



**LIGHTNING
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WALT DISNEY WORLD®

INFORMATION FOR STUDIO DIRECTORS



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Dear Studio Owners,

We are beyond thrilled that you have chosen Lightning Elite as your tour provider! We are honored that you have entrusted us with providing an unforgettable travel experience for your dance families.

At Lightning Elite, we take immense pride in delivering the ultimate VIP experience. Our goal is to make every dancer, teacher, and guest feel like a true VIP when they travel with us. Our team, comprised of experienced dancers, studio directors, and instructors, understands exactly what our guests are looking for in a studio travel experience.

We also understand that organizing group travel can be a daunting task, which is why we're committed to making it simple and stress-free for you. We handle all individual family bookings and payments, allowing you to focus on what matters most - your students and their dance experience.

This informational packet provides comprehensive coverage of what to expect from a Lightning Elite trip, from registration to performance day. We've carefully curated this information to ensure a seamless and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

We recognize that each studio is unique, and we're excited to work closely with you to tailor our services to meet your specific needs. Our team is always available to answer any questions you may have, and we're committed to providing exceptional support every step of the way.

Once again, we're delighted that you've decided to dance with us! We can't wait to see your talented dancers shine soon.

Warm regards,

Kasha Panov
Director, Lightning Elite



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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

ALL PACKAGES

Included for all Dancer Packages, and Family & Friends Packages

- 3-Night hotel accommodation at your choice of *Disney's Coronado Springs Resort* OR *Disney's All-Star Sports Resort*
- *Walt Disney World*® Resort 3-Day Park Hopper® Ticket/Option
- Lightning Elite exclusive VIP Afterparty inside a Disney Theme Park!
- Lightning Elite Tour t-shirt, lanyard, and VIP credentials
- Lightning Elite ear headband, with your choice of with or without a bow
- Private charter coaches for some events
- Unlimited digital downloads of photos and commemorative memories video

DANCERS 7+

Includes all items listed above plus:

- Performance in *The Nutcracker* inside a Disney Park
- Beautiful custom costume for *The Nutcracker*
- Professional photo shoot with group & individual photos

DANCERS 10+

Includes all items listed above plus:

- Lightning Elite Holiday parade performance down *Main Street, U.S.A.*® inside *Magic Kingdom*® Park
- Beautiful custom Lightning Elite Holiday parade costume including tights (shoes not included)
- Exciting and engaging Lightning Elite parade choreography
- Dress rehearsal with the Lightning Elite Team before your parade performance
- VIP pre-parade brunch for parade dancers + studio directors
- Pre-arrival parade rehearsal feedback from the Lightning Elite Team to help get you parade ready!



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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- Welcome reception for studio directors

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- Parade Dress Rehearsal
- VIP Pre-Parade Brunch for parade dancers + studio directors
- Professional photo shoot
- Parade down *Main Street, U.S.A.*® inside *Magic Kingdom*® Park

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- Rehearse for *The Nutcracker* with your studio
- Professional photo shoot
- Perform in *The Nutcracker* inside *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Theme Park
- VIP Afterparty for all dancers + family & friends package guests inside a Disney Park





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Package Pricing *Disney's All-Star Sports Resort*



Each guest saves
\$50 on their package
when tour deposits
are received by
April 1, 2026!*

Disney's All-Star Sports Resort

A deposit of \$300/guest is required to reserve your experience
Prices are per person and include all taxes & fees
Maximum 4 guests/room
Prices are in CAD

	Quad 4 people in room	Triple 3 people in room	Double 2 people in room	Single 1 person in room
Guest ages 3 & up Non-dancing guest	\$1519	\$1609	\$1799	\$2219
Dancer ages 7-9 The Nutcracker performance	\$1829	\$1909	\$2099	\$2529
Dancer ages 10+ Parade + The Nutcracker performance	\$2209	\$2309	\$2469	\$3039

Additional room nights at *Disney's All-Star Sports Resort* are \$295CAD/night inclusive of taxes & fees
Additional rooms are subject to availability, reserve early to avoid disappointment!

*Late/missed payments void promotional early bird discount offer



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Dancer ages 7-9 The Nutcracker performance	\$1909	\$2009	\$2299	\$3059
Dancer ages 10+ Parade + The Nutcracker performance	\$2299	\$2489	\$2719	\$3529

Additional room nights at *Disney's Coronado Springs Resort* are \$459 CAD/night inclusive of taxes & fees

Additional rooms are subject to availability, reserve early to avoid disappointment!

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EXTRA MAGIC/OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

Prices are per person and include all taxes & fees

Prices are in CAD

PARK HOPPER UPGRADES

4-Day Park Hopper® Ticket/Option Add 1 extra day to your Disney Ticket	\$120
5-Day Park Hopper® Ticket/Option Add 2 extra days to your Disney Ticket	\$200
6-Day Park Hopper® Ticket/Option Add 3 extra days to your Disney Ticket	\$245

MICKEY'S VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY TICKETS

Christmas Party Tickets Dates vary. Limited availability, reserve early to avoid disappointment!	TBA
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PARK HOPPER PLUS UPGRADES

Park Hopper® Plus Option Add Water Parks + Mini Golf to any ticket	\$40
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DISNEY IMAGINATION CAMPUS EXPERIENCES

Price/dancer. Application process is required. Contact us for more information!

Disney Imagination Campus Workshop A private workshop experience for your studio, not shared with other studios.	\$155
Disney Imagination Campus Performance See your dancers + choreography shine on a Disney stage! Not shared with other studios.	\$155
Workshop + Stage Performance Make the most of your visit and add-on both a workshop and stage performance for your studio.	\$255





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STUDIO REPRESENTATIVE

Each studio should have one representative, typically the studio director, who will be the contact person for their group. The studio representative will receive all event communications from Lightning Elite. Lightning Elite utilizes a group travel booking system, WeTravel, that allows individual dance families to reserve, book, and pay for their trip independently. Individual families will receive payment reminders, tech support, etc from Lightning Elite. To ensure only information your studio director wishes to have available to dance families is shared, individual questions from families will be directed to their studio representative for any questions regarding event pricing, scheduling, logistics, etc.

STUDIO PRICING + BOOKING PAGE

Package pricing can be customized to include studio costs (extra rehearsals, etc) on top of regular package pricing. If you wish to include studio pricing for your dance families simply let us know the cost you would like added to your packages and we will send you a customized version of the information packet including your studio pricing. You can also choose to include an add-on, such as a workshop or additional performance, in your dancer package pricing.

Your studio will have their own customized booking page on WeTravel that will include your studio pricing, as well as any add-ons you have chosen for your group (such as a workshop or performance). Lightning Elite takes care of all bookings, and payments, including any studio costs. Studio cost rebate will be paid to the studio, after the conclusion of the event, via cheque.

GROUP SURVEY + HOTEL RESERVATIONS

After you decide to travel we will send along a group estimate survey. The survey will gather information such as if you wish to add-on any workshops/performances, and approximately how many hotel rooms your group will require. Please fill it out as soon as you can, hotel space is limited. 1 room/dancer is a great estimate. Don't forget to include yourself and any other instructors who will travel with your group!

Hotel rooms are booked based on information submitted in WeTravel. We will send along a deadline for your families to finalize their hotel dates via WeTravel. After this date a rooming list for your studio will be sent along to your studio representative.



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DEPOSITS + PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$300/person is required to reserve your space

Early Bird Deadline Place your initial deposit of \$300/person by Apr 1 2026 and save \$50/person!	Apr 1
First Instalment Due \$500/person is due	June 1
Final Payments Due Remaining balance for each person is due	July 15

PAYMENT OPTIONS

All payments must be made in CAD, and made payable to Lightning Elite

Studios & individual families

- Credit Card:** Credit card payments can be made through your studio specific Lightning Elite portal on either the family page, or the studio page. *Credit card fees may apply, charged by WeTravel. See your WeTravel account for details.
- Wire Transfer:** Payment can be made by wire transfer through your studio specific Lightning Elite portal on either the family page, or the studio page.
- E-Transfer:** Memo line must include: Studio name, booking contact name, dancer name. E-transfers should be sent to info@lightningelite.ca

Studios only.

- Bank draft/money order/certified cheque:** Studios may wish to submit a bulk payment to apply fundraising to their accounts. Be sure to include your studio name, and event on the cheque/draft. We recommend sending via a mail service with a tracking number. Please include how you wish for funds to be distributed amongst your participants, this should be emailed as well.

Take note of deadlines and be sure to mail payments with ample time to arrive.

Payable to: Lightning Elite

Mailing Address: 633 9 Ave, Wainwright, AB, T9W 1B3

CANCELLATION POLICY

Individuals are able to request cancellations via their registration portal

May 31 or earlier	Partial refund - Minus \$300 deposit/person
June 1 - July 14	Partial refund - Minus \$500 deposit/person
July 15 onward	NO REFUNDS



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LATE FEES

Late fees of \$50/person apply beginning July 16, 2026 to any packages that have not been paid in full.

STUDIO ORDERS + CONFIRMATIONS

All studio accounts must be paid in full in order for studio orders to be placed

Studios orders will be processed beginning July 16, 2026. Please allow 4-6 weeks for confirmation numbers to be received. Once orders have begun processing it may not be possible to make changes. If changes can be made, fees may apply.

ELITE INCENTIVES

Available to studios with a minimum of 10 dancers (Ages 10+) performing in the parade

Elite 1	15 Paid Packages	1 Complimentary Guest Package
Elite 2	30 Paid Packages	2 Complimentary Guest Packages
Elite 3	45 Paid Packages	3 Complimentary Guest Packages
Elite 4	60 Paid Packages	4 Complimentary Guest Packages
Elite 5	75 Paid Packages	5 Complimentary Guest Packages
Elite 6	90 Paid Packages	6 Complimentary Guest Packages
Elite 7	105 Paid Packages	7 Complimentary Guest Packages
Elite 8	120 Paid Packages	8 Complimentary Guest Packages
Elite 9	135 Paid Packages	9 Complimentary Guest Packages
Elite 10	150 Paid Packages	10 Complimentary Guest Packages

Lightning Elite Directors also receive:

- Additional complimentary hotel night to attend the Winter Wonderland Magic welcome reception, exclusively for directors and a guest!
- Invitations for yourself and a guest for the welcome reception. Meet the faculty, mingle with other directors, learn about the exciting events ahead!
- A special studio keepsake from Lightning Elite.
- All inclusions from the "Guest" package
- Backstage + Rehearsal access for Parade + The Nutcracker

Directors choose a "Chaperone" package during registration. Applicable credits will be applied to your account.

*Complimentary guest packages based on double occupancy at the resort selected by the majority of your studio attendees.

**All details subject to change without notice*



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CHAPERONES

Studios are permitted a certain number of chaperones based on the number of dancers in their group. There are a number of guidelines in place to ensure the best experience for all dancers and guests. Please review the following and ensure they apply to all of your selected chaperones.

- Directors/Chaperones must be at least 25 years of age.
- Directors/Chaperones must wear their Lightning Elite identification at all times during Lightning Elite rehearsals/activities
- Directors/Chaperones must keep a list of dancers and their emergency contacts with them (can be digital) at all times.
- Directors/Chaperones may not “swap out” with a parent backstage, or during any rehearsals.
- Directors/Chaperones should have a professional look when traveling with the group, including in backstage areas.
- A Director/Chaperone MUST be at all Lightning Elite dance events where they have dancers present.
- The Director is expected to attend all Lightning Elite events with their dancers.

Number of dancers and corresponding number of chaperones permitted backstage access

10-29	Director + 1 Chaperone
30-44	Director + 2 Chaperones
45-59	Director + 3 Chaperones
60+	Director + 4 Chaperones



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PARADESTYLE

Costumes

Parade dancers (Ages 10+) receive a stunning custom Lightning Elite holiday themed costume for their parade performance, and matching tights! A size chart is included in your personalized studio info packet. Guests are responsible for selecting the correct size when registering their dancer. We encourage studio directors to assist with measuring dancers if guardians are unsure.

***Costumes shown as examples are from a previous event and will not be identical to 2026 parade costumes**



Hairstyle

Female Dancers - Low, centre part, bun. Your costume includes a matching hair accessory!

Male Dancers - Neatly styled

Other

- **No brightly coloured nail polish, neutral colours only**
- **No jewelry**
- **Performers with visible tattoos must ensure they are appropriate for a family audience, or cover them**

Shoes

Female Dancers - Plain white sneakers

Male Dancers - Plain black sneakers

Makeup

Dancers should wear stage makeup. Keep in mind it may be **hot and humid** waterproof options are highly recommended!

- **Foundation**
- **Powder**
- **Natural blush**
- **Bright red lipstick**
- **Neutral eyeshadow**
- **Black eyeliner**
- **Black mascara**



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PARADE INFORMATION

Your studio representative will receive the parade choreography video and rehearsal track by email approximately 10 weeks before your arrival.*

*Full studio balance must be paid in order to receive choreography + music

Preparation

To ensure a strong, confident parade performance, studios should plan to include 6–8 rehearsal classes dedicated to learning and polishing the Lightning Elite parade routine. If questions come up, please review the choreography tutorial video provided. Additional support is always available by email at info@lightningelite.ca.

By the time dancers arrive onsite for Dress Rehearsal, they must be able to perform the routine independently and confidently, without needing teacher cues or relying on surrounding dancers.*

Parade routines are performed while moving forward the entire time, so it's important dancers rehearse in a large open space such as a track, park, or parking lot whenever possible. This helps dancers stay in clean spacing, maintain proper lines, and adjust as they move.

Energy is everything. Dancers should be encouraged to perform full-out from the start of the routine to the finish with strong showmanship, smiles, and confident stage presence. Because the parade route is long, dancers should also build stamina so the final minutes of the routine look just as sharp as the first.

Practice makes perfect — but performance makes magic. Parade day energy should start in rehearsal. Dancers should be training with the same smiles, confidence, and showmanship they want to bring to the parade.

A Video check-in will be required one month prior to parade day. This video must include all participating dancers performing the full parade routine at complete performance level for two full loops, so we can ensure every studio is parade-ready.

*Please note that purchasing a Performer Package **does not** automatically guarantee parade participation. All dancers are expected to represent their studio, Lightning Elite, and Disney with positivity, and their best effort. Lightning Elite and Disney reserve the right to remove any dancer from the parade performance if these standards are not met.



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THE NUTCRACKER INFORMATION

Overview

Lightning Elite brings dancers together in the holiday classic “The Nutcracker” with a unique twist! Inspired by our stunning performance venue, we begin in the Victorian Seaside. Clara’s father, a distinguished sea captain, hosts his annual Christmas party. Mysterious Uncle Drosselmeyer, a merchant, arrives and brings gifts from his travels. He presents Clara with a magnificent Nutcracker!

Late at night Clara wakes to find a battle in her parlour between the toy sailors and pirates, led by a fierce Pirate King/Queen. Clara’s Nutcracker comes to life and leads the toy sailors to victory, with brave Clara’s help.

To thank Clara for her bravery The Nutcracker takes Clara on a magical adventure to his kingdom under the sea. An underwater paradise with delightful sea creatures, and a beautiful Mermaid Queen who dance and welcome Clara!

Performances

Studios can perform 1-2 routines within The Nutcracker. A second routine will require the purchase of an additional costume. Musical selections are provided by Lightning Elite, and may have multiple cuts available to choose from based on your group size.

Musical selections are available first-come, first-served. Please submit 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for your group.

ACT 1 - The Party/The Battle

Party children

Party guests

The Toy Sailors (Toy Soldiers)

The Pirates (The Mice)

Bubbles (Snowflakes)

Seahorses (Spanish/Chocolate)

Angelfish (Mirlitons)

Jellyfish (Flowers)

Frogs (Trepan/Russian)

Clown Fish (Gingerbread/Mother

Gignon)

Eels (Arabian/Coffee)

Sea Nymphs (Chinese/Tea)

ACT 2 - The Underwater Kingdom

Mermaids (Christmas Tree Angels)



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THE NUTCRACKER STYLE

Costumes

Dancers in The Nutcracker (Ages 7+) receive a stunning custom Lightning Elite costume for their performance in The Nutcracker! Costumes are specific to the routine your studio is performing. A size chart is included in your personalized studio info packet. Guests are responsible for selecting the correct size when registering their dancer. We encourage studio directors to assist with measuring dancers if guardians are unsure.

***Image is for illustrative purposes only. Custom costumes are being created for each performer/routine.**



Hairstyle

Female Dancers - Low, centre part, bun. Your costume includes a matching hair accessory!

Male Dancers - Neatly styled

Other

- No brightly coloured nail polish, neutral colours only
- No jewelry
- Performers with visible tattoos must ensure they are appropriate for a family audience, or cover them

Tights + Shoes

Your group must have matching tights.

Matching shoes that cover the ball, arch and heel are required.

Makeup

Dancers should wear stage makeup.

- Foundation
- Powder
- Natural blush
- Bright red lipstick
- Neutral eyeshadow
- Black eyeliner
- Black mascara
- False eyelashes, if studio director chooses.



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Choreography

See your choreography on an iconic stage, as part of a stunning collaborative performance of the most popular holiday ballet!

- Lightning Elite may request modifications to choreography/formations to conform to venue requirements.
- Choreography must be appropriate for a family audience
- Acrobatic tricks are permitted as long as the dancer remains connected to the stage by at least a hand or foot at all times. Walkovers, cartwheels etc are permitted. Tumbling, handsprings, back tucks etc are not permitted.
- A minimum of 4 dancers must be on stage at all times.
- Vocalization is not permitted.
- Handheld props are permitted, with Lightning Elite approval. No large props/set pieces are permitted.

Soloists

Lightning Elite will be holding auditions for solo roles. Dancers of any age 7+ are invited to audition! Soloists will be required to arrive one day earlier than other performers, to rehearse with the other soloists. (Arrival November 18/Soloist rehearsal November 19)

Soloist roles

Clara
Marie/Fritz - Claras younger sibling
The Nutcracker/Prince
Uncle Drosselmeyer
Pirate King/Pirate Queen (Rat King)
The Mermaid Queen (The Sugarplum Fairy)
Harlequin
Mechanical Doll



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FAQ

Who can participate in Lightning Elite events?

Lightning Elite experiences are designed for dedicated, hard-working dancers at the Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced levels. We recommend selecting dancers who will represent your studio and Lightning Elite in a positive, respectful, and professional way—both on and off stage.

What are the age requirements for Wnter Wonderland Magic performances?

Parade – Dancers must be at least 10 years old by November 20, 2026 to participate in the parade performance at Magic Kingdom®.

The Nutcracker – Dancers must be at least 7 years old by November 21, 2026 to participate in stage performance opportunities.

Age requirements are a Walt Disney World® Resort policy, and exceptions cannot be made.

Is there a minimum number of dancers required to participate?

Studio Groups – To be considered a studio group, studios must register a minimum of 10 Parade Dancers (Ages 10+). Studio groups are eligible to participate in the full weekend programming and qualify for applicable director incentives.

Individual Dancers / Small Groups – Dancers and groups with fewer than 10 Parade Dancers (Ages 10+) may still participate in the parade and other scheduled activities. Individual dancers/small groups can participate in The Nutcracker as a part of a collaborative routine but cannot submit an entire routine of their own.

When will we receive the final schedule?

The final event timeline is typically released approximately 14 days prior to the event. Please note that schedules, times, and locations may shift leading up to the event.

Will dancers have time to enjoy the Disney Parks?

While there is some free time built into the weekend, but the primary focus is the Lightning Elite performance experience. We strongly recommend that families extend their trip before and/or after the event if they would like plenty of time for the theme parks and vacation activities.

What is the inclement weather protocol?

Performer safety is always the top priority. If weather conditions affect the parade route, the schedule may be adjusted to avoid unsafe conditions. Light rain may result in a modified performance for safety. In severe weather, the parade may be cancelled. If cancellation occurs due to weather/safety, there are no refunds.



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FAQ

Can I use my Disney Annual Pass?

Dancers: All participating dancers are required to purchase a Lightning Elite Performer Package, which includes the necessary park admission for performance access. This ticket is required for dancers to receive backstage entry when accompanied by a Disney Cast Member.

Guests: Guests who have a valid Disney Annual Pass do not need to purchase a Guest Package through Lightning Elite. However, if Annual Passholders wish to attend The Nutcracker they must purchase a performance wristband for **\$50**. To attend the Lightning Elite VIP After Party Annual Passholders must purchase Lightning Elite VIP After Party admission for **\$125**.

Annual Passholders are required to provide a photo of their valid pass to confirm eligibility.

I have family in Florida — can Florida residents purchase ticket-only options?

Yes. Florida residents may purchase ticket-only packages where available, however a valid Florida ID is required. Florida residents will still need to purchase any required event wristbands/add-ons for The Nutcracker or Lightning Elite VIP After Party (if attending those portions of the event).

Can Disney Vacation Club (DVC) points be used for this event?

No — Disney Vacation Club points cannot be applied toward Lightning Elite event packages.

Can we add the Disney Dining Plan?

No. Disney Dining Plans are not offered as part of Lightning Elite event travel packages.

Is airport transportation included?

No. Transportation to and from the airport is not included. Each family is responsible for arranging their own airport travel.

Is transportation to Disney Parks included?

Yes. Disney Resort transportation is available for resort guests, including complimentary buses to and from the Disney theme parks and water parks. For special events as noted on your schedule, charter busses are included.

Is hotel parking included?

Yes. Parking at Walt Disney World Resort hotels is complimentary for resort guests.

Still have questions? Reach out to: info@lightningelite.ca