

#### Orlando, Florida

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# Learn & Experience Orlando

There are a wide variety of cool experiences and venues beyond the park scene in and around Orlando. This is your opportunity to take in one of those experiences while learning something new about the destination. Authenticity oozes.

#### 4Roots Farm Giveback: The Power of Produce

Located in the heart of Orlando in The Packing District, <u>4Roots Farm</u> was created by local residents focused on giving back to their community by creating a healthy, sustainable regional food system. Following a brief introduction to 4Roots and its mission, guests will pack bags of fresh produce to donate to families in need. O-Town Compost – a key player in helping Orlando meet its zero-waste goal – will provide a quick composting lesson before guests tour the new 4Roots Farm Campus, home to an 18,000-square-foot greenhouse featuring a world-class innovative growing system.

Time: 7:10 - 11:35 AM

Round-trip Transfer Time: 60 minutes

Activity Time: 3 hours

## Airboats & Alligators: An Everglades Adventure

Hop aboard an airboat and get ready to glide deep into the protected swamps, marshes and rivers that comprise the Florida Everglades. A local guide will share details about this unique ecosystem and provide up-close views of the alligators (as well as birds, trees, bugs and plants) that call the wetlands home. The fun continues on land with a stroll through the wildlife park and the chance to hold a real alligator (seriously). This is wild Florida at its finest, and it's not to be missed!

Time: 7:00 - 11:15 AM

Round-trip Transfer Time: 90 minutes

Activity Time: 2.5 hours



# Chef's Kiss: Farm to Table Cooking Experience

Helmed by Melissa Kelly, the only two-time female James Beard winner, Primo combines fresh sustainable food sourcing with rich coastal flavors – earning it a Michelin recommendation in June 2022. Your gourmet experience begins with selecting fresh, seasonal ingredients in the Primo Garden, before continuing to the open-air kitchen where you'll learn expert techniques and sample dishes inspired by the garden's seasonal bounty.

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Round-trip Transfer Time: n/a

Activity Time: 1.5 hours

#### **Dolphin Deep Dive**

Located in the heart of Orlando is Discovery Cove, a tropical oasis with a mission – to provide immersive animal experiences, promote conservation and actively support global conservation initiatives and education. An animal ambassador will provide an overview of the resort and its offerings, sharing behind-the-scenes details about the residents, as well as their conservation and on-site sustainability efforts. After a light breakfast, it's time to suit up and wade in for up-close interactions with dolphins, topped off with a dorsal fin tow ride back to shore, with ample time left to discover more of Discovery Cove.

*Time: 7:10 – 11:15 AM* 

Round-trip Transfer Time: 15 minutes

Activity Time: 3.5 hours

#### Give Kids the World Giveback Experience

<u>Give Kids the World Village</u> is a beloved Orlando storybook-inspired resort designed to give children with life-threatening conditions and their families a much-needed respite from their daily worries. A visit to the Village is a transformative experience for Wish families and volunteers alike. This unique volunteer experience introduces you to the village and its mission, while providing the chance to give back and interact with the special guests as they enjoy breakfast in the village's restaurant, Café Clayton.

*Time: 6:45 AM - 11 AM* 

Round-trip Transfer Time: 60 minutes

Activity Time: 2 hours



# **Golf FORE Beginners**

Interested in golf but hesitant to commit to a full round? Or are you new to the game and want to know the basics? We've got you covered! The Grande Lakes' PGA professionals will provide a brief lesson – as well as details about golf events at their certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary golf course – followed by ample time for chipping, putting and driving on the range, with plenty of tips sprinkled in along the way.

Time: 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Round-trip Transfer Time: n/a

Activity Time: 2 hours

## **Golf FORE the Experienced Golfer**

Get out and play a round at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, Orlando's premier course. Designed by Greg Norman and host to PGA Tour Challenge events, this unique course – featuring a thriving ecosystem of ponds, wetlands, live oaks and cypress heads – is *not* what you would expect to find in the heart of Orlando! Following time on the range, guests will have the option to play nine or 18 holes.

Time: 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM Round-trip Transfer Time: n/a

Activity Time: 2 hours

# **Good Morning, Winter Park!**

Orlando is more than meets the eye, and nowhere is that more evident than in Winter Park, a charming city stretched along the shores of three pristine lakes. Slip through the sparkling waters and take in Winter Park's most notable homes and sights during a historic boat tour where you'll learn more about this city with a decidedly small-town feel. After the boat docks, enjoy brunch bites and exclusive shopping time at The Heavy, a local favorite known as "Winter Park's Happy Place."

*Time: 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM* 

Round-trip Transfer Time: 90 minutes

Activity Time: 3 hours



### Sunrise Safari Eco Land & Water Tour

Situated on 500+ acres (33 of which are protected habitat) and with six certified Florida Master Naturalists on staff, it's clear that conservation is key at the Grande Lakes Orlando. This custom tour combines two of the resort's most popular activities, a guided canoe/kayak excursion on Shingle Creek and an all-terrain golf cart tour to the headwaters of the Florida Everglades. Along the way you'll see whitetail deer, bobcats, otters, alligators, great horned owls and more while learning about the resort's commitment to the plants and wildlife that call the Grande Lakes Orlando home.

Times: 7:00 - 9:00 AM or 8:00 - 10:00 AM

Round-trip Transfer Time: n/a

Activity Time: 2 hours

#### Wekiva Island: Orlando's Great Outdoors

Take a walk on the wild(life) side with a visit to <u>Wekiva Island</u>, an indoor/outdoor recreation complex created to highlight Florida's natural beauty. Explore the crystal-clear Wekiva River via kayak, canoe or paddleboard, stroll the boardwalk or stake out a spot in an Adirondack chair. Wekiva Island's focus on sustainability, education and art – combined with a decidedly laidback vibe – make this unique spot a favorite among locals.

*Time: 7:15 – 11:15 AM* 

Round-trip Transfer Time: 90 minutes

Activity Time: 2.5 hours