

Things to Do in Orlando

Orlando is a destination filled with fun things to do. There are many events and venues that are free of charge, and they are just as fun as our world-class theme parks and attractions. Here is a list of some free things to do in Orlando.

- The [March of the Peabody Ducks](#) at the Peabody Orlando hotel is at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. every day. The famed ritual dates back to 1986 and takes place in the hotel's atrium lobby.
- The [Orlando Brewing Company](#) near downtown Orlando is the only organic brewery and tap room in the Southeast and one of only 10 in the United States. Each weekend, there are free brewery tours, free Wi-Fi and free live entertainment.

Arts & Culture

Orlando has a vibrant arts and cultural community, and there is never a shortage of free museum passes, art viewings and tours in Orlando. Arts and cultural venues in Orlando are often free or discounted and have something for everyone to enjoy.

- The [Cornell Fine Arts Museum](#), which sits on the campus of Rollins College, boasts a collection that includes the works of Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso and Thomas Moran, among others. Free admission with any valid student ID.
- The [Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art](#) contains one of the world's most impressive collections of famed artist Louis Comfort Tiffany. Free Fridays between 4 pm and 8 pm November through April.
- The [Zora Neale Hurston National Museum of Fine Arts](#) takes you on a stroll through history starting with the author's humble beginnings and displays creative works of other artists of African descent. Donations are accepted.
- [The Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida](#) presents an overview of the history of the Holocaust and serves as a memorial to victims. The center also hosts many educational events, films and seminars. Donations are accepted.
- The [Winter Park Historical Museum](#) houses a photo timeline of the history of Winter Park and features changing themed exhibits.
- [CityArts Factory](#) is an eclectic collection of art galleries in downtown Orlando showcasing local and international artists. Free admission Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- The [Grand Bohemian Gallery](#) in Orlando has two locations in downtown Orlando and Celebration. Both feature a variety of art, including jewelry, glass and sculpture.

[Harry P. Leu Gardens](#) offers free admission from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first Monday of every month

LIST OF NOT FREE BUT FUN

Orlando Science Center

777 East Princeton Street
Orlando, FL 32803
Phone: (407) 514-2000
Toll Free: 888-OSC-4FUN (672-4386)
Location: Downtown Area

Gatorland Florida is known for it's alligator population, and Gatorland provides a great opportunity to get up close and personal without getting... well, *too close*. [Gatorland tickets are less than \\$20](#), but you should plan to buy some gator jerky in the gift shop

14501 South Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32837
Phone: (407) 855-5496
Toll Free: (800) 393-5297
Location: Florida Mall Area

Disney's The Lion King

May 05 - 10, 2012
Location: Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre
Address: 401 W. Livingston St., Orlando, FL 32801

SeaWorld – The best thing about the SeaWorld park (aside from the dancing sea animals) is the lack of crowds. It's the only amusement park in Orlando where you won't spend most of your day waiting in line. I would much rather take a stroller bound child to SeaWorld than Disney World.

Titanic – The Experience. This exhibition is centrally located on International Drive and is a must-see for the whole family. This display of both genuine and recreated artifacts from the most famous ship in history is truly breathtaking. You will discover everything about the Titanic – from the building of this mega-ship, to its passengers and crew, life aboard the ship and the terrible tragedy that took so many lives. To truly bring this life, when you enter, you're given a card of a passenger or crew member that was aboard the ship, along with a mini biography. At the end of your guided tour, you can see if they managed to survive the crossing or not.

Shopping

Orlando Premium Outlets® - Vineland Ave

8200 Vineland Avenue
Orlando, FL 32821
(407) 238-7787

Location: **SeaWorld & International Drive South Area – close to CRCPD hotel**

Orlando Premium Outlets® - International Dr

**4951 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
(407) 352-9600
Location: Universal Orlando Resort & Int'l Drive North Area**

The Florida Mall

**8001 South Orange Blossom Trail
Room 420
Orlando, FL 32809
Phone: (407) 851-6255
Location: Florida Mall Area**

Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World

**5156 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
Phone: (407) 563-5200
Location: Universal Orlando Resort & Int'l Drive North Area**

FleaWorld and FunWorld, located just north of Orlando, is the largest flea market in the United States, featuring more than 1,700 vendors, acrobatic shows, circus and magic acts and exotic animals.

The Downtown Disney Area Near Orlando, Florida

Located in the heart of Walt Disney World Resort, the **Downtown Disney Area** offers outstanding dining, shopping and entertainment both day and night.

Dining

Diverse dining options abound. Choose from savory seafood, sumptuous Italian, casual California cuisine and traditional Irish pub fare.

You'll also find playful themed restaurants serving all-American favorites, including the dinosaur-themed **T-REX Café**, the jungle-inspired **Rainforest Café** and the star-studded style of **Planet Hollywood**.

When it's time to satisfy your sweet tooth, visit Ghirardelli Soda Fountain & Chocolate.

Shopping

From **World of Disney** to Lego Imagination Center to Orlando Harley-Davidson, there's a unique shopping experience to suit every age and style.

Entertainment

Listen to live music at House of Blues. Be spellbound by La Nouba, the avant-garde show by Cirque du Soleil. Or enjoy moments of relaxation at AMC Downtown Disney 24 featuring state-of-the-art theatre technology.

Divided into 3 sections—Downtown Disney West Side, Downtown Disney Marketplace and Pleasure Island—Downtown Disney area is an ever-changing destination committed to keeping the experiences exciting and new.

Downtown Disney West Side

Downtown Disney West Side showcases top-notch restaurants, the 24-screen AMC Downtown Disney 24 movie theater, and other uncommon shops. Here you'll also find the exquisite Cirque du Soleil La Nouba live entertainment show and the DisneyQuest Indoor Interactive theme park.

Downtown Disney Marketplace

Downtown Disney Marketplace provides an appealing place to take a break from Disney Theme Parks and Water Parks—especially if you're in search of Disney merchandise. Check out the largest Disney character store in the world.

50+ Ways to have Fun on I-Drive!

Where else can you visit six of the world's greatest theme parks?
SeaWorld, Discovery Cove, Wet 'n Wild, Aquatica SeaWorld's Waterpark, Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure!

Swim with dolphins in the morning at Discovery Cove and encounter Harry Potter in the afternoon at Universal Orlando.

Relax, have fun and save some \$\$\$\$! Park the car, leave the driving to us and take the I-Ride Trolley!

Enjoy live theater with off-Broadway productions at the POINTE Performing Arts Center.

Laugh yourself silly at the Orlando Improv Comedy Club.

Get to know your inner muggle for a day at Universal's Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

Have a Cinderella wedding at the Holiday Inn Resort Orlando - The Castle.

Make unforgettable memories with an I-Drive family reunion!

It's easy being green when you stay at one of the 36 Florida Green Lodging properties in the I-Drive Resort Area.

Eat, drink and play at the brand new Dave & Buster's with its million dollar midway with the latest interactive and video games.

Take the entire family to the 32-lane bowling alley right in the heart of the I-Drive area, the World Bowling Center. The wacky decor features murals of astronauts bowling, among other whimsical touches.

Beat the recession! Check out money saving sizzling "Hot Deals" at www.InternationalDriveOrlando.com.

Catch a chill at ICEBAR Orlando, named one of the Travel Channel's "Top 10 Extreme Bar Hopping bars!"

Thai this out! Be sure to put the authentic cuisine of the new Thai Thani restaurant on your dining list!

Plan now for a December visit. I-Drive sparkles for the holidays!
Unplug. Check out from the day-to-day stress. Check into an I-Drive spa for a day or a week!

Think Scottish and tilt a kilt at the new Tilted Kilt Pub and Eatery.

Plan the ultimate Girlfriend Getaway!

Walk through history at Titanic - the Experience.

Play championship golf year round.

Bring Fido and Fluffy! I-Drive welcomes pets.

Glow in the dark at Putting Edge Fun Center at Festival Bay Mall.

Escape to a tropical island at CoCo Key Water Resort.

Kids: Let loose. Act like a Monkey (you are on vacation!) Visit Monkey

Joe's.

Dance the blues away at B.B. King's Blues Club at Pointe Orlando.

Walk in an upside down building and take in a 4-D movie at WonderWorks,

Experience near-vertical thrills at Omaka Rocka, the newest slide at

Aquatica, SeaWorld's Water Park.

Be in Havana by dinnertime! Visit the new Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar, located in Pointe Orlando.

Give the kids a Seussical experience at Loews Portofino Bay Hotel at Universal Orlando in one of six Dr. Seuss-themed suites.

Ships ahoy! Satisfy your inner pirate at the giant galleon at Pirate's Dinner Adventure.

Indulge in a burger and fries in the world's largest McDonald's Play Place!

Escape the ordinary at Ripley's Believe it or Not with its Orlando

Odditorium filled with the unusual.

Learn to Belly Dance and eat sumptuous and authentic Greek food at Taverna Opa.

Take to the sky with Air Florida Helicopter Charters and see a new view of I-Drive!

Give it a try: you know you want to ride a go-kart at Fun Spot Action Park! Named "Best Budget Attraction" by the Orlando Sentinel. Fun for the whole family!

Get married by candlelight at the beautiful Royal Wedding Chapel.

Book a great deal on a room at www.InternationalDriveOrlando.com.

Be amazed by 14 model railroad trains at Train Land International.

Experience an explosion of dynamic effects on the all new BLACK HOLE; The Next Generation at Wet 'n Wild.

Purchase a daily pass at the I-Drive YMCA & Aquatic Center. All resort area guests are welcome!

Sing pop classics at Howl at the Moon.

Have a cheeseburger in paradise at Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville.

Dine at the world's largest Hard Rock Cafe at Universal CityWalk.

Enjoy nonstop recreation at Vans Skate Park at Festival Bay Mall, Orlando's premier skateboard park.

Golf under a waterfall at Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf.

Solve a murder mystery at Sleuths Mystery Dinner Theater.

Taste international flare food on I-Drive with over 150 restaurants - Dining!

Pick up an International Drive Official Visitors Guide that directs you to all the fun and is filled with discount coupons that add up to vacation savings.

Treat yourself to an elegant dinner in the highly acclaimed Capital Grille at

Pointe Orlando - Schedule some retail therapy and great bargains: **Orlando Premium Outlets - I-Drive, Festival Bay at International Drive, Orlando Premium Outlets - Vineland Ave. and Pointe Orlando**!

Chance of a lifetime: Drop by and you may be a guest duckmaster at **The Peabody Orlando**.

Cruise in and have a carhop deliver to your car at **Sonic, America's Drive In!**

Catch a movie at **Regal Cinemas Stadium 20+ IMAX, Cinemark Festival Bay or AMC Universal Cineplex 20 with IMAX**.

Stock-up for the great outdoors at **Bass Pro Shops / Outdoor World at Festival Bay Mall**.

Have the vacation of a lifetime in Orlando's Most Dynamic Destination!