

SPPAC 2018

Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel
<http://www.swandolphin.com/>
1500 Epcot Resorts Blvd, Orlando, FL 32830

Visitor Information

<http://www.cityoforlando.net/visitors/>

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

Transportation

Transportation to/from Orlando International Airport (MCO)

- Mears Transportation: approximately \$23 one way, \$37 round trip; book online [here](#).
- UberX or Lyft: \$27-35

Transportation to/from Disney attractions

- Buses depart from the front entrance of the Dolphin Hotel to the Magic Kingdom, Disney's Animal Kingdom, and all other venues approximately every 20 – 25 minutes.
- Water taxis take guests to Disney's BoardWalk, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Epcot approximately every 20 – 25 minutes, starting 1 hour before the parks open.
- Board the water taxi from the boat dock located by the covered walkway between the Swan and Dolphin wings.
- The same schedule applies to the return routes from the parks to the Dolphin Hotel.
- More transportation info: <http://www.swandolphin.com/feedback/transportation.html>

Disney Attractions

- Theme Parks: Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Epcot
- Water Parks: Typhoon Lagoon, Blizzard Beach
- Dining/Shops/Entertainment: Disney Springs (previously Downtown Disney), Disney's BoardWalk
- <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/>

Universal Attractions

- Theme Parks: Universal Studios Florida, Islands of Adventure
- Water Park: Volcano Bay
- Dining/Shops/Entertainment: Universal CityWalk
- <https://www.universalorlando.com/>

SeaWorld Attractions

- Theme Park: SeaWorld Orlando
- Water Park: Aquatica
- <https://seaworld.com/orlando/>

Other Popular Attractions

- I-Drive 360: Home to the 400 foot iconic Coca-Cola Orlando Eye observation wheel, SEA LIFE Aquarium, Madame Tussauds wax attraction, Skeletons: Museum of Osteology, free water show, shops, restaurants, and bars.
<https://www.officialorlandoeye.com/>
- Fun Spot America: Amusement park with two locations (near Disney and near Universal)
<https://fun-spot.com/>

- Magical Midway Thrill Park: Wooden elevated go-kart tracks, bumper cars and boats, carousel, Space Blast tower, one of the largest arcades in Orlando, world's largest Sling Shot and Starflyer. <https://www.magicalmidway.com/>
- Legoland: Rides, shows and attractions inspired by popular LEGO brands and characters, LEGOLAND Water Park and a world-famous botanical garden. <https://www.legoland.com/florida/>

Beyond Tourist Town

From art museums to eclectic neighborhoods to delicious restaurants to sports and recreation activities, Orlando has a lot more to offer than theme parks. Please note that getting to any of these locations from the Dolphin Hotel does require a car.

Restaurants worth trying that are near, but not on Disney property

- Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar <http://cubalibrerestaurant.com/en/orlando/>
- Everglades Restaurant <http://www.evergladesrestaurant.com/>
- Thai Thani <http://thaithani.net/>
- Delmonico's Italian Steakhouse <https://delmonicositaliansteakhouse.com/>
- Bosphorus Turkish Cuisine (Dr. Phillips) <http://bosporousrestaurant.com/>
- Seasons 52 (Sand Lake Road) <http://www.seasons52.com>

Arts, Culture, and History

- Orlando Science Center: Provides experience-based opportunities for learning about science and technology <https://www.osc.org/>
- OMART (Orlando Museum of Art) <https://omart.org/>
- Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art: Among other exhibits, the Morse Museum houses the most comprehensive collection of the works of Louis Comfort Tiffany found anywhere www.morsemuseum.org
- Harry P. Leu Gardens: 50-acre botanical oasis www.leugardens.org/

Get Active

- Buena Vista Water Sports: Jet ski, boat (water ski, wakeboard, tubing), and paddle board rentals <https://www.bvwatersports.com/>
- Kayaking Tours: <http://www.bkadventure.com/>, <http://www.grandelakes.com/orlando-sports/Eco-Tours-187.html>
- Hiking <http://floridahikes.com/walt-disney-world>
- Orangetheory (just off Disney property) <https://celebration.orangetheoryfitness.com/>
- Crossfit Mousetrap (1.2 miles from Disney Springs) <https://www.crossfitmoustrap.com>

Outlet Malls

Two outlet centers, [Orlando Premium Outlets Vineland Avenue](#) (closer to the Dolphin Hotel) and [Orlando Premium Outlets International Drive](#) are packed with brand-name fashions and home goods at discounted prices.

Lake Eola Park

Lake Eola Park is a beautiful landmark located in the center of Downtown Orlando. The sidewalk that circles the lake is .9 miles in length and is frequented by walkers and runners. Other activities include renting swan-shaped paddle boats, feeding the live swans and other birds inhabiting the park, grabbing a bite to eat at Relax Grill, or relaxing amid beautiful flower beds and a spectacular view of Orlando's skyline. Every Sunday is the Eola Farmer's Market.

Park Avenue

Located North of Downtown Orlando, Park Avenue in Winter Park is a beautiful street filled with boutiques, sidewalk cafes, and museums and bordered by stunning oak-canopied Central Park. Park Avenue offers a variety of exceptional experiences. <http://experienceparkavenue.com/25-things-to-see-do/>

Local Beer Scene

With 17 breweries and counting, Orlando's craft beer scene has taken the nation by surprise over the past few years. [Orlando Brewing Company](#) is the only certified organic brewery south of Vermont and east of Colorado. The [Central Florida Ale Trail](#) is a great place to start to learn about the others.

See an Orlando City Soccer Club (OCSC) or Orlando Pride Game

With a new stadium finished for the 2017 season, one thing Orlando residents are passionate about is soccer! OCSC is Orlando's Major League soccer team and their National Women's Soccer League sister club is the Orlando Pride. Soccer season starts in March, so if either team is playing, attending a game is highly recommended!

<https://www.orlandocitysc.com/schedule>

<https://www.orlandocitysc.com/pride/schedule>

Get out of Town – daytrips from Orlando

- Mount Dora – Located just 40 min northwest of Orlando, Mount Dora is a quaint small town, known for antique shops, local restaurants as well as beautiful lakes and views. <https://www.visitmoundora.com>
- St. Augustine – The nation's oldest city is a 2 hour drive from the Disney area. Take a trolley tour to maximize your time, but save time to stroll St. George street. The Floridian and Catch 27 offer the best of locally-sourced food. Kids would enjoy a tour of the fort or a visit to the alligator farm! <https://www.visitstaugustine.com>
- Kennedy Space Center – Learn all about NASA missions, see spacecraft models, and sit in a simulator – kids will have a blast here! Kennedy Space center is an hour east of Disney. <https://www.kennedyspacecenter.com>
- Clearwater beach – Relax on white sand beaches that stretch for 2.5 miles along the Gulf, located on a barrier island. It is linked to another barrier island called Sand Key, where Sand Key Park is located. Your beach getaway is just over 1.5 hours southwest of Disney. Dolphin lovers will enjoy meeting the famous Winter the dolphin and her friends at Clearwater Marine Aquarium. <https://www.seewinter.com/>;
<https://www.visitclearwaterflorida.com>