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ALL YOU NEED TO PLAN YOUR PERFECT TRIP



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Disney!

Lake Buena Vista, Orlando, 3 Days

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: Orlando is probably best known for its theme parks, and of these, Walt Disney World is clearly the most famous. Here's how to see all there is to see in just three days.

Itinerary Overview

things to do
restaurants
hotels
nightlife

Day 1 - Lake Buena Vista

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Hemingway's

Key West's Space

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2901 Osceola Pkwy
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1 Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge

DESCRIPTION: Wildlife-reserve resort with an African-themed lodge

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Day 3 - Orlando



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location:

1 Grand Cypress Blvd
Orlando FL 32830

hours:

Daily 6-10pm

1 Hemingway's

DESCRIPTION: Hemingway's, located at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, offers delectable seafood in an authentic Key West setting. Paying homage to one of Key West's most famous residents, Hemingway's displays some of his favorite photos and fishing trophies around the dining room giving personal touch. And even offers a signature drink, "Papa Doble", rumored to be one of Hemingway's favorites. A few of the best appetizers include the crispy fried green tomato crab stack with chipotle, lime and avocado, the barbecue scallops with toasted pine nuts and smoked bacon escabeche, and the cornmeal crusted oysters covered in chimichurri, Maytag Blue cheese and crisp bacon bits. Grab the fresh grilled swordfish with haricot vert, brown butter nage and a side of roasted fingerling potatoes or nibble on the Alaskan King Crab legs with clarified lemon herb butter. In true Key West style, the dress code is causal elegant and the food is extremely tasty. © NileGuide



Photo courtesy of Hemingway's

Orlando Snapshot

Local Info

Think of Orlando and the picture of an iconic, cheerful mouse is sure to come to mind. Disney World not only sprawls across hundreds of acres of land in Lake Buena Vista, located in Orlando's southwest, its impact on Orlando tourism has been even more sweeping. If not for the explosion of Disney World, perhaps neighboring megaparks like Universal Studios and SeaWorld may never have been born.

No doubt, most vacationers come to Orlando for the theme parks, and for good reason. There is more family fun packed into every square inch of Orlando than possibly anywhere else on the planet. From heart-dropping roller coasters to unforgettable live shows, Orlando's expansive parks are worth every penny of their admission price. Orlando offers an easy vacation for families- it's easy to get around, easy to find something to do, and easy to fly in and out of.

The standard week-long vacation is not even close to enough time to truly experience Orlando. A family could spend their entire stay within Disney World and still would only uncover a fraction of the delightful diversions available. Besides days spent inside Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom, and the recently renamed Hollywood Studios (formerly MGM Studios), visitors can also book themed dinners with beloved characters, rent watercraft for

traversing Disney's inner waterways, visit two Disney water parks, and take behind-the-scene tours... and this still would only scratch Disney's surface. You wouldn't want to miss shopping and dining at Downtown Disney, as well as shows like Cirque du Soleil's La Nouba and the House of Blues's Gospel Brunch.

Those who manage to break from Disney's tender grip are quickly swallowed up at Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. These two parks are packed with spectacular rides as well as a huge entertainment, shopping and dining complex known as CityWalk. And the fun doesn't stop there.

Yet, there is life beyond the theme parks. While it's difficult to compete with the color and gusto of Disney and its neighbors, there's actually a lot happening outside of the theme park zone. Downtown's walkable streets offer a robust dining and nightlife scene as well as some unique boutiques and a handful of theaters and museums.

When the locals grow weary of the theme parks, which they quickly do, they're more likely to be found strolling around Lake Eola Park that boasts the famed fountain and amphitheater. Here you'll find a few popular eateries hugging its shores, a place to rent swan boats, and an awesome Sunday farmer's market crowded with downtown hipsters enjoying its beer garden and live bands.

Winter Park, with its posh boutiques, million-dollar homes, and chic cafes and restaurants is also a superb spot for an afternoon of strolling, shopping and snacking. Even non-shoppers love Winter Park thanks to its museums, scenic boat tours, and well-manicured park spaces.

Wherever you spend your time during your Orlando visit, you'll likely describe Orlando locals as friendly and unpretentious. Orlando isn't a big city like New York or LA, and it knows it. Sure, Orlando people glam it up at nightclubs and can spend wads of cash like any big city slicker, but they're not a snobby bunch. They're used to sharing their space with visitors and can be amiable and obliging if you're ever in need of a local tip.

Besides theme parks, I-Drive, and a handful of quaint urban corridors, the beach is just over an hour away. Cocoa and New Smyrna are closest and both are great for families, couples, and singles. Drive an extra hour west and you'll be at the Gulf. In fact, Orlando is one of the best starting off points for any Florida-exploring vacation. The airport is a direct flight from every major city in North America and there is so much more to see within a two to three hour drive of this great city.

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