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1. Geographical location

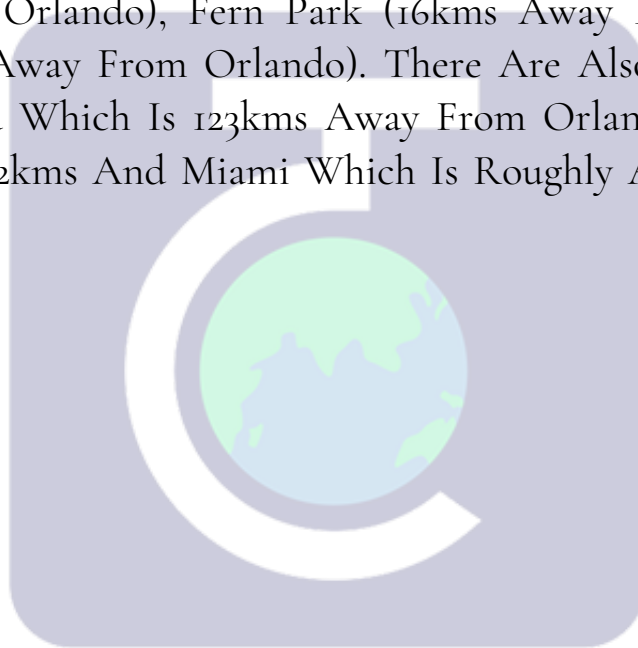
Orlando is the 24th largest metropolitan area in the United States. It mainly consists of wetlands, lakes and swamps. Since the terrain is flat, the land is low and wet. Amongst the many lakes in the city, Lake Apopka is the largest. Due to restrictions imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration, Orlando has only 19 skyscrapers. The tallest skyscraper stands at 134 m.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

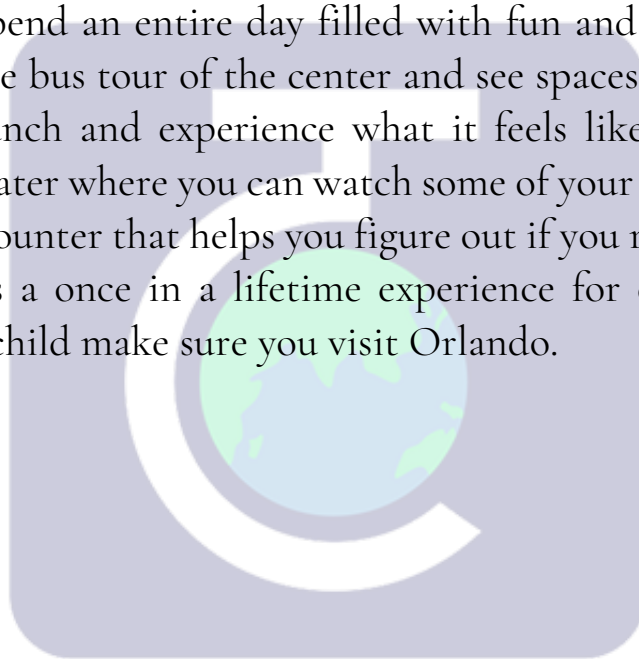
There Are A Number Of Neighboring Cities Near Orlando That Will Interest You. Some Of These Cities Are Less Than 16kms Away Which Means You Can Explore These Places By Simply Taking A Bus Or Train There. These Neighbouring Cities Include Pine Hills (10kms Away From Orlando), Conway (9kms Away From Orlando), Maitland (13kms Away From Orlando), Oak Ridge (11kms Away From Orlando), Fern Park (16kms Away From Orlando) And Casselberry (21kms Away From Orlando). There Are Also Some Major Cities That Include Tampa Which Is 123kms Away From Orlando, Saint Petersburg Which Is Around 152kms And Miami Which Is Roughly Around 321kms From Orlando.



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3. Significance

Orlando is a beautiful city to explore. If you're visiting with your family then there are a few key attractions that you shouldn't miss. These include Harry P. Leu Gardens, Universal's Islands of Adventure; Ripley's Believe It or Not, SeaWorld, and Gatorland. You can also visit the Kennedy Space center which is the NASA complex. The Kennedy Space Center has a special visitor complex where tourists can spend an entire day filled with fun and entertainment. Here you can take an entire bus tour of the center and see spaceships, you can also get into the Shuttle Launch and experience what it feels like to be an astronaut. There's an IMAX theater where you can watch some of your favorite space movies and an astronaut encounter that helps you figure out if you really want to become an astronaut. This is a once in a lifetime experience for children, so if you're travelling with your child make sure you visit Orlando.



4. History

Orlando was originally inhabited by Native American tribes before the European settlers started arriving in 1536. Orlando was previously named Jernigan derived from the first permanent settler Aaron Jernigan, a simple cattle man who acquired land through the Armed Occupation Act of 1842. Legends claim that the name Orlando originated from a soldier named Orlando Reeves who died in 1835 during an attack by Native Americans during the Second Seminole war. These legends are however conflicting as military records turned up no record of Orlando Reeves ever existing. There is however a memorial placed by the students of Orlando's Cherokee Junior School in 1939 to designate the spot where Orlando Reeves supposedly fell. What is however known is that Jernigan became Orlando in 1857. This move was made due to Aaron Jernigan's fall from grace after he was relieved of his military command in 1856. The Secretary of war at that time wrote that Jernigan's militia was more dreadful than the Indians.

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5. Cultural identity

Most of the younger generation in Orlando relate to being goth, emo or punk. One of the main reasons this culture has taken over major of the population in Orlando is because of the heavy influence of rock music. Orlando is the city where popular bands such as Nsync and Backstreet boys emerged. Orlando is often referred to as 'Hollywood East' due to the large number of movie studios that have come up. Orlando is also a popular place for a number of television shows and commercial productions. Orlando is famous for its vibrant art. It also hosts the famous independent Florida Film Festival. Orlando is famous for its fine arts museums which offer a twist on the traditional entertainment spiced with modernization.



6. Natural resources

Orlando boasts plenty of natural attractions. The Howell Branch Preserve is one of them. This is a 10.38 acre site surrounded by natural habitat located on the north side of Howell branch road. Some of the facilities include a playground, board walk and an observation deck that overlooks the wetlands. It also has a fitness trail with the latest exercise equipment, a picnic pavilion and an open lawn area. Another natural attraction is the Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area (WMA). This is a 30,701 acre site that runs along 19 miles of St. Johns River. The main attractions in the area are creeks, cabbage palm hammocks, pine flatwoods and freshwater marshes. This place also has an abundance of birds and wildlife such as the white tailed deer, bobcat, fox squirrel, alligators and otters. Ferns carpet the hammocks and wildflowers such as Irises color the landscape. This area also attracts hikers, backpackers and cyclists. Camping is available for youth groups and hikers. There are two popular fishing spots as well. They are the St. Johns River and a manmade lake. There are also various creeks throughout the area to aid fishing.

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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Universal's Islands of Adventure

A place stuffed with comic legends, Universal Studio's Islands of Adventure is a famous theme park in the city with a journey of exploring the timeless tales and movies. Confront the dinosaurs at the Jurassic Park or enter the magical world of The Wizarding World of Harry Potter at this little wonder in itself. If you are a Spiderman fanatic then you can shoot up above the streets in 3-D at The Amazing Adventures of Spiderman, while the Toon Lagoon lets you splash your favorite comic character. Seuss Landing, on the other hand, will take you into the dream comic world with its stories. This amusement park not only draws children but also the grown-ups with its adventurous and scary roller coasters like Skull Island, Ripsaw Falls, Bilge-Rat Barges, and especially the Incredible Hulk coaster. There is never a dull moment in this amusement park.

Address : 6000 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819, USA

Zipcode : 32819

Location : 28.4711402, -81.47156510000002

Contact : +1 407-224-4233

Website : <https://www.universalorlando.com/Theme-Parks/Islands-of-Adventure.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Parkway and Central Florida Parkway Bus Station (Not recommended)

Entry Fee : 1-Day ticket price for Universal's Islands of Adventure- Adults: \$106, Child: \$100. 1-Day Combo ticket price (inclusive of both the theme parks, Universal's Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios Florida)- Adults: \$166, Child: \$160.

Open & Close Timing : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The park usually opens at 09:00hrs and closes anywhere between 18:00hrs-23:00hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of visit.

Time Required : 12

Expected Wait Time : 20-25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. La Nouba by Cirque du Soleil

A show that is known to make the impossible possible, La Nouba by Cirque du Soleil will grab your attention with its glorious feats. Derived from the French phrase 'faire la nouba' which means 'to live it up' or 'to party', this show inspires thousands of fans to celebrate life. Hosted in a remarkable theatre in the Walt Disney World Resort, it is a contemporary circus show in which acrobats and other skilled performers show off their talents to entertain you. The music and the tricks used while performing are truly unique and the performers are sure to leave you baffled.

Address : Disney Springs Area 1478 Buena, Disney Springs Marketplace, Vista Dr, Orlando, FL 32821, USA

Zipcode : 32821

Location : 28.370845, -81.5227787

Contact : +1 407-939-7600

Website : https://www.disneysprings.com/entertainment/la-nouba-by-cirque-du-soleil/?CMP=OKC-wdw_gmap_42

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Parkway and Central Florida Parkway Bus Station

Entry Fee : The ticket prices start from \$59.

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. SeaWorld Orlando

Immerse yourself in this pristine aquatic world at SeaWorld Orlando, where you get a chance to interact with the marine animals. Swim with the dolphins and snorkel with the fishes or watch the whales entertain you with their jaw-dropping performance, this tropical paradise, with its one-of-a-kind attractions is all set for sea-lovers. Considered to be one of the largest marine parks in the world, thrill-seekers can experience some exhilarating rollercoasters like Mako, Kraken, Manta, the Journey to Atlantis, Skytower and more, whereas entertainment-lovers can visit the awe-inspiring aquariums and live shows. SeaWorld unarguably infuses excitement and splendor in all its attractions.

Address : 7007 Sea World Dr, Orlando, FL 32821, USA

Zipcode : 32821

Location : 28.4114555, -81.46170469999998

Contact : +1 888-800-5447

Website : <https://seaworldparks.com/en/seaworld-orlando/>

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Parkway and Central Florida Parkway Bus Station (Not recommended)

Entry Fee : The admission ticket starts from \$79.99

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday: 09:00hrs-20:30hrs; Saturday-Sunday: 09:00hrs-21:00hrs.

Time Required : 10

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Universal Studios Florida

Watch Harry Potter use his magic at The Wizarding World of Harry Potter or accompany the transformers in their battle; the Universal Studios allows you to come and check out the premier and one of the most famous film studios in the world. Become a Men in Black agent and blast the aliens into oblivion or join the minions on an impulsive 3D ride or go on an adventurous tour through the stars, this place is filled with unforgettable experiences with your favorite characters.

Address : 6000 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819, USA

Zipcode : 32819

Location : 28.4743207, -81.46781929999997

Contact : +1 407-363-8000

Website : <https://www.universalorlando.com/Theme-Parks/Universal-Studios-Florida.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Parkway and Central Florida Parkway Bus Station (Not recommended)

Entry Fee : 1-Day ticket- Adults: \$106, Child: \$100. 1-Day Combo ticket (inclusive of both the theme parks, Universal's Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios Florida)- Adults: \$166, Child: \$160.

Open & Close Timing : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The park usually opens somewhere between 08:00hrs-09:00hrs and

closes anywhere between 19:00hrs-00:30hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of visit.

Time Required : 12

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Orlando Science Center

A perfect family destination, the Orlando Science Center, with its 4 floors of captivating themed exhibits, eye-catching live programs and amazing movies is a science lover's heaven. Inspiring curious minds for over 60 years, it encourages learning in a fun way through hands-on displays, big screen 3-D movies and engaging shows. Be a skywatcher and gaze at the mesmerizing sky from the observatory.

Address : 777 E Princeton St, Orlando, FL 32803, USA

Zipcode : 32803

Location : 28.5722506, -81.36828459999998

Contact : +1 407-514-2000

Website : <http://www.osc.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Princeton Street and Camden Road Bus Station and Florida Hospital Health Village Train Station

Entry Fee : Adult: \$19.95 Youth (3-11years): \$13.95 Senior (55years and above): \$17.95 Student with ID: \$17.95 Child (2years and under): Free

Open & Close Timing : Sunday-Thursday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs; Friday-Saturday: 10:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Gatorland

Acclaimed to be 'the Alligator Capital of the World', Gatorland is a privately owned adventure park and animal reserve situated to the south of the city. Home to many alligators, crocodiles and other reptiles, it connects the 'Old Florida' charm with interesting and entertaining activities. The spotlight of the place is shared by the 'Gator Wrestlin' and 'Alligator Jumparoo' shows. From the

screamin' gator zipline, gator splash, free-flight aviary and petting zoo, to the natural alligator breeding marsh and rare white alligators, this reptile-land promises a day full of fun. There are also some self-guided swamp walk tours that you can take to get up close and personal with these reptiles.

Address : 14501 S Orange Blossom Tr, Orlando, FL 32837, USA

Zipcode : 32837

Location : 28.3559542, -81.40402469999998

Contact : +1 407-855-5496

Website : <http://www.gatorland.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : S Orange Blossom Trail and Cypress Crossing Drive Bus Station

Entry Fee : Day Pass for Visitors: Adult (13years and above): \$26.99 Child (3-12years): \$18.99 Child (under 3years): Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 6

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. ESPN Wide World of Sports

Situated in the heart of the Walt Disney World Resort, the massive sports complex features fields, stadiums and courts for multiple games and events. A sports dream come true for all the athletes, the ESPN Wide World of Sports features Baseball Quadraplex, HESS Sports Field, the Softball Diamonplex, Champion Stadium, the Jostens Center, the Tennis complex and the Track & Field Complex. It allows you to watch sports events or participate in amateur sports competitions or tournaments held at the complex. You can also try your hand at PlayStation games for a nominal fee. Note: If you are planning to visit the complex, please check their website as it maintains a list of all current and upcoming events that can help you plan your trip better.

Address : 700 South Victory Way, Orlando, FL 32747, USA

Zipcode : 32747

Location : 28.3378804, -81.5577528

Contact : +1 407-541-5600

Website : https://www.espnwwos.com/?CMP=OKC-wdw_gmap_27

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Parkway and Central Florida Parkway Bus Station

Entry Fee : General admission prices to enter the sports complex are: Adults (10years and above): \$17.50 Children (3-9years): \$12.50

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art

Considered as one of the most remarkable attractions of the city, the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art has the most amazing collection of handiworks by Louis Comfort Tiffany, an American designer. The exhibits include designer jewelry, canvases, pottery, leaded glass lamps, art glass and more. The spotlight of the museum, however, is the restored Byzantine-Romanesque chapel interior that was structured by Tiffany for the 1893 World Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Most of the artwork displayed here has been brought from Tiffany's Long Island home in Laurelton Hall.

Address : 445 N Park Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789, United States

Zipcode : 32789

Location : 28.6009946, -81.35130129999999

Contact : +1 407-645-5311

Website : <http://www.morsemuseum.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Morse Blvd and New York Ave Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: \$6, Seniors (60years and older): \$5, Students (with valid ID): \$1, Free for children younger than 12years.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Thursday & Saturday 09:30hrs – 16:00hrs Friday 09:30hrs – 20:00hrs Sunday 13:00hrs – 16:00hrs Closed on Monday.

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.9. Harry P Leu Gardens

A botanical oasis, the Harry P. Leu Gardens invites you to appreciate and

understand the exotic plant life. Founded in 1961, this garden offers a 50-acre space with winding pathways shaded with a collection of 40 different plants. Explore one of the most treasured parks in Florida and the garden which houses a museum gifted by Mr. Harry P. Leu and his wife, Mary Jane, the former owners of the mansion. Enjoy the smell of fresh exotic roses as you wander through one of the largest rose gardens in the city or relax under a shaded tree while being awed by butterflies flying around you at the butterfly garden.

Address : 1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando, FL 32803, USA

Zipcode : 32803

Location : 28.5697967, -81.35638289999997

Contact : +1 407-246-2620

Website : <http://www.leugardens.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Virginia Drive and N Hampton Ave Bus Station and Corrine Dr and N Maplewood Dr Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: \$10 Child (Grades K–12): \$3 Children (4years and under): Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Walt Disney World-Magic Kingdom Park

See your fantasy become reality at the most magical place on the planet. Whether you zoom through the Neverland or catch a fireworks display with your favorite Disney character at the animal parade, the Magic Kingdom is a fairy tale theme park waiting for you to unleash the mysteries and magic it offers. The most-visited theme park in the world, it is designed like a wheel with the hub in front of Cinderella Castle. The park is further divided into 6 themed lands, each adorned with their own unique features that attract the tourist from all over the world. Brace yourself to witness a fun-filled family getaway in this world of wonder.

Address : Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, FL 32830, USA

Zipcode : 32830

Location : 28.385233, -81.563874

Contact : +1 407-939-5277

Website : <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/destinations/magic-kingdom/>

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Parkway and Central Florida Parkway Bus Station

Entry Fee : One Day Tickets Age 10+years: \$105 to \$124 Age 3- 9years: \$99 to \$118
Below 3years: Free The 4-Park Magic ticket (inclusive of Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom): Age 10+years: \$279
Age 3-9year: \$259, Children below 3years: Free.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 12

Expected Wait Time : 25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.11. Walt Disney World- Epcot Theme Park

Ignite your imagination as you embark upon a journey around the world and to the future at Epcot theme park. This Walt Disney amusement park features the symbolic Spaceship Earth, a huge golf ball at the front that narrates about the history and future of communication. Celebrate the Epcot International Food and Wine Festival with renowned chefs and live music or entertain yourself with the interactive activities at Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival; the theme park features new experiences at each bend. Discover the land of endless enchantment that awaits as you zoom through the many attractions like The Circle of Life, Frozen ever After, House of The whispering Willows and so on.

Address : Walt Disney World Resort, 200 Epcot Center Dr, Orlando, FL 32821, USA

Zipcode : 32821

Location : 28.3639491, -81.5308875

Contact : +1 407-939-5277

Website : <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/destinations/epcot/>

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Parkway and Central Florida Parkway Bus Station

Entry Fee : One Day Tickets Age 10+years: \$97 to \$114 Age 3-9years: \$91 to \$108
Below 3years: Free The 4-Park Magic ticket (inclusive of Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom): Age 10+years: \$279,
Age 3-9years: \$259, Children below 3years: Free.

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-21:30hrs

Time Required : 12

Expected Wait Time : 25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.12. Walt Disney World-Disney's Hollywood Studios

See the movie magic unravel before you as you take the center stage of this film-centric theme park. One of the most-visited theme parks in the world, Disney's Hollywood Studios is dedicated to the facets of shows including film, television, music, and theater. Some of the Hollywood-inspired attractions are Star Wars Launch Bay, Toy Story Mania, Muppet Vision 3D and others along with scintillating night shows and cultural programs. The most popular event here is the ESPN, the weekend show featuring commentators from the Disney-owned cable sports channels and also the sports celebrities.

Address : Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, FL 32830, USA

Zipcode : 32830

Location : 28.385233, -81.563874

Contact : +1 407-939-5277

Website : <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/destinations/hollywood-studios/>

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Parkway and Central Florida Parkway Bus Station

Entry Fee : One Day Tickets Age 10+ years: \$97 to \$114 Age 3-9 years: \$91 to \$108 Below 3 years: Free The 4-Park Magic ticket (inclusive of Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom): Age 10+ years: \$279, Age 3-9 years: \$259, Free for Children under age 3 years.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-21:30hrs

Time Required : 12

Expected Wait Time : 25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.13. Walt Disney World-Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park

The largest zoological theme park in the World, The Animal Kingdom invites you to behold nature's magic with rare fauna species. An animal lover's paradise, this park offers world-class entertainment options with its real-life animals and

interactive sights like jungle treks, safaris and more in a natural themed surrounding. Witness your favorite animal character come to life here as you explore this kingdom of adventure, wonder, and excitement. Few of the many attractions here are The Boneyard, Conservation Station, Dinosaur and Habitat Habit.

Address : Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, FL 32830, USA

Zipcode : 32830

Location : 28.385233, -81.563874

Contact : +1 407-939-5277

Website : <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/destinations/animal-kingdom/>

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Parkway and Central Florida Parkway Bus Station

Entry Fee : One Day Tickets Age 10+ years: \$97 to \$114 Age 3-9 years: \$91 to \$108 Below age 3 years: Free The 4-Park Magic ticket (inclusive of Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom): Age 10+ years: \$279, Age 3-9 years: \$259, Free for Children under age 3 years.

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 12

Expected Wait Time : 25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.14. Walt Disney World-Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park

Home to one of the world's largest outdoor wave pools, Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park is the second most visited water park in the world. "Disney Legend" of a typhoon that wreaked havoc upon a formerly pristine tropical paradise is the theme of this water park. Few of the attractions include Gangplank Falls, Crush 'n' Gusher, and Storm Slides. It also has a play area, known as Ketchakiddee Creek for young children, featuring small slides and fountains.

Address : Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, FL 32830, USA

Zipcode : 32830

Location : 28.385233, -81.563874

Contact : +1 407-939-5277

Website : <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/destinations/typhoon-lagoon/>

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Parkway and Central Florida Parkway Bus

Station

Entry Fee : One Day Tickets Age 10+: \$63.90 Age 3-9: \$57.51 Below age 3: Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 12

Expected Wait Time : 25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.15. Walt Disney World-Disney's Blizzard Beach

A one-time ski resort that has melted into a watery wonderland, Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park is a water theme park located at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, and it is the third-most visited water park in the world. You can enjoy one of the world's tallest and fastest waterslides on Mount Gushmore at this water park. The few other unique attractions one can have fun at in this water park are Chair Lift, Runoff Rapids, Slush Gusher and Snow Stormers.

Address : Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, FL 32830, USA

Zipcode : 32830

Location : 28.385233, -81.563874

Contact : +1 407-939-5277

Website : <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/destinations/blizzard-beach/>

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Parkway and Central Florida Parkway Bus Station

Entry Fee : One Day Tickets Age 10+: \$63.90 Age 3-9: \$57.51 Below age 3: Free

Time Required : 12

Expected Wait Time : 25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.16. Madame Tussauds

Rolling out the Red Carpet for the top personalities of Florida, Madame Tussauds Orlando pays homage to the top celebrities of the state by displaying lifelike wax replicas of them. Pose with your favorite icon or shake a hand with the president or admire the fine detailing, research and measurements taken by the sculptors to give you an interactive wax experience. Explore the themed areas of the museum and bask in the essence of America that is portrayed through the significant figures of the country's history, actors, leaders and more.

Address : 8387 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819, USA

Zipcode : 32819

Location : 28.4437611, -81.4685372

Contact : +1 866-630-8315

Website : <https://www.madametussauds.com/orlando/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : International Drive and Riley Park Way Bus Station

Entry Fee : Museum Ticket: Adults (age 13+ years): \$27.50, Children (age 3-12 years): \$22.50; Madame Tussauds + Orlando Eye- Adults (age 13+ years): \$55, Children (age 3-12 years): \$45; Madame Tussauds + Sea Life Aquarium- Adults (age 13+ years): \$55, Children (age 3-12 years): \$45; Madame Tussauds + Sea Life Aquarium + Orlando Eye- Adults (age 13+ years): \$82.50, Children (age 3-12 years): \$67.50.

Open & Close Timing : Sunday-Thursday 10:00hrs-22:00hrs, Friday-Saturday 10:00hrs-23:00hrs.

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.17. Coca-Cola Orlando Eye

Tagged as tallest Ferris Wheel in the east coast, the Orlando Eye, situated in the heart of the popular International Drive or I-Drive is one of the newest landmarks of the city. Rising 400 feet above the ground, the wheel allows you to freely walk inside the capsule while you discover the magic and wonder that this Theme Park Capital of the World has to offer from up above. Step your foot inside the capsule, be whisked away to the top and enjoy the 360° panoramas of Orlando's skyline, theme parks and the surrounding landscapes.

Address : 8401 International Dr #100, Orlando, FL 32819, USA

Zipcode : 32819

Location : 28.4431844, -81.468233699999

Website : <https://www.officialorlandoeye.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : International Drive and Riley Park Way Bus Station

Entry Fee : Orlando Eye- Adults: \$27.50, Children (age 3-12 years): \$22.50; Champagne Experience- Adults: \$39, Children (age 3-12 years): \$34; Private Capsules- General price: \$275; Florida Residents Ticket: Adults: \$22.50, Children

(age 3-12 years): \$17.50.

Open & Close Timing : Sunday-Thursday 10:00hrs-22:00hrs, Friday-Saturday 10:00hrs-00:00hrs.

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Situated about 16 kilometers to the south of Orlando, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints or Orlando Florida Temple is the first worship place to be erected in Florida. Resting on a hill that overlooks the immaculate butler chain of lakes in Windermere, it is characterized by its pure white marble facade and a 165-foot spire topped off with a structure of a prophet from the book of Mormon, angel Moroni. The exteriors boast of stained glass windows, water fountains and stately columns, while you can see the detailed artistry with a magnificent stained glass dome in the interiors. The peaceful ambiance that continues within the walls of the church makes you feel closer to the Almighty.

Address : 9000 Windy Ridge Rd, Windermere, FL 34786, United States

Zipcode : 34786

Location : 28.5072968, -81.50945660000002

Contact : +1 407-876-0022

Website : <https://www.lds.org/church/temples/orlando-florida?lang=eng>

Nearest Public Transport : I-Ride Trolley Bus Station (Not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday-Friday 08:00hrs – 19:30hrs Saturday 07:30hrs – 15:30hrs Sunday-Monday Closed

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Cornell Fine Arts Museum

Positioned on the campus of the historic Rollins College, this museum encourages teaching through art. At Cornell Fine Arts Museum, you are sure to be amazed by the noteworthy collection of 5,000 pieces of art ranging from the antique European old masters collection to contemporary art. A unique cultural experience in winter park, the museum also hosts scavenger hunts for kids and adults.

Address : Building No. 303, Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789, USA

Zipcode : 32789

Location : 28.592173, -81.34621520000002

Contact : +1 407-646-2526

Website : <http://www.rollins.edu/cornell-fine-arts-museum/>

Nearest Public Transport : E Fairbanks Avenue and S Interlachen Avenue Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs; Saturday-Sunday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards

Opened in 1989, Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards, a 127-acre land located to the west of Orlando has been ranked as the largest winery of Florida. Dig deep into the history of the vineyard or be stunned by the stellar views of the winery as you tour the place that specializes in developing both table and sparkling wines. See the wine being processed or have a taste of their best wines prepared from muscadine and hybrid grapes at their tasting room. After the tasting, you can buy your favorite bottle from the gift shop. It hosts one-of-a-kind events every month including music festivals, wine festivals and more that are well-attended by a large crowd.

Address : 19239 US-27, Clermont, FL 34715, United States

Zipcode : 34715

Location : 28.6273311, -81.76876579999998

Contact : +1 352-394-8627

Website : <https://www.lakeridgewinery.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : W Orange Blossom Trail and Dragon Drive Bus Station (Not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Saturday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs, Sunday 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. The Florida Mall

This dynamic shopping center is the largest indoor shopping mall in the central state. The Florida Mall is a shopper's paradise with over 250 stores and restaurants

to choose from. There are various trendy local as well as international brands here including American Girl, The Disney Store, Zara and M & M world stores.

Address : 8001 S Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32809, USA

Zipcode : 32809

Location : 28.4459728, -81.39545909999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Pointe Orlando

Pointe Orlando is a shopping mall with entertainment and dining venues along with some really unique shops and upscale international brands. You can elevate your dining experience at numerous restaurants serving diverse cuisines and groove along the tunes at the bars or shop to your heart's desire at an eclectic mix of extraordinary stores at this destination.

Address : 9101 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819, USA

Zipcode : 32819

Location : 28.432159, -81.47015999999996

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Altamonte Mall

Located about 10 miles from the downtown of Orlando, Altamonte Mall is good for extensive dining, shopping and even leisurely walking around the adjacent lake in the Crane Roost Park. Featuring famous brands like Macy and Sears, it offers a personalized shopping experience to everyone, especially women with its wide collection of accessories and clothing that is found at the White House Black Market. Teenagers will be spoilt for choice with stores like Hollister, Wet Seal, Justice, and Gamboree.

Address : 451 E Altamonte Dr, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701, USA

Zipcode : 32701

Location : 28.6666542, -81.3773726

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Orlando International Premium Outlets

Orlando International Premium Outlets is a one-stop shopping destination with all the top-notch brands and a great variety of stores offering goods at affordable prices. The upscale brands like Victoria's Secret, Coach, BCBG and more invite visitors to the mall with new collections every season and a number of offers and deals throughout the year.

Address : 4951 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819, USA

Zipcode : 32819

Location : 28.47488779999999, -81.45164390000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Orlando Vineland Premium Outlets

Zipcode : 0

Location : 28.3872581, -81.49201790000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. The Mall at Millenia

Zipcode : 0

Location : 28.485547, -81.43151999999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Artegon Marketplace

Zipcode : 0

Location : 28.4685545, -81.44734740000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Lake Eola Park

There's a saying: "A day at the lake is worth a month in town." But why choose when you can have both? Smack-dab in downtown Orlando is Lake Eola (pronounced ee-OH-la), a 1-mile-around oasis from city life. To take advantage of the greenspace, consider my top five ways to enjoy Lake Eola Park. What's a park without a playground? Set the kids free so they can burn off some steam. Every legit city boasts a weekend farmer's market with fresh produce and live entertainment. The Downtown Orlando Farmer's Market takes place at Lake Eola Park every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pets are welcome! For affordable entertainment, check out the park's Walt Disney Amphitheatre. From concerts to theater performances. No trip to Lake Eola would be complete without a ride on the park's iconic swan paddle boats. Rent one for \$15 per half hour. Thirty minutes of paddling sure does work up an appetite. Grab a bite at Relax Grill. The casual lakeside eatery serves lunch and dinner. Lake Eola Park is located in the heart of Downtown Orlando. The sidewalk that circles the lake is .9 miles in length, making it easy for visitors to keep track of their walking or running distances. Other activities available to park visitors include renting swan-shaped paddle boats, feeding the live swans and other birds inhabiting the park, seeing a concert or a play in the Walt Disney Amphitheater, grabbing a bite to eat at Relax Grill on Lake Eola or relaxing amid beautiful flower beds and a spectacular view of Orlando's skyline. The original Linton E. Allen Memorial Fountain was built in 1957 and refurbished in 2011. It is known as the "official" icon of the City of Orlando. At night the fountain comes alive with a choreographed show set to music. The colors of the water and the musical themes change with the season. Shows run nightly at approximately 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. lasting about 6 minutes. Show times will change in the Autumn.

Address : 512 E Washington St, Orlando, FL 32801, USA

Zipcode : 32801

Location : 28.543611, -81.372777999999

Contact : +1 407 246 4484

Nearest Public Transport : E Robinson Street and N Rosalind Avenue Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

- **Snorkeling -**

Address : 6000 Discovery Cove Way, Orlando, FL 32821, USA

Location : 28.4058842,-81.4606251

Contact No : +1 877-557-7404

Website : <https://discoverycove.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Palm Parkway and Central Florida Parkway Bus Station (Not recommended)

Entry Fees : The all inclusive Dolphin Swim Package ranges from \$229 to \$319 depending upon the day of the month.

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs -17:30hrs

Time Required : 2.00

Wait Time : 20mins

- **Indoor Surfing -**

Address : 5005 Kyngs Heath Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746, United States

Location : 28.3352935,-81.4852882

Contact No : +1 800-874-8047

Website : <http://www.fantasyworldresort.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : World Center Drive and Vacation Way Bus Station

Entry Fees : Deposit: \$ 100 per stay Resort fee: \$ 16.95 per accommodation, per night

Time Required : 1.00

Wait Time : 20mins

- **Zipline -**

Address : 4755 North Kenansville Road, St Cloud, FL 34773, USA

Location : 28.042406,-81.039102

Contact No : +1 407-957-9794

Website : <https://www.foreverflorida.com>

Entry Fees : Zipline Adventure: \$79.99

Open / Close Time : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 25 minutes



9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

- **Orlando City Soccer Club:**

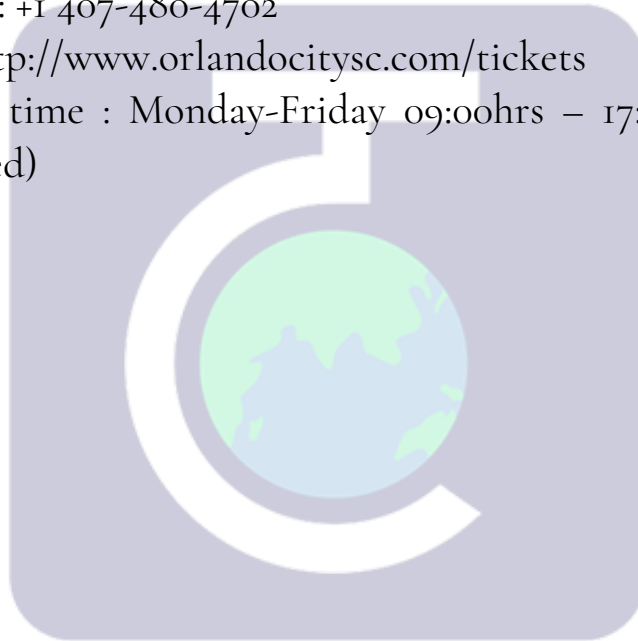
Address : 618 East South Street #510, Orlando, FL 32801, USA

Location : 28.5379755,-81.36881879999999

Contact No : +1 407-480-4702

Website : <http://www.orlandocitysc.com/tickets>

Open/Close time : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs – 17:00hrs (Saturday and Sunday closed)



10. Spas and relaxation

- **The Spa:**

Address : 2626 Edgewater Dr, Orlando, FL 32804, USA

Location : 28.5756296,-81.38978220000001

Contact No : +1 407-898-7737

Website : http://thespaorlando.com/?utm_source=googlemybusiness&utm_medium=search&utm_content=orlando&utm_campaign=thespalocalsearch

- **The Ritz-Carlton Spa:**

Address : 4012 Central Florida Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32837, United States

Location : 28.40359600000001,-81.429261

Contact No : +1 407-206-2400

Website : <http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/orlando>

- **Woodhouse Day Spa:**

Address : Dellagio Town Center Orlando Dr. Phillips, 8060 Via Dellagio Way #102, Orlando, FL 32819, United States

Location : 28.45026,-81.49475799999999

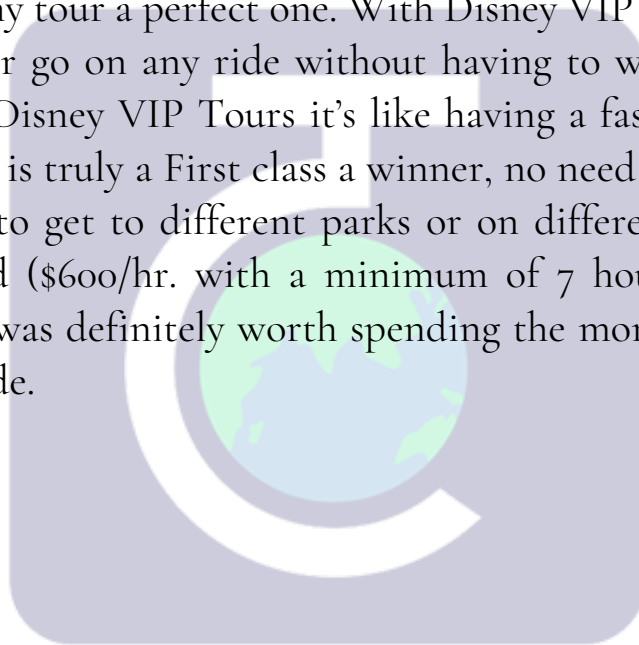
Contact No : +1 407-965-3131

Website : <https://orlando.woodhousespas.com/>

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11. Key local guides and tours

Looking for a great bus tour of Orlando, Florida? Gray Line Orlando is the place to go! You'll have an Incredible trip with Gray line Orlando the tour guides are very entertaining and knowledgeable of the city. Many people just couldn't be happier with the service. If you're looking for a truly amazing Disney VIP Tour, booking one with the local guide Charlie Hall is the way to go. Charlie Hall does a great job making any tour a perfect one. With Disney VIP Tours the service lets you tour any park, or go on any ride without having to wait in long rides like everyone else. With Disney VIP Tours it's like having a fast pass for every ride. The Disney VIP tour is truly a First class a winner, no need to wait in super long traffic or long lines to get to different parks or on different rides. Disney VIP Tour charges around (\$600/hr. with a minimum of 7 hours). However, many people felt that this was definitely worth spending the money on and Charlie is an excellent tour guide.



12. Transportation hubs

The Orlando International Airport is located 9kms southeast of Orlando. As per the last survey, it is the second busiest airport in Florida and the 29th busiest airport in the world based on passenger traffic. The distance from The Orlando International Airport to the downtown Orlando is 20.6kms which can be covered in 28mins. The airport is a hub for Silver Airways with Frontier Airlines, JetBlue Airways and Southwest Airlines considering it as a focus city. MCO is the airport code which stands for McCoy Air Force Base. This was the previous name of the airport. The Air Force base was a Strategic Air Command (SAR) installation which was shut down in 1975. The SunRail is the commuter rail system operating within Orlando. Phase 1 which began in May 2014 comprises of 12 stations running along 31 miles. This phase connects Volusia County to Orange County. The proposed extension of Phase 2 would add a northern terminus at DeLand and four more stations towards the south with the last stop being Poinciana in Osceola County. This is expected to be completed in 2017. Lynx provides bus services in the Orlando area. It is a local transit service covering five counties namely Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Polk and Volusia. Greyhound lines offer intercity bus services from Orlando to various cities across the United States. The Orlando Greyhound station is located towards the west of downtown Orlando.

13. Transportation cost

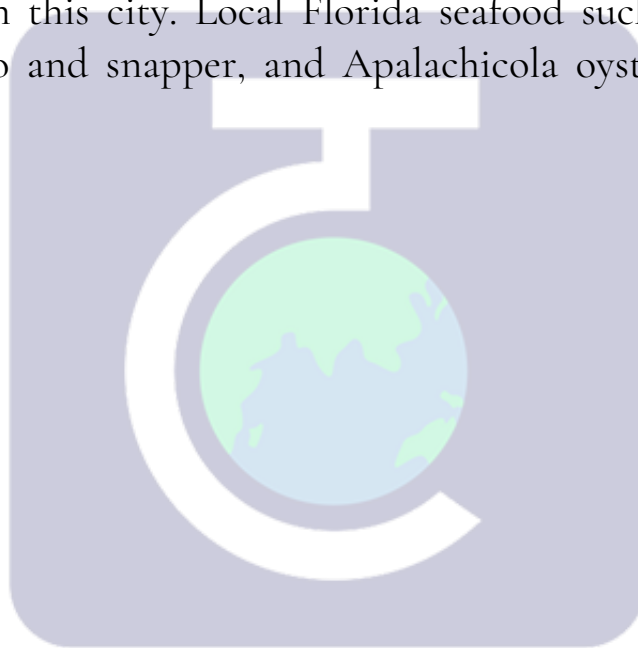
There are a number of taxi services in Orlando that can help you get from one place to another. The minimum taxi fare is \$2 and it goes up by \$1.2 per 500kms. Buses are one of the most convenient methods to travel in Orlando. These are more affordable and easily accessible. There are a number of bus services you can choose from. The average bus fare is \$2 for a one way ticket. Trains in Orlando are usually used to travel long distances. You can get to Miami by train in \$35 or to Indianapolis in \$192. Since train travel is cheaper in comparison to flights, the frequency of trains is high. In case you prefer renting a bike, you can hire one for \$30 to \$40 depending on the tour or hike you choose. You can also hire these bikes to travel around the city. There's a bike share program in Orlando that charges you a standard fee of \$2 for renting a bike from point A to point B. 7 days Sunrail pass for adult (18-64) costs \$17, for senior (65+) and student (7-17) the 7 days pass is for \$8.50. 30 days Sunrail pass for adult (18-64) costs \$56, for senior (65+) and student (7-17) the 7 day pass is for \$28.

Index**14. Baggage allowance**

The Greyhound bus is the local bus station here in Orlando, Florida, and charges \$15 for additional Checked baggage, first carry on and checked baggage is free with Greyhound. With greyhound express you are allowed 1 carry on free of charge 2nd carry on is \$15 weighing no more than 25lbs and must be stored in the overhead compartment or under the seat in front of you. The first checked baggage is Free of charge as well weighing no more than 50lbs and measuring 62 inches when you add together the L + W + H. The local train station in Orlando is called the Orlando Health/Amtrak station. Amtrak is also the only national railroad passenger system of the United States located in Orlando, FL. Amtrak allows passengers to bring on 2 personal items 25lbs each and to 2 carryon items weighing no more than 50lbs each free of charge any items going over the weight limit is charged a \$20 excess baggage fee, as well as up to 4 bags of checked baggage first 2 is free and the other 2 for \$20 each, not going over 50lbs.

Index**15. Must try food and local savouries**

In the past years, the foodie scene in Orlando has exploded. From the fancy eateries to the Food trucks and quite frankly, we love them all. And so do the over the record amount of visitors to the city. The foods you must try when you are in Orlando are oranges, key limes, and other citrus, especially in the winter season. Latin American cuisine and Vietnamese products and cuisine are deliciously cooked in this city. Local Florida seafood such as Cape Canaveral sword fish, pompano and snapper, and Apalachicola oysters are loved by the locals in Orlando.



16. Restaurant & Nightlife

Orlando offers a variety of cuisines from celebrity chefs to downtown hideaways. Here are a few of the best places to eat and have a great nightlife. For food and nightlife, the main areas of Orlando are Downtown Disney, Disney's Pleasure Island, Universal Studio's Citywalk and downtown Orlando's Orange Avenue. City's Nightlife In Orlando, when the sun sets the party begins. If you've spent your day at Disney's Magic Kingdom you can choose to stay back and visit Downtown Disney. This is where you can get some of the best music on stage. Looking for another downtown place to party? Who can forget Downtown Orlando the original party destination in the city? Get in the groove with some awesome music that goes on all night. The Social happens to be a tourist favorite with some amazing live music and a dance club for you to show off your moves. There are some other great nightclubs in Orlando which include the Houston's, Bahama Breeze and Whyndham Palace.

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- **Black Bean Deli Mills50:**

Address : 1835 E Colonial Dr, Orlando, FL 32803, USA

Location : 28.5534322,-81.35744920

Contact No : +1 407-203-0922

Website : <http://blackbeandeli.com/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday 07:00hrs – 21:00hrs Thursday 07:00hrs – 21:00hrs Friday 07:00hrs – 22:00hrs Saturday 11:00hrs – 22:00hrs Sunday

Closed Monday 07:00hrs – 21:00hrs Tuesday 07:00hrs – 21:00hrs

- **K Restaurant:**

Address : 1710 Edgewater Dr, Orlando, FL 32804, USA

Location : 28.5670577,-81.3896772

Contact No : +1 407-872-2332

Website : <http://krestaurant.net/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday 11:30hrs–14:00hrs 18:00hrs – 22:00hrs

Thursday 11:30hrs–14:00hrs 18:00hrs – 22:00hrs Friday 11:30hrs–14:00hrs

18:00hrs – 22:00hrs Saturday 18:00hrs – 22:00hrs Sunday Closed Monday

18:00hrs – 21:00hrs Tuesday 11:30hrs–14:00hrs 18:00hrs – 21:00hrs

- **Se7en Bites Bake Shop:**

Address : 207 Primrose Dr, Orlando, FL 32803, USA

Location : 28.5518422,-81.34713569

Contact No : +1 407-203-0727

Open / Close Time : Wednesday 07:30hrs – 15:30hrs Thursday 07:30hrs –

15:30hrs Friday 07:30hrs – 15:30hrs Saturday 09:00hrs – 15:00hrs Sunday

09:00hrs – 15:00hrs Monday Closed Tuesday 07:30hrs – 15:30hrs

- **Norman's Restaurant:**

Address : The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, 4012 Central Florida

Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32837, United States

Location : 28.4051592,-81.4295315

Contact No : +1 407-393-4333

Website

<http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/orlando/dining/normans>

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Kabooki Sushi:**

Address : 3122 E Colonial Dr, Orlando, FL 32803, United States

Location : 28.553016399,-81.34399739

Contact No : +1 407-228-3839

Website : <http://kabookisushi.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Thursday 17:00hrs-22:00hrs, Friday and Saturday 17:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Luma on Park:**

Address : 290 S Park Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789, United States

Location : 28.5960793,-81.35093469

Contact No : +1 407-599-4111

Website : <http://www.lumaonpark.com/>

Open / Close Time : Friday 11:30hrs-23:00hrs Saturday 11:30hrs-23:00hrs
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- **The Ravenous Pig:**

Address : 1234 N Orange Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789, United States

Location : 28.5878532,-81.36230309

Contact No : +1 407-628-2333

Website : <http://www.theravenouspig.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 11:30hrs-21:30hrs; Sunday: Closed

- **California Grill:**

Address : California Grill, 4660 World Dr, Orlando, FL 32831, USA

Location : 28.414867999,-81.574365

Contact No : +1 407-939-3463

Website : <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/contemporary-resort/california-grill/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 17:00hrs-22:00hrs; Sunday: 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Todd English's Bluezoo:**

Address : Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort, 1500 Epcot Resorts Blvd, Orlando, FL 32830, USA

Location : 28.369057,-81.560633

Contact No : +1 407-934-1111

Website : <http://www.swandolphinrestaurants.com/bluezoo/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 17:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **The Social:**

Address : 54 N Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32801, United States

Location : 28.5431638,-81.3791789

Contact No : +1 407-246-1419

Website : <http://www.thesocial.org/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday 15:00hrs – 02:00hrs Thursday 15:00hrs –

02:00hrs Friday 15:00hrs – 02:00hrs Saturday 13:00hrs – 02:00hrs Sunday
19:00hrs – 02:00hrs Monday 20:00hrs – 02:00hrs Tuesday 20:00hrs –
02:00hrs

- **Bahama Breeze:**

Address : 8849 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819, USA

Location : 28.437061,-81.47152299

Contact No : +1 407-248-2499

Website : <http://www.bahamabreeze.com/home>

Open / Close Time : Sunday- Thursday 11:00hrs – 01:00hrs, Friday,
Saturday 11:00hrs – 01:30hrs

- **Hillstone Restaurant:**

Address : 215 S Orlando Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789, United States

Location : 28.5970806,-81.36604009

Contact No : +1 407-740-4005

Website : <http://hillstonerestaurant.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday – Thursday 11:30hrs – 22:00hrs, Friday,
Saturday 11:30hrs – 22:30hrs

Index**17. Average meal cost**

Food is highly expensive in Orlando a drink included in a lunch meal will cost you \$ 13; one kilogram of tomatoes will cost you \$ 4.34 while a kilogram of apple is \$ 3.45. When it comes to domestic beer, it will cost you \$ 15 in a supermarket while a bottle of quality red table wine is \$ 15. Bread for two people in a day goes for \$ 1.58.



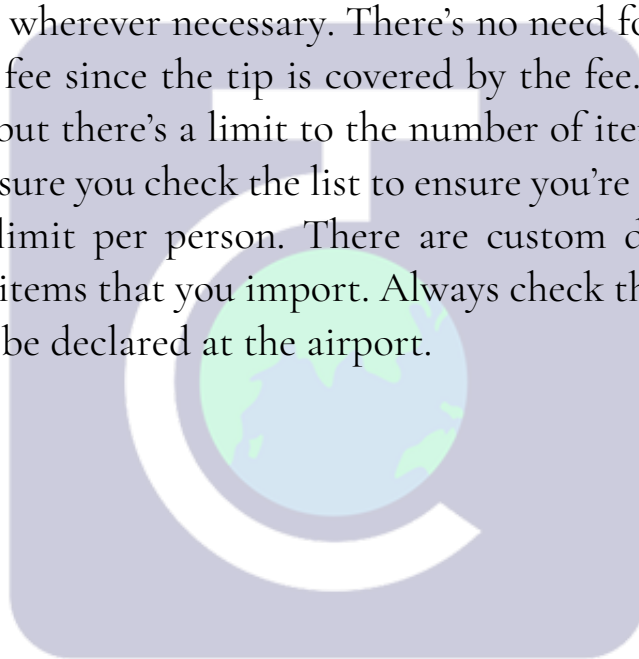
Index**18. Shopping**

In Orlando, you have an option of going to the retail mega centers or outlet malls. Get modern day bazaars at Orlando Premium Outlet which is located on International Drive. There are several malls in Orlando which offer variety of services. From those offering discounts on jeans and Nike cross-trainers to those which are more traditional, indoor, climate controlled variety and many more shops. If you are a luxury shopper, get yourself hooked at Millenia.



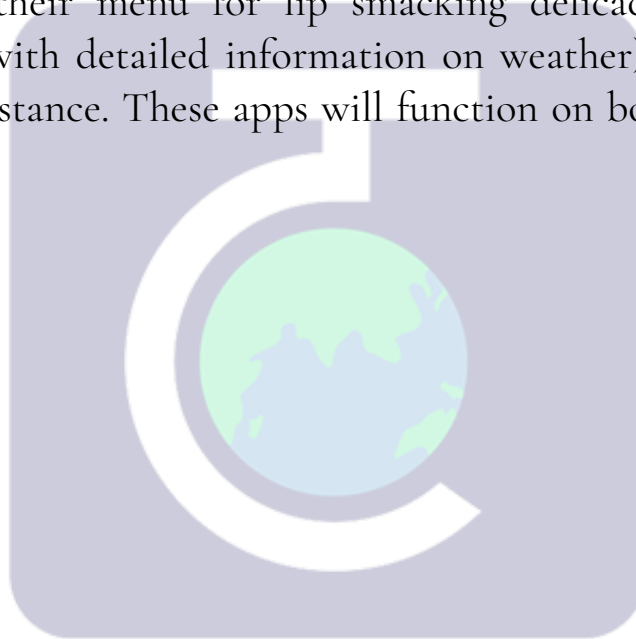
19. Tourist benefits

A lot of people believe that the state of Florida refunds taxes to tourists. This however, is not true since the government makes a lot of money on taxes through tourism. There is no refund for the taxes a tourist spends in Orlando or in any state of Florida. If you're visiting Orlando as a tourist, you will spend the same amount on a meal as a local citizen spends here. The service fee and VAT is applicable to tourists wherever necessary. There's no need for you to tip at places that charge a service fee since the tip is covered by the fee. You can get tax free items at the airport, but there's a limit to the number of items you can take back from Orlando. Make sure you check the list to ensure you're not taking back more than the maximum limit per person. There are custom duty charges that are applicable to certain items that you import. Always check the items you purchase to see if they need to be declared at the airport.



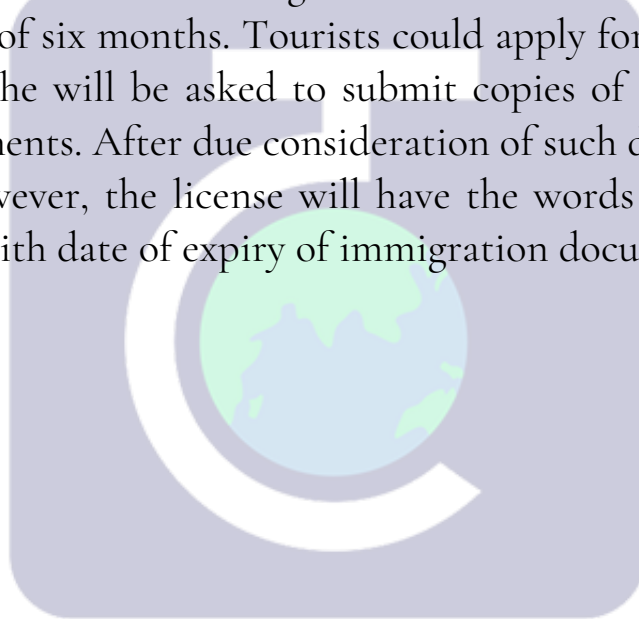
20. Essential local apps

Travelling in a city like Orlando without the help of travel apps is close to impossible. In this hectic city, travel apps like Uber (app to get a reliable and affordable ride in minutes), Citybike (this app is a co-pilot for biking adventures in the city), comes in handy. Apart from these apps, Tele-Traffic (this app provides the users with the updates of the traffic), ChefsKitchen (this app provides you with their menu for lip smacking delicacies), Good Weather (provides the users with detailed information on weather) and lots more local apps could be of assistance. These apps will function on both Android and iOS platforms.



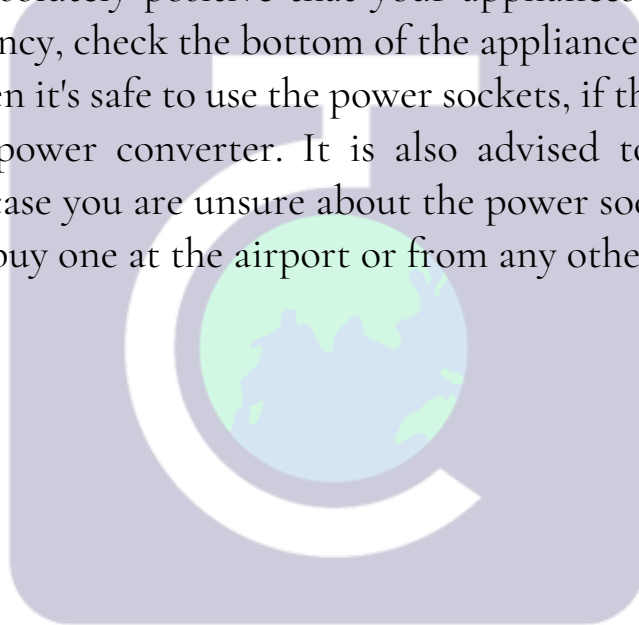
Index**21. Driving**

It won't be possible to drive with an International Driver's license or a foreign driver's license in Florida. You will have to apply for a U.S driver's license. The grants of such license are subject to a long and strict procedure. The applicant is required to be at least 16 years old. He/she should then apply for a learners permit. After this the applicant will have to go through a written test and road test. The license is granted on clearing the road test. It is however subject to a probationary period of six months. Tourists could apply for a temporary driver's license. For this he/she will be asked to submit copies of the immigration and naturalization documents. After due consideration of such documents the license will be granted. However, the license will have the words "Temporary Visitor" printed on it along with date of expiry of immigration documents.



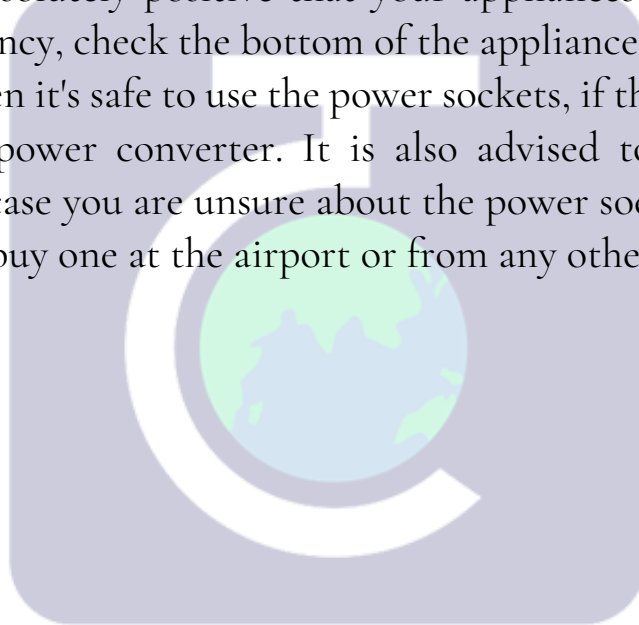
22. Travel essentials

As is the case in almost every other city in northern America, the power sockets are standard type A or type B. The points are either two pins or three pins. The set voltage level is at 110 volts and frequency level is set at 60H. A wide range of electrical appliances are known to function in this voltage range and frequency. Hence it is practical to carry your cell phones, cameras, laptops and other appliances. To be absolutely positive that your appliances are compatible with this range and frequency, check the bottom of the appliance. If the value shown is 110V to 240V/60H, then it's safe to use the power sockets, if the values shown differ considerably, use a power converter. It is also advised to take a power plug adapter with you in case you are unsure about the power sockets. If you forgot to pack one, you could buy one at the airport or from any other place in Orlando.



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Index**24. Local currency**

The local currency of the city of Orlando is U. S. Dollars.



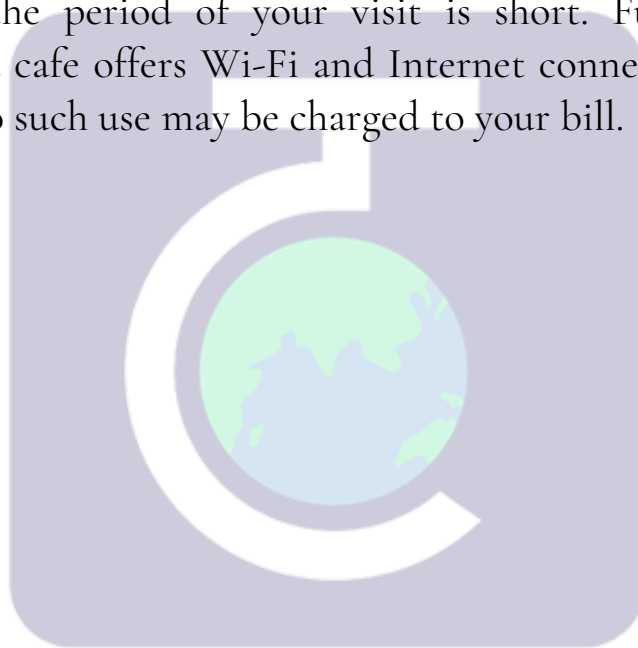
Index**25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Finding an ATM is not a problem in the city. It is easy to locate currency exchange centres and banks as well. A transaction fee that may range upto 5 Dollars might be charged. Moreover, almost every shop, restaurant and resort accepts credit cards and debit cards. The cards can be used for shopping, dining or for any other purpose conceivable. Keep some cash with you for use in case of an emergency. You may also need cash for use of public transport and eating at Street stalls.



26. Staying connected

AT&T network, T Mobile network, Sprint and Verizon are used in Florida. Verizon, however, is widely recommended by residents of Florida. The AT&T network, T Mobile network and Sprint also offer reasonable reception and calling plans. However check if International calls from your network are cheaper than the plans offered by the U.S telephone networks. You could also buy cheap prepaid phones if the period of your visit is short. Further, almost every restaurant, hotel and cafe offers Wi-Fi and Internet connectivity. However, the amount pertaining to such use may be charged to your bill.



27. Time Zone

Orlando follows Eastern Time Zone with UTC – 05:00.



Index**28. Languages**

English is the main language that is spoken in Orlando of Florida. Spanish, French Creole are the following languages.



Index**29. Political Scenario**

The city follows a mayor-council system of authority. The mayor elected vide a city election while the council is elected at district level elections. The mayor is supported by a council of six members. The city is one of Democratic dominance. This is due to its focus on industrial and economic growth. The city is represented by Democrats at the federal level and state level. Only in rare cases have Republicans won in this city.



30. Economic Scenario

Orlando is a major hub of high technology and the main source of income is from software, digital services, aviation and engineering. The city employs over 60,000 people in this sector. Another major source of income is from the entertainment and film industry. Orlando is home to Universal Studios and Disney's Hollywood Studios. Digital gaming industry also thrives in the city. Orlando, which has been nicknamed the “theme park capital of the world”, is a popular tourist destination. It is home to the famous Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando Resort, Sea World Orlando and the Orange County convention Centre. The city makes over 40 million dollars every year from the theme park industry.



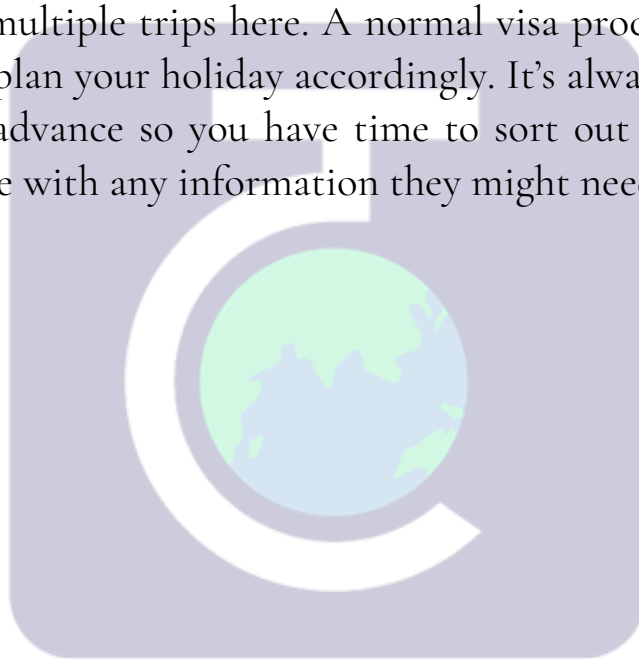
Index**31. Religious belief**

In Orlando, 43.08% of the people living there are religious. Out of this percentage, 13.06% are catholic, 8.03% are another Christian, 0.96% are LDS, 0.37% are Jewish, 1.10% are an eastern faith, and 1.10% are of the Islamic faith.



32. Visa requirements

Like every other city in USA, people who wish to visit Orlando on a holiday need a tourist B1 or B2 visa. These visas are issued at the visa office and you need to clear the interview in order to be eligible to visit the city. Most of the questions asked during these interviews will be pertaining to your purpose of visit. You need to ensure you carry all your documents at the time of your interview so you don't need to make multiple trips here. A normal visa process can take up to 15 days, so you need to plan your holiday accordingly. It's always better to apply for your visa a little in advance so you have time to sort out your documents and provide the visa office with any information they might need from you.



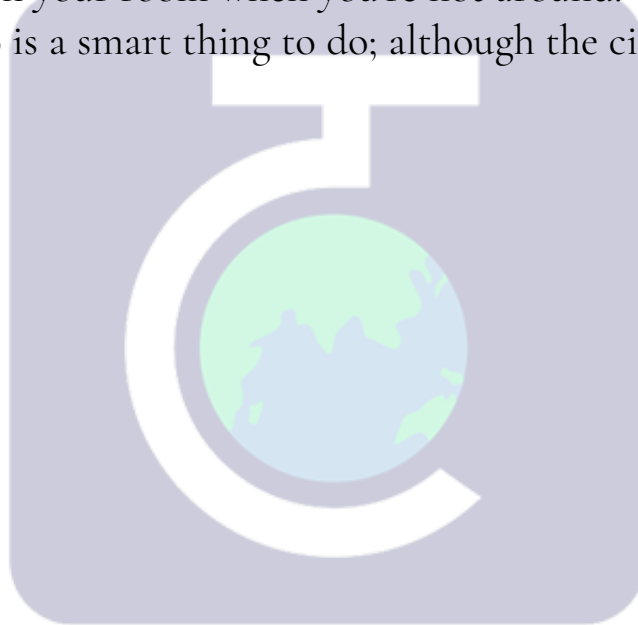
Index**33. Essential vaccination**

No vaccinations are required for entry to the states but you may want get a tetanus booster just to be safe.



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

Orlando has a low crime rate in comparison to most other cities. It ranks 81 on the list of the top 100 cities with high crime rates. If you're visiting Orlando on a holiday you will be safe as long as you stay away from the downtown areas. When you leave your hotel room make sure you carry all your valuables with you, if you don't want to carry them along then keep them locked up in your room and tell the hotel staff not to clean your room when you're not around. Carrying a map while travelling in Orlando is a smart thing to do; although the city is safe, avoid going out at night.



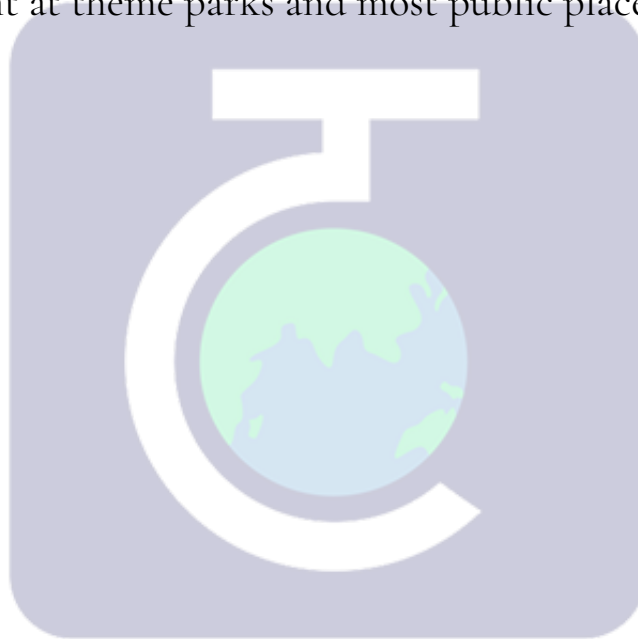
Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

In order for you to visit Orlando from any other country, you need to get a visa approval from the embassy. Each country has a few embassy offices or consulate offices to help assist you with the visa procedures. If you can't find the embassy in your country, you could seek assistance from an agent who will help you in completing your visa procedures by charging a small fee. There are a number of things you need to do in the right way in order for your visa to get processed, hiring an agent will save you the hassle of doing everything yourself. For more information, visit <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/united-states>.



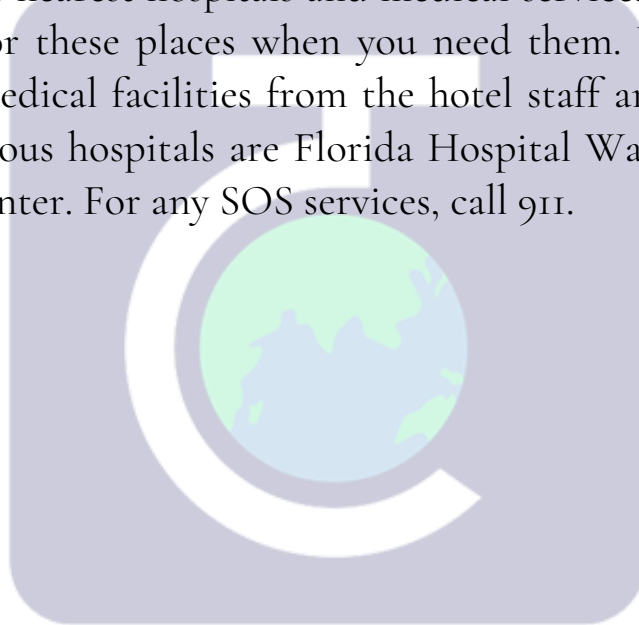
36. Accessibility

Due to provisions the 'Americans with Disabilities' Act, most public places are required to comply with disability friendly regulations. Almost all establishments in Orlando and some modes of public transport provide facilities for those with disabilities. Public transport buses in Orlando have installed hydraulic lifts and restraining belts for wheelchairs. Also people with disabilities are given preferential treatment at theme parks and most public places.



Index**37. Emergencies**

Orlando has a number of medical facilities situated across the city. While finding a medical facility in Orlando is not tough, these services are expensive. If you're visiting Orlando, one of the smartest things to do would be to get travel insurance. These insurances are not very expensive and in case you need to visit the emergency room you will not be handed over a high bill. When checking into a hotel, check for the nearest hospitals and medical services. This helps you save on time searching for these places when you need them. You can also get the numbers for these medical facilities from the hotel staff and save it in case the need arises. Few famous hospitals are Florida Hospital Waterman and Orlando Regional Medical Center. For any SOS services, call 911.



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38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • For truly the safest experience, consider staying on Disney-owned property. If this is not possible, the area of Lake Buena Vista would be a preferred location. • While it is unlikely that any one individual would experience serious crime in some areas, tourists stand out in these areas, and can unwittingly do things that can make them targets for criminal behavior, so it is sensible to stay away. • The summer thunderstorms are the main reason that Florida is the lightning capital of the western hemisphere. During these storms it is best to remain indoors due to the danger posed by frequent cloud-to-ground lightning. • Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. • Hotel room invasions do occur, especially open-air hotel and motel rooms when the victim leaves their hotel room unlocked and not dead-bolted. When you are in a hotel room, always lock your doors behind you, even if you expect someone in a minute or two.

Don'ts: • One thing you should never do in Orlando is to try and get discounted tickets for Universal Studios from third party wholesalers. Universal Studios regularly posts excellent deals on their website itself. • Another thing that you should be wary of is over paying for your hotel room. Don't get sucked into paying for a room with a view. Chances are you won't be in the room enough to enjoy it. • Another mistake that you should avoid is to eat at Disney world during peak lunch hours. • Prostitution is not legal in Orlando, so you could spend a night in jail if you decide to indulge. • Never leave valuable items in your car unattended, get any purchased items to your hotel room as soon as possible. • Never leave small children unattended for any length of time, especially at a pool. Most hotel pools do not have lifeguards. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.

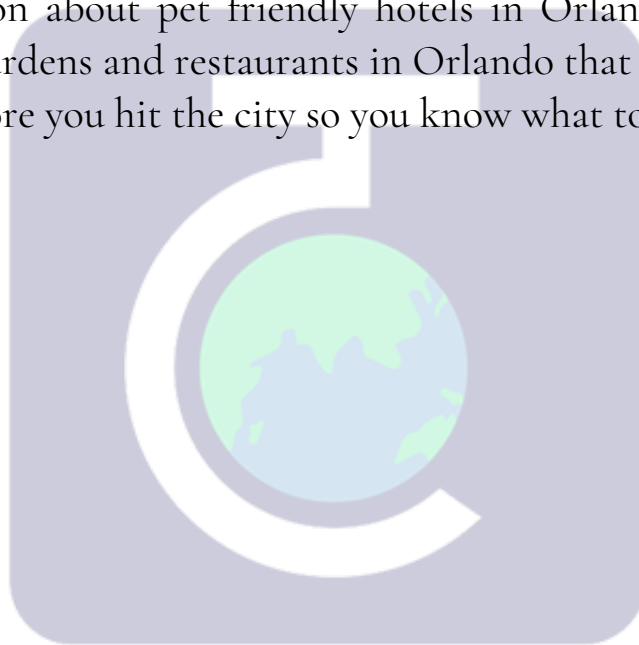
Index**39.Tipping basics**

Tipping at any restaurant and bar is a custom that is difficult to ignore in America. Although it is not a mandate, not leaving a tip or not tipping enough is generally frowned upon. The reason being is the US law allows servers to only receive half of the minimum wage. So making a living for them is dependent on tips. Since most servers are external contractors to bars and restaurants, the food and beverage prices are low in most of these establishments. One should tip about 15 to 20% of the bill. Many restaurants add a tip to your bill so make sure you check the bill before tipping.



Index**40.Pet info**

There are a number of people who forfeit going on a holiday because of their pets. The good news is most cities these days have become pet friendly and you can now visit various places around the world with your pet. Orlando is a pet friendly city that welcomes guests with their pets. There are many hotels here that are pet friendly and make your stay along with your pet comfortable and memorable. You'll get information about pet friendly hotels in Orlando online. There are some theme parks, gardens and restaurants in Orlando that allow pets. Gather all this information before you hit the city so you know what to do when you're with your pooch.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Orlando is one of the top tourist destinations in the world. This city gets about 60 million visitors each year and there are a number of reasons why. Orlando has one of the best climates in USA which enables people to visit the city during anytime of the year. Florida is known for its hot climate; however Orlando has warm springs, Luke warm springs, scorching summers and freezing winters. This makes Orlando the ideal tourism destination with weathers to suit travelers from across the world. The other thing that stands out about Orlando is the exceptional transport services provided. There are a number of service providers like Orlando Airport Van, Mears Transportation, Public transit, Disney's Magical Express, Star Trans-VIP, Precision Limousine Service and a lot more. Orlando also offers the Go Orlando Card which can save significant amounts of money during your travel. There are also ticket packages available for multiple parks which alleviates most of the stress from planning your trip. The Orlando FlexTicket also offers few package options that could prove to be critical to your stay. The other thing that differentiates Orlando from other destinations is the presence of various gardens, parks and museums. If nature and peace is your thing, then you should definitely visit the Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Harry P. Leu Gardens, Historic Bok Sanctuary and Mead Botanical Garden. Various museums like the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, the Orlando Science Center, the Orlando Museum of Art, the International Trolley and Train Museum and Ripley's Believe-It-Or-Not! Orlando Auditorium might also interest you. The beautiful weather in Orlando is perfect for a game of golf. Come here and hit a few balls to see how good your skills are. Shopping is fun here at Orlando. Come and shop at some of your favorite brands such as Coach, Cole Haan, J. Crew, Kenneth Cole, Lacoste, Michael Kors and Neiman Marcus and get about 25% to 65% off the original prices. Travel light so you can pack up more stuff to take back.

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