating tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. These tickets will include dedicated queues for reserved seating areas. D23 Gold Members may reserve a ticket for themselves and one (1) guest for General, Preferred, or Premier seating. Tickets will be available at D23.com.

To become a D23 Gold Member for the opportunity to purchase tickets, visit <u>JoinD23.com</u>.

DESTINATION D23 EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

All ticketed Destination D23 event guests will receive access to the following D23-exclusive experiences:

- Walt Disney Archives exhibit, photo opportunities, and D23 Shopping Spree starting Friday, August 29
- Guaranteed seat at all Destination D23 2025 panels and presentations on Saturday, August 30, and Sunday, August 31
- Access to D23 Kuzcotopia Night at Typhoon Lagoon on Saturday, August 30
- Commemorative gifts, including a Lug bag, event-exclusive pin, lanyard, credential, and shopping bag created exclusively for the event

Additional presenters, presentations, and activities for Destination D23 will be announced soon.

About D23

The name "D23" pays homage to the exciting journey that began in 1923 when Walt Disney opened his first studio in Hollywood. D23 is the first official club for fans in Disney's over 100-year history. Made by fans, for fans, D23 provides more of what you love, whether that be timeless Disney classics, heart-touching Pixar stories, heroic Marvel blockbusters, the epic world of Star Wars, or all of the above. If you're passionate about the parks, captivated by the characters, or the ultimate collector, D23 is your community for *everything* Disney. D23 is THE place to share your love of Disney – it's where Disney fans belong.

Fans can join D23 at <u>D23.com</u>. To keep up with all the latest D23 news and events, follow DisneyD23 on <u>TikTok</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

For images, logos, videos, and press releases, please visit <u>D23.com/press</u>.

About Lug

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