

# Pocket ORLANDO & WALT DISNEY WORLD® RESORT

**TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY** 

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### In This Book

### QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the region – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



### Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



### Neighbourhoods

What's where

# Explore Orlando & Walt Disney World® Resort

The best things to see and do, region by region



### Top Sights

Make the most of your visit



#### Local Life

The insider's city

### The Best of Orlando & Walt Disney World® Resort

The highlights in handy lists to help you plan



### Best...

Activities and attractions



#### Best...

Experiences and top tips

# Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



### **Getting Around**

Travel like a local



### **Essential Information**

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:



Eating

Orinking

**Entertainment** 

Shopping

### These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
- P Parking
- Nonsmoking
- ▼ Wi-Fi Access

  ✓ Vegetarian Selection
- fil English-Language

- ₱ Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
- Ferry
- M Metro
- S Subway
- London Tube
- Tram

### Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



### Lonely Planet's Orlando & Walt Disney World® Resort

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate regions and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Orlando and Walt Disney World® Resort.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

### **Our Promise**

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# Welcome to Orlando & Walt Disney World® Resort

Play quidditch with Harry Potter, disappear into the Twilight Zone and hug Winnie-the-Pooh. In Orlando, the Theme Park Capital of the World, it's all about adrenaline-fueled fun and fantasy. Sure, there's more to this city of lakes than theme-park thrills, but its charms will always lie in the shadow of Cinderella's Castle and Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.



Magic Kingdom (p24)

Cinderella's Castle looms over this iconic Disney theme park, home to classic rides such as Pirates of the Caribbean and Splash Mountain plus Disney parades and fireworks.





## **Islands of Adventure** (p76)

Hogwarts Castle and butterbeer, laughout-loud water rides guaranteed to leave you soaked, and some of the wildest coaster mania in Orlando. Meet Spider-Man, ride the Incredible Hulk and splash through Jurassic Park.



# **Universal Studios** (p70)

One of Universal Orlando Resort's two theme parks, this one boasts belly-wrenching rides, the city's best simulated extravaganzas, and the marvelously themed Wizarding World of Harry Potter – Diagon Alley.



### **Epcot** (p34)

The quietest of Disney parks features the World Showcase, a lagoon surrounded by themed countries with shopping and eating. Sip sake in Japan, eat crepes in France, and listen to The Beatles in England.

### 10 Top Sights

### Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art (p114)

This intimate museum houses the world's greatest collection of Louis Comfort Tiffany art and showcases art-nouveau and arts-and-crafts pieces from around the world. Multiple galleries examine the artist's life, work and home.



### Disney's Hollywood Studios (p30)

Styled as a Hollywood backlot, this park features two of Disney's biggest thrills, the sweet Little Mermaid and Beauty and the Beast shows, and dining over sci-fi flicks in a drive-in theater.



### Gatorland (p132)

Walk through the giant gator mouth into a 1949 old-world Florida kitschy classic. Small and endearing, with loads of alligators, tongue-in-cheek shows, gator wrestling and animal interactions.

