



Area Attractions & Activities

The Orlando/Kissimmee area has lots to offer. Here are a few suggestions of activities that our guests have enjoyed.

Gatorland

<https://www.gatorland.com>

(407)-855-5496

Gatorland is a 110-acre theme park and wildlife preserve in Florida, located along South Orange Blossom Trail south of Orlando. Founded 70 years ago by Owen Godwin on former cattle land in 1949, it has been privately owned by his family since then. You can go on the Screamin' Gator ZipLine, Meet-A Gator, the Gator Gauntlet, Gator Night Shine, be Trainer for the Day or just walk around and look at the thousands of alligators and crocodiles. Don't forget to get a picture with a baby alligator and snake while you're there.

Airboat Rides at Midway

<https://www.airboatridesatmidway.com>

(407) 568-6790

Experience an exhilarating adventure on the legendary St. Johns River! They offer Central Florida airboat tours, given by U.S. Coast Guard Master Captains on one of our custom airboats. All our boats are U.S. Coast Guard Inspected and Certified. The river is a natural paradise teeming with wildlife and native vegetation. While you're there, you'll have the chance to see Florida alligators, bald eagles, otters, blue herons, and other wildlife. Airboat Rides at Midway combines the beauty of nature with the thrill of an airboat adventure!

Discovery Cove

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

(407)-513-4600

Discovery Cove is a beautiful day resort where you can swim with tropical fish, rays, dolphins, otters, and rays. There have large resort pools and sandy beaches, even a huge lazy river with waterfalls. An aviary where you can hand-feed toucans, parrots, and exotic birds while they fly freely all around you. Discovery Cove is an all-inclusive day resort where meals, drinks, and gear are included. While in the resort, you'll have unlimited snacks, beverages, and prepared meals. Lockers, sunscreen, snorkel gear, showers, and fresh towels are available, so all you need to bring is your bathing suit. Don't forget to book the Dolphin interaction package.

Boggy Creek Airboat Adventures

<https://bcairboats.com/>

(407) 344-9550

Ride into the sunset on a U.S. Coast Guard approved airboat and see the beautiful view of the sun setting over the lake. You will also have a chance to see wildlife that comes out during the day AND at night. You have the opportunity to learn the thrills of driving an airboat. This is a one of a kind adventure learning how to drive these magnificent, powerful machines. A Master Captain is with you every step of the way to ensure you have a safe and exciting ride. You can bring two mates as spectators to enjoy the experience with you!

Bok Tower Gardens

<https://boktowergardens.org>

(863) 676-1408

Bok Tower Gardens has offered some of Florida's most remarkable experiences to more than 23 million visitors since 1929. Enjoy acres upon acres of beautiful gardens. Fun fact: Bok Tower Gardens stands on the highest point in the state of Florida (295 feet above sea level). Don't forget to stop by to visit the koi pond by the tower.

Forever Florida Explore the Wild

<https://foreverflorida.com>

(407) 957-9794

Forever Florida is an untouched 4,700-acre eco-ranch and wildlife conservation area. Where you can Zip line, go Horseback riding, and trail buggy. Be prepared to encounter native Florida wildlife, amazing scenery and to have a great adventure.

Orlando Balloon Rides

<https://www.orlandoballoonrides.com/pricing/city/orlando-fl>

(407) 894-5040

Get a bird's eye view of the theme park capital of the world. Experience floating in the air and enjoy all of the beautiful sights - one more item to check off your bucket list.

Weeki Wachee Springs

<https://weekiwachee.com>

(352) 592-5656

The water from the spring is so clear that it feels as you're viewing the fish in an aquarium. It's a great place to go kayaking or paddle boarding. Check-out the schedule of events to watch the spring mermaid's daily performances.

Exotic Animal experience

<https://www.exoticanimalexperience.net>

(407) 383-6766

This is a great place to experience exotic African animals in a safe environment. All of the animals have been socialized to interact with people since they were born. They offer private 2-hour tours where you can meet lemurs, zebras, muntjac deer, kinkajou, bush baby, wallaby, fainting goats, kangaroos, to name a few... Animals roam freely to meet all of the guests. Make sure to reserve your date since there are limited visits per day. Their most recent additions are the baby sloths named Saki and Blossom.

Giraffe Ranch

<http://girafferanch.com/index>

(813) 482-3400

Have you ever fed a giraffe? Have you ever smelled their grassy breath? These are memories that will last you a lifetime. At Giraffe Ranch in Dade City, Florida, you'll experience first hand the lives of giraffe and other species from around the world living under huge live oaks and open grasslands in a setting that is right out of Africa.

Orlando Tree Trek Adventure

<https://www.orlandotreetrek.com>

(407) 390-9999

Orlando Tree Trek Adventure Park is a progressively challenging aerial obstacle course set high atop the trees in a natural pine forest. You'll have the opportunity to swing on Tarzan ropes, climb ladders 50-feet up, leap into hanging nets, cross wobbly suspended bridges, navigate swinging logs, balance on hanging skateboards, and soar through the trees on giant zip lines. If you have time, go to their website and check for their online specials. Early birds who begin their climb before 8:30 a.m. will get 25% off.

Plantation Manatee Tours

<https://www.plantationoncrystalriver.com/manatee-tours.htm>

(800) 632-6262

Swim with the manatees. Crystal River offers the best location to see and interact with the Florida manatee, a subspecies of the West Indian manatee, also known as gentle giants. Unlike other Florida areas, the Federal Government allows for "passive observation" in the water between manatees and people in Kings Bay. You may have the opportunity to have a face-to-face interaction with a manatee. Bring your waterproof camera; it is truly an amazing experience to capture. The tours offer bodysuits that keep you very buoyant in the water and make it very easy to have your manatee encounter.

Bioluminescent Kayak Tours - Experience Glowing Water

<https://www.adayawaykayaktours.com/>

(321) 268-2655

Bioluminescent kayaking is truly a unique experience. The slight agitation of the water causes microscopic dinoflagellates to illuminate, creating amazing blue, glowing water. You can go on a rafting/kayaking or paddleboarding tour; depending on the time of year and day, you can see manatees, birds, dolphins, glowing plankton, or jumping fish. If your timing is right, you can see a rocket launch at Kennedy Space Center from the water. For the dinoflagellate tour, try the clear bottom kayaks for a breathtaking experience.

Kennedy Space Center

<https://www.kennedyspacecenter.com>

(855) 433-4210

The Kennedy Space Center is the only place in the world where you can see the original Atlantis Space Shuttle and touch a moon rock all in the same day. Take a tour of the NASA space facility, where you can get a close-up view of the Saturn V moon rocket. The Kennedy Space Center Visitor complex has plenty of

activities for the entire family to enjoy. Make sure to check their calendar for the next rocket launch. It is truly an experience of a lifetime.

If you're at Windsor Hills and look out toward the clubhouse on a clear day, you can usually see the launch. Here is the upcoming Rocket Launches & Events Calendar:

<https://www.kennedyspacecenter.com/launches-and-events>

Legoland Florida

<https://www.legoland.com/florida>

(888) 690-5346

Legoland Florida has all of the Lego-built models that kids of all ages love, and now you can also enjoy their new water park and the Lego Movie World!

The Royal Palm Railway Experience

<https://www.thefloridatrain.com>

Hop on board a fleet of beautifully restored, 1940s vintage lightweight passenger cars for a journey back in time. They offer an array of excursions, including Dining & Culinary, Beer, Wine & Spirits, Adventure & Special Event (Murder on the Royal Palm) & Holiday Excursions (The Polar Express). The Royal Palm fleet is fully climate controlled with cool air conditioning.

ICON Park

ICON Park is a one-of-a-kind dining and entertainment complex in the middle of Orlando's International Drive tourist district. The 18-acre complex offers more than a dozen restaurants and bars, a central courtyard, and a fountain with choreographed water displays, as well as live entertainment, vendors, special events, and private space for meetings and events. Here's a list of their main attractions.

Orlando Wonder Works – (407) 351-8800

<https://www.wonderworksonline.com/orlando/>

WonderWorks is an amusement park for the mind with 35,000 square feet of "edutainment." The attraction combines education and entertainment with more than 100 hands-on exhibits that challenge the mind and spark the imagination.

iFly Orlando – (407) 337-4359

<https://www.iflyworld.com/orlando/>

Indoor skydiving. Your dream of flight is about to become a reality. Gear up, meet your instructor and prepare to learn the fundamentals of body flight. You're in for an unbelievable experience! Fly Like A Dragon In Virtual Reality Only at iFLY

SEA LIFE Orlando Aquarium – (855) 450-0680

<https://www.visitsealife.com/orlando/>

Explore the ocean without getting wet in Florida's only 360° tunnel. Watch as fish, sharks, turtles, and eels swim above, beneath, and all around you.

Madame Tussauds Orlando – (855) 450-0581

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

Millions and millions of people have flocked through the doors of Madame Tussauds since they first opened over 200 years ago, and it remains just as popular as it ever was.

The ICON Orlando Observation Wheel – (407) 601-7907

<https://iconorlando.com/venues/attractions/icon-orlando/>

The ICON Orlando is the tallest observation wheel on the United States East Coast at 400 FT and weighs in at 3 million pounds - that's 300 school buses! Float effortlessly above the idyllic Orlando skyline for breathtaking views that'll leave you on with an iconic moment you'll never forget.

Orlando Starflyer - (407) 640-7009

<https://starflyer.com>

The Orlando StarFlyer is the "world's tallest swing ride," standing at 450 feet. It is a unique attraction that appeals to the adventurous and not so adventurous. Guests are seated in a double seat next to their friend, family, or partner and are secured in their seats with seat belts and an in between the legs harness that can only be unlocked by the ride operator. Moving up and down and rotating around the giant tower at speeds of up to 45mph, no other attraction combines safety and thrills like the Starflyer.

Skeletons: Museum of Osteology – (407) 203-6999

<https://skeletonmuseum.com>

Museum of Osteology is a museum attraction located in Orlando, Florida, and Central Florida's largest natural history museum. Opened in May 2015, this is one of only 2 skeleton museums in the United States of America; the second being the Museum of Osteology.

7D Dark Ride Adventure - (407) 675-3166

<https://7dadventure.com>

An adrenaline rush like no other -- For an interactive game like you've never experienced before, gather your courage and check out the 7D Dark Ride Adventure! How many zombies can you take down? Find out when you take a seat in our game theater, arm yourself with special glasses and your zombie-fighting weapon, and feel your heart rate spike.

Arcade City - (407) 233-3501

<https://arcadecity.com>

At Arcade City, you'll find all the most exciting games! Whether you're competing against your friends or just yourself! Embrace the challenge and rejoice when you win mind-blowing prizes. Finally, fill up your play card and keep the fun going as long as you want!

Beaches

You're within an hour's drive from several beautiful beaches in the area.

Clearwater Beach

<http://www.clearwater-fl.com/info/about/geography/beaches.asp>

Laid-back Clearwater Beach is known for its namesake stretch of soft, white sand, which draws visitors year-round for jet-skiing, parasailing, and stand-up paddleboarding in its calm waters. Cyclists and rollerbladers glide along a winding beachfront promenade lined with casual seafood restaurants and cafes. Come sunset; Pier 60 hosts a nightly festival with street performers and craft vendors

Cocoa Beach

<http://www.cityofcocoabeach.com/>

Cocoa Beach is a Florida city south of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. It's a gateway to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, which has rockets and iconic artifacts. The city is known for its beach and surf breaks. Inside a surf shop, the Florida Surf Museum traces the sport's local history. Nearby, Cocoa Beach Pier has eateries and shops. The maritime forest at oceanfront Lori Wilson Park attracts birdlife.

Daytona Beach

<http://www.codb.us/>

Daytona Beach is a city on Florida's Atlantic coast. It's known for Daytona International Speedway, which hosts February's iconic Daytona 500 NASCAR race. The beach has hard-packed sand where driving is permitted in designated areas. Near the boardwalk's rides and arcades, Daytona Beach Bandshell stages free summer concerts. Steps from the beach, Daytona Lagoon water park offers go-karts, laser tag, and waterslides.

St. Augustine

<https://www.oldcity.com/beaches/>

St. Augustine's beaches stretch from Vilano Beach north of the city to Crescent Beach in the south. It is America's oldest town. The Intracoastal Waterway naturally divides the mainland from the barrier islands with their miles of gorgeous coastline with many public areas for beach recreation and relaxation

Flagler

<https://www.cityofflaglerbeach.com>

Located along Florida's Atlantic Coast between Daytona Beach and St. Augustine, cozy Flagler Beach offers miles of sparkling beaches, bountiful fishing, beachside shops, waterfront restaurants, and natural parks,

and other wonders. Flagler Beach is a retro town with a salty style. Enjoy Flagler Beach's eclectic shops, surfing, a classic fishing pier, and a six-mile-plus stretch of spectacular ocean views – with free access to the beach.

Sanibel

<http://www.mysanibel.com>

Sanibel has 15 miles of beaches that are world renown for their pristine sands and abundant shells. Due to the island's east-west orientation, Sanibel Island is the perfect sift for the Gulf tides and over 250 types of shells. Breathtaking sunsets and playful dolphins contribute to the excitement of boating tours, and the beautiful waters of the island offer some of the finest fishing in the world.

Ana Maria Island

<https://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/anna-maria-island.html>

Anna Maria Island is a barrier island on Florida's Gulf Coast. It's known for its broad beaches, like Manatee Beach Park. In the small resort city of Anna Maria, Pine Avenue is lined with shops, galleries, and eateries. Anna Maria Island Historical Society Museum features a restored 1920 cottage. Nearby, the wooden City Pier dates from 1911. In Bradenton Beach City, Bridge Street Market sells food, art, and jewelry.

Golf

Champions Gate Country Club Golf *

<https://championsgatecountryclub.com/>

The Champions Gate golf course at the Country Club is open to Retreat guests. It is minutes from the house. Book your tee times by calling (407) 507-2756.

Champions Gate Golf Club

<http://www.championsgategolf.com/>

Mystic Dunes Resort & Golf Club

<http://www.mysticdunesgolf.com/>

Recommended by Windsor Hills Resort. Mystic Dunes is rated 4.5 stars by *Golf Digest* magazine and was designed by NBC golf analyst and Champions Tour player Gary Koch.

Regarded as one of the most unique courses in Florida, you'll surely enjoy the par 72 course with 36 bunkers, two holes surrounded by water, and two island holes.

Orange Lake Resort Golf Courses (Legends)

<http://www.experienceorangelake.com/golf/>

Celebration Golf Club

<http://www.celebrationgolf.com/>

Southern Dunes Golf & Country Club

<http://www.southerndunes.com/>

Fishing

Memory Makin' Fishing Guides – (863) 632-0304

<http://www.memorymakingguides.com/>

Memory Makin's Guide Service does most of the guiding on the Kissimmee chain of lakes, located about one hour south of the Disney/Orlando area. The Kissimmee chain of lakes is known worldwide for miles of vegetation and huge bass.

Time and Tide Tours – (321)-607-0106

<http://www.timeandtidetours.com/>

Time & Tide Tours was highly recommended by one of our guests. They specialize in all types of water-based marine life activities. You can go deep-sea fishing or schedule a private tour to enjoy the local wildlife where you can see dolphins, sea turtles, or sharks. They are within an hour's drive from Orlando and the Disney/Universal Studios area.

Walt Disney World Fishing - (407) 939-7529

<http://www.wdwinfo.com/recreation/fishing.htm>

World-class theme parks and attractions are not the only reasons for visiting Walt Disney World Resort. There's fishing, too, with trophy-sized largemouth bass in the 14-pound range lurking in lakes and canals almost within casting distance of Cinderella Castle.

Popular "catch and release" experiences around the Vacation Kingdom promise to "lure" even more guests to the Disney lakes, as Walt Disney World announced a new line-up of BASS fishing excursions.

A Pro Bass Guide Service - (407) 877-9676

<http://probassguideservice.com/>

Our goal is for you to have a safe, fun, and unforgettable fishing trip with a top bass guide. We provide quality tackle (artificial and live bait) on a custom rigged bass boat and fish on the beautiful Florida lakes.

Incentive Fishing Charters – (321) 676-1948

<http://www.incentivecharters.com/>

U.S. Coast Guard Licensed Capt. Bruce, a full-time charter captain, has earned his living fishing these waters for over 30 years and is the most experienced and consistently productive captain in the Sebastian area. Trips geared toward anglers of all ages and skill levels. Bottom fishing and trolling for Grouper, Snapper, Dolphin, Sailfish, Cobia, Wahoo, and more. Full and Half-day trips available.

Tennis

Champions Gate Tennis Courts

8950 Cliftons Draw Dr,

<https://www.theoasisclubatchampionsgate.com/amenities>

The tennis courts are a 5 minute drive from the house.

Grand Cypress Tennis & Racquet Club – (407) 239-1234

<http://grandcypress.hyatt.com/en/hotel/activities/hotel-activities/tennisandracquetclub.html>

Sharpen your swing on the very same courts where Grand Slam Champions - including Jimmy Connors, Andre Agassi, Boris Becker, and Martina Navratilova - have played. Sweeten your serve under the expert advice of our certified pros. Ranked as a Top 50 Best Tennis Resort Worldwide, The Grand Cypress Tennis and Racquet Club is your chance to enjoy world-class tennis facilities in a luxurious resort setting.