

# top **10** things to SEE & DO... in CENTRAL FLORIDA!



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**1) Where to Play!** 2009 brings new adventure activities and theme park thrill rides to Orlando. Walt Disney World Resort opened the Indy Racing Experience, where race fans and adrenaline junkies have the chance to drive and ride in actual cars used in the Indianapolis 500. Disney's Hollywood Studios now lets wanna-be singers hit the stage with its new American Idol attraction. SeaWorld Orlando will unveil a brand new roller coaster in the summer, Manta, where riders will seamlessly transition from watching rays in underwater flight to the sensation of actually being one. Universal Studios Florida will open Hollywood's Rip, Ride, Rockit, where guests can jam to their own soundtrack while riding the most technologically advanced roller coaster in the world.

**2) Hungry?** An extraordinary influx of international visitors has had a significant impact on Orlando dining. In order to cater to a global range of tastes, Orlando has become an epicurean United Nations; the epicenter of eclectic dining. From this international tapestry comes an unusually appetizing selection of restaurants from cozy eateries that serve ethnic dishes to five-diamond restaurants providing world-class meals.

**3) Outside Fun!** While Orlando may be best known for its world-class attractions, it is also filled with unique adventures that make vacations unforgettable. Where else can adventurous travelers try their hand at hang gliding or skydiving with no prior training or feel the wind in their hair in an open-cockpit 1930s biplane?

**4) Fore!** Whether you're a weekend warrior or just starting out - there's a golf course for every level! Orlando hosts more professional tour competitions than any other city.

**5) Event Venues!** Romantic garden settings start at Harry P. Leu Gardens with more than 50 acres of greenery, including the Southeast's largest camellia collection featuring more than 25 species from around the world. One of Florida's highest points is at the serene Bok Sanctuary, a National Historic Landmark located just one hour west of Orlando. A special bonus is the beautiful 204-foot, 60-bell carillon that makes a scenic backdrop. The Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens is a gorgeous spot to tie the knot. The three lush acres and historic home gracing Lake Osceola are filled with more than 200 classical sculptures and paintings created by or belonging to the late Czech-American sculptor.

**6) Shop till you drop!** Get the best bang for your vacation dollar at Central Florida's outlets and one-of-a-kind shops! Fashionistas will find the world's most sought-after brands including Burberry, Chanel, Dior, Giorgio Armani, Louis Vuitton, Jimmy Choo, among 100 other designer brands. They'll also find major department stores such as Bloomingdale's, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue and Macy's, along with numerous trendy, independently-owned boutiques.

**7) Dance the night away!** Dance the night away! Just because the sun went to bed - doesn't mean you have to! In a destination known for daytime thrills, evenings are making quite a name for themselves. Orlando's nightlife scene continues to raise the bar on entertainment value with larger-than-life scene, state-of-the-art sound and light systems, incredible spaces, world-class talent and of course, spectacular cocktails that combine to rival the storied nightclubs of New York and Las Vegas.

**8) The Cultural Side!** Do you want to see where it all started? Check out some of the many historical sites throughout the area or take home a memory from one of Central Florida's many Art Galleries! Many of Orlando's

most acclaimed arts offerings can be found along the "Cultural Corridor," a 7-mile stretch along Interstate 4 (I-4), spanning from Downtown Orlando to historic Winter Park.

**9) Indulgence!** Whether you choose a Swedish massage to melt away the day or you choose to spoil yourself with n the many energizing options to keep you going - Central Florida has the right Spa for you! Once a luxury reserved only for the wealthy, spa treatments are quickly becoming commonplace for those seeking better mental and physical health.

**10) Good Night!** Accommodations options are as unique as the travelers utilizing them! Today, more than 450 hotels with approximately 112,000 rooms in metropolitan Orlando are joined by more than 26,000 vacation homes, 16,000 vacation rental units, and all-suite and condohotels created by world-renowned companies including Four Seasons, Sonesta, Mona Lisa and Waldorf Astoria Orlando.

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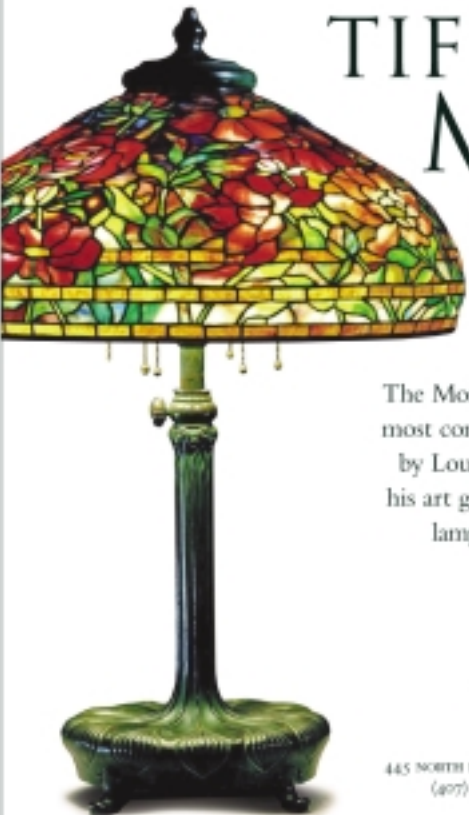
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**THE CULTURAL SIDE**

The **Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art** is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany. Located at 445 North Park Avenue in Winter Park, Florida, the Tiffany collection includes the designer's celebrated 1893 chapel interior as well as American art pottery, Arts and Crafts furnishings and late-19th and early-20th century American paintings. Admission is \$3 adults, \$1 students, free for children younger than 12. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday. For details, call or visit their Website. **407-645-5311** | [www.morsemuseum.org](http://www.morsemuseum.org)

The **Orlando Repertory Theatre** and Target are proud to present the 3rd Annual Target Family Theatre Festival in Loch Haven Park, Orlando, FL from July 17th - July 26th. This year's festival features productions of Thoroughly Modern Millie, Snack, Origami Tales by Kuniko Yamamoto and performers like Mr. Steve from PBS Kids, Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Nap Time Trio and Brady Rymer and the Little Band That Could. For more information, visit [www.orlandorep.com](http://www.orlandorep.com). \*



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