Survival Guide For Orlando

Things to know, Places to go Sights to see & Where to eat



City Desk Hours of Operation

July 20 - Saturday 3 pm - 9 pm July 21 - Sunday 1 pm - 10 pm July 22 - Monday 10 am- 3 pm July 23 - Tuesday 10 am- 10 pm July 24-26 - Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am - 2 pm

Survival Tips

Average Temperatures:

June - September Days - Upper 80s F to mid 90s F Nights - Upper 60s F to mid 70s F

Sun safety

If you are going to be out in the sun all day, choose a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30. For shorter outings, use one with an SPF of at least 15.

No matter what the instructions say, re-apply sunscreen every hour or so, especially if you are swimming or perspiring a lot.

And don't forget the old-fashioned methods.

A hat with a 4-inch brim will protect your face, one of the places most vulnerable to the sun.

NOTE: The sun is strongest between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., although burning can occur even in the early morning or late afternoon.

Overcast days should not be taken lightly. Ultraviolet rays can burn through fog or haze.

Drink plenty of fluids

Dehydration can lead to weakness, fatigue, and eventually heat stroke due to the body's reduced ability to regulate its temperature. You drink about 16 ounces two hours before exercising or spending time in the hot sun, 8 ounces every 15 or 20 minutes while exercising, and another 16 ounces after exercise. So whether you're lounging by the pool or waiting in line at the theme parks, be sure to gulp down plenty of fluids, such as water, sports drinks, juices and non-carbonated beverages.

Enjoy Your time in Orlando while at the Council!

Transportation Options

About town - Besides taxi and limousine service to anywhere in the Greater Orlando area, the city's Lynx bus system provides economical public transportation around Orlando. Bus stops are marked with a "paw" print of a Lynx cat.

The I-Ride trolleys serve popular International Drive with scheduled stops every 15 minutes. The 54 stops are designated with numbered "I-RIDE" location markers.

I-RIDE Trolleys operate year-round, seven days a week, from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

How Much Does it Cost to Ride the I-RIDE Trolley?

Cash Fare

Single fare is .75 cents

Senior citizen (65 and over) fare is .25 cents

All children age 12 and under RIDE FREE when accompanied by a paying adult

Exact change is required, \$1.00 accepted

Drivers do not carry cash Unlimited Passes

One Day Pass: \$2.00 per person
Three Day Pass: \$3.00 per person
Five Day Pass: \$5.00 per person
Seven Day Pass: \$7.00 per person
Fourteen Day Pass: \$14.00 per person

Passes not sold on Trolleys

Single Ride Full Fare \$1.00
One dollar gets you one great trip.
Transfer Fee 10¢. If you need more than one bus to reach your destination, just ask your driver for a transfer when you board the bus.
Good in one direction, for three connections.
You must catch the next arriving bus when making each transfer or your transfer will be invalid.
Transfers not issued when riding on a discounted fare.
Xpress Link Single Ride Full Fare \$2.00 Forget the stress and go Express.

For Seniors, customers with disabilities, and Medicare card holders. Customers age 65 and older or with disabilities are eligible for AdvantAge fares. Seniors must present proof of age with a valid photo I.D. when purchasing a pass or paying a fare. Customers with disabilities must present a valid LYNX I.D. or Medicare card when purchasing a pass or paying a fare.

Things to See Attractions

Busch Gardens

A family amusement experience includes naturalistic zoological habitats, exciting rides, and thrilling live entertainment. One of Florida's prime vacation destinations, the 335-acre park is a combination of attractions and sights. Located in Tampa, which is about 90 minutes from Orlando. 888-800-5447

Discovery Cove

In a tropical setting that includes thatched-roof huts, cabanas and white-sand beaches, Discovery Cove includes a mix of adventures and unique experiences. Located across the street from SeaWorld in Orlando, guests interact with Atlantic bottlenose dolphins in crystal-clear dolphin lagoons, and also enjoy the Tropical River, Ray Lagoon, Coral Reef, a free-flight Aviary, and a naturalistic resort-style pool complete with waterfalls.

1-877-4-DISCOVERY

DisneyQuest®

Indoor interactive theme park - Where Disney adventures and your imagination come together in a totally interactive way. For information call 407-828-4600 Open 10:30 a.m. to midnight. Rain or shine. 407-828-4600.

Disney Epcot®

Epcot is dedicated to the ageless delight of discovery. An exciting and fun place for the whole family, filled with high-tech playthings and countless delights from around the world.

1-800-WDISNEY

Disney Animal Kingdom Theme Park®

At Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park, expect the unexpected as you encounter wild animals, dinosaurs, loveable characters, spectacular shows and attractions. Come on, explore!

Disney-MGM Studios

Disney-MGM Studios celebrates the fascinating world of show business with thrilling attractions, glamorous shows and backstage tours highlighting your favorites from movies, television, theater, music and animation.

Disney Magic Kingdom® Park

The world of 'make believe' comes alive in the Magic Kingdom Park where new adventures, fantasy, and fun surround you in seven wonderful lands of enchantment with over 40 incredible attractions and shows.

Islands of Adventure

Universal Orlando

You have not been to Orlando until you have been to Universal Orlando Resort with an unbelievable variety of new things to do, new places to see, and new thrills to enjoy. At Universal Orlando, you'll find the world's TWO most amazing theme parks side by side...a dazzling new entertainment complex...and 3 world-class on-site hotels, all in one convenient location. 888-389-4783

Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex

Take a tour of Kennedy Space Center including the Apollo/Saturn V Center, Launch Complex 39 Observation Gantry and the International Space Station Center. Also, experience an IMAX film. 321-449-4400

SeaWorld® Orlando

There's no place in the world like SeaWorld Orlando...touch and feed dolphins, count the teeth on a shark and come face-to-face with polar bears. Challenge Kraken, Orlando's only floorless coaster. And, just try to stay dry when the world famous Shamu comes a splashing! At SeaWorld, it doesn't get any closer than this. 407-351-3600

Wet'n Wild

Wet'n Wild, America's best-attended water park, is a great way to enjoy fun in the sun. Wet'n Wild features the best variety of multi-passenger thrill rides in Orlando. And in the spring of 2001, The Storm whirls its way into the water park scene! Riders will be washed down a towering chute, swirled around a bowl at high speeds and tumbled into a splash landing! Kids love the elaborate Children's Playground, an unrivaled addition that features miniature versions of the park's most popular rides. 800-992-9453

Museums and Parks

Orlando Museum of Art

The Orlando Museum of Art exhibits wonderful selections from its permanent collections of African art, American art and art of the ancient Americas, and offers a variety of temporary exhibitions and programs. Interactive gallery activities and the Museum Shop will appeal to visitors of all ages. 2416 North Mills Avenue 407-896-4231

Orlando Science Center

Journey through the human body, observe life in a Florida cypress swamp, and unearth dinosaur mysteries - all in a single visit! Orlando Science Center also offers breathtaking giant screen films, planetarium shows, hands-on exhibits and live theater presentations. Everywhere you look, there are opportunities to explore, experiment, and discover 777 East Princeton Street 407-514-2000

Harry P. Leu Gardens

Sightseeing takes a natural turn at Harry P. Leu Gardens. The gardens include 50-acres of tropical plants, formal rose garden, and camellias. Visit the Leu House Museum, a restored late nineteenth century home, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. 1920 North Forest Avenue 407-246-2620

Shopping

Belz Factory Outlet World

5401 West Oakridge Road Orlando, FL 32819

407-354-0126 As the largest factory outlet center in America, Belz Factory Outlet World - Orlando features more than 170 outlet stores in two fully-enclosed, air conditioned malls and four annexes. Shoppers will find great deals on name brand merchandise from Adidas, Bass, Calvin Klein, Casual Corner, Dockers, Footlocker, The Gap, Guess, Nautica, Nike, Oneida, OshKosh B'Gosh, Reebok, Samsonite, Sunglass Hut, Timberland, Tommy Hilfiger and more.

Orlando Premium Outlets

8200 Vineland Avenue Orlando, FL 32821

407-238-7787 Upscale outlet shopping has arrived in Orlando! Mediterranean-style village setting with a world-class collection of 110 designers and name brands offering savings of 25%-65%. I-4 to exit 27, left on Vineland Avenue (Little Lake Bryan).

The Florida Mall

8001 South Orange Blossom Trail, #420

Orlando, FL 32809

407-851-7234 The largest shopping attraction in Orlando, with Saks Fifth Avenue, Dillard's, JCPenney, and Sears plus well-known specialty stores. Spouses and tour group programs, multilingual guest services, and more.

Belz Designer Outlet Center

5211 International Drive

Orlando, FL 32819

407-352-9611 Located in the heart of International Drive, Belz Designer Outlet Center features more than 40 upscale and designer stores with prices up to 75% off. Shoppers will find great deals on name brands.

Gooding's Supermarkets

8255 International Drive, Ste 120 Orlando FL 32819 407-370-4209

Gooding's on I-Drive is an upscale supermarket servicing the needs of nearby businesses and visitors to our area offering groceries, beer and fine wine and a selection of attraction merchandise. Open 24/7.

Eckerd Store #2652

(1.7 miles from hotel) 5402 CENTRAL FLA PKWY ORLANDO, FL 32821 (407) 239-6065 **Pharmacy Hours:** Mon-Fri 9 to 9 Sat 9 to 7 Sun 10 to 6

Florida Liquors

(1.03 miles from hotel) 5448 Central Florida Pkwy Orlando, FL 32821 407-239-8979 Hours: 10AM-9:30PM Daily

ABC Fine Wines & Spirits

(1.4 miles from hotel) 6169 Westwood Blvd Orlando, FL 32821 407-352-1509

Hours: 10 AM to Midnight M-Sat 11AM to 11PM Sunday

Dining

There are hundreds of restaurants within a 10 mile radius of the hotel, here's a brief list. For more information visit the City Desk.

Price Code: \$ = Under \$9 \$\$ = \$10-\$19 \$\$\$ = \$20 & up

Breakfast

B-line Diner in Peabody Hotel

9801 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-345-4460 Open 24hrs \$\$

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

5859 Caravan Court Orlando, FL 32819 407-248-6260 \$-\$\$

International House of Pancakes

9990 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-352-9447 \$

Le Peep

4666 Kirkman Rd. Orlando, FL 32811 407-291-4580 \$

TooJay's

7600 Dr. Phillips Blvd. Orlando, FL 32819 407-355-0340 \$

On The Run At Mobil Vie De France Bakery & Deli

9858 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-354-3322 \$

Lunch

Bennigan's - Bee Line/Convention Center

6109 Westwood Boulevard Orlando, FL 32821 407-352-5657 \$\$

Chamberlin's Market & Cafe

7600 Dr. Phillips Boulevard Orlando, FL 32819 407-352-2130 \$

Flippers Pizza-Westwood Boulevard

6125 Westwood Boulevard Orlando, FL 32821 407-345-0113 \$

Friday's Front Row Sports Grill

8126 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-363-1414 \$

Golden Corral

8032 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-352-6606 \$

Houlihan's Restaurant

9150 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-856-0122 800-222-5866 \$\$

Italianni's

8148 International Drive Orlando, FL 32801 407-345-8884 \$\$

Samba Room

Cuban

7468 West Sand Lake Road Orlando, FL 32819 407-226-0550 \$\$

Southern China Seafood Buffet

8255 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-226-5977 \$

Dinner

American

Dan Marino's Town Tavern

9101 International Dr. Orlando, FL 32819 407-363-1013 \$\$

Dux

9801 International Drive The Peabody Orlando Orlando, FL 32819 407-345-4550 \$\$\$

Hard Rock Cafe

6050 Universal Blvd Universal Studios Escape Orlando, FL 32819 407-351-7625 \$\$

Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville

6000 Universal Blvd. Universal Studios Escape Orlando, FL 32819 407-224-2155 \$\$

NASCAR Cafe

6000 Universal Blvd # 743 Universal Studios CityWalk Orlando, FL 32819 407-224-7223 \$\$

Stonewood Tavern and Grill

5078 Dr. Phillips Blvd. Orlando, FL 32819 407-297-8682 \$\$\$

Asian

Hanamizuki Japanese Restaurant

8255 International Drive, #136 Orlando, FL 32819 407-363-7200 \$\$\$

Ming Court Innovative Oriental Cuisine

9188 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-351-9988 \$\$\$

Roy's Restaurant

7760 West Sand Lake Road Orlando, FL 32819 407-352-4844 \$\$\$

Siam Orchid Restaurant

7575 Universal Boulevard Orlando, FL 32819 407-351-0821 \$\$

Cajun Creole LuLu's Bait Shack

9101 International Drive, Suite 2220 Orlando, FL 32819 407-351-9595 \$\$

Continental

Arthurs 27

Wyndham Palace Resort & Spa Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 407-827-3450 \$\$\$

The Boheme

325 S. Orange Ave. Westin Grand Bohemian Orlando, FL 32801 407-581-4700 \$\$\$

Manuel's On The 28th

390 N. Orange Ave. Orlando, FL 32801 407-246-6580 \$\$\$

<u>Indian</u>

New Punjab Indian Restaurant

7451 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-352-7887 \$\$

Italian

Christini's Ristorante Italiano

7600 Dr. Phillips Boulevard Orlando, FL 32819 407-345-8770 \$\$\$

DiVino's Italian Restaurant

8445 International Drive, #142 Orlando, FL 32819 407-345-0883 \$\$\$

Latin/South American/Caribbean Bahama Breeze

8849 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-248-2499-not open for lunch \$\$

Mediterranean

Cafe Tu Tu Tango

8625 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-248-2222 \$\$

Cedar's Restaurant

7732 West Sand Lake Road Orlando FL 32819 407-351-6000 \$\$

Seafood

The Crab House - Next to Mercado

8291 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-352-6140 800-394-3839 \$\$

Boston Lobster Feast - International Drive

8731 International Drive Orlando FL 32819 407-851-4001 \$\$\$

Charlie's Lobster House

8445 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-352-6929 \$\$\$

Fish Bones Restaurant

6707 Sand Lake Road Orlando, FL 32819 407-352-0135 \$\$

Steakhouses

Charley's Steak House

8255 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-851-8400 \$\$\$

Del Frisco's Steak House

729 Lee Road Orlando, FL 32810 407-645-4443 \$\$\$

Morton's of Chicago

7600 Dr. Phillips Boulevard, Suite 132 Orlando, FL 32819 407-248-3485 \$\$\$

The Palm

5800 Universal Blvd. Orlando, FL 32819 407-503-7256 \$\$\$

Ronnie's Steak House

7500 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 407-313-3000 \$\$\$

Ruth's Chris Steak House

7501 Sand Lake Road Orlando, FL 32819 407-226-3900 \$\$\$

Shula's Steak House

1200 Epcot Resort Blvd. Walt Disney World Dolphin Orlando, FL 32830 407-934-1362 \$\$\$

