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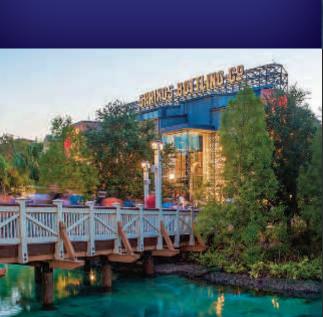






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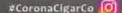
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# The Essential Orlando



Spring has sprung here in Central Florida, and we're eager to get out and enjoy the sunshine. Regardless of whatbrings you to Orlando, we're confident you'll find plenty to do. Be sure to check out Hot Dates (p. 5), and an authentic way to celebrate St. Paddy's Day. If you're ready to

say goodbye to winter blues, explore some of our favorite ways to bask in that Florida sunshine (p. 6). Finally, we know that coffee makes the world go 'round, and we share with you some of our favorite local java spots that you won't want to miss as well (p. 8).

### 90 MINUTES IN: The Epcot Flower and Garden Festival

Everything's coming up roses—and begonias. petunias and impatiens, oh my-at the 26th Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival. The event spans a full 90 days, from March 6-June 3. But what if you only have 90 minutes to explore? You're gonna need a plan!

Begin your day by picking up a Garden Passport. The handy booklet outlines all there is to see (and taste!) at the event. Make good use of the passport's list of topiaries to ensure vou don't miss a single one. New in 2019, Woody and Buzz Lightyear will welcome Bo Peep and her sheep to their Toy Story topiary, located in Future World East.

Guests looking to take a deeper dive into learning about gardening can take a guided tour. Explore Behind the Seeds—The

Land, and experience a close-up look at the fisheries and greenhouses that make up the popular Epcot attraction. Those who enjoy indulging in their afternoon cuppa won't want to miss the Royal Tea Garden Tour. which culminates with tea

While you're exploring, savor bites and sips from

ens, which are inspired by fresh and local flavors. Look for the debut of several new booths, including a kitchen hosted by AdventHealth that will emphasize fun ways to stay healthy.

Finally, don't miss the Garden Rocks Concert Series, which expands to three shows daily. To save time and avoid the line, consider booking a Garden Rocks Dining Package by calling (407) WDW-DINE, or by visiting FreshEpcot.com.

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### MARCH 15-17: The Mighty St. Patrick's Festival

Sláinte! It's always a rollicking good time at Raglan Road Irish Pub and Restaurant at Disney Springs, but the party really gets going during St. Patrick's Day Weekend. Headlining this year's three-day fest will be The Young Dubliners, known for their hearty rock and Irish-infused live performances. Other acts slated to perform include Briste, The Byrne Brothers, Raglan Roots Coalition, Maca, Reel Republic, TradGad and High Road. Plan ahead and get their early on March 17, when guests will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis, with a small cover charge. raglanroad.com

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# to Be Missed

Great Things Not

### 1 SEAWORLD SEVEN SEAS FOOD FESTIVAL> WEEKENDS MAR.-APR.

Guests are invited to sin and sample their way around the world of international street food traditions every weekend. Live concerts take play at Bayside Stadium, with acts such as Sugar Ray and The Fray. seaworld.com/orlando

### 2 UNITED WAY'S CHEF'S GALA> MAR. 2

The region's top restaurants will gather for a fundraiser benefitting local hunger and homelessness programs. Hosted by Walt Disney World at Epcot Showplace, this culinary adventure offers unlimited sampling of signature dishes prepared by awardwinning chefs, each paired with a fine wine or specialty beverage. chefsgala.org

### 3 CIRQUE DU SOLEIL LUZIA

> MAR. 7-APR. 21

The Cirque du Soleil Big Top Experience comes to Orlando for the first time and invites audiences to enter an imaginary Mexico through a series of visual surprises and acrobatic performances at The Florida Mall. cirquedusoleil.com/luzia

### 4 ATLANTA BRAVES SPRING TRAINING > THROUGH MAR. 24

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### 5 UCF CELEBRATES THE ARTS > APR. 5-14 The fifth annual UCF Celebrates the Arts

showcases performers and artists from across the university. Highlights include a Tony Awardwinning musical, ensemble and chamber concerts, opera, kid and family events, living art and much more! arts.cah.ucf.edu

### **TOP SPOTS**

Spring offers a wide array of performances and events that you won't want to miss.

### THROUGH MAR. 10 FLORIDA **STRAWBERRY** FESTIVAL

An event celebrating everyone's favorite fruit, with live performances, livestock competitions and fair rides. flstrawberryfestival.com

### MAR. 13-17 SHEN YUN

Explore the culture of China through a performance combining ancient leaends with technological innovations and historically authentic costumes drphillipscenter.org

### APR. 5 STEVE MARTIN AND MARTIN SHORT

Two comedy legends team up for their "Now You See Them Soon You Won't" toui at the Hard Rock Live hardrock.com

### APR. 12-21 FLORIDA FILM **FESTIVAL**

An Oscar-qualifying festival, premiering the best in current, independent and international cinema floridafilmfestival.com

### **APR. 17** READING **BETWEEN** THE WINES

The fundraiser at the Orlando Science Center offers tastes from local restaurants and a reading by author, Gilbert King. adultliteracyleague.org

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# Unexpected Outdoor Adventures

Take an airboat ride, paddle through serene waters in a clear kayak, go off-roading through the wilderness, zipline over gators. Experience Florida's wild side. BY DAVID SIBILA & STEPHANIE PATTERSON



GET OUT THERE! While much of the United States is just beginning to thaw out from winter's chill, Central Florida enjoys some of its best weather during the spring months. The mercury isn't quite climbing to the sweltering point yet, but the days are balmy enough to don a swimsuit for an adventure on the water, or to enjoy being outdoors without the threat of heat exhaustion. And beyond the theme parks of the tourist corridor and the concrete byways of Downtown, ways to commune with nature abound. Discover a taste of

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Orlando's wild side with these adventures that will inspire smiles and create memories.

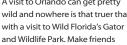
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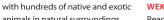
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A treasure trove of natural beauty lies just north of Orlando, where refreshing cold springs set the stage for an aquatic-themed getaway. At Rock Springs Run, embark on a guided tour in a clear kayak with Get Up and Go Kayaking. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife like otters, alligators and fish in the crystal clear water. The waters flow to Rock Spring, a 68-degree cold spring located within Kelly Park, a popular spot for tubing. Rent a tube outside of the park to enjoy the leisurely 3/4-mile float. 5722 Baptist Camp Road, Apopka, www. getupandgokayaking.com



A visit to Orlando can get pretty wild and nowhere is that truer than with a visit to Wild Florida's Gator and Wildlife Park Make friends





animals in natural surroundings that feels like you're on a daring adventure. And be sure to sample some local fare at their Chomp House Grill. 3301 Lake Cypress Road Kenansville www.wildfloridaairboats.com

### **BOGGY CREEK AIRBOAT RIDES**

Getting out and enjoying the natural side of Orlando is best accomplished on a Boggy Creek airboat ride. These guided boat tours, along our scenic waterways, give visitors a thrilling journey to where wildlife thrives and a chance to get up close to our most famous resident, the alligator! 2001 East Southport Road, Kissimmee, www.bcairboats.com

### SAFARI WILDERNESS

Situated on a sprawling 260 acres, Safari Wilderness transports visitors to the plains of Africa where close up encounters with Zebras and Lemurs are a regular occurrence. Choose from a safari vehicle or a camel expedition to see over 700 animals that hail from six different continents. 10850 Moore Road, Lakeland www.safariwilderness.com



### **WEKIVA ISLAND**

Ready to hit a spot that only locals know about? Grab your bathing suit and dive into the spring-fed waters of Wekiva Island. Enjoy paddle boarding right up to banks of this nature preserve where there's plenty of outdoor space to chill including private cabanas and craft beer available at the local general store, The Tooting Otter. If you'd like, you can continue your adventure at Wekiwa Springs State Park where you can pitch a tent at an overnight campsite, meander along hiking trails, and make a splash in the cool spring water. 1014 Miami Springs Drive, Longwood, www.wekivaisland.com

### KISSIMMEE SWAMP TOURS

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### WHERE NOW Orlando



# Three Cheers for Coffee

Coffee. Java. A Cup o' Joe. Whatever you call it, a good cup is practically a requirement for a good day. Coffee's magical ingredient, caffeine, promotes focus, increases energy levels and can even curb appetite. And because of its popularity, you'll find it everywhere—from gas stations and fast food eateries, to your hotel room. But is that the best you can get? Questionable. Here, the local coffee scene is exploding with worthy options. We suggest that you seek a few of the following out. BY BROOKE FEHR

### FOXTAIL

Founded in 2016, Foxtail is committed to responsibly sourcing and roasting its coffee, and to providing fabulous workspace for its customers. We love the flagship in Winter Park. The adjacent Foxtail's Farmhouse serves a Shakerato with notes of orange that provides the perfect afternoon pick-me-up. foxtailcoffee.com

### LINEAGE

Homegrown Lineage prides itself on revealing the subtle characteristics of the coffees they source from all over the globe. You'll find Lineage on the menus of several local restaurants and independent coffee spots throughout the area. When visiting their retail locations, ask the barista for his or her recommendation that day—always a solid choice. lineageroasting.com

### AXUM

This neighborhood hangout in Winter Garden began as a mission to provide hope and help to underserved parts of the globe. All profits from its locations are funneled back into philanthropic efforts for

Axum, Ethiopia, the store's namesake. With every latte purchase, customers are making the world a better place. axumcoffee.com

### JOFFREY'S

Tampa-based Joffrey's Coffee is familiar to anyone visiting Disney; they're the official specialty coffee at Walt Disney World and Disneyland. At the 'World, kiosks dot the parks, resorts and Disney Springs. Specialty coffees are available for purchase online. Don't miss the the Kona Blend at the Kona Cafe. *joffreys.com* 





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### **Art Galleries**

**Madame Tussauds** 

CITYARTS FACTORY—Located in the Downtown Arts District, CityArts Factory is the area's largest collective of art galleries, showcasing local and international works of art, rotated monthly. Free admission Tu-Sa. Be sure to check out Third Thursdays. www.cityartsfactory.com. 29 S. Orange Ave.,

### **Attractions**

### BUENA VISTA WATERSPORTS AND PARADISE

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**ESCAPOLOGY**—At this innovative attraction, teams of up to five players find clues and solve puzzles to discover the key to the escape door within 60 minutes. Each game is based loosely on historical events. www.escapology.com. 11951 International Drive. 407.278.1515.

**GATORLAND**—This theme park and nature preserve combines Old Florida charm with exciting wildlife exhibits and live entertainment. View a breeding

marsh, climb the observation tower, watch the alligator wrestling show and ride the zipline. Open daily. www.gatorland.com. 14501 S. Orange Blossom Trail, 800.393.5297.

HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE—At this attraction, the world of the Bible is offered through educational presentations, historical exhibits and dramatic musicals, www.holvlandexperience.com, 4655 Vineland Road, 800.447.7235.

ICON 360—Visitors can hop aboard the 400-foot-tall ICON Orlando Ferris wheel, explore Madame Tussauds wax attraction and dive into Sea Life aguarium with 5,000 creatures and an ocean tunnel. ICON 360 is also home to an array of restaurants, shops and entertainment venues. www.i-drive360. com. 8375 International Drive, 321.888.2690.

THE ICON ORLANDO—Hop aboard a 400-foot-tall Ferris wheel where you'll ride inside a fully enclosed, air-conditioned glass capsule for stunning views of the attractions, the downtown skyline, and on clear days, all the way to the Kennedy Space Center. The ride is especially nice at sunset or during the nightly theme-park fireworks. www.iconorlando.com. 8401 International Drive, 866.228.6438.

MADAME TUSSAUDS ORLANDO—Experience famous Americans with this immersive and interactive wax attraction under the ICON Orlando. Shake hands with the president, get on stage with Lady Gaga or up close and personal with Taylor Swift and take the ultimate selfie. Free parking. Open daily. Adult tickets starting at \$25 with packages available. www.madametussauds.com/orlando. ICON Orlando 360, 8401 International Drive (866) 630-8315 866.228.6444.

MAGICAL MIDWAY—Go-karts, a giant slide, laser tag, bumper boats and cars, and other daredevil rides offer thrills in a classic, midway style. Don't miss the sling shot that catapults you 390 feet high. www.magicalmidway.com. 7001 International Drive,

**REVOLUTION OFF ROAD**—Learn to ride an ATV, gear up for bass fishing, or tool around on dune buggies and 4x4s. www.revolutionoffroad.com. 4000 SR 33, Clermont, 352.400.1322.

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT!—Thanks to the TV show with the same name, this attraction has become a favorite with its Odditorium. www. ripleys.com/orlando. 8201 International Drive,

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 McKeans 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.

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, 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. 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, 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. 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. 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. 1801 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, 800.PIT.SHOP.

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### 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/. 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. 13529 S. Apopka Vineland

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. 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. 633 Osceola Ave., Winter Park, 407.647.6294.

### CORNELL FINE ARTS MUSEUM AT ROLLINS COL-

**LEGE**—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. 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 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. 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. 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 largeformat films and laser-light shows. Closed W. 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, 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/. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Walt Disney World, 2901 Osceola Parkway 407.824.4321.

### WALT DISNEY WORLD, HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS—

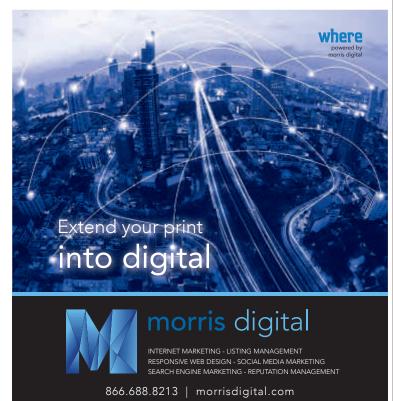
This theme park dives into Hollywood with live stage shows and movie-themed ricles. Must-stops are Tower of Terror, Rock 'n' Roller Coaster, Toy Story Mania and the Disney Jr. and "Frozen" live shows. Don't miss the new Star Wars areas and the new "Star Wars: A Galactic Spectacular" fireworks show. www.disneyworld.com. 351 S. Studio Drive, Lake Buena Vista, 407.824.4321.

walt Disney world, Magic Kingdom—Cinderella Castle serves as the center of Mickey's magical wonderland. Meet your favorite characters and enjoy the rides, from classics like It's a Small World and Space Mountain to new experiences like Peter Pan, Seven Dwarfs Mine Train and Under the Sea. Parades provide lively entertainment, with the Wishes fireworks as the grand finale. www.disneyworld.com. 407.824.4321.









### Tours

BOGGY CREEK AIRBOAT RIDES—Spot exotic birds, turtles and alligators in their natural environment while zooming on an airboat. Three tour options are available including a nighttime ride. www.bcairboats.com. 2001 E. Southport Road, Kissimmee, 407 344 9550

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 407979794

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. 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. 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. 233 N. Hoagland Blvd., Kissimmee, 407.870.7366.

WILD FLORIDA—Experience Florida wilderness and wildlife at its best on the shores of beautiful Cypress Lake. Airboat tours, tropical bird aviary, petting zoo, alligator farm, cafe, gift shop, scenic dock and fishing pier along with guided hunting and fishing trips. Closed Su. www.wildfloridairboats.com. 3301 Lake Cypress Road, 407.957.3135.

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.scenicboattours.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. 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. 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. 1145 E. Buena Vista Drive, 407.824.4321.



# Golf | March/April



Set at the headwaters of the Florida Everglades, this Greg Norman-designed course offers two distinct settings. Several holes are routed through pristine trast, the three dynamic finishing holes weave alongside two towering hotels. Caddie-concierge service available. www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/ tral Florida Parkway, 407.393.4922.

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. 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.ocngolf. com. 16301 Phil Ritson Way, Winter Garden, 407 656 2626

PROVIDENCE GOLF CLUB—The 18-hole, semiprivate 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. 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-vard, par-72 Independence Course hosts a variety of bunkers and large greens. www. reunionresort.com. 7593 Gathering Drive, Kissimmee, 866.880.8563.

ROYAL ST. CLOUD GOLFLINKS—"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 silkysmooth greens and with four tee choices up to 7,103 yards. Players will experience genuine links golf on every hole and every shot. www. royalstcloudgolflinks.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. 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. 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, 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. Walt Disney World Resort, 407.939.4653.

WALT DISNEY WORLD GOLF-OAK TRAIL-A ninehole, par-36 course, Oak Trail was designed with families in mind. 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. Walt Disney World Resort, 407,939,4653.

### **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. 9000 Bay Hill Blvd.,

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. 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, forgiving 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. 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. 549 W. Par St.,

**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. 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, 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. One N. Jacaranda St.,

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. 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. 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 ninehole, 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. 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



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# Entertainment | March/April



### **Universal CityWalk**

Think Times Square Orlando style. At this free entertainment complex just outside Universal's theme parks, you'll find an electric mix of clubs and restaurants such as Hard Rock Café, Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, and Rising Star. 11 am-2 am. Free admission. www.universalorlando. com. 6000 Universal Blvd., 407.363.8000.

### 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. 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.universalorlando. 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. 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. 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. 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. 8747 International Drive. 407.351.2525.

THE COURTESY BAR—Classic and market fresh cocktails, impeccable craft beers and distinctive wines are all served in this small but artful bar. www.thecourtesybar.com. 114 N. Orange Ave., 407 450 2041

WAITIKI RETRO TIKI LOUNGE—Located on the popular Wall Street Plaza, this Polynesian-themed restaurant and bar offers a tropical vibe with rum drinks and eclectic music. www.wallstplaza.net/waitiki. 26 Wall Street Plaza, 407.481.1199.

### Bars: LGBTQ

PARLIAMENT HOUSE—A LGBTQ nightclub resort with seven venues including a disco, live theater and a swimming pool. www.parlimenthouse.com. 410 N. Orange Blossom Trail, 407.425.7571.

PULSE—The celebrated LGBTQ hotspot where terror and tragedy struck on June 12, 2016, taking the lives of 49 members of our Orlando community, remains closed as a memorial to the victims. The former home to fun, love, acceptance and equailty, where specialty drinks, live entertainment and

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lots of dancing took place in three unique rooms may be broken, but Orlando's spirit is not. For information on how to help, visit www.weareorlando.org. www.pulseorlandoclub.com. 1912 S. Orange Ave., 407,649,3888.

SAVOY—A low-key LGBTQ bar in the popular Ivanhoe Row district near downtown with a back patio and pool tables. www.savoyorlando.com. 1913 N. Orange Ave

**SOUTHERN NIGHTS**—A popular night spot for the local LGBTQ community in Orlando's Milk District. www.southernnightsorl.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. 426 W. Plant St., 407.395.9520.

orkando Brewing—Florida's only certified organic brewery. Brewed right on the premises, 21 beers are on tap and free tours are offered. Live music on weekends. www.orlandobrewing.com. 1301 Atlanta Ave., 407.872.1117.

**REDLIGHT REDLIGHT**—This independent microbrew haven is worth the trek outside the visitor corridor.

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A selection of worldly beers has earned a loyal following. www.redlightredlightbeerparlour.com. 2810 Corrine Drive, 407.893.9832.

THE PUB—Enjoy nightly specials, a popular happy hour and traditional British fare. www.experiencethepub.com/orlando. Pointe Orlando, 9101 International Drive, 407.352.3205.

YARD HOUSE—You'll find a center bar with seemingly endless draft beers, from obscure ales to traditional lagers. L, D (daily), www.yardhouse.com. I-Drive 360, 8367 International Drive, 407.351,8220.

### Cigar Bars

CORONA CIGAR CO.—A trendy hot spot, Corona's bar and store locations are actually 4,600-square-foot-plus humidors. Select a cigar from the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua or Spain and relax in the lounge area with a glass of port, wine or beer. Open daily. www.coronacigar.com. 7792 W. Sand Lake Road, 407.248.1212.; 127 S. Orange Ave., 407.404.5344.; 1130 TownPark Ave., Lake Mary, 407.333.3453.

**ISTANBUL LOUNGE**—Enjoy a relaxing atmosphere in this I-Drive 360 hookah and cigar lounge featuring

a wide selection of cigars, hookah flavors, beers and wines. www.i-drive360.com. 8395 International Drive. 407.630.6001

### Cinema

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. 1500 E. Buena Vista Drive, 888.262.4386.

AMC UNIVERSAL CINEPLEX 20—This 20-theater Cineplex features wall-to-wall screens, state-ofthe-art projection and stadium-style seating. www. amctheatres.com. CityWalk, 6000 Universal Blvd., 407 354 3374

COBB PLAZA CINEMA CAFE 12—Downtown's cinema featuring 12 auditoriums with luxury leather, stadium seating, digital surround sound and a full menu with beer and wine. www.cobbtheatres.com. 155 S. Orange Ave., 321.558.2878

ENZIAN THEATER—The area's only nonprofit, alternative cinema. Featuring comfortable couches, colorful tables and a dinner menu. Annual events include film festivals, Popcorn Flicks in the Park, a Cult Classics series and meet-the-filmmaker events. www.enzian.org. 1300 S. Orlando Ave., Maitland, 407.629.0054.

REGAL CINEMAS—See one of the latest movies in one of 20 stadium-seating theaters or on the giant IMAX screen. www.pointeorlando.com. Pointe Orlando, 9101 International Drive, 407.248.9228.

### **Dinner Shows**

**CAPONE'S DINNER & SHOW**—Discover the mysterious world of 1931 Gangland Chicago. This entertaining show features stand-up comedy routines, audience interaction and musical performances. The dinner buffet includes American and Italian favorites with adult beverages. www.alcapones.com. 4740 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, 407.397.2378.

SLEUTHS MYSTERY DINNER SHOWS—The task at hand is to search for clues as a hilarious mystery unfolds over dinner. 7:30 pm. www.sleuths.com. 8267 International Dr. 407.363.1985.

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

### **Entertainment Districts**

DISNEY SPRINGS—This mega outdoor lifestyle center rolls shopping, entertainment and dining into one. Visitors will find the world's largest Disney store, retail stores at the Town Center, themed restaurants and bars, Cirque du Soleil (COMING SOON), a bowling alley, movie theater, water taxis, attractions and more. Free admission and free parking. www.disneysprings.com. 1486 Buena Vista Drive. 407,828,3800.

DOWNTOWN ORLANDO—Downtown Orlando is the hometown heart of Central Florida arts, culture, nightlife and entertainment. From world-class performances at the Dr. Phillips Center to celebrated fine dining options, upscale boutique hotels, eclectic shopping and the area's best bar scene, Down-



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town Orlando is dynamic and alive year-round. Church Street and Wall Street are popular areas for the younger crowd with casual bars and local pubs to upscale wine bars and rooftop dance clubs while Lake Eola and Thornton Park offer weekly events, farmers markets and scenic environments for visitors of all ages. www.downtownorlando.com. 400 S. Orange Ave., 407.246.2555.

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. 407.248.9590.

UNIVERSAL CITYWALK—Think Times Square Orlando style. At this free entertainment complex just outside Universal's theme parks, you'll find an electric mix of clubs and restaurants such as Hard Rock Café, Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, Red Coconut, The Groove and Rising Star. 11 am-2 am. No admission fee, but cover charges apply. www.universalorlando.com. 6000 Universal Blvd., 407 363 8000

### Live Music

THE BEACHAM/THE SOCIAL—This is the place to go downtown to see the most current and up-andcoming indie bands. 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. CityWalk, 6050 Universal Blvd., 407,351,5483.

HOUSE OF BLUES—Grab a bite of Southern soul food and rock out at this music-infused restaurant and concert venue in Disney Springs. Come to see some of the best touring musical acts in town or enjoy the Sunday Gospel Brunch when uplifted spirits are served alongside mimosas and grits. Su-Th 11:30 am-11 pm, F-Sa 11:30 am-1 am. www.hob. com. Disney Springs, 1490 E. Buena Vista Drive, 407934 2583

TIN ROOF—Enjoy live music almost every night of the week along with a great dinner and drink menu at this popular Nashville-based venue. Sit outside for fantastic views of the Orlando Eye observation wheel. 11 am to 2 am. www.tinroofbars.com. 8371 International Drive, 407.270.7926.

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. 1042 N. Mills

ORLANDO OPERA—Opera Orlando produces thought-provoking and creative twists on classics like "Don Giovanni," with the highest artistic quality. Don't miss performances at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. www.operaorlando.org. 501 E. Church St., 407.512.1900.

AMWAY CENTER—Home to the Orlando Magic basketball team, this venue also plays host to major shows and concerts. www.amwaycenter.com. 400 W Church St., 407.440.7000.

CFE ARENA—This 325,000-square-foot arena with 1000+ seats is host to famous entertainers. sporting events, concerts and family shows at the







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University of Central Florida. www.ucfarena.com. 12777 Gemini Blvd. N., 407.823.6006

MAD COW THEATRE—With a passion for both classic and contemporary plays, this professional theater company presents compelling works for a wide range of audiences. www.madcowtheatre.com. 54 W. Church St., 407.297.8788.

ORLANDO BALLET—Central Florida's only professional resident ballet company, with performances at the Dr. Phillips Center for Performing Arts. www.orlandoballet.org. 3751 Maguire Blvd.,

ORLANDO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA—Central Florida's resident orchestra, appearing in more than 125 performances each season. www.orlandophil.org. 425 N. Bumby Ave., 407.770.0071.

ORLANDO SHAKESPEARE THEATER—This fullseason professional theater includes the works of William Shakespeare and other classics, holiday comedies and a series of plays for young audiences. 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 before hitting the big time at this Orlando favorite, where improv performers showcase their quick wit and skills. Performances T-Sa. www.sak.com. 29 S. Orange Ave., 407,648,0001.

### Sing-Alongs

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.

### **Sports Bars**

KINGS DINING & ENTERTAINMENT—A one-stop shop for family entertainment, including bowling, pool, bocce and other games along with an upscale menu and full bar. 21-plus after 8 pm. Fall hours: noon-2 am M-Su. www.kingsorlando.com. 8255 S. International Drive, 407.363.0200.

FILTED KILT—Featuring more than 30 draft and bottled beers as well as a menu featuring favorites such as burgers, sandwiches and wings. High-def screens and a large spirit selection make this a place to catch all the big games. tiltedkilt.com. 7653 International Drive, 407.226.6886.

WRECKERS SPORTS BAR—Voted "Best Place to Watch a Game" by Orlando Sentinel readers, catch a game on a two-story, 37-foot sports screen and over 50 high-definition TVs. www.wreckerssportsbar.com, Gaylord Palms, 6000 W. Osceola Parkway. Kissimmee, 407.586.1330.

### Wine Bars

EOLA WINE COMPANY—Order a flight, a glass of wine or purchase a bottle from the neat little wine shop. Outdoor tables available, www.eolawinecompany.com. 430 E. Central Blvd., 407.481.9100.

THE IMPERIAL WINE BAR—A neighborhood bar specializing in boutique wines, craft beers and gourmet bites in a relaxingly elegant atmosphere. www.imperialwinebar.com. 1800 N. Orange Ave.,

THE WINE ROOM—This swanky wine lounge features a gourmet deli and wine lockers for serious collectors. Choose from dozens of wines served from one ounce pours to full glasses. www.thewineroomonline.com. 270 S. Park Ave., Winter Park, 407.696.9463.

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LEGO IMAGINATION CENTER—You can easily spend an afternoon admiring the amazing LEGO sculptures and taking part in the free building and racing experiences. Inside, you'll find every LEGO shape, color and size you can imagine, plus plenty of kits for making worlds of fantasy. www. disneysprings.com. Disney Springs, 1494 E. Buena Vista Drive, 407.828.0065.

MARKET STREET GALLERY—Find beautiful and artful gifts for friends and for yourself at this downtown Celebration shop. https://www.facebook.com/ MarketStreetGallery/. 605 Market St., 407.566.1500.

WORLD OF DISNEY—The largest Disney retail store in the world is located in the Disney Springs marketplace. Find Disney's most-beloved characters on almost every imaginable item including toys, candy, clothing and home goods along with a Bibbity Bobbity Boutique for little princesses. www. disneyworld.com, Disney Springs Marketplace. 1780 Buena Vista Drive, 407.828.1451.

### Jewelry & Watches

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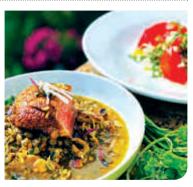
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### **K Restaurant**

Local favorite K Restaurant in College Park will host a Spanish Wine Dinner on Tuesday, March 19. The event will feature six courses with wine pairings included, and courses will include traditional tapas, paella and more. Priced at \$100 per person. Open daily Mon-Sat. www.krestaurant.com. (407) 872-2332. 1710 Edgewater Drive.



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KIMONOS—Sushi. Voted top restaurant for sushi by the Orlando Sentinel readers, guests experience the fine art of sushi preparation each night. D (nightly), www.swandolphinrestaurants.com/kimonos 1200 Epcot Resorts Blvd., 407.934.1609. \$\$\$

PLANCHA—Cuban. 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. 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. Swan and Dolphin Resort, 1500 Epcot Resorts Blvd., 407,934.1362. \$\$\$

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### **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. The Grand Bohemian, 325 S. Orange Ave., 407.313.9000. \$\$\$

RUSTY SPOON—Farm-to-Table. Three-time James Beard nominee Chef Kathleen Blake brings farmto-table goodness to downtown Orlando. L (M-F), D (nightly), www.therustyspoon.com. 55 W. Church St., 407.401.8811. \$\$\$

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com. Rosen Shingle Creek, 9939 Universal Blvd., 407.996.3663. \$\$\$

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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. 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 flap-jacks, BLTs, burgers, fried chicken and meatloaf. The dining room is modern and slick. B, L (M-F), D, Br (daily). www.hashhouseagogo.com. 5350 International Drive, 407.370.4646. \$\$

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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. Pointe Orlando, 9101 International Drive, 407.363.4801. \$\$\$

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### Kissimmee

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### 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. 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. 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. 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 7724 W. Sand Lake Road, 407.674.8899. \$\$

URBAIN 40—American/European. This American brasserie and cocktail lounge comes with a '40s throwback and a touch of French flair. Enjoy a handcrafted cocktail on the patio by the elaborate

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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.chromalakenona.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. Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes, 4040 Central Florida Parkway, 407.206.2400.

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PRIMO—Italian. The warm, woodsy restaurant provides seasonal dining with items such as panseared Florida grouper with bourbon poached pear and caper sauce. D (nightly). 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.universalorlando.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. universalorlando.com. CityWalk, 6000 Universal Blvd 407 224 2275 \$\$

### Winter Park

BOSPHOROUS TURKISH CUISINE—Mediterranean. Turkish specialties from lamb kebans to savory stuffed pastries, draw quite a following to this attractive Park Avenue spot. L, D (daily). www. bosphorousrestaurant.com. 108 S. Park Ave., Winter Park, 407.644.8609; 7600 Dr Phillips Blvd., 407.352.6766. \$\$\$: 690 Tayistock 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. 110 S. Orlando Ave., Winter Park, 321.214.6120. \$\$\$

LUMA ON PARK—New American. Creativity is on the menu with dishes such as sesame-crusted salmon and Crystal Valley chicken. The food is excellently served in an ultra-modern space with cutting-edge décor. D (nightly). www.lumaonpark.com. 290 S. Park Ave., Winter Park, 407,599,4111, \$\$\$

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### Downtown

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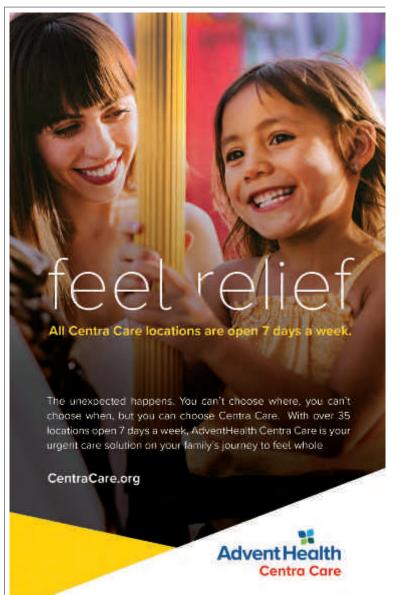
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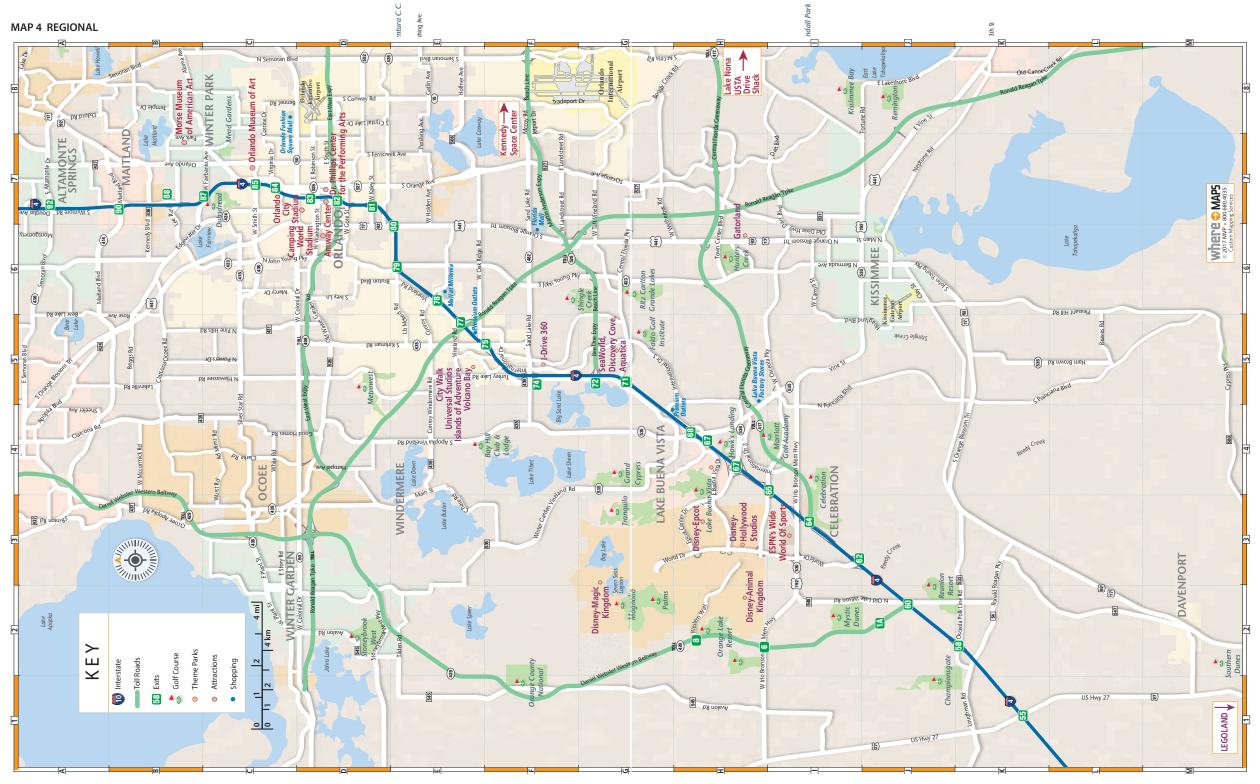
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