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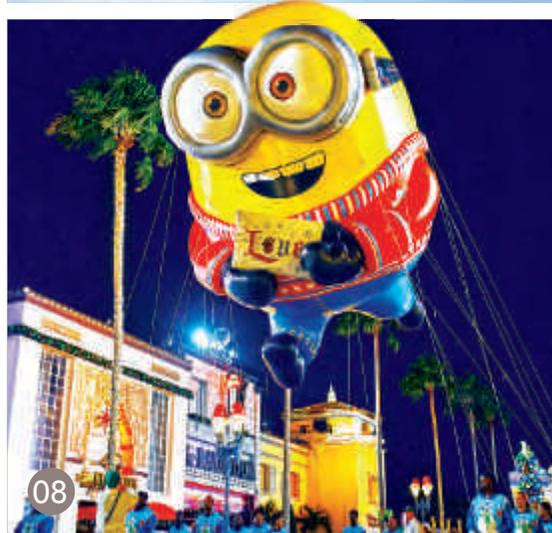
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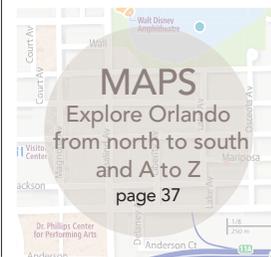
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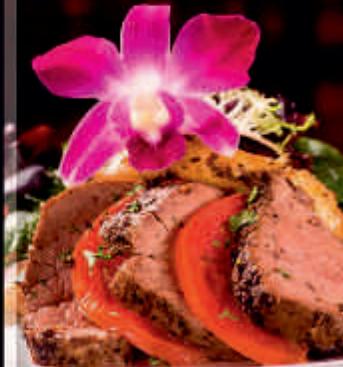
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The Essential Orlando



Happy Holidays! We're so glad that you've chosen to spend some time in Central Florida during the most festive part of the year. From cover to cover, we're sharing all the holiday happenings that are taking place in and around the city. Learn about a throwback show that we're particularly excited about (p. 5), and we share some standouts for celebrating Turkey Day (p. 7). Ringing in the New Year? We offer some suggestions for can't miss parties (p. 32). For lots more suggestions, be sure to visit WhereTraveler.com/Orlando.

90 MINUTES IN: Orlando International Airport

For the second consecutive year, Orlando International Airport (aka MCO) is ranked number one in the Mega Airport Category (airports with 32+ million passengers annually). The votes come from you and me, the traveling public. But it's the breakdown of the score that tells the real story: MCO ranked higher in 2018 for food, beverage and retail, among other categories.



So it's safe to say that we're doing something right. With more than 46 million annual visitors coming to Orlando via MCO, we're guessing you'll spend some time there.

Hungry? Our pick for airline cuisine that's a cut above is **Cask & Larder**. The "farm to terminal" spot serves up southern-inspired breakfast, lunch and dinner items that are anything but common, along with

signature cocktails and craft brews. For on-the-go folks, a gourmet grab and go offers enticing and nutritious snacks and cold items.

Looking for downtime? Head to the **Club at MCO**, open to all passengers, regardless of who you're flying. Serving snacks and drinks, including wine and beer, it's a great place to unwind, grab a shower, or

just escape the hubbub of your gate for a bit.

Need a few last minute souvenirs? All of your favorite Orlando destinations have shopping outposts at MCO. Pick up trinkets from **Disney, Universal, SeaWorld, and Kennedy Space Center stores**, or grab a t-shirt from **Ron Jon's**.

Need a caffeine fix before you board? **Zaza Cuban Coffee** has the perfect *cafe con leche*, guaranteed to keep you flying.

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HOT DATES

White Christmas

DECEMBER 18-23: Irving Berlin's White Christmas

Based on the 1954 movie starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera Ellen, Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* tells the story of a song-and-dance team putting on a show in a magical Vermont inn and falling for a stunning sister act in the process. It's full of dancing, laughter and some of the greatest songs ever written—including, "Sisters," "The Best Things Happen While You're Dancing," "Snow" and the unforgettable title song. Tickets, starting at \$39.25, are on sale now. drphillipscenter.org

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5 Great Things Not to Be Missed

1 ELECTRIC DAISY CARNIVAL > NOV. 9-10

This two-day event, celebrating life, love, art and music, returns for the second year to Orlando's Tinker Field. Guests can dance the night away, experience the carnival atmosphere (including rides) and thrill to pyrotechnic displays and art installations. orlando.electriddaisyfestival.com

2 SEAWORLD CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL > NOV. 3-11

New this year, SeaWorld celebrates the craft beer movement with 100+ brews from across Florida on tap, plus unique food items to pair perfectly. seaworld.com/orlando

3 CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW > NOV. 22-25

New cars, trucks and SUVs will fill the Orange County Convention Center for the 2019-model Central Florida International Auto Show. autoshoworlando.com

4 BARRY MANILOW > DEC. 8

The musical icon takes the stage for *A Very Barry Christmas*, which will include both familiar hits and holiday favorites. amwaycenter.com

5 TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA > DEC. 15

TSO celebrates its 20th anniversary with the highly-anticipated Winter Tour 2018, featuring a presentation of "The Ghosts of Christmas Eve," the timeless story of a runaway who finds her way into a mysterious abandoned theater. Two performances. amwaycenter.com

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TOP SPOTS

From special holiday performances to pro basketball and college football bowl games, there's a lot to cheer about this season.

THROUGH NOV. AND DEC. ORLANDO MAGIC HOME GAMES

The Orlando Magic commence their year-long 30th anniversary celebration offering plenty of home games throughout November and December. amwaycenter.com

NOV. 16

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Get ready for crowd-pleasing dance teams, high-stepping drum majors, precision drumlines and roaring brass sections. flictrussports.com

NOV. 17

FLORIDA BLUE FLORIDA CLASSIC

In a time-honored tradition, fans show out for an O-town showdown to witness the Florida A&M Rattlers and Bethune-Cookman Wildcats battle it out on the gridiron for bragging rights. floridaclassic.org

DEC. 28

CAMPING WORLD BOWL

See teams from the ACC and the Big 12 battle it out for the trophy. Other events include a pep rally and parade. campingworldbowl.com

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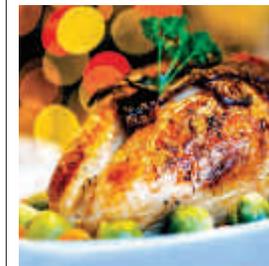
It's a time for coming together. For celebration with friends and family. For reviewing all that's been great about 2018, and planning for what's to come.

BY BROOKE FEHR



THANKSGIVING. The very word conjures up feelings of warmth and gratitude, of family memories and long-standing traditions. In the U.S., the fourth Thursday of each November is the perfect time to reflect on the year's gifts, and to celebrate the blessings that we all enjoy. And if your holiday brings you to Central Florida, there's no reason to forego the festivities! From hotels and theme parks to beloved local restaurants, the chefs of Central Florida are bringing their collective A Game for your out-of-town feast! Today, we share some of our favorite spots for sitting down to a delicious dinner that honors the flavors and spirit of this special occasion.

MARIA & ENZO'S AND ENZO'S HIDEAWAY. These two relative newcomers to Disney Springs are treating guests to a special take on the traditional dishes that you normally enjoy. Tuck into a prix fixe menu for \$39 per person that includes dishes such as Roasted Apple and Winter Squash Soup, Forest Mushroom Arancini, Braised Turkey Meatballs on Soft Parmesan Polenta and a Tasting of Desserts. You can also start your meal off in the spirit of autumn with a Pumpkin White Russian at Enzo's Hideaway, made with Hanger One Vodka (pictured left). disneyworld.disney.go.com



THE BUFFETS AT ROSEN HOTELS & RESORTS. Celebrate the season with a bevy of buffets to choose from. Dine at Bella Vista, a Rosen Venue, where you'll tuck into a traditional spread as well as house specialties, such as the award-winning Cassava Cake. On International Drive, choose from Rosen Centre's Cafe Gaugin, where the chefs spice up the customary menu with exotic offerings that include Chef Yoshi's Sushi and Bubba's Mango Crab Cake. Or opt for Rosen Plaza's Cafe Matisse, where pasta, seafood and carving stations round out the bill of fare. At Rosen Shingle Creek's Cafe Osceola, feast on a bounty that includes unlimited mimosas and champagne for guests 21 and over. Prices range from \$13.95 to \$29.95 for children, and \$32.95 to \$69.95 for adults, based upon venue, and discounts may be available for

early bird and pre-paid reservations. Valet and/or complimentary parking are included, and Florida residents receive a 25% discount at Cafe Osceola. rosenhoteles.com

THE ALFOND INN AT ROLLINS COLLEGE. Tucked into a residential area off of Park Avenue, the Alford Inn in Winter Park has become an elegant spot to meet friends for drinks, or to indulge in brunch, lunch or dinner at the Inn's restaurant, Hamilton's Kitchen. For Thanksgiving, the hotel's Park Avenue Ballroom comes alive for the Thanksgiving Feast Banquet. Guests can enjoy a traditional feast that also includes options such as Spice Rubbed New York Strip Loin and Fennel Crusted Pork Loin. Two seatings are available at 1:00 and 4:00 p.m., and free valet parking is included. Adults are \$69, children ages 5-12 are \$29 and children ages four and under are free. thealfondinn.com

URBAIN 40. One of the darlings of Orlando's Restaurant Row in the upscale Dr. Phillips neighborhood, Urbain 40 is a favorite of both visitors and locals alike. This American Brasserie channels a 1940s big band vibe, making it a great spot to gather for lunch, happy hour or dinner. This Thanksgiving, the menu, crafted by Executive Chef Tim Keating, will feature some truly standout dishes. Whet your

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appetite with the Holiday-Spiced Pumpkin Bisque with a Ragout of Maine Lobster. For the main event, enjoy an organic, free-range Turkey Breast and Dark Meat Roulade accompanied by Potato-Celery Root Puree, Sweet Potatoes Tropicale and Sage Chicken Sausage and Focaccia Stuffing. Save room for dessert, because you won't want to miss Urbain 40's take on Apple Pie, with Brandied Caramel, Spiced Brown Butter Crumble, Salted Honey Rum Raisin Gelato and Butter Pecan Macaron. Selections are a la carte. urbain40.com

THE KITCHEN. If Universal Orlando Resort is tops for your Turkey Day plans, you'll be pleased to know that you needn't forego dinner with all the trimmings. The Kitchen at Hard Rock Hotel Orlando is the answer you're seeking for a home-cooked meal in your home away from home.

The rock 'n' roll hotspot will offer a buffet dinner that includes a variety of carving stations, plus traditional sides and kid-friendly fare. In addition, the spread also includes a chilled seafood bar, cheeses, breads, and delicious desserts. Adults eat for \$62 per person; children age three to nine are \$22 each; children under three eat free. hardrockhotelorlando.com

1921 BY NORMAN VAN AKEN. If you're willing to travel just outside of Orlando to nearby Mount Dora, then you're in for a charming experience at 1921 by Norman Van Aken. The restaurant, housed in a former home that was built in—you guessed it, 1921—seeks to leverage the area's rich agricultural traditions in dishes that celebrate the diverse flavors of Florida. For Thanksgiving, guests can sup on a delicious prix fixe meal that includes a choice of Chestnut and Fois Gras Stuffed Turkey Roulade or Brown Sugar Glazed Smoked Ham with Pineapple Chutney. Sumptuous sides, including Smothered Green Beans, Sweet Potato Casserole, Brioche Stuffing and Citrus Cranberry Sauce, round out the menu. And be sure to save room for the Milk Buns (heavenly) as well as Apple or Pecan Pie for dessert. Reservations are available from noon until 6:00 p.m., and the price is \$65 per person. 1921nva.com



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WINTER WONDERS



Epcot Candlelight Processional

Fa-la-la-la-fabulous!

With the balmy air and days full of sunshine, it can feel like anything but Christmas Time when you arrive in Central Florida. But look around, and you'll soon discover that no one does Yuletide with quite as much joie de vivre as Orlando. And it makes sense. After all, The City Beautiful is the theme park capital of the world, and attractions here take great pride in welcoming guests and giving them a respite from reality. So during this, the Most Wonderful Time of the Year, indulge in the childhood fantasy of the perfect winter holiday season. Go ahead. We'll be right there with you. **BY BROOKE FEHR**



LEGOLAND

MAKING MERRY

Joy abounds in Orlando as we embrace this festive season. Here, we share some of our favorite ways to celebrate The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.

1 MICKEY'S VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mickey, Minnie and the rest of the gang—Santa too!—are gearing up for the greatest party of the year. During this separately-ticketed, limited-attendance celebration, guests can enjoy Holiday Wishes, a special fireworks show, and watch toy soldiers parade in formation down Main Street USA during Mickey's Once Upon a Christmastime Parade. Other special touches include seasonal stage shows, special character meet and greets and complimentary cookies and cocoa. Select nights beginning November 8. disneyworld.com/christmasparty

2 LEGOLAND CHRISTMAS BRICKTACULAR

It's a toy-filled, joy-filled holiday event, as LEGOLAND celebrates the season and decks the halls befittingly with thousands of the colorful building bricks. Enormous renditions of Santa, complete with

sleigh and reindeer, dazzle young and old alike, while a 30-foot-tall Christmas tree, made of more than 270,000 LEGOS, serves as the center of the celebration. Enjoy scavenger hunts, LEGO building activities, character appearances and more. Included with regular park admission on select dates through December. legoland.com

3 EPCOT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF THE HOLIDAYS

Visiting Epcot always feels a bit like a whirlwind trip around the globe, and the holidays are no exception. This special event, included with



SeaWorld

Epcot admission, offers guests a glimpse into cultural traditions from the countries represented in World Showcase. Enjoy special entertainment throughout the pavilions, and savor the flavors of the season at Holiday Kitchens. Witness the perennially popular Candlelight Processional, a retelling of the traditional Christmas story by a celebrity narrator, accompanied by an orchestra and choir. Cap off the day with a special holiday edition of Illuminations: Reflections of Earth. disneyworld.com

4 HOLIDAYS AT UNIVERSAL ORLANDO

Beloved characters and customs delight at the theme parks of Universal Studios Orlando November 17 through January 6. Enchantment abounds in both Diagon Alley and Hogsmeade, as Christmas makes the Wizarding World of Harry Potter an even more magical destination, with special decorations, performances, food and drink to bring good cheer. Once night falls, guests are treated to The Magic of



Universal Studios

5 SEAWORLD'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

From November 17 to December 31, SeaWorld transforms into a wonderland of seasonal sights, shows and flavors. Iconic characters from Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer interact with guests, while Santa himself holds court at Wild Arctic. Stroll through the Christmas Market, and enjoy tempting treats while shopping for unique gifts. Stick around as night falls to witness the dazzling Sea of Trees as they dance to Christmas carols. seaworldorlando.com

Christmas at Hogwarts, a projection show that transforms the castle into a holiday spectacle. Elsewhere in Islands of Adventure, don't miss The Grinchmas Who-liday Spectacular, starring the mean, green man himself. At Universal Studios Florida, witness Universal's Holiday Parade Featuring Macy's, and watch in wonder as giant balloons depicting favorite characters soar through the park. universalorlando.com

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Museums+Attractions | Nov./Dec.



Christmas at Bok Tower Gardens

Celebrate Christmas at Bok Tower Gardens, featuring the 21st edition of the Holiday Home Tour at Pinewood Estate, the highlight of their lineup of Christmas events. You can also enjoy the sounds of the season with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra and the Singing Tower carillon

as they perform together on December 5 during one of Central Florida's favorite holiday concerts. Families and friends are encouraged to prepare themed picnics and experience a magical December evening as the sun sets atop Iron Mountain. November 27-January 3. www.boktowergardens.org, 1151 Tower Blvd., Lake Wales, 863.676.1408.



Orlando Museum of Art Festival of Trees

Taking place November 9-18, this beloved event transforms the museum into a sparkling wonderland of holiday displays. www.omart.org. Loch Haven Cultural Park, 2416 N. Mills Ave., 407.896.4231.

Art Galleries

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., 407.648.7060.

Attractions

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.

CRAYOLA EXPERIENCE—Discover the magic of color with 26 hands-on attractions. Kids can name and wrap their very own crayon, see how crayons are made and watch as their digital art comes to life on a huge, interactive wall. They can climb the two-story, color playground and pick their own set of crayons and markers from 99 of Crayola's

most popular colors. www.crayolaexperience.com/orlando. The Florida Mall, 8001 S. Orange Blossom Trail, 407.757.1700.

DRIVE SHACK—Orlando's newest golfing attraction combines 90 multi-player suites across 3 stories, and has both indoor and outdoor play available. Competitive games and teaching technology ensures a good time for all, and making this the perfect attraction for both golfer and non-golfer alike. The venue also offers private meeting space, plus a full-service bar and restaurant as well as gaming. Open daily. www.driveshack.com 7576 Lake Nona Blvd, Orlando, 407.553.8820

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.

MADAME TUSSAUNDS ORLANDO—Experience famous Americans with this immersive and interactive wax attraction under the Orlando Eye. 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. www.madametussauds.com/orlando. 8401 International Drive 866.228.6444.

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, 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. 8449 International Drive.

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. 8441 International Drive, 407.203.6999.

WONDERWORKS—The interactive "laboratory," features 100 scientific experiences, such as hurricane and earthquake simulators, along with virtual-reality sports, an indoor ropes course and

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a laser-tag arena. www.wonderworksonline.com. 9067 International Drive, 407.351.8800.

Miniature Golf

CONGO RIVER GOLF—Have fun putting your way through elaborate 18-hole and 36-hole courses in a jungle setting. www.congoriver.com. 4777 W. Highway 192, Kissimmee, 407.396.6900. 5901 International Drive, 407.248.9181; 12193 E Colonial Drive, 407.823.9700.

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

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. 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 MUSEUM OF ART—With permanent collections of American art, African art and works of the ancient Americas, the museum also hosts prominent traveling exhibitions. www.omart.org. Loch Haven Cultural Park, 2416 N. Mills Ave., 407.896.4231.

Parks & Gardens

HARRY P. LEU GARDENS—This 50-acre botanical garden is a maze bursting with color and unusual greenery. Take a guided tour of the Southern-styled grounds, chill at a concert or just stroll through the giant bamboo, manicured lawns and the world's largest collection of camellias. www.leugardens.org. 1920 N. Forest Ave., 407.246.2620.

WEKIWA SPRINGS STATE PARK—Swim or snorkel in the crystal-clear freshwater spring. Also enjoy fishing, kayaking, canoeing or horseback riding. \$6 per vehicle. www.floridastateparks.org/wekiwasprings. 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka, 407.884.2008.

Theme Parks

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



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.

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Water Parks

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UNIVERSAL RESORT, VOLCANO BAY—Universal Orlando Resort's latest water park venture is a wonderland of rides, slides and fun. The icon of the park is the 200-foot Krakatau volcano, which is surrounded by attractions featuring the latest technology for an immersive experience. www.universalorlando.com. 6000 Universal Blvd., 407.363.8000.



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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., 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. 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,

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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.

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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. 4048 Central Florida Parkway, 407.393.4922.

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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—Spanning 220 acres, this par 71, 18-hole course was designed by Robert Cupp, Jr. Golfers can hone their skills at The Jack Nicklaus Academy of Golf and refuel at the club's steakhouse. 8701 World Center Drive, Orlando. 800.567.2623 www.golfhawkslanding.com

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. 12001 Avenida Verde, 407.238.7677.

METROWEST COUNTRY CLUB—This course is emphasized by broad, generous fairways with 100-foot elevations, water hazards and expansive bunkers. Designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr., MetroWest is a fair yet vigorous test of skill. www.metrowestgolf.com. 2100 S. Hiwassee Road, 407.299.1099.

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. 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, 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. 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. 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. 5310 Michigan Ave., St. Cloud, 407.891.7010.

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.

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. 9939 Universal Blvd., 407.996.9933.

STREAMSONG GOLF RESORT—This 16,000-acre resort in Central Florida features three signature golf courses (Blue, Red, Black) and a hotel and spa. Located on a former mining site, the unique courses feature dramatic topography, Links-style fairways and fast, true greens. Caddies strongly encouraged. www.streamsongresort.com. 1000 Streamsong Drive, Bowling Green, 888.294.6322.

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.golfdwd.com. Walt Disney World Resort, 407.939.4653.

WALT DISNEY WORLD GOLF-PALM—The Palm is a classic Florida course with elevated greens, tees and lots of water. www.golfdwd.com. Walt Disney World Resort, 407.939.4653.



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Capone's Dinner & Show

Discover the 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. 4740 W. Irl Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, 407.397.2378, alcapones.com.

Bars, Lounges & Clubs

3NINE—Located in Rosen Plaza, this entertainment venue is home to two bars and a large dance area, steps away from the Orange County Convention Center. www.3nineorlando.com. Rosen Plaza, 9700 International Dr., 407.996.9700.

BAR 1521—Serving light fare, seasonal cocktails, local beers and entertainment. www.deepbluorlando.com. Wyndham Grand Orlando, Bonnet Creek, 14651 Chelonia Pkwy., 407.390.2300.

BLUE MARTINI—This classy and chic martini lounge at Pointe Orlando 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. 9101 International Drive, 407.390.2583.

CHILLERS—Known for frozen cocktails, Jello shots and a younger crowd on downtown's lively Church Street. www.churchstreetbars.com. 33 W. Church St., 407.447.4270.

EMBER—This cool, open-air bar and restaurant with its Mediterranean-influenced décor features libations ranging from Fireball to Dom Perignon. www.emberorlando.com. 42 W. Central Blvd., 407.849.5200.

EVE ORLANDO—This newly renovated nightclub in the heart of downtown Orlando offers plush

seating, a balcony terrace, multiple bars and live music along with DJs in a stylish setting. www.eveorlando.com. 110 S. Orange Ave. 407.602.7462.

ICEBAR ORLANDO—Featured as one of the top 10 "Extreme Barhopping" bars on the Travel Channel and as "America's Best" on the Food Network with signature cocktails, state-of-the-art lighting, exquisite ice carvings and fun DJs. www.icebarorlando.com. 8967 International Drive, 407.426.7555.

LATITUDES—The open rooftop and tiki hut-style atmosphere on popular Church Street inspires shorts and flip-flops. www.churchstreetbars.com. 33 W. Church St., 407.649.4270.

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180 SKYTOP LOUNGE—This Amway Center rooftop lounge affords fantastic views of the skyline and serves up great specials on Grey Goose cocktails along with a DJ and a hot crowd.

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www.180downtown.com. 400 W. Church St., 407.913.0180 407.440.7180.

RE:MIX LOUNGE—At the posh Aloft hotel, you can sip a drink, enjoy free WiFi, or pick up a game of pool, with day-to-night lighting and music to switch up the vibe. www.starwoodhotels.com/alofthotels. 500 S. Orange Ave., 407.380.3500.

RED COCONUT CLUB—Lounge on the balcony outside or enjoy live music and a lit-up dance floor inside. Sip on signature martinis, or splurge with VIP bottle service. www.universolorlando.com. Universal CityWalk, 6000 Universal Blvd., 407.224.2425.

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THE WOODS—Located on the second floor of the Historic Rose Building in downtown Orlando, The Woods features high-quality cocktails and craft beers in an intimate setting. Fresh ingredients and originality come together at this craft bar. www.thewoodsorlando.com. 49 N. Orange Ave., 407.203.1114.

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LGBTQ Bars

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

SAVOY—A low-key GLBT 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 GLBT community in Orlando's Milk District. www.southernnightsorl.com. 375 S. Bumby Ave., 407.412.5039.

Breweries/Pubs

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REDLIGHT REDLIGHT—This independent microbrew haven is worth the trek outside the visitor corridor. A selection of worldly beers has earned a loyal following. www.redlightredlightbeerparlour.com. 2810 Corrine Drive, 407.893.9832.

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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.

MEDIAEVAL TIMES DINNER AND TOURNAMENT—Daring knights compete and joust atop Andalusian stallions. Walk through a medieval village and enjoy a four-course banquet with no silverware. www.medievaltimes.com. 4510 W. Vine St., Kissimmee, 888.935.6878.

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.

WANTILAN LUAU—Tahitian beauties and fire-eaters tell the story and history of the South Seas while guests enjoy a South Pacific-inspired buffet. 6:30 pm Sa and Tu. www.universalorlando.com. Loews Royal Pacific Resort, Universal Orlando, 407.503.3463.

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, Downtown 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 ICON 360 and Pointe Orlando. www.internationaldriveorlando.com. 407.248.9590.

THORNTON PARK DISTRICT—Visitors looking to decompress will find relief in the brick-lined streets of Thornton Park, one of Orlando's most stylish districts. Just east of Lake Eola, Thornton Park District is home to a colorful commercial district with a European feel to the restaurants and boutiques. thorntonparkdistrict.com. 407.701.9382.

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-and-coming indie bands. www.thebeacham.com. 46 N. Orange Ave. and 54 N. Orange Ave., 407.246.1419.

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PLAZA LIVE—Constructed in 1963 as the city's first two-screen movie theater, the historic concert venue offers a wide range of performances, comedians and cultural events. www.plazaliveorlando.com. 425 N. Bumby Ave., 407.228.1220.

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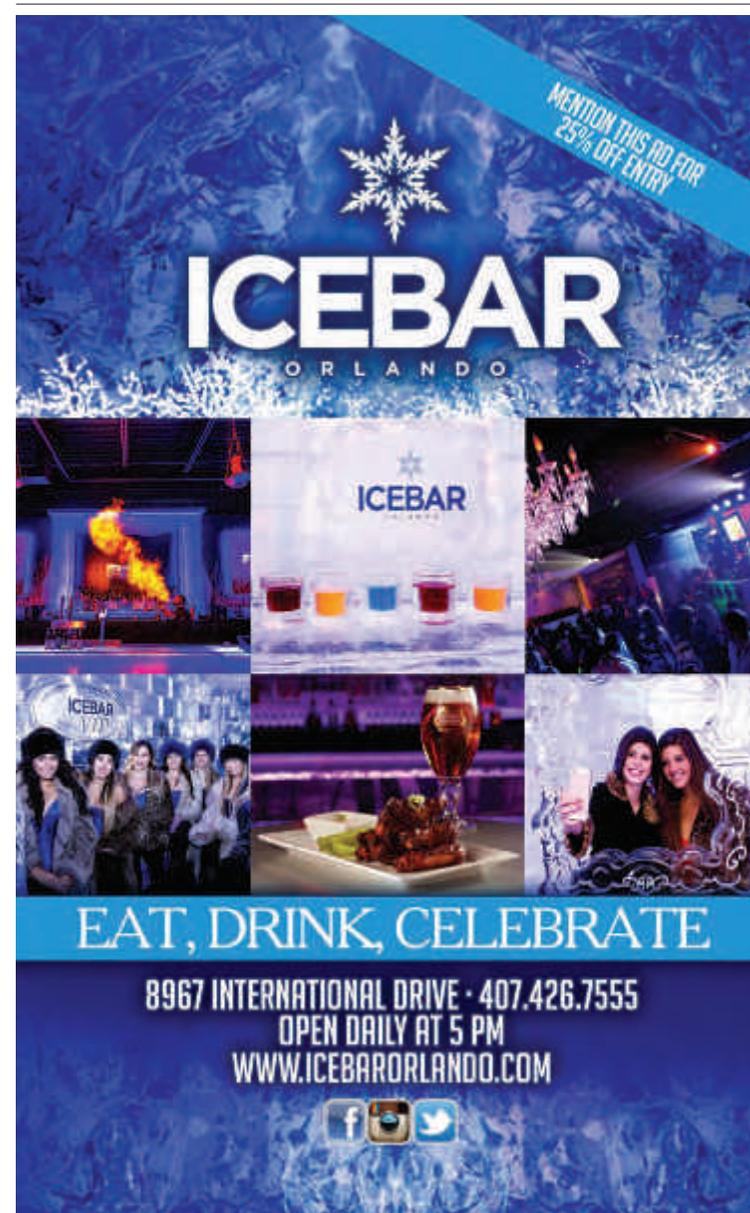
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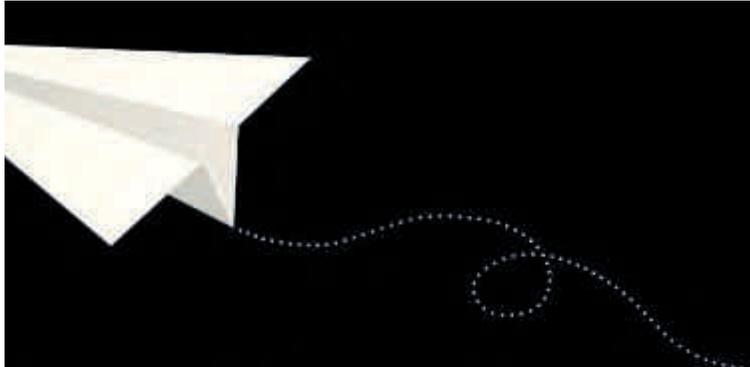
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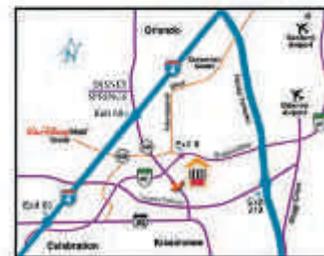
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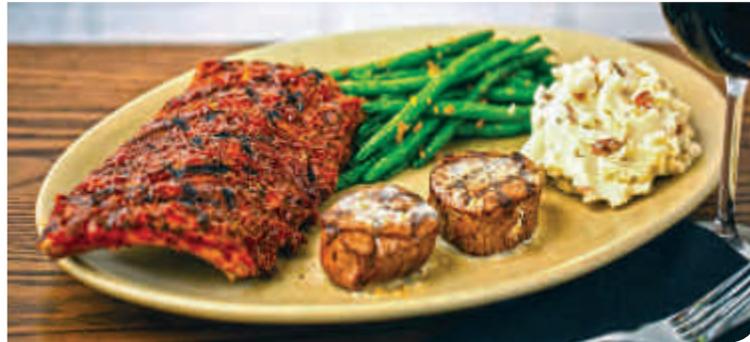
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International Drive

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BRICK HOUSE TAVERN & TAP—Pub. This tavern and tap room offers a neighborhood vibe in the heart of the visitors' corridor. www.brickhousetavernandtap.com, 8440 International Drive, 407.355.0321. \$\$

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

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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. 10 Blake Blvd., Celebration, 321.939.6880. Map 4, D6; 8400 International Drive, 407.352.2928. Map 2, B4; 7903 Irl Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, 407.787.0041. \$\$

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VINES GRILLE & WINE BAR—Steak. A wood-fired grill makes this upscale Chicago-style steakhouse a standout along Restaurant Row. There is an extensive wine list and live jazz plays every night at 7 pm. D (nightly). www.vinesgrille.com. 7533 W. Sand Lake Road, 407.351.1227. \$\$\$

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HEMISPHERE RESTAURANT—Creative/Contemporary. Consider this upscale eatery at the Hyatt inside the Orlando International Airport instead of the food court. Enjoy fine dining in its ninth-floor location with runway views. Locally sourced and organic options are on the menu. Newly renovated. D (daily). www.orlandoairport.hyatt.com. 9300 Airport Blvd., 407.825.1234. \$\$\$

MIKADO JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE—Japanese & Sushi. Watch as dinner is prepared teppanyaki style. Located in the Orlando World Center Marriott, this classic Japanese restaurant is perfect for families and groups. D (nightly). <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcwcw-orlando-world-center-marriott/>. Orlando World Center Marriott, 8701 World Center Drive, 407.238.8664. \$\$\$

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

SIRO—Italian. Located inside the Orlando Marriott World Center, this urban Italian restaurant offers genuine Italian food with rustic flair. Handmade pasta and pizza rule the menu. D (daily). www.siroorlando.com. Orlando Marriott World Center, 8701 World Center Drive, 407.238.8619. \$\$

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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. \$\$

THE KITCHEN—American.

American classics are served in this all-day restaurant. Children can hang out on beanbag chairs in the Kid's Crib, decorated with lunch boxes and a TV that plays cartoons.

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VIVO ITALIAN KITCHEN—Italian.

At this new eatery, guests enjoy classic Italian dishes with a modern twist and can even watch chefs at work in the kitchen creating pasta, baking bread or making sauces from scratch. D (daily). www.universalorlando.com. Universal CityWalk, 6000 Universal Blvd., 407.224.2691. \$\$\$

Winter Park

COCINA 214—Tex-Mex.

The menu combines bold flavors with fresh, local ingredients to create contemporary Tex-Mex. Try the brisket tacos, chicken tamale or truffle and mushroom quesadillas and take a seat at the bar and enjoy one of its draft Mexican beers. L, D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). www.cocina214.com. 151 E. Welbourne Ave., Winter Park, 407.790.7997. \$\$

HAMILTON'S KITCHEN—New Southern.

This spot at the Alford Inn welcomes friends and families to enjoy traditional Southern cooking in a rustic, yet modern atmosphere. B, L, D (daily), Br (Su). www.thealfordinn.com. 300 E. New England Ave., Winter Park, 407.998.8090. \$\$\$

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. \$\$\$

PRATO—Modern Italian.

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UMI—Japanese Fusion.

Serving up some of the freshest sushi and sashimi in the area, Umi specializes in Japanese fusion cuisine featuring Robata charcoal grilled meats, seafood and vegetables. L, D (daily). www.umiwinterpark.com. 525 S. Park Ave., Winter Park, 407.960.3993. \$\$

MESA21—Mexican.

Locals love this authentic style modern Mexican restaurant. For starters, the guacamole is served with chicharron and other delights include fresh market-fish ceviche, sweet (and spicy) corn soup, chile-grilled salmon, Mexican style barbecue pork ribs and six different types of tacos. The bar program measures up with signature agave cocktails including a Tajin-dusted margarita and a south-of-the-border riff on an Old Fashioned in the Up In Smoke, complete with habanero bitters. 1414 N Orange Ave., Orlando, 407.930.8000.

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SANFORD—A quaint downtown district with old-fashioned lampposts and red-brick buildings housing shops and cafés. Don't miss the zoo and the Lake Monroe waterfront. www.sanfordfl.gov. 300 N. Park Ave., Sanford, 407.688.5000. **Map 3, H5**

WINDERMERE—Home to a charming downtown, a chain of lakes and prestigious gated communities like Isleworth and Bay Hill. www.town.windermere.fl.us. 614 Main St., Windermere, FL 407.876.2563.

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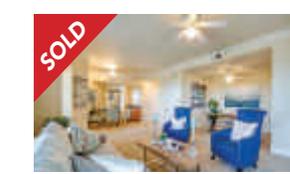
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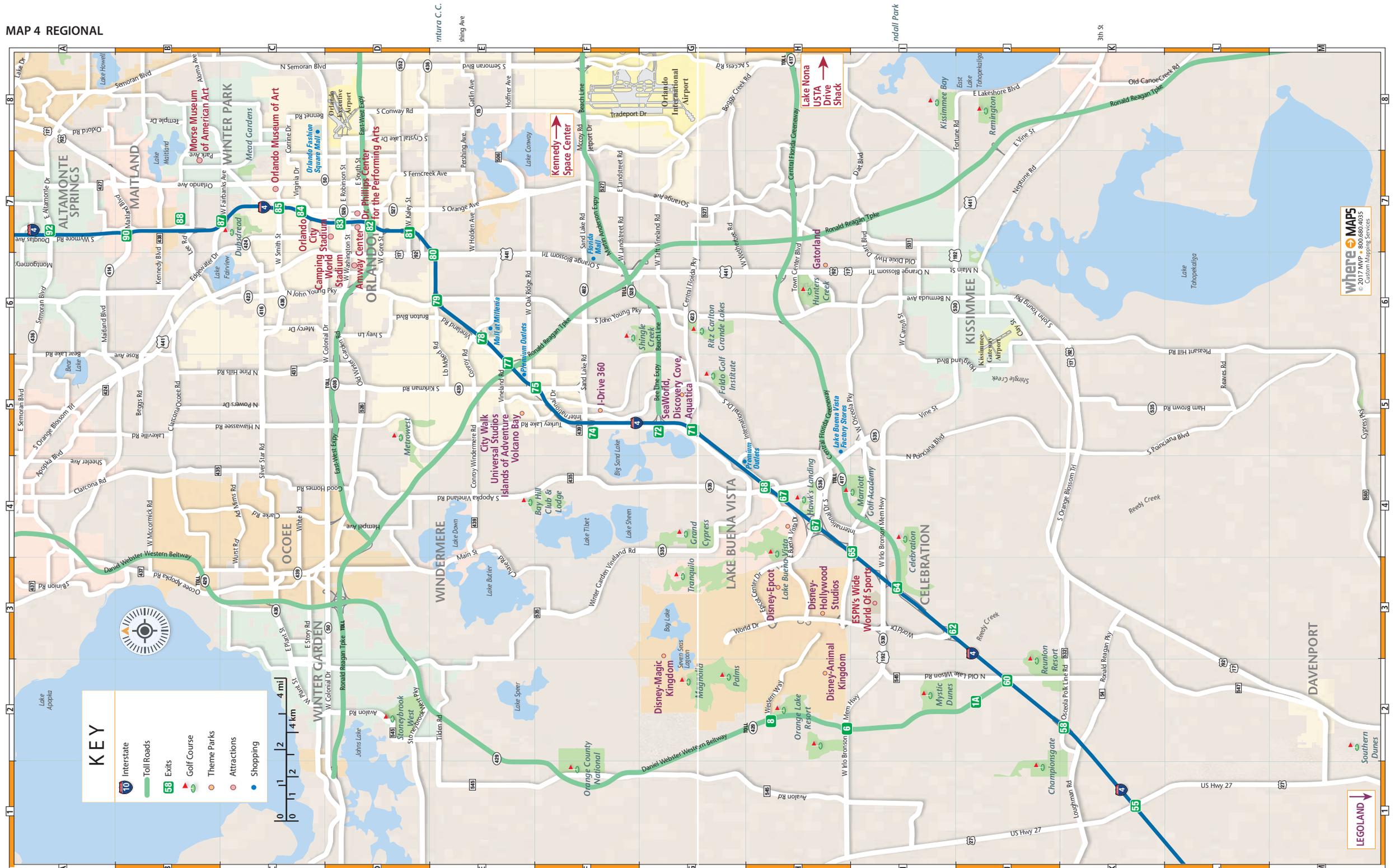
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