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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

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Culture...

Discovery often begins within, and Orlando offers plenty of quiet places to reflect. Museums like Orlando Museum of Art and The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of Art and botanical gardens like Harry P. Leu Gardens and Kraft Azalea Gardens provide hours of peaceful discovery. Dozens of galleries dot the Orlando and Winter Park landscape, as do regionally acclaimed theatres such as the Orlando Repertory Theatre and Orlando Shakespeare Theatre, in Partnership with UCF. The Orlando Science Center offers up the largest refractor telescope in Florida for stargazing.

To channel their creativity, vacationers can take painting or drawing classes at Creald School of Art, take cooking classes at Truffles and Trifles or learn the fine art of chocolate making at Farris & Foster's Famous Chocolate Factory. Or, they can test their artistic skills by learning how to draw a cartoon at The Magic of Disney Animation at Disney's Hollywood Studios. For more information about vacation experiences in Orlando, or to order a complimentary vacation planning kit that includes a comprehensive Official Vacation Guide and Orlando Preferred Visitor Magicard™, visitors can log onto Orlando's official Web site at www.orlandoinfo.com or call an Official Travel Counselor at 1-800-551-0181 (United States and Canada) or 407-363-5872.

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