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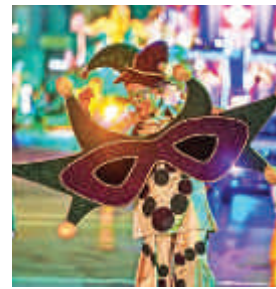
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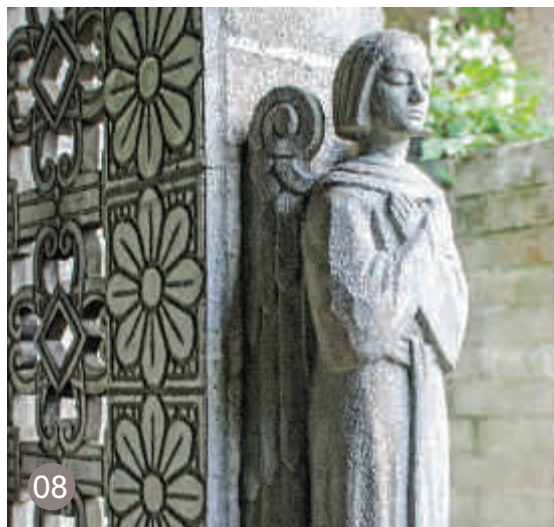
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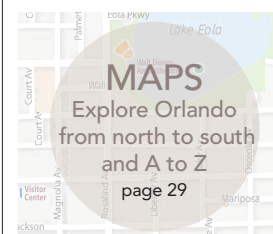
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Happy 2019! As you kick off the new year with a visit to The City Beautiful, we wish you happiness, health and prosperity. It's a great time of the year to be here as we celebrate the rich arts scene that Orlando has to offer. Check out our calendar for some incredible festivals that take place in January and February around town (p. 5.) Then, enjoy reading about the adventures of one of my favorite Disney performers (and high school chum!), Aaron Stratton (p. 6.) And if you love learning a city's secrets, read up on some hidden cultural gems as well (p. 8.)

## 90 MINUTES IN: Winter Park

There's a reason that snowbirds fly south to Florida following the winter holidays. Central Florida is replete with sunshine and mild temperatures this time of the year, making it the perfect place to escape the dreary chill that pervades much of the U.S. during January and February. And even as we receive a break from the heat that summer brings, it's warm enough most days to get out and enjoy your favorite outdoor activities.

Some of our favorites can be found in Winter Park, just north of downtown. This charming city was founded as a haven by northerners looking for a break from winter's freezing temps and grey skies.

Start with a Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour. Dating to 1938, the tour offers guests a leisurely trip through



three of the seven Winter Park lakes, Lakes Osceola, Virginia and Maitland, via narrow canals built by lumber interests in the nineteenth century. Knowledgeable guides make the hour-long tour interesting, as passengers view lush flora and keep their eyes peeled for birds and possibly an alligator or two.

When it's time for lunch,

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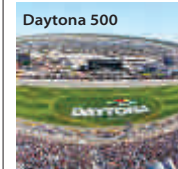
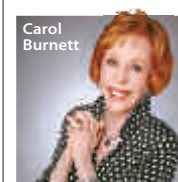
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# HOT DATES

## BEGINNING FEBRUARY 9: Mardi Gras, Universal Orlando Resort

*Laissez les bons temps rouler!* The biggest party of the season takes place select nights through April 4 at Universal Orlando Resort, as Mardi Gras gets underway. A full schedule of events includes outrageous concerts featuring top names in pop, rock, country, R&B and more. Raucous parades, millions of beads and colorful performers keep the party going. Great food is also part of the fun. And best of all—festivities are included in your theme park admission or annual pass!  
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## 5 Great Things Not to Be Missed

### 1 SEAWORLD THREE KINGS CELEBRATION> JAN. 1-6

This beloved tradition, celebrated in Latin cultures and beyond, commemorates the arrival of the Three Wise Men. The event includes an extension of the holiday spectacular O Wondrous Night and the Sea of Trees as well as traditional food and drink.  
[seaworld.com/orlando](http://seaworld.com/orlando)

### 2 EPCOT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS> JAN. 18-FEB. 25

Join in the ultimate celebration of visual, performing, and culinary arts at this stimulating celebration. Paint with a Disney artist, discover culinary masterpieces and enter the world of art like never before!  
[disney.go.com](http://disney.go.com)

### 3 SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES> JAN. 19-20

Experience traditional highland athletics, dance, art, music, food and drink at this two-day event celebrating all things Scottish. Kids' games, scone and shortbread competitions and whisky tastings are also part of the fun.  
[flascot.com](http://flascot.com)

### 4 ZORA! FESTIVAL> JAN. 26-FEB. 3

This multi-disciplinary event, celebrating the life and legacy of author and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston, takes place in and around her hometown of Eatonville, just north of Orlando. Featuring speakers, exhibitions and more.  
[zorafestival.org](http://zorafestival.org)

### 5 DAYTONA 500> FEB. 17

The 61st running of the historic NASCAR race caps off Speedweek with 200 exciting laps around the 2.5-mile tri-oval track.  
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## TOP SPOTS

Celebrate all the promise of a new year with star-studded performances, and world-class sporting events.

### JAN. 1

#### CITRUS BOWL

Top teams from the Big Ten and the SEC square off to see who will win the trophy in college football's seventh oldest bowl game.  
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### JAN. 11

#### BILLY JOEL

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### JAN. 27

#### NFL PRO BOWL

The NFL's brightest stars battle at Camping World Stadium, with events taking place at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports the week before the big game.  
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### FEB. 16

#### DANCING WITH THE STARS LIVE

TV's biggest dance show dazzles with everything from ballroom dancing to hip-hop.  
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### FEB. 18

#### CAROL BURNETT

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## SHOW STOPPERS

### Abundant Art

Ask what people think when they hear “Orlando,” and they’ll probably mention theme parks. And they’re a big part of The City Beautiful’s charm. But take time to explore the area, and get to know the people and places that make this corner of the world a vibrant hub for the arts—both performing and visual. It’s a whole new world.



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## Creating Magic

Aaron Stratton was born to perform. In fact, he can’t really see himself doing anything else. So when an opportunity to leave West Virginia and move to sunny Florida arose, he seized it. Now, after more than 20 years of making music for Walt Disney World, he continues to love the journey, as he creates magical memories for guests that he encounters every day. We recently sat down over coffee to chat about it. **By Brooke Fehr**

### B: Tell me how you got started with Disney.

A: I actually followed my wife [then girlfriend] down here in June 1996. We had just started dating and she said, “Hey, I’m going to Disney for the summer on this thing called The College Program.” And I thought I could go down as well and get a seasonal job. We were both Disney fans. I’d started singing barbershop in college and I knew there was a quartet on Main Street, so I reached out to a couple of “barbershoppers” that I knew, who were able to get me in contact with the leader of the Dapper Dans. I ended up going for an interview [for a seasonal job] in April. While here, I went to Magic Kingdom, walked into the barber shop, and this guy was working. And he said, “We were just talking about you.” All summer, I would go and hang out with them. Two days before we were leaving to go home, they auditioned and hired me. So I went home for about a month and a half and returned October 1996.

### B: What are some of the roles you’ve played during your career as a Disney performer?

A: I started out singing lead in the Dapper Dans, and while I did that, I learned the other parts. Each one is a different part vocally, but also a different part on the chimes, and also, a different part routine-wise. After I did that, I started looking into other roles. I auditioned for Candlelight Processional, for Voices of Liberty in December 2005 and became a sub. Before that, I also auditioned for the Beauty and the Beast stage show at Disney’s Hollywood Studios.

### B: I still think you should have

### been in the movie.

A: [Laughs] Whatever. That was summer 2001. I auditioned, got approved to train, and trained, but I was as green as they come



with musical theater. So I started doing things outside of Disney, just to work and hone different parts of my art that I hadn’t ever expanded on.

### B: Like what?

A: Mainly acting. Community theater, mostly. I learned a lot about myself as a performer doing things outside of my comfort zone. But that enabled me to go back. So in 2007, I [knew I wanted] to go in a different direction. At that time, Finding Nemo the Musical was brand new, and they decided to bring me on in that.

### B: That must have been a huge learning curve, with puppets and performing and singing?

A: Huge. I thought the Dapper Dans was the hardest show on property. Well, Nemo is up there. The first time I rode out on the Mr. Ray bike, and I was singing, and working the puppet, and visualizing where I had to go, and being in character, it was a lot. During the training, we spent 50 much time on the music. I felt like I had it three days in, but then we spent another three days on it. But when I got on the bike the first time, I understood why. They wanted it to be first nature. And truthfully, the first time, I went out on the bike,

from?” and based on how they respond, I may be there for the next 20 minutes. I may look at my watch, and say, “Oh my goodness, I need to find out what I’m singing in the next three minutes.”

### B: Do you have repeat customers?

A: Yes, and if someone comes back regularly, we want them to feel special. We wouldn’t have the jobs we have if people didn’t come and watch us. There are lots of people that when they come to Disney, they spend the whole day watching Voices of Liberty. And when our shows are done, then they go to the other parks.

### B: If you weren’t working as an entertainer with Disney, what would you be doing?

A: I have no idea. I can’t imagine not being a performer for a living. It’s ALWAYS what I wanted to do. [And] I found Disney. Where else can you be a full-time performer, in the same place, without having to travel? If I wasn’t performing, I’d be cooking somewhere. I love cooking. Specifically pizza.

### B. Other than performing, what are some of your favorite parts of your job?

A: The people. Getting to interact with them. Finishing the show, and going out and finding someone. I want to talk to people. I want to know their story. Also, after being a performer for 22 years, I really love getting to know new performers. Pouring into them, telling them, here are some mistakes I made, here are the things that I feel like have allowed me to stay here so long. That also goes out to people I meet in the rotunda, who have kids in high school, who are looking at Disney as their dream, to sing with Voices of Liberty, and I say, Look, I was once right where you are, 18 years old, down here on my senior trip from high school, sitting on the floor, watching Voices of Liberty, thinking, omigosh, I would LOVE to do this. And, well, be careful what you wish for. You might actually get it. It might actually happen.

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# Cultural Hidden Gems

Walt Disney wasn't the only artistic visionary to discover the captivating beauty of Central Florida. As far back as the 1930s, artists and creative idealists made the area their home, and have left lasting contributions for future generations to explore and enjoy. A visit to a local museum may not be your first goal when visiting Orlando, but these Central Florida art institutions are worthy of a spot on your Central Florida bucket list. Not only do they promote and exhibit world-class art collections, these destinations are in themselves beautiful, peaceful retreats.

By Hancel Deaton.



The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens



Cornell Fine Arts Museum

## Cornell Fine Arts Museum

Beautiful historic Rollins College is the setting of one of the most distinguished art collections in Florida. Overlooking Lake Virginia, the impressive Cornell Fine Arts Museum houses a diverse collection of more than 6,000 American and European works, ranging from the Baroque period to avant-garde contemporary. The museum stays connected with the community by offering a year-round program of lectures by visiting scholars and artists, as well as films, tours and educational classes for adults and children.

### THE ALBIN POLASEK MUSEUM & SCULPTURE GARDENS

Sculptor Albin Polasek left an impressive artistic legacy in Central Florida. Born in Moravia (now the Czech Republic), Polasek immigrated to the United States as a young man, and after studying at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, he spent much of his career as the head of the sculpture department at the prestigious Art Institute of Chicago. As an artist, Polasek is celebrated for the beauty of motion in his works, believing that movement in a sculpted piece illustrated the difference between something full of life and an inanimate object. Polasek retired to Winter Park, where he suffered a stroke soon after that left him partially paralyzed and wheelchair-bound for the rest of his life. Always a prolific artist, he continued his work, and created 18 additional major works, using only his right hand. Today, a permanent

collection of his works can be seen throughout the museum and in the surrounding sculpture gardens.

### MAITLAND ART CENTER

Founded as the Research Studio in 1937 by J. Andre Smith, Maitland Art Center originally served as an art colony, hosting some of the most prominent artists of the 20th century. Smith himself was a renowned artist and architect and center, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a work of art as well. He designed, sculpted and hand-carved from concrete many of the Mayan and Aztec-inspired motifs found throughout the grounds. The center's tranquil setting includes an outdoor chapel, which Smith created for his mother, and a courtyard shaded by giant oaks draped in Spanish moss. Today, the art center functions much as it did when it was built almost 75 years ago—as a haven for artists to create art.

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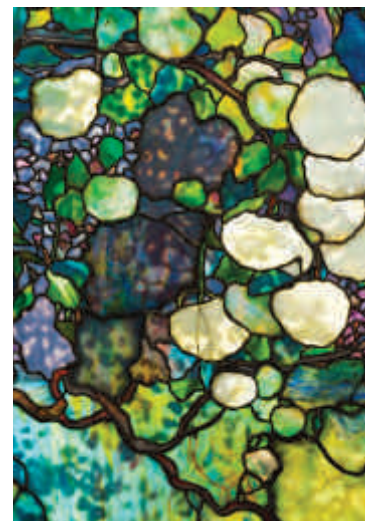
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Window, c. 1898. Guelder rose (snowball bush) and wisteria. Leaded glass, Tiffany Glass and Decorating Company, New York City, 1892–1900.

## Don't Miss Tiffany at the Morse Museum

**WINTER PARK, Fla.** — Of the many unexpected pleasures awaiting visitors to Central Florida, none may be as dazzling as a stroll through the galleries of The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art, home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany.

The Tiffany collection at the Morse includes the designer's jewelry, pottery, paintings and art glass, as well as his famed leaded-glass lamps and windows. Highlights include the restored Byzantine-Romanesque chapel interior that Tiffany designed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago and art and architectural objects from his celebrated Long Island estate, Laurelton Hall.

The Morse was founded by Jeannette Genius McKean (1909–89) in 1942 and named for her industrialist grandfather. She and her husband, Hugh F. McKean (1908–95), the Museum's director until his death, built the collection over a 50-year period. In 1957, when a fire ravaged Tiffany's Laurelton Hall, the McKean family salvaged all that they could from the ruins for the Morse.

In the Museum's galleries, visitors will also find exhibits of American art pottery, Art Nouveau furnishings and objects, and late 19th- and early 20th-century American paintings.

For more information, call (407) 645-5311 or visit [www.morsemuseum.org](http://www.morsemuseum.org).

become a favorite with its Odditorium. [www.ripleys.com/orlando](http://www.ripleys.com/orlando). 8201 International Drive, 407.345.0501.

**SEA LIFE AQUARIUM**—Experience many underwater worlds filled with a huge array of sea creatures. Come face-to-face with sharks, visit the hands-on touch pool and the interactive “talking” aquarium or stroll through the 360-degree ocean tunnel. [www.visitsealife.com/orlando](http://www.visitsealife.com/orlando). I-Drive 360, 8449 International Drive, .

**SHOWCASE OF CITRUS**—A 2,500-acre you-pick farm with 50 varieties of citrus, when in season. Visitors can shop for homemade products in the country store, enjoy a famous frozen creamsicle or take a safari tour on a giant 4x4. [www.showcaseofcitrus.com](http://www.showcaseofcitrus.com). 5010 US Highway 27, Clermont, 352.394.4377.

**SKELETONS**—See 500 skeletons of a variety of animals in clever and unusual poses and dioramas. Part of the educational and “icky” fun is a tank where real bones are still in the decomposition process and crawling with flesh-eating beetles. [www.skeletonmuseum.com](http://www.skeletonmuseum.com). I-Drive 360, 8441 International Drive, 407.203.6999.

## Beyond Orlando

**BOK TOWER GARDENS**—National Historic Landmark sits on peninsular Florida's highest point and features Olmsted-designed landscaped gardens crowned with a majestic bell tower that plays music by the hour. Open daily and holidays. Admission \$14 adults; \$5 children. [www.boktowergardens.org](http://www.boktowergardens.org). 1151 Tower Blvd., Lake Wales, 863.676.1408.

**CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM**—Come see Winter, the star of the hit movie, “Dolphin Tale!” She calls this place home, along with sea turtles, otters, stingrays and sharks. Don't miss the eco boat tour and the behind the scenes tour. [www.seewinter.com](http://www.seewinter.com). 249 Windward Passage, Clearwater, 727.441.1790.

**DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY**—If you can't come for one of their world-famous races, daily tours give you a look inside the World Center of Racing. See the famed track and pit road, the Drivers Meeting Room, Sprint Cup garages, Gatorade Victory Lane and the press box. [www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com](http://www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com). 1801 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, 800.PIT.SHOP.

**KENNEDY SPACE CENTER VISITOR COMPLEX**—One of Florida's most-popular destinations, Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex tells the epic story of the U.S. space program. Visitors can stand nose-to-nose with the real Space Shuttle Atlantis, witness an amazing rocket launch in person and meet a real-life astronaut in Astronaut Encounter. Train like an astronaut in the new Astronaut Training Experience (ATX). Discover the mysteries of Mars, take a spacewalk and practice docking your spacecraft. Open daily. [www.kennedyspacecenter.com](http://www.kennedyspacecenter.com). Kennedy Space Center, State Road 405, 855.433.4210.

## Kissimmee

**THE DOCKS AT SHINGLE CREEK**—Explore the headwaters of the Everglades at this convenient location, which includes kayak, canoe and private deck rentals. Special accommodations also make paddling accessible for guests with limited mobility. [www.thedocksatshinglecreek.com/](http://www.thedocksatshinglecreek.com/). 407.785.4466.



## Miniature Golf

**BONANZA GOLF & GIFTS**—Look for the Big Mountain near Disney's West Gate where you can play two courses. <https://www.bonanzagolf.com/>. 7761 W Highway 192, 407.396.7536. Map 4, C6

**HAWAIIAN RUMBLE ADVENTURE GOLF**—Play in an elaborate Hawaiian setting complete with waterfalls, a volcano and two courses. [www.hawaiianrumbleorlando.com](http://www.hawaiianrumbleorlando.com). 13529 S. Apopka Vineland Road, 407.239.8300.

**HOLLYWOOD DRIVE-IN GOLF**—Located at Universal's CityWalk, this outrageously themed course includes two 18-hole options where players choose from a sci-fi or a haunted house setting. [www.hollywooddriveingolf.com](http://www.hollywooddriveingolf.com). Universal City Walk, 6000 Universal Blvd., 407.802.4848.

## Museums

**ALBIN POLASEK MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE GARDENS**—Listed on the National Register for Historic Places and a member of the National Trust's historic Artists' Homes and Studios, the museum exhibits a permanent collection plus 3 acres of lakefront sculpture gardens. Tu-Sa 10 am–4 pm, Su 1–4 pm. Admission \$5 adults; \$4 seniors; \$3 students. [www.polasek.org](http://www.polasek.org). 633 Osceola Ave., Winter Park, 407.647.6294.

**CORNELL FINE ARTS MUSEUM AT ROLLINS COLLEGE**—Featuring a prestigious collection of European and American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts, alongside student and visiting artist exhibitions on the beautiful lakefront campus of Rollins College. Free admission. [www.rollins.edu/cfam](http://www.rollins.edu/cfam). 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park, 407.646.2526.

**MENNELLO MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART**—This beautiful lakefront facility is home to sculpture gardens and a permanent collection of paintings by American Primitive artist Earl Cunningham, along with other traditional and contemporary artists. Closed M. [www.mennellomuseum.org](http://www.mennellomuseum.org). 900 E. Princeton St., Loch Haven Cultural Park, 407.246.4278.

**MORSE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART**—Featuring the world's most comprehensive collection of work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, including glass windows and lamps, blown glass, pottery, jewelry, his 1893 chapel interior and art and architectural elements from his celebrated Long Island estate, Laurelton Hall. Exhibits also include late-19th- and early-20th-century American art pottery, paintings and decorative art. [www.morsemuseum.org](http://www.morsemuseum.org). 445 N. Park Ave., Winter Park, 407.645.5311.

**ORLANDO AUTO MUSEUM**—Coming Soon. World's largest collection of Hollywood cars, Vespa scooters, microcars and more. [www.orlandoautomuseum.com](http://www.orlandoautomuseum.com). Dezerland Action Park, 5232 International Dr., 321.745.1700

**ORLANDO SCIENCE CENTER**—Themed exhibits teach while they entertain. The center also features an observatory, with one of the region's most powerful telescopes, and a CineDome with large-format films and laser-light shows. Closed W. [www.osc.org](http://www.osc.org). Loch Haven Cultural Park, 777 E. Princeton St., 407.514.2000.

## Parks & Gardens

**BLUE SPRING STATE PARK**—Covering more than 2,600 acres, this park is popular for fishing, diving and swimming in the summer months. In the winter,

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the springs are a refuge for a growing population of West Indian manatees. The water is closed during manatee season, mid-November through March 15, however, visitors are invited to observe the amazing creatures. Open 8 am to sundown daily. \$6 per vehicle. [www.floridastateparks.org/bluespring/](http://www.floridastateparks.org/bluespring/). 2100 W. French Ave., Orange City, 386.775.3663.

### Theme Parks

**DISCOVERY COVE**—Swim with dolphins, wade with rays, snorkel among thousands of exotic fish and hand-feed tropical birds in a free-flight aviary. Discovery Cove's full-day, all-inclusive adventures include all meals, drinks and gear along with admission to SeaWorld and Aquatica. [www.discoverycove.com](http://www.discoverycove.com). 6000 Discovery Cove Way, 407.513.4600.

**LEGOLAND FLORIDA**—Built especially for kids, this 150-acre theme park offers more than 50 rides, shows and attractions plus a water park and a deluxe themed hotel, located just steps from the front entrance to the theme park. [www.legoland.com](http://www.legoland.com). One Legoland Way, Winter Haven, 877.350.5346.

**SEAWORLD**—Immerse yourself in the sea, from up-close animal encounters to awe-inspiring performances to thrilling rides. Come face-to-face with Shamu, play at Happy Harbor, watch a dolphin show, feed a sea lion, ride the roller coasters Mako, Manta and Kraken, and shop and dine at the Waterfront. [www.seaworldorlando.com](http://www.seaworldorlando.com). 7007 SeaWorld Dr., 407.545.5550.

**UNIVERSAL ORLANDO RESORT, ISLANDS OF ADVENTURE**—Everyone has fun with six uniquely themed islands: Seuss Landing, The Lost Continent, Jurassic Park, Toon Lagoon, Marvel Super Hero Island and The Wizarding World of Harry Potter. Each highlights adventure, storytelling and the most technologically advanced rides, attractions and shows. Best bets are The Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man, King Kong and Jurassic Park, along with Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey at Hogsmeade. The Hogwarts Express connects Hogsmeade with Diagon Alley at Universal Studios and requires a two-day park pass. [www.universalorlando.com](http://www.universalorlando.com). 1000 Universal Studios Plaza, 407.363.8000.

**WALT DISNEY WORLD, ANIMAL KINGDOM**—From live animals to dinosaurs and animal characters, your imagination runs wild in this beautifully designed park. Hop aboard a safari in Africa for close animal encounters then head to Asia's Mount Everest coaster. The petting zoo, DinoLand U.S.A. and the themed playground will win over the kids, along with "The Lion King" live show. [www.disneyworld.disney.go.com](http://www.disneyworld.disney.go.com). Walt Disney World, 2901 Osceola Parkway 407.824.4321.

**WALT DISNEY WORLD, HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS**—This theme park dives into Hollywood with live stage shows and movie-themed rides. Must-stops are Tower of Terror, Rock 'n' Roller Coaster, Toy Story Mania and the Disney Jr. and "Frozen" live shows. Don't miss the new Star Wars areas and the new "Star Wars: A Galactic Spectacular" fireworks show. [www.disneyworld.com](http://www.disneyworld.com). 351 S. Studio Drive, Lake Buena Vista, 407.824.4321.

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**FOREVER FLORIDA**—Conquer Central Florida's biggest zip line trail or explore 4,700 acres of pristine conservation lands with the Trail Buggy Adventure. <https://www.foreverflorida.com/>. 4755 N. Kenansville Road, St. Cloud, 407.957.9794.

**INTERNATIONAL HELI-TOURS**—See Orlando and its main attractions from the unique perspective of a helicopter with various tours and times available. [www.orlandohelitours.com](http://www.orlandohelitours.com). 12651 International Drive, 407.239.TOUR.

**SHINGLE CREEK PADDLING CENTER**—Shingle Creek is the source of the Florida Everglades, and it's located right here in Central Florida. Rent a canoe or kayak or take a guided tour on an electric boat to enjoy the beautiful nature that surrounds. [www.paddlingcenter.com](http://www.paddlingcenter.com). 4266 W. Vine St., 407.344.0881. 407.343.7740.

**WARBIRD ADVENTURES**—Come fly like the aces of yesteryear in some of the most significant military aircraft in history. Perfect for beginning fliers and even pilots, you take the controls in the front seat while an experienced instructor rides along. [www.warbirdadventures.com](http://www.warbirdadventures.com). 233 N. Hoagland Blvd., Kissimmee, 407.870.7366.

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**WINTER PARK SCENIC BOAT TOUR**—Relax on this one-hour narrated tour through the lakes and canals of beautiful Winter Park. See waterfront homes while learning the history of this quaint community. Rides daily from 10 am to 4 pm, cash or checks only. [www.scenicboatours.com](http://www.scenicboatours.com). 312 E. Morse Blvd., Winter Park, 407.644.4056.

### Water Parks

**SEAWORLD'S AQUATICA**—Enjoy the serene to the wild, with white, sandy beaches, up-close animal experiences, lush landscaping and thrilling rides. Try the new Ihu's Breakaway Falls, an 80-foot slide with four, 360-degree turns. [www.aquaticabyseaworld.com](http://www.aquaticabyseaworld.com). 5800 Water Play Way, 407.545.5550.

**WALT DISNEY WORLD, BLIZZARD BEACH**—Chill at the Melt-Away-Bay wave pool, take a ride on the chair lift to the top of the mountain, zip down the 12-story Mount Gushmore or catch a thrill on Summit Plummet. Fun for all ages. [www.disneyworld.com](http://www.disneyworld.com). Walt Disney World Resort, 1534 W. Buena Vista Drive, 407.939.7812.

**WALT DISNEY WORLD, TYPHOON LAGOON**—Float along a lazy river, ride a water coaster, plunge down nine water slides and take on one of the world's largest artificially created waves. [www.disneyworld.com](http://www.disneyworld.com). 1145 E. Buena Vista Drive, 407.824.4321.







# Golf | January/February



## Grande Lakes at Ritz-Carlton

Set at the headwaters of the Florida Everglades, this Greg Norman-designed course offers two distinct settings. Several holes are routed through pristine areas, where preserved wetlands and natural woodlands dominate. By contrast, the three dynamic finishing holes weave alongside two towering hotels. Caddie-concierge service available. [www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/orlando/area-activities/golf](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/orlando/area-activities/golf). 4048 Central Florida Parkway, 407.393.4922.

## Golf Courses

**BAY HILL CLUB & LODGE**—Guests of the 70-room lodge have access to the famous home course of Arnold Palmer, featuring 27 holes along the scenic Butler Chain of Lakes. Amenities also include a spa and salon, marina, tennis courts, restaurant and the Arnold Palmer Golf Academy. [www.bayhill.com](http://www.bayhill.com). 9000 Bay Hill Blvd., 888.422.9445.

**CELEBRATION GOLF CLUB**—This course's magnificent par-72, 7,028-yard championship layout was designed by world-renowned golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Sr. and his son, Robert Trent Jones Jr. Amenities include a double-sided aquatic driving range and the Windmill Tavern. [www.celebrationgolf.com](http://www.celebrationgolf.com). 701 Golf Park Drive, Celebration, 407.566.4653.

**CHAMPIONSGATE**—Designed by Greg Norman, this course offers golfers two distinct experiences. The National is an American, parkland-style course carved from farmland and citrus groves. Golfers enjoy the memorable par-3 holes, forging fairways and sweeping sand bunkering. The International offers a British Isles links experience, promising a demanding game with its sand dunes and scruffy roughs. [www.championsgategolf.com](http://www.championsgategolf.com). Omni Orlando Resort, 8575 White Shark Blvd., 407.787.4653.

**DUBSDREAD**—Orlando's only municipal course, which opened in 1924, features plentiful live oak trees, impressive landscaping and the Taproom, home to one of the best burgers in town. [www.historicaldubsdread.com](http://www.historicaldubsdread.com). 549 W. Par St., 407.246.2551.

**EAGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB**—A par-73, 18-hole championship golf course with five par-5 holes designed by Ron Garl and Howard Swan. This distinctive course blends American and European design with Scottish-style bunkers and bulkheads around greens. It's the first course in Florida with mini-verde greens. [www.eaglecreekorlando.com](http://www.eaglecreekorlando.com). 10350 Emerson Lake Blvd., 407.273.4653.

**FALCON'S FIRE**—Rated one of the best public courses by Golf Digest, this Rees Jones Signature-designed championship course is challenging yet playable for golfers of all skill levels and stretches over 7,000 yards from the back tees. [www.falconsfire.com](http://www.falconsfire.com). 3200 Seralago Blvd., Kissimmee, 407.239.5445.

**GRAND CYPRESS GOLF CLUB**—Whether you're looking to improve your game or just want somewhere to spend a relaxing afternoon, you'll find everything comes together here with 45 holes of Jack Nicklaus Signature golf. The golf academy has been ranked among the nation's

top golf schools. [www.grandcypress.com/golf\\_club](http://www.grandcypress.com/golf_club). One N. Jacaranda St., 877.330.7377.

**HARMONY GOLF PRESERVE**—The front nine of this Johnny Miller-designed course meanders through the community of Harmony while the back nine winds through acres of lakes, woods and conservation areas. [www.harmonygolfpreserve.com](http://www.harmonygolfpreserve.com). 7251 Five Oaks Drive, Harmony, 407.891.8525.

**HAWK'S LANDING GOLF CLUB**—Hawk's Landing Golf Club spans 220 acres on this par 71, 18-hole course designed by Robert Cupp Jr. Golfers can hone their skills at The Jack Nicklaus Academy of Golf and refuel at the club's steakhouse. [www.golfhawkslanding.com](http://www.golfhawkslanding.com). 8701 World Center Drive, 800.567.2623.

**MARRIOTT GRANDE VISTA GOLF CLUB**—Surrounded by magnificent oaks and beautiful cypress trees, the Vista course sits on the headwaters of the Florida Everglades. The nine-hole, par-32 Ron Garl design with golf academy encourages learning and development for all levels but also provides challenges for the most avid golfer. [www.grandevistagolf.com](http://www.grandevistagolf.com). 12001 Avenida Verde, 407.238.7677.

**MYSTIC DUNES GOLF CLUB**—Designed by Champions Tour player and NBC golf analyst Gary Koch and highly rated by Golf Digest magazine, the par-72 course is distinguished by

80-foot elevation changes, rolling sand dunes, mature oaks and large wetland areas. The front and back nines are distinctly different, including the "low country" front, reminiscent of classic Carolina courses, and the British Isles-style back with pot bunkers and lush, rolling fairways. [mystic-dunes-resort.com/golf](http://mystic-dunes-resort.com/golf). 7600 Mystic Dunes Lane, Celebration, 407.787.5678.

**ORANGE COUNTY NATIONAL**—Three distinct courses include the Crooked Cat, a winding, links-style course offering unpredictable play and a memorable back nine; Panther Lake, 7,350 yards of notable vegetation, landscapes and elevations; and Tooth, a nine-hole executive course on a man-made lake that is great for warm-up, practice and kids. [www.ocgolf.com](http://www.ocgolf.com). 16301 Phil Ritson Way, Winter Garden, 407.656.2626.

**PROVIDENCE GOLF CLUB**—The 18-hole, semi-private Mike Dasher-designed course will test the physical and mental skills of your game. The course winds its way through creeks and lakes surrounded by large palms and hardwoods. Picturesque holes are challenging yet fair. [www.providence-golf.com](http://www.providence-golf.com). 1518 Clubhouse Blvd., Davenport, 863.424.7916.

**REUNION RESORT**—Three courses are designed by the biggest names in golf. Arnold Palmer's Legacy Course is a 6,916-yard, par-72, 18-hole course with dramatic, rolling hills. Jack Nicklaus' Tradition Course is smooth with long horizon lines, tempting you to hit big. Tom Watson's

7,154-yard, par-72 Independence Course hosts a variety of bunkers and large greens. [www.reunionresort.com](http://www.reunionresort.com). 7593 Gathering Drive, Kissimmee, 866.880.8563.

**ROYAL ST. CLOUD GOLF LINKS**—"The No. 1 Rated Links Course in Orlando" by Buick Style & Review magazine. For players who appreciate the historic courses of the British Isles, they'll love the 27 holes of this spectacular links design, all on emerald-green fairways and silky-smooth greens and with four tee choices up to 7,103 yards. Players will experience genuine links golf on every hole and every shot. [www.royalstcloudgolf.com](http://www.royalstcloudgolf.com). 5310 Michigan Ave., St. Cloud, 407.891.7010.

**SHINGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB**—Reconfigured by the Arnold Palmer Design Company, the course at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort will challenge even the most-seasoned golfer with increased and well-placed bunkers and greens that vary in size and degree of slope. The resort also features the Brad Brewer Golf Academy, tournament conditions, complimentary valet and a GPS yardage system. [www.shinglecreekgolf.com](http://www.shinglecreekgolf.com). 9939 Universal Blvd., 407.996.9933.

**SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**—Designed by Steve Smyers, it's consistently recognized by Golf Digest, Golf Week, and Links magazines as one of Florida's best. The hillside layout stretches over 7,200 yards with 100 feet of elevation changes and great views of fairways. Fast rolling greens test even the

most experienced golfer. [www.southerndunes.com](http://www.southerndunes.com). 2888 Southern Dunes Blvd., Haines City, 863.421.4653.

**THE LEGENDS AT ORANGE LAKE RESORT**—The crown jewel of this multicourse golf club is The Legends, featuring the Links and the Pines designed by Arnold Palmer. Reminiscent of an old Scottish-style course, the Links contains one of the longest holes in Florida. The Pines is tree-lined nearly every step of the way. [www.orangelake.com](http://www.orangelake.com). 8505 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway 192, Kissimmee, 407.239.1050.

**WALT DISNEY WORLD GOLF-LAKE BUENA VISTA**—Old-fashioned styling gives this course a country-club feel. While technically shorter than other Disney courses, this combines ubiquitous water with narrow fairways to create a challenging game. [www.golfwdw.com](http://www.golfwdw.com). Walt Disney World Resort, 407.939.4653.

**WALT DISNEY WORLD GOLF-OAK TRAIL**—A nine-hole, par-36 course, Oak Trail was designed with families in mind. [www.golfwdw.com](http://www.golfwdw.com). Walt Disney World Resort, 407.939.4653.

**WALT DISNEY WORLD GOLF-PALM**—Shorter and tighter than Magnolia, the Palm is a classic Florida course with elevated greens, tees and lots of water. [www.golfwdw.com](http://www.golfwdw.com). Walt Disney World Resort, 407.939.4653.

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# Entertainment | January/February



## Feb. 21: Sarah Brightman

The renowned soprano of "Phantom of the Opera" fame appears at the Dr. Phillips Center with *HYMN*, her fifteenth album. "To me, 'hymn,' suggests joy—a feeling of hope and light, something that is familiar and secure, and I hope that sentiment resonates through the music," shares Brightman. 445 S. Magnolia Ave., [drphillipscenter.org](http://drphillipscenter.org)



## Jan. 12: Johnny Mathis

Celebrating his 63rd year in the music industry, the legendary singer makes a stop in Orlando for his 2019 Voice of Romance Tour. Known for such classics as "Chances Are," "It's Not for Me to Say," and "Misty," Mathis will perform some of his greatest hits as well as personal favorites. 445 S. Magnolia Ave., [drphillipscenter.org](http://drphillipscenter.org)



## Medieval Times

Witness the spectacle as daring knights compete and joust atop Andalusian stallions with action sequences that leave guests breathless. Walk through a medieval village and enjoy a four-course banquet with no silverware. 4510 W. Vine St., Kissimmee, 888.935.6878, [www.medievaltimes.com](http://www.medievaltimes.com).

## Bars, Lounges & Clubs

**BLUE MARTINI**—This classy and chic martini lounge is the perfect place to grab dinner or drinks, whether it's happy hour or late-night. Choose from cocktails, champagne and wine to specialty martinis, from a lemon drop or a cosmo to the signature Blue Martini made with Van Gogh blue vodka, cointreau and blue curacao that's served with a glow stick. [www.bluemartinilounge.com](http://www.bluemartinilounge.com). 9101 International Drive, 407.447.2583.

**BOB MARLEY: A TRIBUTE TO FREEDOM**—Live music and island drinks flow from a re-creation of Marley's home in Kingston, Jamaica. [www.universalarlando.com](http://www.universalarlando.com). Universal CityWalk, 407.224.2262.

**BÖSENDORFER LOUNGE**—The Grand Bohemian's hotel lounge is home to an Imperial Grand Bösendorfer piano, one of only two in the world. Live jazz and a DJ on weekends. [www.grandbohemianhotel.com](http://www.grandbohemianhotel.com). 325 S. Orange Ave., 407.313.9000.

**PAT O'BRIEN'S**—Sip a famous Hurricane, the 24-ounce, signature rum drink, while chatting around the flaming fountain on the courtyard straight out of New Orleans. Or head inside to sing along to the dueling pianos. [www.patobriens.com](http://www.patobriens.com). Universal CityWalk, 6000 Universal Blvd., 407.224.2102.

**THE PHARMACY**—Enter through an unmarked elevator door to a 1920s-style speakeasy known for its craft cocktails and farm-to-table cuisine. Order the Pharmacy Manhattan and get a round of small

plates for the table. D (Tu-Sa). [www.thepharmacyorlando.com](http://www.thepharmacyorlando.com). 8060 Via Dellagio Way, 407.985.2972.

**SEÑOR FROG'S**—A colorful, festive venue which invites children to come early but adults to stay late with live entertainment and music. [www.seniorfrogsorlando.com](http://www.seniorfrogsorlando.com). 8747 International Drive, 407.351.2525.

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## Bars: LGBTQ

**PARLIAMENT HOUSE**—A LGBTQ nightclub resort with seven venues including a disco, live theater and a swimming pool. [www.parlimenthouse.com](http://www.parlimenthouse.com). 410 N. Orange Blossom Trail, 407.425.7571.

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**SAVOY**—A low-key LGBTQ bar in the popular Ivanhoe Row district near downtown with a back patio and pool tables. [www.savoyorlando.com](http://www.savoyorlando.com). 1913 N. Orange Ave.

**SOUTHERN NIGHTS**—A popular night spot for the local LGBTQ community in Orlando's Milk District. [www.southernnightssorl.com](http://www.southernnightssorl.com). 375 S. Bumby Ave., 407.412.5039.

## Breweries/Pubs

**CROOKED CAN BREWERY**—This popular brewery is worth the trip to charming Winter Garden, where Crooked Can shares space with other artisans in Plant Street Market. You can also look for Crooked Can on area menus at restaurants like Raglan Road. [www.crookedcan.com](http://www.crookedcan.com). 426 W. Plant St., 407.395.9520.

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**AMC DISNEY SPRINGS**—Features 24 screens with loveseat-style, stadium seating and Dine-In, allowing guests to order dinner and cocktails to their seats at the touch of a button. [www.dinein.amctheatres.com](http://www.dinein.amctheatres.com). 1500 E. Buena Vista Drive, 888.262.4386.

**AMC UNIVERSAL CINEPLEX 20**—This 20-theater Cineplex features wall-to-wall screens, state-of-the-art projection and stadium-style seating. [www.amctheatres.com](http://www.amctheatres.com). CityWalk, 6000 Universal Blvd., 407.354.3374.

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**INTERNATIONAL DRIVE**—This stretch between Universal and SeaWorld is a hub for nightlife and entertainment for adults or the whole family. Find dinner shows, game centers, night clubs or relaxed pubs, especially concentrated around the I-Drive 360 and Pointe Orlando. [www.internationaldriveorlando.com](http://www.internationaldriveorlando.com). 407.248.9590.

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## Live Music

**THE BEACHAM/THE SOCIAL**—This is the place to go downtown to see the most current and up-and-coming indie bands. [www.thebeacham.com](http://www.thebeacham.com). 46 N. Orange Ave. and 54 N. Orange Ave., 407.246.1419.

**HARD ROCK LIVE**—The 3,000-capacity concert hall is equipped with the latest in sound and light technology, bringing in some of the biggest names in music. [www.hardrock.com](http://www.hardrock.com). CityWalk, 6050 Universal Blvd., 407.351.5483.

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**WILL'S PUB/LIL INDIES**—A neighborhood bar, live music venue and anchor of the Orlando's creative district. Conveniently connected, Lil Indies is an intimate, cozy, nonsmoking speakeasy serving craft beer, wine and cocktails perfect for conversations, dates and parties. [www.willspub.org](http://www.willspub.org). 1042 N. Mills Ave.,

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**AMWAY CENTER**—Home to the Orlando Magic basketball team, this venue also plays host to major shows and concerts. [www.amwaycenter.com](http://www.amwaycenter.com). 400 W Church St., 407.440.7000.

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**ORLANDO BALLET**—Central Florida's only professional resident ballet company, with performances at the Dr. Phillips Center for Performing Arts. [www.orlandoballet.org](http://www.orlandoballet.org). 3751 Maguire Blvd., 407.426.1733.

**ORLANDO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA**—Central Florida's resident orchestra, appearing in more than 125 performances each season. [www.orlando-phil.org](http://www.orlando-phil.org). 425 N. Bumby Ave., 407.770.0071.

**ORLANDO SHAKESPEARE THEATER**—This full-season professional theater includes the works of William Shakespeare and other classics, holiday comedies and a series of plays for young audiences. [www.orlandoshakes.org](http://www.orlandoshakes.org). Loch Haven Cultural Park, Lowndes Shakespeare Center, 812 E. Rollins St., 407.447.1700.

**SAK COMEDY LAB**—Wayne Brady of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" provided spectators with comic relief

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**JELLYROLLS**—Make a request at this lively piano bar (they know everything), and then sing along with the dueling piano players. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/entertainment/boardwalk/jellyrolls/>. Disney's BoardWalk, 2101 N. Epcot Resorts Blvd., 407.560.8770.

**HOWL AT THE MOON**—For a rowdy good time, head to this high-energy piano bar. Entertainers tickle the ivories as well as your funny bones while playing the best music from the '70s to today. 8815 International Dr., 407.354.5999.

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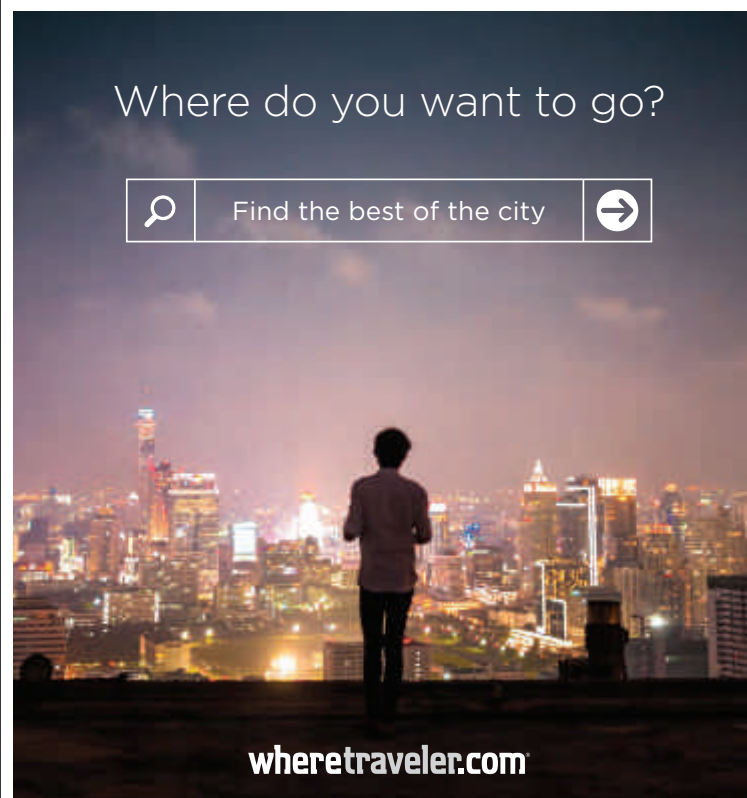
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**JEWELS BY PETER B**—Houses famous jewelry makers and custom designs as well as offers appraisals, free jewelry inspection and cleaning. [www.rocksfinejewelry.com](http://www.rocksfinejewelry.com). 501 S. Park Ave., Winter Park, 407.644.5581

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**ORLANDO WATCH COMPANY**—This family-run shop in the heart of Winter Park specializes in new and secondhand timepieces, collectible vintage watches and repair. [www.orlandowatchco.com](http://www.orlandowatchco.com). 326 N. Park Ave., Winter Park, 407.975.9137.

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**RON JON SURF SHOP**—The famous Cocoa Beach surf shop opened this ultra-cool sister store in Orlando. Here you can shop for hip surfwear, swimwear and beach accessories, in addition to surfboards and skateboards. Suncare products are available here as well—everything you need for a day at the beach. Open daily. [www.ronjons.com](http://www.ronjons.com). Florida Mall, 8001 S. Orange Blossom Trail, 407.563.8888.

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## Wolfgang Puck Bar & Grill

The fourth location for the celeb chef's "bar & grill" concept has arrived in Disney Springs. Featuring approachable dining with a touch of California elegance, this spot showcases a menu designed to suit every occasion – from casual, leisurely meals to lavish, celebratory gatherings. [www.disney.go.com](http://www.disney.go.com)



## Hawkers

Named for Asian street vendors who create and sell dishes from mobile carts, the local micro-chain delivers on a dim sum concept celebrating the best of flavors from throughout the Far East. New can't-miss menu items include Seoul Hot Chicken Baos, Salt-N-Pepa Ribs, and Dry-Pot Caulilini. Roti is a must. [www.eathawkers.com](http://www.eathawkers.com)

## Disney Area

**EARL OF SANDWICH**—Sandwiches. Hot sandwiches, wraps and hokies piled high really hit the spot during a day at Disney Springs. B, L, D (daily). [www.earlofsandwichusa.com](http://www.earlofsandwichusa.com). Downtown Disney, 1750 E. Buena Vista Drive, 407.938.1762. \$

**PLANCHA**—Cuban. Plancha at the Four Seasons Golf Club offers a lakeside setting with Cubana sandwiches, empanadas and the chorizo burger along with mojitos and a Hemingway daiquiri. L, D (daily), Br (Su). [www.fourseasons.com](http://www.fourseasons.com). 10100 Dream Tree Blvd., 407.313.7777. \$\$\$

**SHULA'S STEAK HOUSE**—Steak. Shula's is dedicated to the 1972 Miami Dolphin's "Perfect Season." Custom Angus steaks combined with their aging process make up an award-winning "Shula Cut." Maine lobster and hearty side dishes round out the experience. Free daycare provided. D (nightly). [www.swandolphinrestaurants.com/shulas](http://www.swandolphinrestaurants.com/shulas). Swan and Dolphin Resort, 1500 Epcot Resorts Blvd., 407.934.1362. \$\$\$

**THE POLITE PIG**—American. This modern barbecue spot, from Orlando culinary super couple James and Julie Petrakis, serves up an ever-changing list of inspired, comfort food eats, with drinks on tap, from soft drinks and beer to cocktails. Town Center, 407.938.7444.

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tails are a specialty of the house, and a full liquor bar is also available. A selection of craft beer is available as well. Dining options include small plates and family style entrees. Or pick up a picnic from The Basket. [www.winebargeorge.com/](http://www.winebargeorge.com/). 407.490.1800.

## Downtown

**BOHEME RESTAURANT**—New American. This elegant downtown restaurant boasts a fabulous art collection along with a prestigious AAA Four-Diamond rating. The cuisine is eclectic nouvelle with French and Pacific Rim influences. B, L, D (daily), Br (Su). [www.grandbohemianhotel.com](http://www.grandbohemianhotel.com). The Grand Bohemian, 325 S. Orange Ave., 407.313.9000. \$\$\$

**RUSTY SPOON**—Farm-to-Table. Three-time James Beard nominee Chef Kathleen Blake brings farm-to-table goodness to downtown Orlando. L (M-F), D (nightly). [www.rustyspoon.com](http://www.rustyspoon.com). 55 W. Church St., 407.401.8811. \$\$\$

**DOVECOTE**—Brasserie. This innovative take on the classic brasserie offers diners elegant options ranging from a quick bite or power lunch to after-work drink and fine dining experience. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). [www.dovecoteorlando.com](http://www.dovecoteorlando.com). 390 N. Orange Ave., 407.930.1700. \$\$\$

## International Drive

**A LAND REMEMBERED**—Steak. Old Florida charm abounds with artifacts and photos from the state's

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past. Organic steaks from the Harris Ranch are the main feature. Specialties include "Chateaubriand for Two" with organic wild mushrooms. L, D (daily). [www.landremembere Restaurant.com](http://www.landremembere Restaurant.com). Rosen Shingle Creek, 9939 Universal Blvd., 407.996.3663. \$\$\$

**CALA BELLA**—Italian. This Italian bistro makes everyone feel at home. Cozy up to the bar for a full dinner and watch chefs skillfully prepare Italian delights such as mozzarella stuffed meatballs and veal marsala. D (nightly). [www.calabellarestaurant.com](http://www.calabellarestaurant.com). Rosen Shingle Creek, 9939 Universal Blvd., 407.996.3663. \$\$\$

**EVERGLADES RESTAURANT**—Steak/Seafood. The unusual menu of gator chowder and buffalo tenderloin works well with the Everglades-themed dining room complete with murals depicting nature scenes. D (nightly). [www.evergladesrestaurant.com](http://www.evergladesrestaurant.com). The Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, 407.996.2385. \$\$\$

**HASH HOUSE A GO GO**—American. Hearty portions of comfort food favorites such as stacks of flapjacks, BLTs, burgers, fried chicken and meatloaf. The dining room is modern and slick. B, L (M-F), D, Br (daily). [www.hashhouseagogo.com](http://www.hashhouseagogo.com). 5350 International Drive, 407.370.4646. \$\$

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SAND LAKE ROAD in the affluent neighborhood of Dr. Phillips near Universal Resort has so many high-end restaurants that it's been dubbed "Restaurant Row."







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plimentary valet. D (nightly). [www.jacksplacereaurant.com](http://www.jacksplacereaurant.com). The Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, 407.996.1787. \$\$\$

**JOE'S CRAB SHACK**—**Seafood**. Offers an array of all kinds of crabs and seafood along with appetizers, pasta, steaks and chicken. Outdoor playground for the kids. L, D (daily). [www.joescrabshack.com](http://www.joescrabshack.com). 10 Blake Blvd., Celebration, 321.939.6880; 8400 International Drive, 407.352.2928.; 7903 Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, 407.787.0041. \$\$

**THE OCEANAIRE SEAFOOD ROOM**—**Seafood**. This upscale dining room at Pointe Orlando is dedicated to fresh seafood. Specialties include chicken fried lobster and pan-seared Florida black grouper. D (nightly). [www.theoceanaire.com](http://www.theoceanaire.com). Pointe Orlando, 9101 International Drive, 407.363.4801. \$\$\$

**TONY ROMA'S**—**American Casual**. Experience the new Tony Roma's restaurant on International Drive! See the new modern décor, flexible dining spaces, a sensational new menu that blends classic Tony Roma's menu items with bold, innovative new dishes, a vibrant indoor/outdoor bar with an extensive cocktail and draft beer selection. [www.tonyromas.com/location/international-drive/](http://www.tonyromas.com/location/international-drive/). 8560 International Drive, 407.248.0094. r

Kissimmee

**BLACK ANGUS**—**Steak**. USDA Prime or Choice Beef cut daily. Large selection of fresh seafood and favorite side dishes. L, D (daily). [www.blackangusorlando.com](http://www.blackangusorlando.com). 7516 W Irlo Bronson Highway 192, Kissimmee, 407.390.4548; 6231 International Drive, 407.354.3333.; 12399 Kissimmee Vineland Road, 407.239.4414. \$\$\$

Sand Lake Road/South Orlando

**BIG FIN SEAFOOD KITCHEN**—**Seafood**. The Orlando Sentinel Foodie Award winner features an extensive menu of fresh seafood, steaks, pasta, sushi and a raw bar. The patio bar offers a daily happy hour from 5-7 pm. D (nightly). [www.bigfinseafood.com](http://www.bigfinseafood.com). 8046 Via Dellagio Way, 407.615.8888. \$\$

**CEDAR'S**—**Mediterranean**. Cedar's gives Middle Eastern cuisine the respect it deserves, from smoky baba ghanoush to lamb kebabs in an upscale atmosphere. L, D (daily). [www.orlandocedars.com](http://www.orlandocedars.com). Plaza Venezia, 7732 W. Sand Lake Road, 407.351.6000. \$\$\$

**OCEAN PRIME**—**Steak/Seafood**. The chef-driven menu brings modern twists to retro "supper club" favorites. Meat and seafood menus are also offered along with vegetarian meal options. An extensive wine list and specialty cocktails are also a draw. D (nightly). [www.ocean-prime.com](http://www.ocean-prime.com). 7339 W. Sand Lake Road, 407.781.4880. \$\$\$

**SAFFRON INDIAN CUISINE**—**Indian**. The home-style Indian cuisine features a variety of curry dishes and tandoori meats as well as vegetarian selections and Indian breads in a serene and artistic setting. L (M-F), D (nightly), Br (Sa-Su). [www.saffronorlando.com](http://www.saffronorlando.com). 7724 W. Sand Lake Road, 407.674.8899. \$\$

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South

**CHROMA**—**Modern American**. Near the Orlando airport in Lake Nona, this innovative new restaurant serves a colorful menu of small plates, perfect for sharing, along with craft beer, fine wine on-tap and handcrafted cocktails. L, D (daily). [www.chromalak-enona.com](http://www.chromalak-enona.com). 6967 Lake Nona Blvd., 407.955.4340.

**HIGHBALL & HARVEST**—**Farm-to-Table**. Highball & Harvest at the Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes is a casual dining concept featuring handcrafted cocktails and a creative, playful menu utilizing farm-to-table methods and down-home comfort food. B, L, D (daily). [www.grandelakes.com](http://www.grandelakes.com). Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes, 4040 Central Florida Parkway, 407.206.2400. \$\$\$

**NORMAN'S**—**Creative/Contemporary**. New World Cuisine pioneer and James Beard Award-winner Norman Van Aken is the mastermind behind this spectacular menu that melds the flavors of Latin America, the Caribbean, the U.S. and the Far

East. D (nightly). [www.normans.com](http://www.normans.com). Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes, 4040 Central Florida Parkway, 407.206.2400. \$\$\$

**PRIMO**—**Italian**. The warm, woody restaurant provides seasonal dining with items such as pan-seared Florida grouper with bourbon poached pear and caper sauce. D (nightly). [www.grandelakes.com](http://www.grandelakes.com). JW Marriott Orlando, 4040 Central Florida Parkway, 407.393.4444. \$\$\$

Universal/City Walk

**ANTOJITOS**—**Mexican**. Enjoy authentic Mexican food in a party-like atmosphere, complete with a mariachi band singing Top 40 hits. Located at Universal's CityWalk, the restaurant looks like a Mexican market plaza and offers fresh meals such as carnitas lupita with braised pork and enchiladas verdes. D (nightly). [www.universallorlando.com](http://www.universallorlando.com). 6000 Universal Blvd., 407.224.3663. \$\$

**THE COWFISH**—**Contemporary Japanese Fusion**. This sushi burger bar has quickly won over the visitors and the locals with its innovative sushi rolls, cool burgers and even "Burgushi." Fun menu picks include a full-pound beef burger with peanut butter and fried bananas, blackened tuna nachos and the marshmallow crisp milkshake. L, D (daily). [www.universallorlando.com](http://www.universallorlando.com). CityWalk, 6000 Universal Blvd., 407.224.2275. \$\$

Winter Park

**BOSPHOROUS TURKISH CUISINE**—**Mediterranean**. Turkish specialties, from lamb kebabs to savory stuffed pastries, draw quite a following to this attractive Park Avenue spot. L, D (daily). [www.bosphorousrestaurant.com](http://www.bosphorousrestaurant.com). 108 S. Park Ave., Winter Park, 407.644.8609; 7600 Dr Phillips Blvd., 407.352.6766. \$\$\$; 690 Tavistock Lakes Blvd., 407.313.2506.

**BULLA GASTROBAR**—**Spanish & Tapas**. Inspired by popular tapas restaurants in Spain and the brainchild of the former owner of Por Fin, Carlos Centurion, the Spanish and Catalan eatery features authentic cuisine including patatas bravas and huevos bulla. [www.bullagastrobar.com](http://www.bullagastrobar.com). 110 S. Orlando Ave., Winter Park, 321.214.6120. \$\$\$

**LUMA ON PARK**—**New American**. Creativity is on the menu with dishes such as sesame-crust salmon and Crystal Valley chicken. The food is excellently served in an ultra-modern space with cutting-edge décor. D (nightly). [www.lumaonpark.com](http://www.lumaonpark.com). 290 S. Park Ave., Winter Park, 407.599.4111. \$\$\$

**PRATO**—**Modern Italian**. Prato celebrates Italy's rich culinary heritage by preparing Italian classics with modern techniques and seasonal ingredients in an inviting contemporary space. Find items like butternut squash ravioli, oak roasted duck confit and sticky date cake. L (W-Su), D (nightly). [www.prato-wp.com](http://www.prato-wp.com). 124 N. Park Ave., Winter Park, 407.262.0050. \$\$\$

**REELFISH**—**Seafood**. Dine on fresh Florida seafood like Mayport shrimp and fresh Gulf oysters and crab. Sit back and relax in a chic, casual fish camp setting. Try the New Orleans style po'boy, Southern sides and fresh salads like the shrimp and avocado Louie. [www.reelfishcoastal.com](http://www.reelfishcoastal.com). 1234 N. Orange Ave., Winter Park, 407.543.3474.

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**LAKE EOLA PARK**—Popular downtown public park for strolling and feeding ducks. A playground and swan-boat rentals are on-site. Trendy restaurants, bars and shopping are steps away. [www.cityoforlando.net](http://www.cityoforlando.net). 195 N. Rosalind Ave., 407 246 4485.

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**DOWNTOWN ORLANDO INFORMATION CENTER—** Provides information on events, venues, parking, transportation and more with interactive kiosks, digital message boards and informative personnel. [www.downtownorlando.com](http://www.downtownorlando.com). 400 S. Orange Ave., 407.246.2555.

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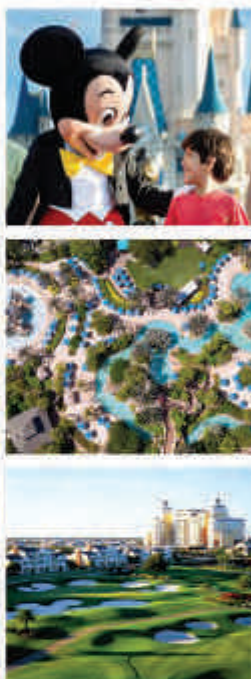


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