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For families, couples or the solo traveler, vacation means more than just getting away from home or work for a few days. Vacation is a time to [recapture the magic and awe of childhood](#).

There was a time in every adult's life when their only priorities were to play, run, imagine and laugh. For most, the magic of childhood is a distant memory, but those priorities take precedence once again when travelers set foot in Orlando.

Here, the world's most amazing theme parks - Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios and Disney's Animal Kingdom at Walt Disney World Resort; Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios Florida; and SeaWorld Orlando come together with more than 90 other attractions to create one larger-than-life destination, providing more entertainment options than anywhere else on earth.

Beyond Orlando's make-believe landscape, a little known booming and "blooming" residential community thrives. Winter Park, Central Florida's oldest community, dating back to the 1880s, charms visitors with European-style tree-shaded avenues, magnificent homes and a window onto the world of Florida's past. The heart of Winter Park is a 10-block area anchored on one end by Rollins College, one

of the top private liberal arts schools in the country, and on the other by the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art featuring the world's most comprehensive collection of the works of Louis Comfort Tiffany. In-between, trendy boutiques, upscale galleries and eclectic restaurants and cafes line the streetscape.

If performance art is what visitors crave, they will delight in the fact that Orlando boasts a professional opera, ballet and philharmonic orchestra. The community is also home to a thriving theater community, offering everything from Shakespeare and theater for young audiences to original plays by local writers.

For those looking to discover a bit of old Florida, natural and man-made wonders offer a trip back in time. The Orange County Regional History Center, located in a historic 1920 courthouse, documents the area's history with an array of permanent and traveling exhibits. African-American history in Central Florida comes to life at the Wells' Built Museum of African-American History and the

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Well-known for its theme parks, Orlando is also renowned on the golf circuit. Orlando hosts more professional tour competitions than any other city. PGA Tour stars - Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els and many others - compete every March in the Arnold Palmer Invitational Presented by MasterCard at the Bay Hill Club & Lodge, and the top professional players return in October as the tour visits Walt Disney World for the Children's Miracle Network Classic (formerly the FUNAI Classic and Walt Disney World Classic).

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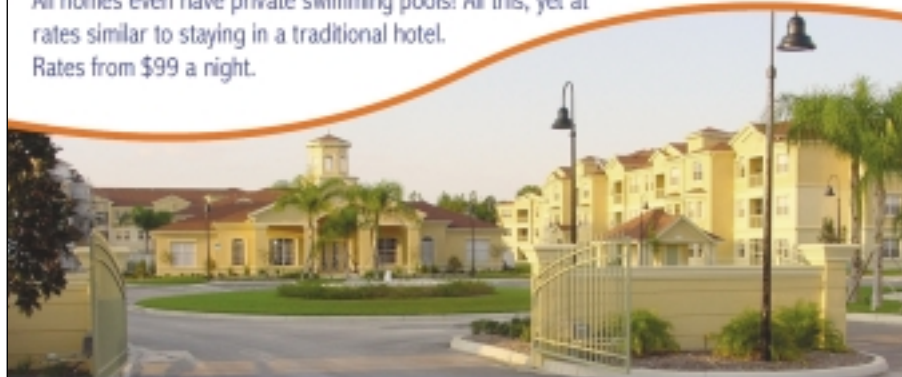
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