

adrenaline



ADVENTURES

Whether you're a fearless traveler or simply want to indulge yourself with something new...Florida is the place to partake in an adrenaline adventure!

From the Richard Petty Driving Experience, where participants can drive a 600-horsepower NASCAR-style stock car; to hopping aboard an airboat and blasting through the Everglades with alligators surrounding you, every visitor - of every age - can enjoy a memorable adventure!

Richard Petty Driving Experience... It began as the dream of one man; it was to become the fulfillment of a dream for thousands. After more than a decade of operation, Richard Petty Driving Experience has become the premiere motorsports entertainment company in the industry. Walt Disney World, renowned for making dreams come

true, is home to the Walt Disney World Speedway. Participants can get behind the wheel and feel their adrenaline pumping as they speed around the mile-long, tri-oval racetrack! Experience the thrill of a lifetime as you go for 8, 18 or even 30 laps. You can also ride along in the passenger seat for 3 heart-pounding laps with one of the track's professional instructors. www.disneyworld.com

For the true thrill seeker... Daytona International Speedway offers a number of programs including their Daytona Experience. With 24 laps of white-knuckled, heart

pounding speed, riders are encouraged to take the 2.5 mile historic speedway in three driving segments. Prior to driving, students go through two elements of safety and instruction training, in-car and on-track instruction and one-on-one feedback from the Pit Road Instructor, as well as additional instruction from the on-track driving instructors. www.1800bepetty.com

Prefer 2 wheels to four? Grab your motorcycle and head to JenningsGP, featuring two miles of twisted black asphalt with 14 turns in the city of Jennings, North Florida's own "Motorcycles Only" Road Racing circuit. The Track has been professionally built to racing specifications and designed by the renowned Ed Bargy. This track will give riders the opportunity to improve the skills that they've learned road riding, without the hazards of the street! Riders are given the opportunity to join other enthusiasts in several levels of riding experience including fast, intermediate and newcomer. www.jenningsgp.com

Riding aboard an airboat... At **Jungle Erv's Airboat Tours**, situated in Everglades City, guests can get wild during an exciting airboat ride in the Everglades, the only subtropical preserve in North America. The Everglades contains both temperate and tropical plant communities, including sawgrass prairies, mangrove and cypress swamps, pinelands, and hardwood hammocks. From the airboat participants will also see marine and estuarine environments. The Everglades is known for its rich bird life, particularly large wading birds. An airboat ride will take visitors through the only place in the world where alli-

gators and crocodiles exist side by side. 877-695-2820 | www.jungleervairboatworld.com

See Florida from the best view of all - the sky!

Skydiving adventures are certainly not for the faint of heart and are guaranteed to get your adrenaline pumping! One of the best (and safest) ways to experience this sport is Tandem skydiving. By attaching yourself to a harness and licensed instructor, participants are taken to the sky and at up to 15,000-foot altitudes, the door is opened and your jump begins. After falling at approximate speeds of 120 MPH, and what can only be described as a scenic experience, jumpers and their instructors land safely on the ground.

Gatorland... is promising a new adrenaline rush to guests at its theme park, with the addition of a zip line course this fall.

The park said the Eco Zip Line will carry riders over the park's jumping Cuban Crocodiles, then give riders a bird's eye view of the more than 150 alligators in the park's breeding marsh. It will reach as high as 56 feet, with speeds of nearly 30 miles per hour, the park said.

Gatorland is the latest Central Florida attraction to adding zipping to its offerings. Grand Lakes Orlando Resort, the Central Florida Zoo and Forever Florida all added zip lines last year.

The 45-minute experience includes an orientation session, a nature walk through the swamp, four zips and a swinging bridge. The price tag is \$60, which includes all day admission to Gatorland. www.gatorland.com 🌴



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