#### PART ONE

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

## ORLANDO LODGING OPTIONS

#### SELECTING AND BOOKING A HOTEL

LODGING COSTS IN ORLANDO VARY INCREDIBLY. If you shop around, you can find a clean motel with a pool for as low as \$35 a night. You also can find luxurious, expensive hotels with all the extras. Because of hot competition, discounts abound, particularly for AAA and AARP members.

There are three primary areas to consider:

**I. INTERNATIONAL DRIVE AREA** This area, about 5 minutes from Universal Orlando, parallels Interstate 4 on its eastern side and offers a wide selection of hotels and restaurants. Prices range from \$56 to \$400 per night. The chief drawbacks of this area are its terribly congested roads, countless traffic signals, and inadequate access to westbound I-4. While International's biggest bottleneck is its intersection with Sand Lake Road, the mile between Kirkman and Sand Lake roads is almost always gridlocked.

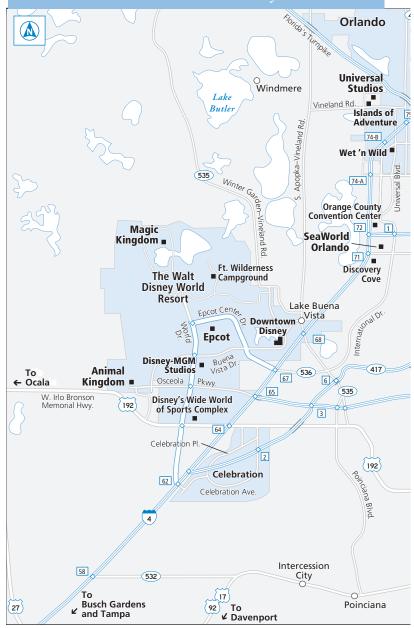
Regarding traffic on International Drive (known locally as I-Drive), these comments are representative. From a Seattle mom:

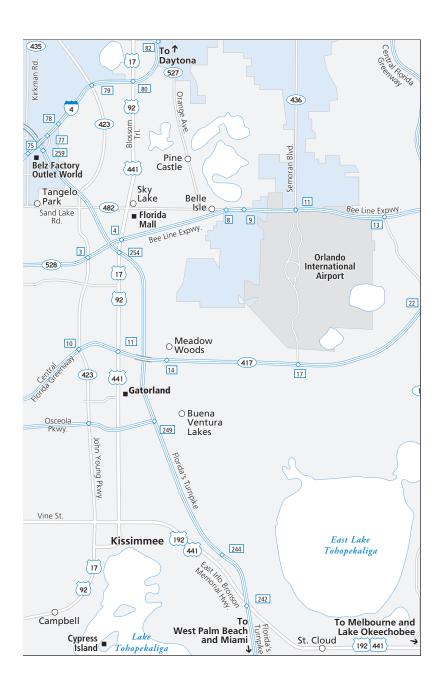
After spending half our trip sitting in traffic on International Drive, those Disney hotels didn't sound so expensive after all.

A convention-goer from Islip, New York, weighed in with this:

When I visited with my family last summer, we wasted huge chunks of time in traffic on International Drive. Our hotel was in the section between the big McDonald's [at Sand Lake Drive] and Wet 'n Wild [at Universal Boulevard]. There are practically no left-turn lanes in this section, so anyone turning left can hold up traffic for a long time. Recently, I returned to Orlando for a trade show and stayed at a hotel on International Drive near the convention center. This section was much saner and far less congested.

## south orlando and walt disney world area





Traffic aside, a man from Ottawa, Canada, sings the praises of his I-Drive experience:

International Drive is the place to stay when going to [Orlando]. Your single-paragraph description of this location failed to point out that [there are] several discount stores, boutiques, restaurants, mini-putts, and other entertainment facilities, all within walking distance of remarkably inexpensive accommodations and a short drive away from [the attractions]. Many of the chain motels and hotels are located in this area, and the local merchants have created a mini-resort to cater to the tourists. It is the ideal place to unwind after a hard day visiting [the theme park]. I have recommended this location for years and have never heard anything but raves about the wisdom of this advice.

I-Drive hotels are listed in the *Orlando Official Accommodations Guide* published by the Orlando–Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau. For a copy, call **2** 800-255-5786 or 407-363-5872, or see **www.orlandoinfo.com**.

- **2. LAKE BUENA VISTA AND THE 1-4 CORRIDOR** A number of hotels are along FL 535 and west of I-4 between Disney World and I-4's intersection with the Florida Turnpike. They're easily reached from the interstate and are near many restaurants, including those on International Drive. The *Orlando Official Accommodations Guide* lists most of them.
- **3. US 192/IRLO BRONSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY** This is the highway to Kissimmee to the south of Disney World. In addition to large, full-service hotels, there are many small, privately owned motels that are often a good value. The number and variety of restaurants on US 192 have increased markedly, compensating for the area's primary shortcoming. Locally, US 192 is called Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway. The section to the west of I-4 is designated Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway West, while the section from I-4 running southeast toward Kissimmee is Irlo Bronson Highway East.

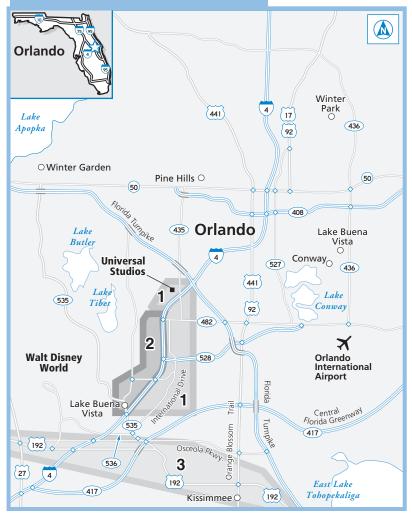
We're happy to report that construction on US 192 has been completed. The highway has been widened and medians added. Traffic flow has improved considerably.

Hotels on US 192 and in Kissimmee are listed in the *Kissimmee–St. Cloud Visitor's Guide*. Call **2** 800-327-9159 or see **www.florida kiss.com.** 

#### **GETTING A GOOD DEAL ON A ROOM**

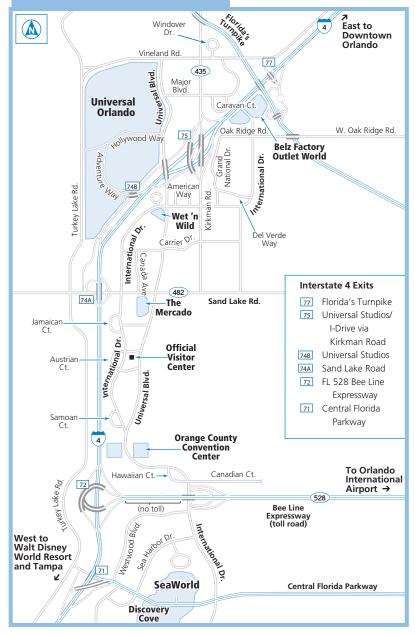
HOTEL DEVELOPMENT HAS SHARPENED competition among lodgings throughout the Walt Disney World–Orlando–Kissimmee area. Hotels struggle to fill their rooms and lure patrons with bargain rates. These deals vary with season, day of the week, and area events. In high-season, during holiday periods, and during large conventions at the Orange County Convention Center, even the most modest property is sold out.

## hotel concentrations around orlando area attractions

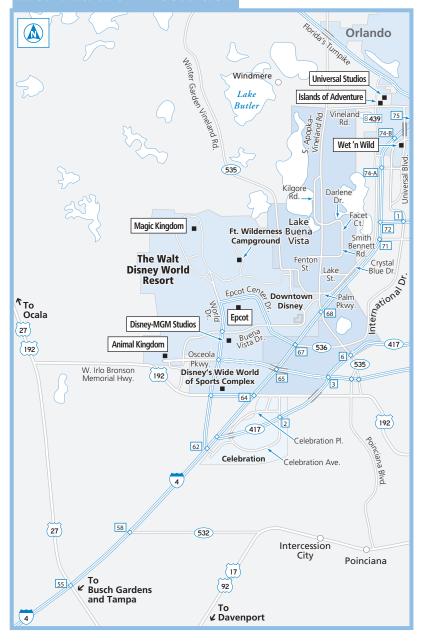


Here are strategies for getting a good deal on a room. The list may refer to travel-market players unfamiliar to you, but many tips we provide for deals work equally well almost any place you need a hotel. Once you understand these strategies, you'll be able to routinely obtain rooms for the lowest possible rates.

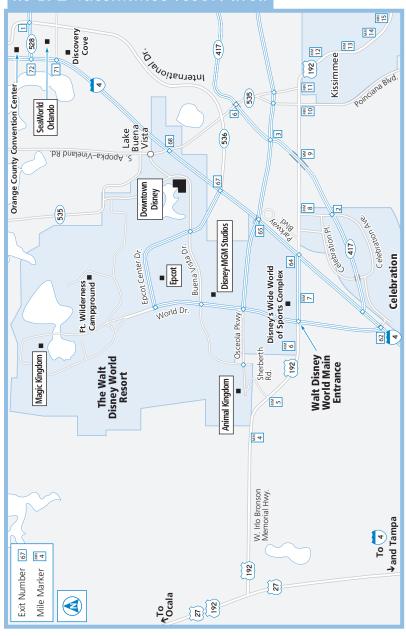
## international drive area



## lake buena vista resort area and the I-4 corridor



#### us 192–kissimmee resort area



**I. ORLANDO MAGICARD** Orlando Magicard is a discount program sponsored by the Orlando–Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Cardholders are eligible for discounts of 20% to 50% at about 50 hotels. The Magicard is also good for discounts at area attractions, including SeaWorld, the Universal parks, several dinner theaters, and Disney's Pleasure Island. Valid for up to six persons, the card isn't available for larger groups or conventions.

To obtain a free Magicard and a list of participating hotels and attractions, call **2** 800-643-9492 or 407-363-5872. On the Internet, go to **www.orlandoinfo.com/magicard**; the Magicard and accompanying brochure can be printed from a personal computer. Anyone ages 18 or older is eligible. If you miss getting one before you leave home, obtain one at the Convention and Visitors Bureau Information Center at 8723 International Drive. When you call for a Magicard, also request the *Orlando Official Accommodations Guide* and the *Orlando Vacation Planner*.

- **2. EXIT INFORMATION GUIDE** Exit Information Guide (EIG) publishes a book of coupons for discounts at hotels statewide. It's free in many restaurants and motels on main highways leading to Florida. Because most travelers make reservations before leaving home, picking up the book en route doesn't help much. If you call and use a credit card, EIG will send the guide first class for \$3 (\$5 U.S. for Canadian delivery). Contact Exit Information Guide at 4205 NW Sixth Street, Gainesville, FL 32609; 352-371-3948 or 800-332-3948; www.travelersdiscount guide.com.
- **3. HOTEL SHOPPING ON THE INTERNET** Hotels use the Internet to fill rooms during slow periods and to advertise limited-time specials. Hotels also use more traditional communication avenues such as promoting specials through travel agents. If you enjoy cybershopping, have at it, but hotel shopping on the Internet isn't as quick or convenient as handing the task to your travel agent. When we bump into a great deal on the Web, we call our agent. Often she can beat the deal or improve on it (perhaps with an upgrade). Although a good agent working alone can achieve great things, the same agent working with a savvy, helpful client can work wonders.

See the chart on the following page for Web sites we've found most dependable for discounts on Orlando-area hotels.

The secret to shopping on the Internet is . . . shopping. When we're really looking for a deal, we check all the sites described below. Flexibility on dates and location are helpful, and we always give our travel agent the opportunity to beat any deal we find.

We recommend choosing a hotel based on location, room quality, price, commuting time to the attractions, plus any features important to you. Next, check each of the applicable sites on the next page. You'll be able to ferret out the best Internet deal in about 30 minutes. Then call the hotel to see if you can save more by booking directly. Start by

www.mousesavers.com Best site for hotels in Disney World

**www.dreamsunlimitedtravel.com** Excellent for both Disney and non-Disney hotels

www.2000orlando-florida.com Comprehensive hotel site

www.valuetrips.com Specializes in budget accommodations

www.travelocity.com Multidestination travel superstore

www.roomsaver.com Provides discount coupons for hotels

www.floridakiss.com Primarily US 192-Kissimmee area hotels

www.orlandoinfo.com Good info; not user-friendly for booking

**www.orlandovacation.com** Great rates for a small number of properties, including condos and home rentals

www.expedia.com Largest of the multidestination travel sites

**www.hotels.com** Largest Internet hotel-booking service; many other sites link to hotels.com and their subsidiary, **www.hoteldiscounts.com** 

asking the hotel for specials. If their response doesn't beat the Internet deal, tell them what you've found and ask if they can do better.

**SO WHO OFFERS THE BEST DEALS ON THE NET?** Unofficial Guide statistician Fred Hazelton analyzed more than 4.5 million rate quotes from Internet sellers, individual and chain-hotel Web sites, and hotel reservations departments for 350 Disney and Orlando-area hotels. The idea was to determine which sellers had the best deals most (or a high percentage) of the time.

The ranking of the sellers in the chart on page 20 is based on how often a seller's rate was lower than all its competitors. Thus, a success rate of 70% means that the seller beat all competitors who market the same hotels 70% of the time. The numbers can be tricky, though. A seller who offers hotels not sold by others is obviously going to have the best deals on those properties most (if not all) of the time, and consequently score high. Conversely, a seller that lists a large number of hotels also sold by many competitors will offer the best price a lower percentage of the time.

We collected rates from most of the Web sites that offer rates for hotels in and around the Orlando-Kissimmee area. Then we also obtained rates from the hotel front desk and from the hotel's Web site. When we compared all the rates from all sellers, we found that **www.octopustravel.com** and **www.floridakiss.com** had the best bang for your Internet buck. The rates offered by these Web sites beat out all others about 81% of the time. These sites, however, offer a much smaller selection of hotels than biggies like Expedia and Travelocity. The best of the large Web sites was **www.hotelkingdom.com**, with an impressive 75% success rate. Also note that the hotel front desk and

the hotel Web site offered the lowest rate about two-thirds of the time (65% and 60%, respectively). The Web site **www.mousesavers.com**, which specializes in discount codes for hotels, is not listed because the site doesn't actually sell rooms. To use the codes, you quote the relevant code to an actual seller.

One thing we noticed when getting rates from all the different sellers is that no one seller offered the best rate all the time. Rankings are ordered from top to bottom, best to worst.

During our research on hotel rates we noticed that there is a period where the rates are almost always at their lowest. It happens between 45 and 60 days before the date of arrival. We collected more than 4.5 million rate quotes, covering all possible dates of arrival and starting at 300 days before the date of arrival. As the date gets closer we record the changes in the price and see that the lowest available price for a hotel room occurs in that 45- to 60-day window about 80% of the time. This means that no matter when you book your hotel room always check to see if a lower rate is available about 60 days before your date of arrival. We checked this result with experts in the hotel industry and discovered that hotel companies typically discuss their occupancy rates about 45 to 60 days in the future. So if a hotel is experiencing lower-than-expected occupancy rates, they are most likely to adjust their prices around the 60-day mark.

While Expedia is often able to offer better deals on some larger properties (for example, Hilton and DoubleTree), some Disney-centric travel sites, such as **www.dreamsunlimitedtravel.com** and **www.mouse savers.com**, form special relationships with specific hotels that result in unusually juicy discounts. Because the megasites like Orbitz, Expedia, and **www.hotels.com** have neither the time nor inclination to nurture such relationships, they can't obtain these sweetheart deals. At the boutique Celebration Hotel, for example, Dreams Unlimited's rate was more than 35% lower than Expedia's.

The following chart (page 20) summarizes how much you can expect to save on average from each of the Internet sellers listed below (only those for which we have a minimum of 1,000 observations are included).

**Method 1:** Average percentage by which the seller beats its nearest competitor.

**Method 2:** Average percentage by which the seller beats the highest rate advertised.

Another option is to book hotel rooms through the travel site **Priceline** (**www.priceline.com**). What makes Priceline different from other travel sites is that you don't get to pick the specific hotel where you'll be staying. Rather, you tell Priceline how much you're willing to spend on a general class of lodging (for example, a two-and-a-half star hotel in the Universal Studios vicinity for less than \$40 per night), and Priceline will try to find a hotel that meets or exceeds those specifications and

SELLER	NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS	AVERAGE SAVINGS (METHOD 1)	AVERAGE SAVINGS (METHOD 2)		
www.octopustravel.com	4,408	22%	32%		
www.aanhotels.com	10,252	12%	19%		
www.onetravel.com	8,100	11%	20%		
www.placestostay.com 13,983		9%	15%		
www.hotelkingdom.com 984,504	984,504	8%	10%		
www.hotels.com	www.hotels.com 37,850	<b>7</b> %	13%		
www.orbitz.com 38,541		<b>7</b> %	13%		
www.travelocity.com	521,820	5%	5%		
www.inntopia.com	1,874	4%	8%		
www.travelworm.com	243,111	4%	4%		
www.expedia.com	632,104	3%	4%		

stays within your budget. There's no canceling a bid once Priceline has found a hotel that matches your criteria—you have to agree before bidding to pay the full cost up front, with no refunds, transfers, or changes whatsoever.

Another tool in the hotel-hunting arsenal is **www.travelaxe.com.** Travelaxe offers free software you can download to your PC (won't run on Macs) that will scan an assortment of hotel-discount sites and find the cheapest rate for each of over 200 Disney-area hotels. The site offers filters such as price, quality rating, and proximity to a specific location (Universal Orlando, SeaWorld, the convention center, airport, and so on) to allow you to narrow your search. The same software also scans for the best rates in cities throughout the United States and the world.

**4. IF YOU MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION** Always call the hotel in question, not the chain's national toll-free number. Often, reservationists at the toll-free number are unaware of local specials. Always ask about specials before you inquire about corporate rates. Don't hesitate to bargain, but do it before you check in. If you're buying a hotel's weekend package and want to extend your stay, for example, you can often obtain at least the corporate rate for the extra days.

#### **CONDOMINIUMS AND VACATION HOMES**

VACATION HOMES ARE FREE-STANDING, while condominiums are essentially one- to three-bedroom accommodations in a larger building housing a number of similar units. Because condos tend to be part of large developments (frequently time-shares), amenities such as swimming pools, playgrounds, game arcades, and fitness centers often rival those found in the best hotels. Generally speaking, condo developments do not have restaurants, lounges, or spas. In a condo, if something goes

wrong, there will be someone on hand to fix the problem. Vacation homes rented from a property-management company likewise will have someone to come to the rescue, though responsiveness tends to vary vastly from company to company. If you rent directly from an owner, correcting problems is often more difficult, particularly when the owner doesn't live in the same area as the rental home.

In a vacation home, all the amenities are contained in the home (though in planned developments there may be community amenities available as well). Depending on the specific home, you might find a small swimming pool, hot tub, two-car garage, family room, game room, and even a home theater. Features found in both condos and vacation homes include full kitchens, laundry rooms, TVs, DVD players/VCRs, and frequently stereos. Interestingly, though almost all free-standing vacation homes have private pools, very few have backyards. This means that, except for swimming, the kids are pretty much relegated to playing in the house.

Time-share condos are clones when it comes to furniture and decor, but single-owner condos and vacation homes are furnished and decorated in a style that reflects the taste of the owner. Vacation homes, usually one- to two-story houses located in a subdivision, very rarely afford interesting views (though some overlook lakes or natural areas), while condos, especially the high-rise variety, sometimes offer exceptional ones.

#### The Price Is Nice

The best deals in lodging are vacation homes and single-owner condos. Prices range from about \$65 a night for two-bedroom condos and townhomes to \$200 to \$500 a night for three- to seven-bedroom vacation homes. Forgetting about taxes to keep the comparison simple, let's compare renting a vacation home to staying at one of Disney's Value Resorts. A family of two parents, two teens, and two grandparents would need three hotel rooms at Disney's Pop Century Resort. At the lowest rate obtainable, that would run you \$79 per night per room or \$237 total. Rooms are 260 square feet each, so you'd have a total of 780 square feet. Each room has a private bath and a television.

Renting at the same time of year from **All Star Vacation Homes** (no relation to Disney's All-Star Resorts), you can rent a 2,053-square-foot, four-bedroom, three-bath vacation home with a private pool for \$219—a savings of \$18 per night over the Disney Value Resort rate. With four bedrooms, each of the teens can have his or her own room. Further, for the dates we checked, All Star Vacation Homes was running a special in which they threw in a free rental car with a one-week home rental.

But that's not all—the home comes with the following features and amenities: a big-screen TV with PlayStation, DVD player, and VCR (assorted games and DVDs available for complimentary check-out at the rental office); a CD player; a heatable private pool; five

additional TVs (one in each bedroom and one in the family room); a fully equipped kitchen; a two-car garage; a hot tub; a laundry room with full-size washer and dryer; a fully furnished private patio; and a child-safety fence.

The home is in a community with a 24-hour gated entrance. Available at the community center are a large swimming pool; a whirlpool; tennis, volleyball, and half-court basketball courts; a children's playground; a gym and exercise room; a convenience store; and a 58-seat cinema.

One thing we like about All Star Vacation Homes is that its Web site (**www.allstarvacationhomes.com**) offers detailed information, including a dozen or more photos of each specific home. When you book, the home you've been looking at is the actual one you're reserving. (If you want to see how the home described is furnished, for instance, go to the site and click on "Resort Homes" in the middle right of the screen; when the Resort Homes page loads, scroll down until you see the home with Property Code 2-8144 SP-WP. Click on that for lots of photos and a floor plan.) On the other hand, some vacation-home companies, like rental-car agencies, don't assign you a specific home until the day you arrive. These companies provide photos of a "typical home" instead of making information available on each of the individual homes in their inventory. In this case, you have to take the company's word that the typical home pictured is representative and that the home you'll be assigned will be just as nice.

#### How the Vacation-home Market Works

In the Orlando–Walt Disney World area, there are almost 19,000 rental homes, including stand-alone homes, single-owner condos (that is, not time-shares), and townhomes. The same area has about 112,000 hotel rooms. Almost all the rental homes are owned by individuals who occupy them for at least a week or two each year; the rest of the year, the owners make the homes available for rent. Some owners deal directly with renters, while others enlist the assistance of a property-management company.

Incredibly, about 700 property-management companies operate in the Orlando-Walt Disney World market. Most of these are mom-and-pop outfits that manage an inventory of ten homes or less (probably fewer than 70 companies oversee more than 100 rental homes).

Homeowners pay these companies to maintain and promote their properties and handle all rental transactions. Some homes are made available to wholesalers, vacation packagers, and travel agents in deals negotiated either directly by the owners or by property-management companies on the owners' behalf. A wholesaler or vacation packager will occasionally drop its rates to sell slow-moving inventory, but more commonly the cost to renters is higher than when dealing directly with owners or management companies: because most wholesalers

and packagers sell their inventory through travel agents, both the wholesaler/packager's markup and the travel agent's commission are passed along to the renter. These costs are in addition to the owner's cut and/or the fee for the property manager.

Along similar lines, logic may suggest that the lowest rate of all can be obtained by dealing directly with owners, thus eliminating middlemen. Although this is sometimes true, it's more often the case that property-management companies offer the best rates. With their marketing expertise and larger customer base, these companies can produce a higher occupancy rate than can the owners themselves. What's more, management companies, or at least the larger ones, can achieve economies of scale not available to owners in regard to maintenance, cleaning, linens, even acquiring furniture and appliances (if a house is not already furnished). The combination of higher occupancy rates and economies of scale adds up to a win—win situation for owners, management companies, and renters alike.

#### Location, Location

The best vacation home is one that is within easy commuting distance of the theme parks. If you plan to spend some time at SeaWorld and the Universal parks, you'll want something just to the northeast of Walt Disney World (between the World and Orlando). If you plan to spend some of your time in the World or Cypress Gardens, the best selection of vacation homes is along US 192 to the south of the park.

A small southern tip of Orange County that dips into Osceola County, which, along with Polk County to the west of Walt Disney World, is where most vacation homes and single-owner condos and town houses are located. For many years, zoning laws in Orange County (which also includes most of Orlando, Universal Studios, Sea-World, Lake Buena Vista, and the International Drive area) have prohibited short-term rentals of homes and single-owner condos. However, in light of the economic boom fueled by such rentals in Osceola and Polk counties, Orange County has loosened its zoning restrictions in a few predominantly tourist-oriented areas. So far, practically all of the vacation-rental homes in Orange County are located in a new development called **Vista Cay.** 

By our reckoning, about half the rental homes in Osceola County and all the rental homes in Polk County are too far away from the attractions for commuting to be practical. You might be able to save a few bucks by staying farther out, but the most desirable homes to be found are in Vista Cay and in developments no more than four miles from I-4 access.

To get the most from a vacation home, you need to be close enough to commute in 20 minutes or less to your destination. This will allow for naps, quiet time, swimming, and dollar-saving meals you prepare yourself.

#### **Shopping for a Vacation Home**

The only practical way to shop for a rental home is on the Web. This makes it relatively easy to compare different properties and rental companies; on the downside, there are so many owners, rental companies, and individual homes to choose from that you could research yourself into a stupor. There are three main types of Web sites in the home-rental game: those for property-management companies, which showcase a given company's homes and are set up for direct bookings; individual owner sites; and third-party listings sites, which advertise properties available through different owners and sometimes management companies as well. Sites in the last category will usually refer prospective renters to an owner's or management company's site for reservations.

We've found that most property-management sites are not very well designed and will test your patience to the max. You can practically click yourself into old age trying to see all the homes available or figure out where on earth they're located. Nearly all claim to be "just minutes from Disney or Universal." (By that reasoning, we should list our homes; they're also just minutes from Universal . . . 570 minutes, to be exact!)

Many Web sites list homes according to towns (such as Auburndale, Clermont, Davenport, Haines City, and Winter Garden) or real estate developments (including Eagle Point, Formosa Gardens, Indian Ridge, and Wyndham Palms) in the general Disney–Universal area, none of which you're likely to be familiar with. If you visit a site that lists homes by towns or real estate developments, begin by looking at our map on the following pages that shows where all these places are.

The best Web sites provide the following:

- Numerous photos and in-depth descriptions of individual homes to make comparisons quick and easy
- Overview maps or text descriptions that reflect how distant specific homes or developments are from the attractions
- The ability to book the specific individual rental home of your choice on the site
- A prominently displayed phone number for non-Internet bookings and questions.

The best sites are also easy to navigate, let you see what you're interested in without logging in or giving personal information, and list memberships in such organizations as the Better Business Bureau and the Central Florida Property Management Association (log on to www.cfpma.org for the association's code of ethics and a list of members).

#### **Recommended Web Sites**

After checking out dozens upon dozens of sites, here are the ones we recommend. All of them meet the criteria listed above. If you're

stunned that there are so few of them, well, so were we. (For the record, we elected not to list some sites that met our criteria but whose homes are too far away from Orlando area attractions.)

**All Star Vacation Homes** (www.allstarvacationhomes.com) is easily the best of the management-company sites, with easily accessible photos and plenty of details about featured homes. All the company's rental properties are within either four miles of Walt Disney World or three miles of Universal Studios.

Disney Rents (www.disneyrents.com) is the Web site of Orlando's Finest Vacation Homes, a rental agency representing both home owners and vacation-home—management companies. Offering a broad inventory, the site features photos and information on individual homes. Although the info is not as detailed as the one offered by the All Star Vacation Homes site, friendly sales agents can fill in the blanks.

The Web site for the **Orlando–Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau** (**www.orlandoinfo.com**) is the place to go if you're interested in a condo at one of the many time-share developments (click on "Accommodations" at the home page). You can call the developments directly, but going through this site allows you to bypass sales departments and escape their high-pressure invitations to sit through sales presentations. The site also lists hotels and vacation homes.

**Vacation Rental by Owner** (www.vrbo.com) is a nationwide listings service that puts prospective renters in direct contact with owners. The site is straightforward and always lists a large number of rental properties near the attractions. Two similar listings services with good Web sites are **Vacation Rentals 411** (www.vacationrentals **411.com**) and **Last Minute Villas** (www.lastminutevillas.net).

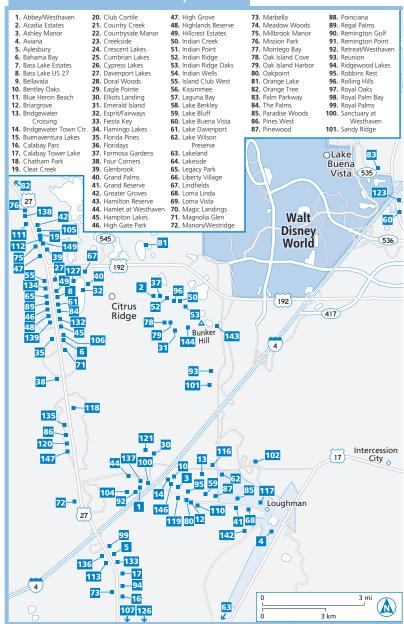
**VillaDirect Florida** (**www.villadirect.com**) manages more than 600 rental homes and condos in the greater Walt Disney World/Universal area. Though some of the properties are too far from area attractions for our taste, the site offers a lot to choose from and is a snap to navigate.

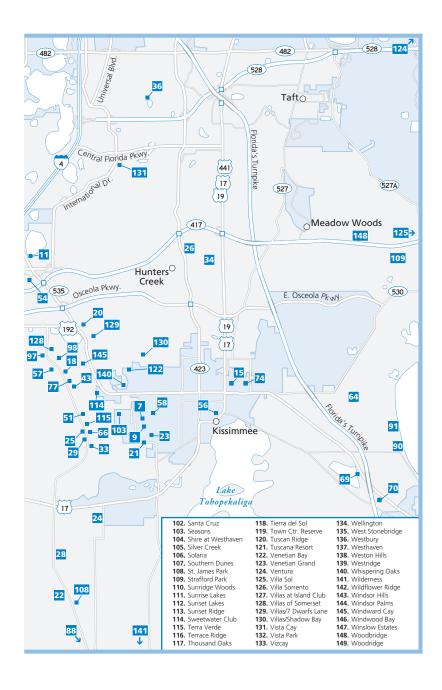
#### **Making Contact**

Once you've found a vacation home you like, check around the Web site for a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page. If there's not a FAQ page, here are some of the things you'll want to check out on the phone with the owner or rental company.

- 1. How close is the property to your touring destination?
- 2. Is the home or condo I see on the Internet the one I get?
- 3. Is the property part of a time-share development?
- 4. Are there any specials or discounts available?
- 5. Is everything included in the rental price, or are there additional charges? What about taxes?
- 6. How old is the home or condo I'm interested in? Has it been refurbished recently?

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- 7. What is the view from the property?
- 8. Is the property near any noisy roads?
- 9. What is your smoking policy?
- 10. Are pets allowed? [This is as important to those who want to avoid pets as to those who want to bring pets.]
- 11. Is the pool heated?
- 12. Is there a fenced backyard where children can play?
- 13. How many people can be seated at the main dining table?
- 14. Is there a separate dedicated telephone at the property?
- 15. Is high-speed Internet access available?
- 16. Are linens and towels provided?
- 17. How far are the nearest supermarket and drugstore?
- 18. Are child-care services available?
- 19. Are there restaurants nearby?
- 20. Is transportation to the parks provided?
- 21. Will we need a car?
- 22. What is required to make a reservation?
- 23. What is your change/cancellation policy?
- 24. When is checkout time?
- 25. What will we be responsible for when we check out?
- 26. How will we receive our confirmation and arrival instructions?
- 27. What are your office hours?
- 28. What are the directions to your office?
- 29. What if we arrive after your office has closed?
- 30. Whom do we contact if something breaks or otherwise goes wrong during our stay?
- 31. How long have you been in business?
- 32. Are you licensed by the state of Florida?
- **33.** Do you belong to the Better Business Bureau and/or the Central Florida Property Managers Association?

We frequently receive letters from readers extolling the virtues of renting a condo or vacation home. This endorsement by a family from Ellington, Connecticut, is typical:

Our choice to stay [in a vacation home] was based on cost and sanity. We've found over the last couple of years that our children can't share the same bed. We have also gotten tired of having to turn off the lights at 8 p.m. and lie quietly in the dark waiting for our children to fall asleep. With this in mind, we needed a condo/suite layout. We decided on the Sheraton Vistana Resort. We had a two-bedroom villa with full kitchen, living room, three TVs, and washer/dryer. I packed for half the trip and did laundry almost every night. The facilities offered a daily children's program and several

pools, kiddie pools, and "playscapes." Located on FL 535, we had a five- to ten-minute drive to most attractions, including SeaWorld, Disney, and Universal.

A St. Joe, Indiana, family also had a good experience, writing: We rented a home in Kissimmee this time, and we'll never stay in a hotel again. It was by far the nicest, most relaxing time we've ever had down there. Our rental home was within 10 to 15 minutes of all the Disney parks, and 25 minutes from SeaWorld. We had three bedrooms, two baths, and an in-ground pool in a screened enclosure out back. We paid \$90 per night for the whole shootin' match. We did spring for the pool heating, \$25 per night extra [in February]. We used AAA Dream Homes Rental Company and they did a great job by us. They provided us with detailed info before we went down so we would know what we needed to bring.

AAA Dream Homes (**www.dreamhomes.com**) has a good reputation for customer service but does not have photos of or information about the homes in its inventory online, citing lack of room.



# ORLANDO'S BEST HOTELS for FAMILIES

WHAT MAKES A SUPER FAMILY HOTEL? Roomy accommodations, in-room fridge, great pool, complimentary breakfast, child-care options, and programs for kids are a few of the things the *Unofficial Guide* hotel team researched in selecting the top hotels for families from among hundreds of properties in the attractions area. Some of our picks are expensive, others are more reasonable, and some are a bargain. Regardless of price, be assured that these hotels understand a family's needs.

Though all hotels listed below offer some type of shuttle to the theme parks, some offer very limited service. Call the hotel before you book and ask what the shuttle schedule will be when you visit. Since families, like individuals, have different wants and needs, we haven't ranked the following properties here; they're listed by zone and alphabetically.

#### International Drive Area

#### **DoubleTree Castle Hotel**

Rate per night \$150+. Pool ★★★. Fridge in room Yes. Shuttle to parks Yes (Disney, Universal, and SeaWorld). Maximum number of occupants per room 4. Special comments Add \$20 to room rate, and up to 4 people receive continental breakfast; 2 signature chocolate-chip cookies come with every room.

YOU CAN'T MISS THIS ONE; it's the only castle on I-Drive. Inside you'll find royal colors (purple dominates), opulent fixtures, European art,

8629 International Drive
Orlando
407-345-1511 or
800-952-2785
www.doubletreecastle.com

Renaissance music, and a mystical Castle Creature at the door. The 216 guest rooms also receive the royal treatment in decor, though some guests may find them gaudy. All, however, are fairly large and well equipped with TV with PlayStation, fridge, three phones, coffeemaker, iron and board, hair dryer, and

safe. The Castle Café off the lobby serves full or continental breakfast. For lunch or dinner, you might walk next door to Vito's Chop House (dinner only) or Café Tu Tu Tango (an *Unofficial* favorite). The heated circular pool is five feet deep and features a fountain in the center, a poolside bar, and a whirlpool. There's no separate kiddie pool. Other amenities include a fitness center, arcade, gift shop, lounge, valet laundry service and facilities, and guest services desk with park passes for sale and babysitting recommendations. Security feature: elevators require an electronic key card.

#### **Hard Rock Hotel**

Rate per night \$300+. Pool \*\*\*. Fridge in room Available, \$15 per day. Shuttle to parks Yes (Universal, SeaWorld, and Wet 'n Wild). Maximum number of occupants per room 4. Special comments Microwaves available for \$15 per day.

5800 Universal Boulevard Orlando ☎ 407-503-ROCK or 888-273-1311 www.hardrock.com LOCATED ON UNIVERSAL PROPERTY, the 650-room Hard Rock Hotel is nirvana for any kid older than eight, especially those interested in music. Architecture is California Mission–style, and rock memorabilia is displayed throughout. If you plan to spend at least a few days at Universal parks, this is an excellent upscale option. Guests get theme-park privileges such as early

admission on select days and all-day access to the Universal Express line-breaking program, plus delivery of packages to their room and priority seating at select Universal restaurants. The music-filled pool area has a white-sand beach, a 260-foot waterslide, a 12,000-square-foot pool, an underwater audio system, and an ultrahip pool bar. You'll also find five restaurants and lounges, including the Palm Restaurant, a chic lounge, fitness center, and Hard Rock merchandise store. Guest rooms are ultrahip too, with cutting-edge contemporary decor, a CD sound system, TV with pay-per-view movies and video games, coffeemaker, iron and board, robes, hair dryer, and two phones. A supervised activity center, Camp Lil' Rock, serves kids ages 4 to 14. Pet-friendly rooms are available.

#### **Nickelodeon Family Suites by Holiday Inn**

Rate per night \$180-\$370. Pools ★★★★. Fridge in room Yes. Shuttle to parks Yes (Disney only). Maximum number of occupants per room 7. Special comments Daily character breakfast.

SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS, EAT YOUR HEART OUT. This revamped resort is as kid-friendly as they come. Decked out in all themes Nickelodeon, the

hotel is sure to please any fan of TV shows the likes of Rugrats, Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius, and The Fairly Odd-Parents, to name a few. Nickelodeon characters from the channel's many shows hang out in the resort's lobby and mall area, greeting kids while parents check in. Guests can choose from among 777 one-, two-,

14500 Continental Gateway Orlando 407-387-5437 or 866-G02-NICK www.nickhotel.com

and three-bedroom Kid Suites executed in a number of different themes—all very brightly and creatively decorated. All suites include a kitchenette with microwave, fridge, coffeemaker, TV and DVD player, iron and board, two hair dryers, and a safe. Kid Suites feature a semiprivate kids' bedroom with bunk beds, pull-out sleeper bed, 36-inch TV and DVD player, Nintendo 64 (you can rent games for a small fee at the hotel's video arcade), CD/cassette player, and activity table. The master bedroom offers ample storage space that the kids' bedroom lacks. Additional amenities include high-tech video arcade, Studio Nick-a game-show studio that will host six game shows a night for the entertainment of a live studio audience, a buffet (kids 12 and younger eat free with a paying adult), food court offering Pizza Hut and A&W Root Beer, the Nicktoons Cafe coffeehouse, convenience store, lounge, gift shop, fitness center, washer and dryer in each courtyard, and guest-activities desk (buy Disney tickets and get recommendations on babysitting). Not to be misseddon't worry, your kids won't let you—are the resort's two pools, Oasis and Lagoon. Oasis features a water park complete with water cannons, rope ladders, geysers, and dump buckets, as well as two hot tubs for adults (with a view of the rest of the pool to keep an eye on little ones) and a smaller play area for younger kids. Kids will love the huge, zero-depth-entry Lagoon pool, replete with a 400-gallon dump bucket, plus nearby basketball court and nine-hole minigolf course. Pool activities for kids are scheduled several times a day, seasonally; some games feature the infamous green slime. "Dive-in" movies, family-friendly films shown on a giant screen on the deck, are in the works. Whatever you do, avoid letting your kids catch you saying the phrase "I don't know" while you're here-trust us.

#### **Portofino Bay Hotel**

Rate per night \$329. Pools ★★★. Fridge in room Minibar; fridge available for \$15 per day. Shuttle to parks Yes (Universal, SeaWorld, Discovery Cove, and Wet 'n Wild). Maximum number of occupants per room 4. Special comments Character dinner on Friday.

LOCATED IN UNIVERSAL ORLANDO, the 750-room Portofino Bay Hotel is themed like an Italian Riviera village. Guests receive theme-park privileges such as early admission on select days and all-day access to the Universal Express line-breaking program, plus delivery of packages to their room and priority seating at select Univer-

sal restaurants. Rooms are ultraluxurious, with Italian furnishings, opulent baths, and soothing neutral hues. Standard guest-room amenities include

minibar, coffeemaker, iron and board, hair dryer, safe, umbrella, and TV with pay-per-view movies. Microwaves are available (\$15 one-time fee for length of stay). Camp Portofino offers supervised activities (movies, video games, crafts, and such) for children ages 4 to 14. The cost is \$12 per hour, per child; hours vary. Trattoria del Porto restaurant offers a character dinner from 6 until 9 p.m. on Friday, with characters such as Scooby Doo and Woody Woodpecker in attendance. The cost is \$16.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children ages 12 and younger. Portofino has four other Italian restaurants (each with a children's menu), an Italian bakery (also serves gelato), and two bars. Three elaborate pools, gardens, jogging trails, pet-friendly rooms, and a spa and fitness center round out major amenities. If you have the bank account to pay for it and plan to spend time at Universal, you can't go wrong here.

#### **Rosen Shingle Creek**

Rate per night \$375-\$425. Pools ★★★★. Fridge in room Yes. Maximum persons per room 4. Shuttle to parks Yes (Universal, Wet 'n Wild, and SeaWorld only).

9939 Universal Boulevard Orlando **407-996-9939** or 866-996-9939 www.rosenshinglecreek.com BEAUTIFUL ROOMS (those facing east have great views) and excellent restaurants distinguish this mostly meeting-and-convention resort. Swimming options include a lap pool, a family pool, and a kiddie wading pool. There's an 18-hole golf course on-site, as well as a superior spa, a decent fitness center, and even a horseshoe pitch. The Kids Swamp

Club provides both activities and child care. Though a state-of-the-art video arcade will gobble up your kids' pocket change, the real kicker, especially for the 8-years-and-up-crowd, is a natural area encompassing lily ponds, grassy wetlands, Shingle Creek, and an adjacent cypress swamp. Running through the area is a nature trail complete with signs to help you identify wildlife. Blue herons, wood storks, coots, egrets, mallards, anhingas, and ospreys are common, as are sliders (turtles), chameleons, and skinks (lizards). Oh yeah, there are alligators and snakes, too-real ones, but that's part of the fun. If you stay at Shingle Creek and plan to visit the theme parks, you'll want to take a car: shuttle service is limited, departing and picking up at rather inconvenient times and stopping at three other hotels before delivering you to your destination.

#### **Sheraton World Resort**

Rate per night \$130-\$160. Pools ★★★½. Fridge in room Yes. Shuttle to parks Yes (Disney only). Maximum number of occupants per room 4. Special comments A good option if you're visiting SeaWorld.

SET ON 28 ACRES, the Sheraton World Resort offers plenty of room for kids to roam. And with three heated pools, two kiddie pools, a small playground, an arcade, and a free minigolf course (very mini), this resort offers ample kid-friendly diversions. The main pool is especially pleasant, with fountains, lush landscaping, and a poolside bar. Other amenities and services include a fitness center, spa, gift shop, guest services desk, and lounge. Book a room in the tower if possible, even though it's away from the kiddie pools and playground. Tower rooms are a bit larger and more upscale than low-rise rooms,

some of which could use renovation. All 1,102 rooms include a fridge, coffeemaker, TV with Nintendo, iron and board, hair dryer, and safe. The Sheraton has one restaurant and a deli with a Pizza Hut. If your family loves SeaWorld, you're in luck: Shamu and friends are within walking distance.

#### Lake Buena Vista and I-4 Corridor

#### **Buena Vista Palace**

Rate per night \$200. Pools ★★★½. Fridge in room Minibar. Shuttle to parks Yes (Disney only). Maximum number of occupants per room 4. Special comments Sunday character breakfast available.

IN THE DOWNTOWN DISNEY RESORT AREA, the Buena Vista Palace is upscale and convenient. Surrounded by a man-made lake and plenty of palms, the spacious pool area contains three heated pools, the largest of which is partially covered (nice for

1900 Buena Vista Drive Lake Buena Vista ☎ 407-827-2727 www.buenavistapalace.com

when you need a little shade); a whirlpool and sauna; a basketball court; and a sand volleyball court. Plus, a pool concierge will fetch your favorite magazine or fruity drink. On Sunday, the Watercress Café hosts a character breakfast (\$24 for adults and \$13 for children). The 1,014 guest rooms are posh and spacious; each comes with a desk, coffeemaker, hair dryer, cable TV with pay-per-view movies, iron and board, and minibar. There are also 112 suites. In-room babysitting is available through the All about Kids and Sitters Solutions services. Three lighted tennis courts, a European-style spa offering 60 services, a fitness center, an arcade, a playground, and a beauty salon round out amenities. Three restaurants and a mini-market are on site. And if you aren't wiped out after time in the parks, consider dropping by the Lobby Lounge or Top of the Palace Lounge for a nightcap. *Note:* All these amenities and services come at a price; a \$13 per night resort fee will be added to your bill.

#### **Hilton Walt Disney World**

Rate per night \$189. Pools ★★★½. Fridge in room Minibar. Shuttle to parks Yes (Disney theme and water parks only). Maximum number of occupants per room 4. Special comments Sunday character breakfast and Disney early-entry program.

THE HILTON OCCUPIES 23 ACRES in the Downtown Disney Resort Area. Since it's an official Walt Disney World hotel, guests can take advantage of the Disney Extra Magic Hours program, which allows entry to a selected Disney park one hour before official opening and late stays to a selected park up to

1751 Hotel Plaza Boulevard Lake Buena Vista
407-827-4000 or
800-782-4414
www.hilton-wdwy.com three hours after official close. The Hilton's 814 guest rooms and suites are spacious, luxurious, and tasteful. Decorated in earth tones, all standard rooms have marble baths, iron and board, hair dryer, two phones, desk, minibar, coffeemaker, and cable TV with pay-per-view movies and video games. One big plus family amenity is the character breakfast, offered from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Sunday. (Reservations aren't accepted.) Food is served buffet-style, and four characters attend (only two are present at a time). Other important family amenities include the Hilton Vacation Station, where kids ages 4 to 12 can join supervised activities; babysitting services; an arcade and pool table; and two beautifully landscaped heated swimming pools, as well as a kiddie pool. Adults and older children can relax in the fitness center after a long day touring. Three restaurants, including Benihana, add to the hotel's convenience.

#### **Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort**

Rate per night \$124. Pool ★★★. Fridge in room Yes. Shuttle to parks Yes (Disney only). Maximum number of occupants per room 4–6. Special comments The first hotel in the world to offer KidSuites.

13351 FL 535 Lake Buena Vista 407-239-4500 or 800-366-6299 www.kidsuites.com PUT ON YOUR SUNGLASSES. You'll know you're here when the hot pink, bright blue, green, and yellow exterior comes into view. Inside, kids have their own check-in counter, where they'll receive a free goody bag. Character mascots Max, Maxine, and the KidSuite Gang come out to play at scheduled times. But the big lure is KidSuites,

405-square-foot rooms with a separate children's area. Themes include a tree house, jail, space capsule, and fort, among others. The kids' area sleeps three to four children in two sets of bunk beds or one bunk bed and a twin; it has a cable TV and VCR, Nintendo, radio/cassette or CD player, fun phone, and game table. The separate adult area has its own TV and VCR, safe, hair dryer, and mini-kitchenette with fridge, microwave, sink, and coffeemaker. Standard guest rooms offer these adult amenities. Other kid-friendly amenities include free bedtime tuck-in by a member of the KidSuite Gang (reservations required); the tiny Castle Movie Theater, which shows movies all day every day and presents clown and magic shows and karaoke nightly; a playground; an arcade with Sega games and air hockey, among its many games; a basketball court; and Camp Holiday, a supervised program for ages 4 to 12 (\$5 per hour, per child). Held every day in Max's Magic Castle, Camp Holiday might include movies and cartoons, bingo, face painting, and karaoke. Also offered are a large, free-form pool complete with kiddie pool and two whirlpools, and a fitness center (\$6 per hour per child, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.). Maxine's Kitchen serves breakfast and dinner buffets and offers an à la carte menu for dinner. There's also a mini-mart. Another perk: kids 12 and younger eat free from a special menu when dining with one paying adult (maximum four kids per adult). Finally, pets weighing 30 pounds or less are welcome (for an additional \$40 nonrefundable fee).

#### **Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress**

Rate per night \$269. Pool ★★★★★. Fridge in room Minibar; fridge available on request. Shuttle to parks Yes (Disney only). Maximum number of occupants per room 4. Special comments Wow, what a pool!

THERE ARE MYRIAD REASONS to stay at this 1,500-acre resort, but the pool ranks as number one. The 800,000-gallon tropical paradise has a 125-foot waterslide, waterfalls, caves and grottos, and a suspension bridge. Your kids may never want to leave the pool to visit the theme parks. The Hyatt also is a

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www.hyattgrandcypress.com

golfer's paradise. With a 45-hole championship Jack Nicklaus—designed course, an 18-hole course, a 9-hole pitch-and-putt course, and a golf academy, there's something for golfers of all abilities. Other recreational perks include a racquet facility with hard and clay courts, a private lake with beach, a fitness center, and miles of trails for biking, walking, jogging, and horseback riding. The 750 standard guest rooms are 360 square feet and have a Florida ambience, with green and reddish hues, touches of rattan, and private balconies. Amenities include minibar, iron and board, safe, hair dryer, ceiling fan, and cable TV with pay-per-view movies and video games. Suite and villa accommodations offer even more amenities. Camp Hyatt (also Camp Gator) provides supervised programs for kids 5 to 12; in-room babysitting is available. Five restaurants offer dining options. Four lounges provide nighttime entertainment. If outdoor recreation is high on your family's list, Hyatt is an excellent high-end choice.

#### Marriott Village at Lake Buena Vista

Rate per night \$129-\$149. Pools ★★. Fridge in room Yes. Shuttle to parks Yes (Disney, Universal, SeaWorld, and Wet 'n Wild). Maximum number of occupants per room 4. Special comments Free continental breakfast at Fairfield Inn and Spring Hill Suites.

THIS GATED COMMUNITY INCLUDES a 388-room Fairfield Inn, a 400-suite Spring Hill Suites, and a 312-room Courtyard. Whatever your budget, you'll find a room here to fit it. For a bit more space, book Spring Hill Suites; if you're looking for value, try the Fairfield Inn; if you need limited business amenities, reserve at

8623 Vineland Avenue Lake Buena Vista 407-938-9001 or 877-682-8552 www.marriottvillage.com

the Courtyard. Amenities at all three properties include fridge, cable TV with PlayStation (for an additional fee), iron and board, and hair dryer. Additionally, all Spring Hill suites have microwaves, and all Courtyard rooms feature Web TV. Cribs and rollaway beds are available free at all locations. Pools at all three hotels are attractive and medium-sized, with children's interactive splash zones and whirlpools. Each property has a fitness center. The incredibly convenient Village Marketplace food court includes Pizza Hut, TCBY, Oscar Mayer Hot Dog Construction Company, Oscar Mayer 1883 Deli, Village Grill, Gourmet Bean Coffee and Pastry Shop, and a 24-hour convenience store. The Bahama Breeze, Fish Bones, and Golden Corral

full-service restaurants are within walking distance. Each hotel has a Kids Club (no extra charge) for ages 4 to 8. Kids Clubs are themed (backyard, tree house, and library) and feature a big-screen TV, computer stations, and three educational centers (math and science, reading, and creative activities). They operate about six hours daily; a staff member is on duty at all times. Marriott Village also offers a supervised Kids Night Out program (ages 4 to 10) from 6 to 10 p.m. on select nights. The cost is \$35 per child, which includes activities and dinner. Other services and amenities include an attraction planning station and ticket sales, an arcade, and a Hertz carrental desk. Shoppers will find the Orlando Premium Outlets adjacently located. You'll get a lot of bang for your buck at Marriott Village.

#### Sheraton Safari Hotel & Suites

Rate per night \$159. Pool ★★★. Fridge in room Safari suites only. Shuttle to parks Yes (Disney free; other parks for a fee). Maximum number of occupants per room 4-6. Special comments Cool python waterslide.

12205 South Apopka-Vineland Road Orlando 2 407-239-0444 or 800-423-3297 www.sheratonsafari.com THE SAFARI THEME IS NICELY EXECUTED throughout the property-from the lobby dotted with African artifacts and native decor to the 79-foot python waterslide dominating the pool. The 400 guest rooms and 90 safari suites sport Africaninspired art and tasteful animal-print soft goods in brown, beige, and jewel tones. Amenities include

cable TV with PlayStation, coffeemaker, iron and board, hair dryer, and safe. Suites are a good option for families since they provide added space with a separate sitting room and a kitchenette with a fridge, microwave, and sink. The first thing your kids will probably want to do is take a turn on the python waterslide. It's pretty impressive, but as one *Unofficial Guide* researcher pointed out, it's somewhat of a letdown: the python doesn't actually spit you out of its mouth. Instead you're deposited below its chin. Other on-site amenities include a restaurant (children's menu available), deli, lounge, arcade, and fitness center. Babysitting is available.

#### Sheraton Vistana Resort

Rate per night \$189. Pools ★★★½. Fridge in room Minibar. Shuttle to parks Yes (Disney). Maximum number of occupants per room 6. Special comments Though time-shares, the villas are rented nightly as well.

8800 Vistana Centre Drive Orlando 2 866-208-0003 or 407-239-3100 www.starwoodvo.com

SHERATON VISTANA DECEPTIVELY IS LARGE, stretching across both sides of Vistana Center Drive. Since Sheraton's emphasis is on selling the time-shares, the rental angle is little known. But families should consider it; the Vistana is one of Orlando's best off-Disney properties. If you want a serene retreat from your days

in the theme parks, this is an excellent base. The spacious villas come in onebedroom, two-bedroom, and two-bedroom-with-lock-off models. All are decorated in beachy pastels, but the emphasis is on the pro-fusion of amenities. Each villa has a full kitchen (including fridge/freezer, microwave, oven/range, dishwasher, toaster, and coffeemaker, with an option to prestock with groceries), clothes washer and dryer, TVs in the living room and each bedroom (one with VCR), stereo with CD player, separate dining area, and private patio or balcony in most. Grounds offer seven swimming pools (four with bars), four playgrounds, three restaurants, game rooms, fitness centers, a minigolf course, sports equipment rental (including bikes), and courts for basketball, volleyball, tennis, and shuffleboard. A mind-boggling array of activities for kids (and adults) ranges from crafts to games and sports tournaments. Of special note: Vistana is highly secure, with locked gates bordering all guest areas, so children can have the run of the place without parents worrying about them wandering off.

#### US 192 Area

#### **Comfort Suites Maingate Resort**

Rate per night \$159. Pool ★★★. Fridge in room Yes. Shuttle to parks Yes (Disney, Universal, SeaWorld, and Wet 'n Wild). Maximum number of occupants per room 6. Special comments Complimentary continental breakfast daily.

THIS PROPERTY HAS 150 SPACIOUS one-room suites with double sofa bed, microwave, fridge, coffeemaker, TV, hair dryer, and safe. The suites aren't lavish but are clean and contemporary, with muted deep-purple and beige tones. Extra bathroom counter space is especially convenient for larger families. The heated pool is large and has plenty of lounge chairs and moderate landscaping. A kiddie pool, whirlpool, and poolside bar complete the courty include Carrabas Italian restaurant, an arcade, and a

7888 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway Kissimmee ☎ 407-390-9888 or 888-390-9888 www.comfortsuites kissimmee.com

pool, whirlpool, and poolside bar complete the courtyard. Other amenities include Carrabas Italian restaurant, an arcade, and a gift shop. But Maingate's big plus is its location next door to a shopping center with about everything a family could need. There, you'll find seven dining options, including Outback Steakhouse, Dairy Queen, Subway, T.G.I. Friday's, and Chinese, Japanese, and Italian eateries; a Goodings supermarket; one-hour film developing; a hair salon; a bank; a dry cleaner; a tourist information center with park passes for sale; and a Centra Care walk-in clinic, among other services. All this a short walk from your room.

#### **Gaylord Palms Resort**

Rate per night \$200. Pool ★★★. Fridge in room Yes. Shuttle to parks Yes (Disney). Maximum number of occupants per room 4. Special comments Probably the closest you'll get off World to Disney-level extravagance.

THIS DECIDEDLY UPSCALE RESORT has a colossal convention facility and strongly caters to business clientele but still is a nice (if pricey) family resort. Hotel wings are defined by the three themed, glass-roofed atriums they overlook. Key West's design is reminiscent of island life in the Florida Keys; Everglades is an overgrown spectacle of shabby swamp chic, complete with

6000 West Osceola Parkway Kissimmee 407-586-0000 www.gaylordpalms.com piped-in cricket noise and a robotic alligator; and the immense, central St. Augustine harks back to Spanish Colonial Florida. Lagoons, streams, and waterfalls cut through and connect all three, and walkways and bridges abound. Rooms reflect the

colors of their respective areas, though there's no particular connection in decor (St. Augustine atrium-view rooms are the most opulent, but they're not Spanish). A fourth wing, Emerald Tower, overlooks the Emerald Bay shopping and dining area of the St. Augustine atrium. These rooms are the nicest and the most expensive, and they're mostly used by convention-goers. Though rooms have fridges and stereos with CD (as well as other high-end perks, like high-speed Internet access), the rooms themselves really work better as retreats for adults rather than kids. However, children will enjoy wandering the themed areas, playing in the family pool (with water-squirting octopus), or participating in La Petite Academy Kids Station, which organizes games and activities for ages 3 to 14.

#### Orange Lake Resort & Country Club

Rate per night \$220 (2-bedroom summer rate). Pools \*\* \*. Fridge in room Yes. Shuttle to parks Yes (fee varies depending on destination). Maximum number of occupants per room Varies. Special comments This is a time-share property, but if you rent directly through the resort (as opposed to the sales office), you can avoid time-share sales pitches.

8505 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway Kissimmee 800-877-6522 or 407-239-0000 www.orangelake.com YOU COULD SPEND YOUR ENTIRE VACATION never leaving this property, located about 10 to 15 minutes from the Disney theme parks. From its eight pools and mini—water park, Splash Lagoon, to its 40-plus holes of golf, Orange Lake offers an extensive menu of amenities and recreational opportunities. If you tire of lazing by the pool, try waterskiing, wakeboarding, tub-

ing, fishing, or other activities on the 80-acre lake. There's also a live alligator show, exercise programs, organized competitive sports and games, arts-and-crafts sessions, and miniature golf. Activities don't end when the sun goes down. Karaoke, live music, a Hawaiian luau, and movies at the resort cinema are some of the evening options.

The more than 2,000 units are tastefully decorated and comfortably furnished, ranging from suites and studios to three-bedroom villas, all containing fully equipped kitchens. If you'd rather not cook on vacation, try one of the seven restaurants scattered across the resort: two cafes, three grilles, one pizzeria, and a buffet-style eatery. If you need help with (or a break from) the kids, babysitters are available to come to your villa, accompany your family on excursions, or take your children to attractions for you.

#### **Radisson Resort Parkway**

Rate per night \$177. Pool ★★★⅓. Fridge in room Minibar. Shuttle to parks
Yes (Disney, Universal, and SeaWorld). Maximum number of occupants per

**room** 4. **Special comments** Kids 10 and younger eat free with a paying adult at any hotel restaurant.

THE POOL ALONE IS WORTH A STAY HERE, but the Radisson Resort gets high marks in all areas. The free-form pool is huge, with a waterfall and waterslide surrounded by palms and flowering plants, plus a smaller heated pool, two whirlpools, and a kiddie pool. Other outdoor amenities include two lighted tennis courts,

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407-396-7000 or
800-634-4774
www.radisson.com

sand volleyball, a playground, and jogging areas. Kids can also blow off steam at the arcade, while adults might visit the fitness center. Rooms are elegant, featuring Italian furnishings and marble baths. They're of above-average size and include a minibar, coffeemaker, color TV, iron and board, hair dryer, and safe. Dining options include Mandolin's for breakfast and dinner buffets, and a 1950s-style diner serving burgers, sandwiches, shakes, and Pizza Hut pizza, among other fare. A sports lounge with an 11- by 6-foot TV offers nighttime entertainment. Guest services can help with tours, park passes, car rental, and babysitting. The only downside: no children's programs.



## **HOTELS** and **MOTELS**:

## Rated and Ranked

IN THIS SECTION, WE COMPARE HOTELS in three main areas outside Walt Disney World (see pages 9–12) with those inside the World.

In addition to Disney properties, we rate hotels in the three lodging areas defined earlier in this chapter. There are additional hotels at the intersection of US 27 and Interstate 4, on US 441 (Orange Blossom Trail), and in downtown Orlando. Most of these require more than 30 minutes of commuting to Disney World and thus are not rated. We also haven't rated lodging east of Siesta Lago Road on US 192.

#### WHAT'S IN A ROOM?

bines both form and function.

EXCEPT FOR CLEANLINESS, state of repair, and decor, travelers pay little attention to hotel rooms. There is, of course, a clear standard of quality and luxury that differentiates Motel 6 from Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn from Marriott, and so on. Many guests, however, fail to appreciate that some rooms are better engineered than others. Making the room usable to its occupants is an art that com-

Decor and taste are important. No one wants to stay in a room that's dated, garish, or ugly. But beyond decor, how "livable" is the room? In Orlando, for example, we have seen some beautifully appointed rooms that aren't well designed for human habitation. The next time you stay in a hotel,

unofficial TIP
The key to avoiding disappointment is to

disappointment is to snoop in advance. Ask how old the hotel is and when its guest rooms were last renovated.

note your room's details and design elements. Even more than decor, these are the things that will make you feel comfortable and at home.

#### **ROOM RATINGS**

TO EVALUATE PROPERTIES FOR THEIR QUALITY, tastefulness, state of repair, cleanliness, and size of their standard rooms, we have grouped the hotels and motels into classifications denoted by stars—the overall star rating. Star ratings in this guide apply only to Orlando-area properties and don't necessarily correspond to ratings awarded by Frommer's, Mobil, AAA, or other travel critics. Because stars have little relevance when awarded in the absence of recognized standards of comparison, we have tied our ratings to expected levels of quality established by specific American hotel corporations.

Overall star ratings apply only to room quality and describe the property's standard accommodations. For most hotels, a standard accommodation is a room with one king bed or two queen beds. In an all-suite property, the standard accommodation is either a studio or one-bedroom suite. In addition to standard accommodations, many hotels offer luxury rooms and special suites, which aren't rated in this guide. Star ratings for rooms are assigned without regard to whether a property has restaurant(s), recreational facilities, entertainment, or other extras.

OVERALL STAR RAT	INGS

****	Superior rooms	Tasteful and luxurious by any standard
****	Extremely nice rooms	What you would expect at a Hyatt Regency or Marriott
***	Nice rooms	Holiday Inn or comparable quality
**	Adequate rooms	Clean, comfortable, and functional without frills—like a Motel 6
*	Super-budget	These exist but are not included in our coverage

In addition to stars (which delineate broad categories), we use a numerical rating system—the room-quality rating. Our scale is 0 to 100, with 100 being the best possible rating and zero (0) the worst. Numerical ratings show the difference we perceive between one property and another. Rooms at both the Hawthorn Suites Universal and Grosvenor Resort are rated three-and-a-half stars (\*\*\*\*\dagger\*\*\dagger\*\*\dagger\*\*). In the supplemental numerical ratings, Hawthorn Suites Universal is an 82 and Grosvenor a 76. This means that within the three-and-a-half-star category, Hawthorn Suites Universal has slightly nicer rooms than Grosvenor.

The location column identifies the area around Walt Disney World where you'll find a particular property. The designation "WDW" means the property is inside Walt Disney World. A "1" means it's on

LODGING AREAS	
WDW	Walt Disney World
1	International Drive
2	I-4 Corridor
3	US 192 (Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway)

or near International Drive. Properties on or near US 192 (aka Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Vine Street, and Space Coast Parkway) are indicated by a "3." All other properties are marked with a "2" and for the most part are along the FL 535 and the I-4 corridor, though some are in nearby locations that don't meet any other criteria.

Names of properties along US 192 also designate location; for example, Holiday Inn Maingate West. The consensus in Orlando seems to be that the main entrance to Disney World is the broad interstate-type road that runs off US 192. This is called Maingate. Properties along US 192 call themselves Maingate East or West to differentiate their positions along the highway. So, driving southeast from Clermont or the Florida Turnpike, the properties before you reach the Maingate turnoff are called Maingate West, while the properties after you pass the Maingate turnoff are called Maingate East.

Cost estimates are based on the hotel's published rack rates for standard rooms. Each "\$" represents \$50. Thus a cost symbol of "\$\$\$" means that a room (or suite) at that hotel will be about \$150 a night.

We've focused on room quality and excluded consideration of location, services, recreation, or amenities. In some instances, a one-or two-room suite is available for the same price or less than that of a single standard hotel room.

If you've used an earlier edition of this guide, you'll notice that new properties have been added and many ratings and rankings have changed, some because of room renovation or improved maintenance or housekeeping. Failure to maintain rooms or lax housekeeping can bring down ratings.

Before you shop for a hotel, consider this letter from a man in Hot Springs, Arkansas:

We canceled our room reservations to follow the advice in your book and reserved a hotel highly ranked by the Unofficial Guide. We wanted inexpensive, but clean and cheerful. We got inexpensive, but [also] dirty, grim, and depressing. I really felt disappointed in your advice and the room. It was the pits. That was the one real piece of information I needed from your book! The room spoiled the holiday for me aside from our touring.

This letter was as unsettling to us as the bad room was to our reader. Our integrity as travel journalists is based on the quality of the

information we provide. When rechecking the hotel our reader disliked, we found our rating was representative, but he had been assigned one of a small number of threadbare rooms scheduled for renovation.

Note that some chains use the same guest-room photo in promotional literature for all its hotels and that the room in a specific property may not resemble the photo. When you or your travel agent call, ask how old the property is and when the guest room you're being assigned was last renovated. If you are assigned a room inferior to expectations, demand to be moved.

## A WORD ABOUT TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

AS WE'VE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES IN THIS CHAPTER, it's essential to communicate with the hotel directly when shopping for deals and stating your room preferences. Most 800 and other toll-free numbers are routed directly to a hotel chain's central reservations office, usually located hundreds of miles from the hotel. Reservation agents at the central office typically have little or no knowledge of the individual hotels in the chain or of any specials those hotels may be offering. In the following charts, therefore, we list the toll-free number only if it connects directly to the hotel in question; otherwise, we provide the hotel's local phone number. Notable exceptions are the Disney hotels that must be booked through Disney Central Reservations (DCR).

#### THE TOP 30 BEST DEALS

LET'S LOOK AT THE BEST COMBINATIONS of quality and value in a room. Rankings are made without consideration for location or the availability of restaurant(s), recreational facilities, entertainment, and/or amenities.

A reader recently wrote to complain that he had booked one of our top-ranked rooms in terms of value and had been very disappointed in the room. We noticed that the room the reader occupied had a quality rating of  $\star\star$ ½. Remember that the list of top deals is intended to give you some sense of value received for dollars spent. A  $\star\star$ ½ room at \$40 may have the same value as a  $\star\star\star\star$  room at \$115, but that doesn't mean the rooms will be of comparable quality. Regardless of whether it's a good deal, a  $\star\star$ ½ room is still a  $\star\star$ ½ room.

## The Top 30 Best Deals

		OVERALL OUALITY	ROOM-	COST
HOTEL	LOCATION		RATING	(\$=\$50)
1. Westgate Lakes	2	****	92	\$\$-
2. HomeSuiteHome Eastgate*	3	★ ★ 1/2	57	\$-
3. Shades of Green	WDW	****	2 91	\$\$
4. Vacation Village at Parkway	3	****	91	\$\$
5. Hawthorn Suites Lake Buena Vista	2	****	87	\$\$-
6. Extended Stay Deluxe Lake Buena Vista	2	****	83	\$\$-
7. Quality Suites Maingate East	3	★★★1/2	80	\$\$-
8. Cypress Pointe Resort	2	****	83	\$\$
9. Magic Castle Inn & Suites	3	★★1/2	59	\$
10. Westgate Resorts (town center)	3	****	93	\$\$\$-
11. Palms Hotel & Villas Maingate	3	****	85	\$\$
12. Crowne Plaza Resort	1	****	94	\$\$\$-
13. Econo Lodge Polynesian Resort	3	★★1/2	62	\$-
14. Hampton Inn Maingate	3	***1/2	76	\$\$-
15. Travelodge Suites Eastgate	3	***	67	\$+
16. Hilton Grand Vacations Club SeaWorld	1	****	89	\$\$\$-
17. Best Western Lake Buena Vista Resort Hotel	WDW	****	85	\$\$+
18. Palms Hotel & Villas Kissimmee	3	****	85	\$\$+
19. Holiday Inn Lake Buena Vista	2	***1/2	80	\$\$
20. Suburban Extended Stay Universal	1	***	65	\$+
21. Inn at Summer Bay Resort	3	★★1/2	63	\$
22. Monte Carlo	3	**	48	\$-
23. Extended Stay Deluxe Convention Center	1	***	73	\$\$-
24. Radisson Barcelo Inn I-Drive (tower)	1	****	85	\$\$\$-
25. HomeSuiteHome Maingate	3	***1/2	81	\$\$
26. I-Drive Inn	1	★★1/2	63	\$
27. Motel 6 I-Drive	1	★ ★ 1/2	61	\$
28. Rosen Plaza Hotel	1	****	90	\$\$\$
29. Hilton Grand Vacations Club	1	****	88	\$\$\$-
30. Motel 6 Maingate West	3	**	52	\$-

<sup>\*</sup> requires 3-night minimum stay

## How the Hotels Compare

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HOTEL	LOCATION	OVERALL QUALITY RATING	ROOM- QUALITY RATING	COST (\$=\$50)
Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate	3	****	96	\$\$\$\$\$
Crowne Plaza Resort	1	****	94	\$\$\$-
Ritz-Carlton Orlando Grande Lakes	1	****	94	\$\$\$\$\$\$
Contemporary Resort	WDW	****	93	\$\$\$\$\$\$
Grand Floridian Resort & Spa	WDW	****	93	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$+
Hard Rock Hotel	1	****	93	\$\$\$\$\$\$
Orange Lake Country Club	3	****	93	\$\$\$+
Westgate Resorts (town center)	3	****	93	\$\$\$-
Marriott Orlando World Center	2	****	92	\$\$\$\$\$-
Marriott Vista Grande Villas	1	****	92	\$\$\$+
Polynesian Resort	WDW	****	92	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Portofino Bay Hotel	1	****	92	\$\$\$\$\$\$
Westgate Lakes	2	****	92	\$\$-
Shades of Green	WDW	****	91	\$\$
Swan	WDW	****	91	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Vacation Village at Parkway	3	****	91	\$\$
Beach Club Resort	WDW	****	90	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$+
Beach Club Villas	WDW	****	90	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$+
BoardWalk Villas	WDW	****	90	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$+
Rosen Shingle Creek	1	****	90	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Celebration Hotel	WDW	****	90	\$\$\$\$\$
Celebrity Resorts Orlando	3	****	90	\$\$\$
Gaylord Palms Resort	3	****	90	\$\$\$\$
Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress	2	****1/2	90	\$\$\$\$\$+
Old Key West Resort	WDW	****1/2	90	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Peabody Orlando	1	****1/2	90	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Rosen Plaza Hotel	1	****	90	\$\$\$
Royal Pacific Resort	1	****1/2	90	\$\$\$\$\$\$
Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa	WDW	****1/2	90	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Westgate Resorts (villas)	3	****	90	\$\$\$\$
Wilderness Lodge Villas	WDW	****	90	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Animal Kingdom Lodge	WDW	****	89	\$\$\$\$\$\$

HOTEL	LOCATION	OVERALL QUALITY RATING	ROOM- QUALITY RATING	COST (\$=\$50)
BoardWalk Inn	WDW	****	89	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$+
DoubleTree Universal	1	****	89	\$\$\$-
Hilton Grand Vacations Club SeaWorld	1	****	89	\$\$\$-
Yacht Club Resort	WDW	****	89	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$+
Buena Vista Palace	WDW	****	88	\$\$\$\$+
Hilton Grand Vacations Club	1	****	88	\$\$\$-
Hilton Walt Disney World	WDW	****	88	\$\$\$\$-
Caribe Royale Resort Suites	3	****	87	\$\$\$\$
Dolphin	WDW	****	87	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Hawthorn Suites Lake Buena Vista	2	****	87	\$\$-
Hotel Royal Plaza (tower)	WDW	****	87	\$\$\$\$\$-
Wyndham Palms	3	****	87	\$\$\$\$+
Crowne Plaza Universal	1	****	86	\$\$\$\$-
Fairfield Orlando Cypress Palms	3	****	86	\$\$\$-
Fort Wilderness Resort (cabins)	WDW	****	86	\$\$\$\$\$+
Marriott Cypress Harbour Villas	1	****	86	\$\$\$\$\$
Marriott Imperial Palm Villas	1	****	86	\$\$\$\$\$\$
Wilderness Lodge	WDW	****	86	\$\$\$\$\$\$
Best Western Lake Buena Vista Resort Hotel	WDW	****	85	\$\$+
Celebrity Resorts Lake Buena Vista	2	****	85	\$\$\$
Palms Hotel & Villas Kissimmee	3	****	85	\$\$+
Palms Hotel & Villas Maingate	3	****	85	\$\$
Radisson Barcelo Inn I-Drive (tower)	1	****	85	\$\$\$-
Residence Inn SeaWorld	1	****	85	\$\$\$+
Embassy Suites Orlando I-Drive	1	****	84	\$\$\$
Port Orleans Resort (French Quarter)	WDW	****	84	\$\$\$\$-
Radisson Resort Orlando Celebration	3	****	84	\$\$\$\$-
Sheraton Vistana Resort	2	****	84	\$\$\$\$-
Star Island Resort	3	****	84	\$\$\$\$-
Buena Vista Suites	3	****	83	\$\$\$+
Coronado Springs Resort	WDW	****	83	\$\$\$\$-
Coronado Springs Resort	WDW	****	83	\$\$\$\$-

# How the Hotels Compare (continued)

HOTEL LC	OCATION	OVERALL QUALITY RATING	ROOM- QUALITY RATING	COST (\$=\$50)
Cypress Pointe Resort	2	****	83	\$\$
Extended Stay Deluxe Lake Buena Vista	2	****	83	\$\$-
Polynesian Isles Resort	3	****	83	\$\$\$-
Port Orleans Resort (Riverside)	WDW	****	83	\$\$\$\$-
Sheraton Safari Hotel ♂ Suites	2	****	83	\$\$\$
Wyndham Orlando	1	****	83	\$\$\$
AmeriSuites Lake Buena Vista South	3	***1/2	82	\$\$\$
Country Inn ← Suites Calypso Cay	3	***1/2	82	\$\$\$
DoubleTree Castle Hotel	1	***1/2	82	\$\$\$
DoubleTree Guest Suites	WDW	***1/2	82	\$\$\$\$-
Hawthorn Suites Universal	1	***1/2	82	\$\$\$-
Hilton Garden Inn Orlando	3	***1/2	82	\$\$\$
Liki Tiki Village	3	***1/2	82	\$\$\$
Nickelodeon Family Suites by Holiday Inn	1	***1/2	82	\$\$\$\$-
Sheraton Studio City	1	***1/2	82	\$\$\$-
Staybridge Suites Hotel	1	***1/2	82	\$\$\$\$-
Club Hotel by DoubleTree	2	***1/2	81	\$\$\$+
Embassy Suites Resort Lake Buena Vista	2	***1/2	81	\$\$\$\$-
HomeSuiteHome Maingate	3	***1/2	81	\$\$
Westgate Resorts (tower)	3	***1/2	81	\$\$+
Caribbean Beach Resort	WDW	***1/2	80	\$\$\$\$-
Embassy Suites Plaza I-Drive	1	***1/2	80	\$\$\$-
Holiday Inn Lake Buena Vista	2	***1/2	80	\$\$
Quality Suites Maingate East	3	★★★1/2	80	\$\$-
Renaissance Orlando Resort	1	***1/2	80	\$\$\$\$
Residence Inn Convention Center	1	***1/2	80	\$\$\$
Rosen Centre Hotel	1	★★★1/2	80	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Saratoga Resort Villas	3	★★★1/2	80	\$\$\$-
Spring Hill Suites by Marriott	1	★★★1/2	80	\$\$\$
Homewood Suites I-Drive	1	★★★1/2	79	\$\$\$\$-
Sheraton World Resort (tower)	1	★★★½	79	\$\$\$+
Country Inn & Suites Lake Buena Vista (suites)	) 2	***1/2	78	\$\$\$-

HOTEL	LOCATION	OVERALL QUALITY RATING	ROOM- QUALITY RATING	COST (\$=\$50)
Hilton Garden Inn	1	***1/2	77	\$\$\$+
Radisson Worldgate Resort	3	***1/2	77	\$\$
AmeriSuites Universal	1	***1/2	76	\$\$\$\$+
Courtyard by Marriott I-Drive	1	***1/2	76	\$\$\$+
Grand Lake Resort	3	***1/2	76	\$\$\$\$-
Grosvenor Resort	WDW	***1/2	76	\$\$\$-
Hampton Inn Maingate	3	***1/2	76	\$\$-
Radisson Barcelo Inn I-Drive (garden)	1	***1/2	76	\$\$\$-
Residence Inn Lake Buena Vista	2	***1/2	76	\$\$\$-
Holiday Inn WDW Resort	WDW	***1/2	75	\$\$\$\$-
Parkway International Resort	3	***1/2	75	\$\$
Quality Suites Universal	1	***1/2	75	\$\$+
Residence Inn Orlando	1	***1/2	75	\$\$\$
Hampton Inn Convention Center	1	***	74	\$\$\$-
Hawthorn Suites Orlando at SeaWorld	1	***	74	\$\$+
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Convention Cent	ter 1	***	74	\$\$
Marriott Village Spring Hill Suites	2	***	74	\$\$\$
Palomino Suites Lake Buena Vista	2	***	74	\$\$\$-
RIU Orlando	2	***	74	\$\$-
All-Star Resort	WDW	***	73	\$\$+
Comfort Suites Maingate	3	***	73	\$\$\$
Extended Stay Deluxe Universal	1	***	73	\$\$
Fairfield Inn & Suites Universal	1	***	73	\$\$+
Holiday Inn International Resort	1	***	73	\$\$\$-
La Quinta Inn I-Drive	1	***	73	\$\$+
Country Inn & Suites Lake Buena Vista (room	ms) 2	***	72	\$\$+
<b>Extended Stay Convention Center</b>	1	***	72	\$\$-
Extended Stay Universal	1	***	72	\$\$-
Ramada Inn I-Drive Orlando	1	***	72	\$\$
Staybridge Suites Lake Buena Vista	2	***	72	\$\$\$\$
Clarion Maingate	3	***	71	\$\$+
Hotel Royal Plaza (garden)	WDW	***	71	\$\$\$\$

# How the Hotels Compare (continued)

	HOTEL	LOCATION	OVERALL QUALITY RATING	ROOM- QUALITY RATING	COST (\$=\$50)
Г	Marriott Village at Lake Buena Vista	2	***	71	\$\$\$-
ı	Pop Century Resort	WDW	***	71	\$\$+
Г	Ramada Plaza & Inn Gateway (tower)	3	***	71	\$\$-
	Seralago Hotel	3	***	71	\$\$-
ı	Comfort Suites Orlando	2	***	69	\$\$
ı	Hampton Inn Maingate West	3	***	69	\$\$\$-
ı	Holiday Inn Sun Spree Resort	2	***	69	\$\$+
ı	Holiday Inn Universal Studios	1	***	69	\$\$+
ı	Best Western Movieland	1	***	68	\$\$-
ı	Holiday Inn Maingate West	3	***	68	\$\$+
ı	Sheraton World Resort (garden)	1	***	68	\$\$\$-
ı	Westgate Palace	1	***	68	\$\$\$\$-
ı	Best Western Lakeside	3	***	67	\$\$\$-
ı	Clarion Universal	1	***	67	\$\$\$
ı	Courtyard by Marriott Lake Buena Vista	2	***	67	\$\$\$\$-
ı	Enclave Suites	1	***	67	\$\$\$
ı	Hampton Inn Universal	1	***	67	\$\$
ı	Quality Inn & Suites Universal	1	***	67	\$\$-
	Travelodge Suites Eastgate	3	***	67	\$+
ı	Comfort Inn Sandlake	1	***	66	\$\$
	Comfort Suites Universal	1	***	66	\$\$\$
ı	Howard Johnson Inn Maingate West	3	***	66	\$\$\$-
	Quality Inn & Suites Eastgate	3	***	66	\$\$-
ı	Ramada Eastgate Fountain Park	3	***	66	\$\$
	Days Inn Lake Buena Vista	2	***	65	\$\$-
ı	Hampton Inn Lake Buena Vista	2	***	65	\$\$
	Quality Inn I-Drive	1	***	65	\$\$\$-
ı	Extended Stay Deluxe Convention Center	1	***	73	\$\$-
	Suburban Extended Stay Universal	1	***	65	\$+
	Travelodge Maingate East	3	***	65	\$\$
	AmeriHost Resort	3	★★1/2	64	\$\$\$\$\$\$-
	Comfort Inn Lake Buena Vista	2	★★1/2	64	\$\$-

HOTEL	LOCATION	OVERALL QUALITY RATING	ROOM- QUALITY RATING	COST (\$=\$50)
Comfort Inn Maingate West	3	★★1/2	64	\$+
Days Inn Eastgate	3	★★1/2	64	\$+
Hampton Inn Kirkman	1	★★1/2	64	\$\$\$
Marriott Village Fairfield Inn	2	★★1/2	64	\$\$\$-
Meridian Hotel	3	★★1/2	64	\$\$+
Orlando Grand Plaza	1	★★1/2	64	\$+
Ramada Plaza & Inn Gateway (garden)	3	★★1/2	64	\$\$-
Silver Lake Resort	3	★★1/2	64	\$\$\$\$-
Best Western Universal Inn	1	★★1/2	63	\$\$
Country Inn ♥ Suites I-Drive	1	★★1/2	63	\$\$
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel & Suites at Orlando Convention Center	1	★★1/2	63	\$\$
I-Drive Inn	1	★★1/2	63	\$
Inn at Summer Bay Resort	3	★★1/2	63	\$
La Quinta Universal	1	★★1/2	63	\$\$
Microtel Inn ♥ Suites	1	★★1/2	63	\$\$-
Baymont Inn Kissimmee	3	★★1/2	62	\$\$+
Best Western Plaza I-Drive	1	★★1/2	62	\$\$
Days Inn West Kissimmee	3	★★1/2	62	\$+
Econo Lodge Polynesian Resort	3	★★1/2	62	\$-
Holiday Inn Express Summer Bay Resort	3	★★1/2	62	\$\$-
Howard Johnson Express Inn & Suites (suite	s) 3	★★1/2	62	\$\$-
Quality Inn Plaza	1	★★1/2	62	\$\$-
Reedy Creek Inn	3	★★1/2	62	\$+
Days Inn I-Drive	1	★★1/2	61	\$+
Days Inn Suites Old Town	3	★★1/2	61	\$+
Imperial Swan Hotel	1	★★1/2	61	\$+
Motel 6 I-Drive	1	★★1/2	61	\$
Wellesley Inn Kissimmee/Lake Cecile	3	★★1/2	61	\$\$-
Comfort Inn I-Drive	1	★★1/2	60	\$\$+
Days Inn SeaWorld/Convention Center	1	★★1/2	60	\$+
Days Inn Universal Studios	1	★★½	60	\$+

# How the Hotels Compare (continued)

LOCATION	OVERALL QUALITY RATING	ROOM- QUALITY RATING	COST (\$=\$50)	
3	★★1/2	60	\$\$-	
3	★★1/2	60	\$\$-	
1	★★1/2	60	\$+	
3	★★1/2	59	\$\$-	
1	★★1/2	59	\$\$	
3	★★1/2	59	\$	
3	★★1/2	59	\$+	
1	★★1/2	59	\$+	
3	★★1/2	59	\$\$-	
1	**1/2	58	\$\$-	
3	★★1/2	58	\$\$-	
3	★★1/2	58	\$\$\$-	
1	★★1/2	58	\$\$	
1	★★1/2	58	\$	
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3	★★1/2	56	\$+	
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HOTEL	LOCATION	OVERALL QUALITY RATING	ROOM- QUALITY RATING	COST (\$=\$50)
Masters Inn Maingate	3	**	55	\$
Baymont Inn & Suites	1	**	54	\$
Golden Link Motel	3	**	54	\$+
Sleep Inn Convention Center	1	**	54	\$\$-
Sun Inn & Suites	3	**	53	\$
Knights Inn Maingate East	3	**	52	\$
Motel 6 Maingate East	3	**	52	\$
Motel 6 Maingate West	3	**	52	\$-
Central Motel	3	**	51	\$
Key Motel	3	**	51	\$
Rodeway Inn I-Drive	1	**	51	\$+
Super 8 Universal	1	**	51	\$\$-
La Quinta Inn I-Drive North	1	**	50	\$\$-
Masters Inn I-Drive	1	**	50	\$+
Red Carpet Inn East	3	**	50	\$
Monte Carlo	3	**	48	\$-
Condolodge	3	**	47	\$\$\$\$-
Riande Continental Plaza	1	**	47	\$+
Red Roof Inn Kissimmee	3	<b>★</b> ½	42	\$
Howard Johnson Enchantedland Resort Hot	el 3	<b>★</b> ½	41	\$+
Palm Lakefront Resort & Hostel	3	<b>★</b> ½	38	\$-

## Hotel Information Chart

### All-Star Resorts ★★★

Walt Disney World 1701–1901 W. Buena Vista Drive

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Orlando 32830

LOCATION WDW
ROOM RATING 73
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

#### Baymont Inn Kissimmee \*\*\*1/2

5196 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746

**2** 407-787-3555 FAX 407-787-0700 www.baymontinns.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 62
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

### Best Western Plaza I-Drive ★★½

8738 International Drive Orlando 32819

**2** 407-345-8195 FAX 407-352-819 www.bestwestern.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 62
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Buena Vista Suites \*\*\*

8203 World Center Drive Orlando 32821 407-239-8588

**2** 407-239-8588 FAX 407-239-1401 www.bvsuites.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 83
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$+

### Central Motel \*\*

4698 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747 ☎ 407-396-2333

**2** 407-396-2333 FAX 407-396-0739

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 51
COST (\$ = \$50) \$

### AmeriHost Resort ★★1/2

7491 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747

**2** 407-396-6000 FAX 407-396-7393 www.amerihostinn.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 64

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$-

#### Beach Club Resort \*\*\*\*

Walt Disney World
1800 Epcot Resort Blvd.
Lake Buena Vista 32830
407-934-8000
FAX 407-934-3850

www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW

ROOM RATING 90

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$+

## Best Western Universal Inn \*\*1/2

5618 Vineland Road Orlando 32819 ☎ 407-226-9119

FAX 407-770-2448 www.bestwestern.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 63
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Caribbean Beach Resort ★★★½

Walt Disney World 900 Cayman Way Orlando 32830 \$\infty\$407-934-3400

**2** 407-934-3400 FAX 407-934-3288 www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 80 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

### Clarion Maingate ★★★

7675 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747 407-396-4000 FAX 407-396-0714

www.choicehotels.com

LOCATION 3

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 71
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

### AmeriSuites Lake Buena Vista

**South** ★★★½ 4991 Calypso Cay Way Kissimmee 34746

**2** 407-997-1300 FAX 407-997-1301 www.amerisuites.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 82
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

#### Beach Club Villas \*\*\*\*

Walt Disney World 1900 Epcot Resort Blvd. Lake Buena Vista 32830 407-934-2175 FAX 407-934-3850

www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW

ROOM RATING 90

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$+

### BoardWalk Inn \*\*\*

Walt Disney World 2101 Epcot Resort Blvd. Orlando 32830 407-939-5100

FAX 407-939-5150 www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW
ROOM RATING 89
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$+

### Caribe Royale Resort

Suites ★★★ 8101 World Center Drive Orlando 32821 ☎ 407-238-8000 FAX 407-238-8050

www.cariberesorts.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 87

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$

### Clarion Universal ★★★

7299 Republic Drive Orlando 32819 407-351-5009 FAX 407-352-7277

www.choicehotels.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 67

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

### AmeriSuites Universal ★★★½

5895 Caravan Court Orlando 32819 **2** 407-351-0627 FAX 407-351-3317 www.amerisuites.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 76 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$+

## Animal Kingdom Lodge ★★★★

Walt Disney World 2901 Osceola Parkway Bay Lake 32830

**2** 407-938-3000 FAX 407-938-4799 www.waltdisneyworld.com

> LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 89 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$

### Baymont Inn & Suites \*\*

8342 Jamaican Court Orlando 32819 **2** 407-363-1944 FAX 407-363-4844 www.baymontinns.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 54 COST (\$ = \$50) \$

### Best Western Lake Buena Vista

Resort Hotel \*\*\* 2000 Hotel Plaza Blvd. Lake Buena Vista 32830 **2** 407-828-2424 FAX 407-828-8933 www.orlandoresorthotel.com

> LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 85 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

### Best Western Lakeside ★★★

7769 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747

**2** 407-396-2222 FAX 407-396-7087 www.bestwesternflorida.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 67 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### Best Western Movieland \*\*\*

6233 International Drive Orlando 32819 **2** 407-351-3900

FAX 407-363-5119 www.bestwestern.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 68 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### BoardWalk Villas ★★★★½ Walt Disney World

2101 Epcot Resort Blvd. Orlando 32830 **2** 407-939-5100 FAX 407-939-5150

www.waltdisneyworld.com LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 90

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$+

### Buena Vista Motel \*\*

5200 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 **2** 407-396-2100 FAX 407-396-4359

www.buenavistamotel192.com LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 55 COST (\$ = \$50) \$

### Buena Vista Palace ★★★★

Walt Disney World 1900 Buena Vista Drive Lake Buena Vista 32830 **2** 407-827-2727 FAX 407-827-3136

www.buenavistapalace.com LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 88 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$+

### Celebration Hotel ★★★★½

Celebration 34747 **2** 407-566-6000 FAX 407-566-1844 www.celebrationhotel.com

700 Bloom St

LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 90 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$

### **Celebrity Resorts** Lake Buena Vista ★★★★

8451 Palm Parkway Lake Buena Vista 32836 **2** 407-238-1700 FAX 407-238-0255

www.celebrityresorts.com/lbv

LOCATION 2 ROOM RATING 85 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

### **Celebrity Resorts**

Orlando \*\*\*\*/2 2800 N. Poinciana Blvd. Orlando 34746

**2** 407-396-8300 FAX 407-997-5222 www.orlando-celebrityresort.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 90 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

### Club Hotel by DoubleTree ★★★½

12490 Apopka-Vineland Road Orlando 32836 **2** 407-239-4646 FAX 407-239-8469 www.doubletree.com

> LOCATION 2 **ROOM RATING** 81 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$+

### Comfort Inn I-Drive ★★½

8134 International Drive Orlando 32819 **2** 407-313-4000 FAX 407-313-4001 www.choicehotels.com

> LOCATION **ROOM RATING** 60 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

### Comfort Inn

Lake Buena Vista ★★1/2 8442 Palm Parkway Lake Buena Vista 32836

**2** 407-239-7300 FAX 407-996-7301 www.choicehotels.com

> LOCATION 2 ROOM RATING 64 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

Comfort Inn Maingate West ★★½ 9330 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34711

**2** 863-424-8420 FAX 863-424-9670 www.choicehotels.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 64

COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

Contemporary Resort ★★★★½

Walt Disney World 4600 N. World Drive Orlando 32830 **2** 407-934-7639 FAX 407-824-3539

www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 93 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$-

Courtyard by Marriott Lake Buena Vista ★★★

8501 Palm Parkway Lake Buena Vista 32836 **2** 407-938-9001 FAX 407-239-1287

LOCATION 2 ROOM RATING 67 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

www.marriott.com

Days Inn Lake Buena Vista ★★★

12799 Apopka-Vineland Road Lake Buena Vista 32836 **2** 407-239-4441 FAX 407-239-0325

> LOCATION 2 ROOM RATING 65 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

www.daysinn.com

DoubleTree Castle Hotel ★★★½ 8629 International Drive

Orlando 32819 **2** 407-345-1511 FAX 407-248-8181 www.doubletreecastle.com

> LOCATION 1 **ROOM RATING** 82 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

Comfort Inn Sandlake \*\*\* 6101 Sandlake Road

Orlando 32919 **2** 407-363-7886 FAX 407-345-0670 www.choicehotels.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 66 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

Coronado Springs Resort ★★★★

Walt Disney World 1000 W. Buena Vista Drive Orlando 32830 **2** 407-939-1000 FAX 407-939-1001 www.waltdisneyworld.com

> LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 83 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

Crowne Plaza Resort ★★★★½

12000 International Drive Orlando 32821 **2** 407-239-1222 FAX 407-239-1190 www.crowneplaza.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 94 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

Days Inn SeaWorld/ Convention Center ★★½

9990 International Drive Orlando 32819 **2** 407-352-8700 FAX 407-363-3965 www.daysinn.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 60 COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

DoubleTree Guest Suites ★★★½

2305 Hotel Plaza Blvd. Lake Buena Vista 32830 **2** 407-934-1000 FAX 407-934-1015 www.doubletree.com

> LOCATION WDW **ROOM RATING** 82 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

Comfort Suites Maingate ★★★

7888 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747 **2** 407-390-9888

FAX 407-390-0981

www.comfortsuiteskissimmee.com

LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 73 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

Country Inn & Suites Calypso Cay ★★★½

5001 Calypso Cay Way Kissimmee 34746 **2** 407-997-1400 FAX 407-997-1401

www.countryinns.com LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 82 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

Crowne Plaza Universal ★★★★

7800 Universal Blvd. Orlando 32819 **2** 407-355-0550 FAX 407-355-0504 www.crowneplaza.com

LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 86 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

Days Inn Suites Old Town \*\*1/2 5820 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy.

Kissimmee 34746 **2** 407-396-7900 FAX 407-396-1789 www.daysinn.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 61 COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

DoubleTree Universal ★★★★

5780 Major Blvd. Orlando 32819 **2** 407-351-1000 FAX 407-353-0106 www.doubletree.com

> LOCATION ROOM RATING COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### Comfort Suites Orlando ★★★

9350 Turkey Lake Road Orlando 32819 ☎ 407-351-5050

FAX 407-363-7953 www.comfortsuitesorlando.com

LOCATION 2
ROOM RATING 69
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Comfort Suites Universal ★★★

5617 Major Blvd. Orlando 32819 2 407-363-1967 FAX 407-363-6873

FAX 407-363-6873 www.choicehotels.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 66
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

### Condolodge ★★

Courtyard by

3147 Hempstead Ave. Kissimmee 34741 ☎ 407-931-2383 FAX 407-931-2385 www.condolodge.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 47

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

### Country Inn & Suites I-Drive

★★½ 7701 Universal Blvd. Orlando 32819 ☎ 407-313-4200

FAX 407-313-4201 www.countryinns.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 63
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Country Inn & Suites Lake Buena

Vista ★★★½/★★★\*

12191 S. Apopka-Vineland Road Lake Buena Vista 32836 2 407-239-1115; FAX 407-239-8882 www.countryinns.com

LOCATION 2
ROOM RATING 78/72\*
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-/\$\$+\*

# LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 76 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$+

Marriott I-Drive ★★★½

8600 Austrian Court Orlando 32819

**2** 407-351-2244

FAX 407-351-3306

www.marriott.com

### Cypress Pointe Resort ★★★★

8651 Treasure Cay Lane Orlando 32836 **2** 407-597-2700

www.cypresspointe.net

LOCATION 2
ROOM RATING 83
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Days Inn Eastgate \*\*

\* suites/rooms

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 64
COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

### Days Inn I-Drive \*\*1/2

5858 International Drive Orlando 32819 407-351-4410 FAX 407-351-2481 www.daysinn.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 61

COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

### Days Inn Universal Studios ★★1/2

5827 Caravan Court Orlando 32819 ☎ 407-351-3800 FAX 407-363-0907 www.daysinn.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 60
COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

### Days Inn West Kissimmee ★★½

9240 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34711

**2** 863-424-6099 FAX 863-424-5779 www.daysinn.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 62
COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

### Dolphin ★★★★

Walt Disney World 1500 Epcot Resort Blvd. Lake Buena Vista 32830

**☎** 407-934-7639 FAX 407-934-4884 www.swandolphin.com

LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 87 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

## Econo Lodge

### Hawaiian Resort ★★1/2

7514 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747 2 407-396-1890 FAX 407-396-1295 www.econolodge.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 59

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Econo Lodge

### Polynesian Resort ★★1/2 2934 Polynesian Isle Blvd.

Kissimmee 34746 407-396-2121 FAX 407-396-2191 www.econolodge.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 62
COST (\$ = \$50) \$-

## **Embassy Suites Orlando**

### I-Drive ★★★★

8978 International Drive Orlando 32819

407-352-1400

FAX 407-363-1120

www.embassysuitesorlando.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 84

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

### **Embassy Suites Plaza**

I-Drive ★★★½ 8250 Jamaican Court Orlando 32819 **2** 407-345-8250

FAX 407-352-1463 www.embassysuites.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 80

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### 

8100 Lake Ave. Orlando 32836

**☎** 407-239-1144 FAX 407-238-0230

www.embassysuitesorlando.com

LOCATION 2
ROOM RATING 81
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

## Enclave Suites \*\*\* 6165 Carrier Drive

www.enclavesuites.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 67
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

### **Extended Stay Deluxe**

**Lake Buena Vista** ★★★★ 8100 Palm Parkwav

Orlando 32836 407-239-4300 FAX 407-239-4446

www.extendedstaydeluxe.com

LOCATION 2

ROOM RATING 83

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Extended Stav Deluxe

Universal ★★★ 5610 Vineland Road

Orlando 32821 407-370-4428 FAX 407-370-9456

www.extendedstaydeluxe.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 73

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Extended Stay Universal \*\*\*

5620 Major Blvd. Orlando 32819

**4** 407-351-1788 FAX 407-351-7899 www.extendedstayamerica.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 72
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Gaylord Palms Resort ★★★★½

6000 W. Osceola Parkway Kissimmee 34746

**2** 407-586-0000 FAX 407-586-1999 www.gaylordpalms.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 90
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$

### Golden Link Motel \*\*

4914 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 ☎ 407-396-0555 FAX 407-396-6531

www.goldenlinkmotel.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 54

COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

### Grand Floridian Resort & Spa

\*\*\*\*1/2

Walt Disney World 4401 Grand Floridian Orlando 32830

**☎** 407-824-3000 www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW

ROOM RATING 93

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$+

### Hampton Inn Kirkman ★★1/2

7110 S. Kirkman Road Orlando 32819 2 407-345-1112

FAX 407-352-6591 hamptoninn.hilton.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 64
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

## Hampton Inn

**Lake Buena Vista** ★★★ 8150 Palm Parkway Orlando 32836

**2** 407-465-8150 FAX 407-465-0150

FAX 407-465-0150 hamptoninn.hilton.com

LOCATION 2

ROOM RATING 65

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

## Hampton Inn Maingate ★★★½

3104 Parkway Blvd. Kissimmee 34747 **2** 407-396-8484

FAX 407-396-7344 hamptoninn.hilton.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 76

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### **Hawthorn Suites**

Lake Buena Vista \*\*\*\*
8303 Palm Parkway

Orlando 32836
407-597-5000
FAX 407-597-6000
www.hawthorn.com

LOCATION 2
ROOM RATING 87
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

## Hawthorn Suites Orlando

at SeaWorld ★★★ 6435 Westwood Blvd. Orlando 32821 ☎ 407-351-6600 FAX 407-351-1977

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 74

### Hawthorn Suites Universal ★★★½

7601 Canada Ave. Orlando 32819

**2** 407-581-2151 FAX 407-581-2152

www.hawthornsuitesuniversal.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 82

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

#### **Extended Stav**

Convention Center \*\*\*

6451 Westwood Blvd. Orlando 32821

**☎** 407-352-3454 FAX 407-352-1708

www.extendedstayamerica.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 72

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

## Fairfield Inn & Suites

Universal ★★★

5614 Vineland Road Orlando 32819

**☎** 407-581-5600 FAX 407-581-5601

www.marriott.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 73

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

### Grand Lake Resort ★★★½

7770 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747

407-396-3000
FAX 407-396-1822
www.dailymanagementresorts.
com/grandlake.htm

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 76
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

### Hampton Inn Maingate West ★★★

3000 Maingate Lane Kissimmee 34747 ☎ 407-396-6300 FAX 407-396-8989

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 69

# COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$− Hilton Garden Inn ★★★½

6850 Westwood Blvd. Orlando 32821 ☎ 407-354-1500 FAX 407-354-1528 www.hiltongardeninn.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 77

ROOM RATING 77
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$+

### **Extended Stay Deluxe**

Convention Center \*\*\*
6443 Westwood Blvd.

Orlando 32821

**☎** 407-351-1982 FAX 407-351-1719

www.extendedstayamerica.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 73

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Fairfield Orlando

**Cypress Palms** ★★★★ 5300 Fairfield Lake Drive

Kissimmee 34746

www.fairfieldresorts.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 86
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

## Grosvenor Resort ★★★½

1850 Hotel Plaza Blvd. Lake Buena Vista 32830 407-828-4444

FAX 407-828-8192 www.grosvenorresort.com

LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 76 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### Hampton Inn Universal ★★★

5621 Windhover Drive Orlando 32819

**2** 407-351-6716 FAX 407-363-1711 hamptoninn.hilton.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 67
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Hilton Garden Inn

Orlando ★★★½

5877 American Way Orlando 32819 2 407-363-9332

FAX 407-363-9335 www.hiltongardenorlando.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 82
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

### Extended Stay Deluxe Convention Center/Pointe Orlando \*\*\*/2

8750 Universal Blvd.
Orlando 32819

**☎** 407-903-1500 FAX 407-903-1555

www.extendedstaydeluxe.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 58

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Fort Wilderness Resort

(cabins) \*\*\*\*
Walt Disney World
4510 N. Fort Wilderness Trail
Orlando 32830

**☎** 407-824-2900 FAX 407-824-3508

www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 86 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$+

### **Hampton Inn**

Convention Center ★★★ 8900 Universal Blvd.

Orlando 32819

407-354-4447

FAX 407-354-3031

hamptoninn.hilton.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 74

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### Hard Rock Hotel ★★★★½

5800 Universal Blvd. Orlando 32819 407-503-rock FAX 407-503-9655 www.hardrock.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 93

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$

### Hilton Grand

Vacations Club ★★★★

6355 Metrowest Blvd., Suite 180 Orlando 32835

**☎** 800-448-2736 FAX 407-521-3112

www.hiltongrandvacations.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 88

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

## Hilton Grand Vacations Club

SeaWorld \*\*\* 6924 Grand Vacations Wav Orlando 32821

**2** 407-239-0100 FAX 407-239-0200 www.hilton.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 89 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### Holiday Inn Maingate West ★★★

7601 Black Lake Road Kissimmee 34747 **2** 407-396-1100 FAX 407-396-0689 www.ichotelsgroup.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 68 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

### Homewood Suites I-Drive ★★★½

8745 International Drive Orlando 32819

**2** 407-248-2232 FAX 407-248-6552

www.homewoodsuitesorlando.com

LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 79 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

## Hilton Walt Disney World ★★★★

Lake Buena Vista 32830 **2** 407-827-4000

FAX 407-827-3890 www.hilton-wdwv.com

> LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 88 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

## 1751 Hotel Plaza Blvd.

Summer Bay Resort \*\*/2 105 Summer Bay Blvd. Clermont 34711

**2** 407-239-8315 FAX 407-239-8297 www.hiexpress.com

**Holiday Inn Express** 

LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 62 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort

\*\*\* 13351 FL 535 Lake Buena Vista 32821 **2** 407-239-4500 FAX 407-239-8463

www.kidsuites.com

LOCATION 2 ROOM RATING 69 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

### Hotel Royal Plaza ★★★★/★★★

1905 Hotel Plaza Blvd. Orlando 32830 **2** 407-828-2828 FAX 407-827-6338 www.royalplaza.com

> LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 87/71\* COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-/\$\$\$\*

\* tower/garden

### Holiday Inn Universal Studios \*\*\*

5905 Kirkman Road Orlando 32819 **2** 407-351-3333 FAX 407-351-3577 www.ichotelsgroup.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 69 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

### Howard Johnson Enchantedland Resort Hotel \*1/2

4985 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 **2** 407-396-4343

FAX 407-396-8998 www.hoio.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 41 COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

### Howard Johnson Inn Orlando \*\*%

6603 International Drive Orlando 32819 **2** 407-351-2900

FAX 407-351-1327 www.hojo.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 59 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel @ Suites at Orlando Convention Center \*\*1/2

9956 Hawaiian Court Orlando 32819

2 407-351-5100; FAX 407-352-7188 www.hojo.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 63 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Howard Johnson's Lake Front Park \*\*1/2

4836 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746

**2** 407-396-4762 FAX 407-396-4866 www.hojo.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 57 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Inn at Summer Bay Resort ★★1/2 9400 US Hwy. 192

Clermont 34711 **2** 800-654-6102 www.summerbayresort.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 63 COST (\$ = \$50) \$

#### Key Motel ★★

4810 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747 **2** 407-396-6200 FAX 407-396-6200

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 51 COST (\$ = \$50) \$

## Knights Inn Kissimmee \*\*

7475 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747

**2** 407-396-4200 FAX 407-396-8838 www.knightsinn.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 55 COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

### Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Convention Center ★★★ 8214 Universal Blvd.

Orlando 32819 2 407-581-9001

FAX 407-581-9002 www.ichotelsgroup.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 74
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

## Holiday Inn WDW Resort ★★★½

1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd. Lake Buena Vista 32830 407-828-8888

FAX 407-827-4623 www.hiorlando.com

LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 75 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

## Howard Johnson Express Inn

**♥ Suites** (suites) ★★½ 4836 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747 **★** 407-396-4762 FAX 407-396-4866

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 62
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

## Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress ★★★★½

1 Grand Cypress Blvd. Lake Buena Vista 32836 3 407-239-1234

FAX 407-239-3800 www.hyattgrandcypress.com

LOCATION 2
ROOM RATING 90
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$+

## Knights Inn Maingate East \*\*

2880 Poinciana Blvd. Kissimmee 34747 407-396-8186 FAX 407-396-8569 www.knightsinn.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 52
COST (\$ = \$50) \$

### **Holiday Inn International**

**Resort** ★★★ 6515 International Drive Orlando 32819

**2** 407-351-3500 FAX 407-351-5727 www.ichotelsgroup.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 73
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### HomeSuiteHome Eastgate ★★½

5565 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746

**2** 407-396-0707 FAX 407-396-6644 www.homesuitehome.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 57
COST (\$ = \$50) \$-

### Howard Johnson Inn Maingate East ★★½

6051 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747 407-396-1748

FAX 407-396-1748 www.hojo.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 58
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### I-Drive Inn ★★1/2

6323 International Drive Orlando 32819

**☎** 407-351-4430 FAX 407-345-0742

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 63
COST (\$ = \$50) \$

## La Quinta Inn I-Drive \*\*\*

8300 Jamaican Court Orlando 32819 407-351-1660 FAX 407-351-9264 www.lq.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 73

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

### Holiday Inn Lake Buena Vista ★★★½

8686 Palm Parkway Orlando 32836

**2** 407-239-8400 FAX 407-239-8025 www.ichotelsgroup.com

LOCATION 2
ROOM RATING 80
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### HomeSuiteHome Maingate

**★★★**½

7300 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747 407-396-7300 FAX 407-646-5600

www.homesuitehome.com

ROOM RATING 81 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Howard Johnson Inn Maingate West ★★★

8660 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy.

Kissimmee 34747

407-396-9300

FAX 407-396-0305

www.hojo.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 66

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### Imperial Swan Hotel ★★½

70.50 S. Kirkman Road Orlando 32819 2 407-351-2000 FAX 407-363-1835

www.imperialswanhotel.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 61
COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

## La Quinta Inn I-Drive North \*\*

5825 International Drive Orlando 32819 ☎ 407-351-4100 FAX 407-996-4599 www.lq.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 50

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

La Quinta Universal ★★½

5621 Major Blvd. Orlando 32819

**2** 407-313-3100 FAX 407-313-2131 www.lg.com

LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 63 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$ Liki Tiki Village ★★★½

17777 Bali Blvd. Winter Garden 34787

**2** 800-634-3119 FAX 407-239-5092

www.islandone.com/ior/likitiki village.html

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 82 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

Magic Castle Inn & Suites ★★½ 5055 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 **2** 407-396-2212

FAX 407-396-0253 www.magicorlando.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING COST (\$ = \$50) \$

Marriott Village

Fairfield Inn \*\*\*1/2 8623 Vineland Ave.

Orlando 32821 **2** 407-938-9001

FAX 407-938-9002 www.marriottvillage.com

LOCATION 2

ROOM RATING 64 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$- Marriott Village at Lake Buena Vista \*\*\*

8623 Vineland Ave. Orlando 32821

**2** 407-938-9001 FAX 407-938-9002 www.marriottvillage.com

> LOCATION 2 ROOM RATING 71 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

Marriott Village Spring Hill

Suites ★★★ 8623 Vineland Ave.

Orlando 32821 **2** 407-938-9001 FAX 407-938-9002

www.marriottvillage.com

LOCATION 2 ROOM RATING 74 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

Masters Inn Maingate \*\*

2945 Entry Point Blvd. Kissimmee 34747

**2** 407-396-7743 FAX 407-396-6307 www.mastersinn.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 55 COST (\$ = \$50) \$

Meridian Hotel ★★1/2

8536 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747 **2** 407-396-1600 FAX 407-396-1971

www.meridianorlando.com LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 64 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

Microtel Inn & Suites ★★½

7531 Canada Ave. Orlando 32819 **2** 407-226-9887 FAX 407-226-9877 www.microtelinn.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 63 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

Motel 6 Maingate West ★★

7455 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747

**2** 407-396-6422 FAX 407-396-0720 www.motel6.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 52 COST (\$ = \$50) \$-

**Nickelodeon Family Suites** by Holiday Inn ★★★½

14500 Continental Gateway Orlando 32821 **2** 407-387-5437

FAX 407-387-1490 www.nickhotel.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 82 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

Old Key West Resort ★★★★½

Walt Disney World 1510 N. Cove Road Orlando 32830

**2** 407-827-7700 FAX 407-827-7710

www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW **ROOM RATING 90** COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Palm Lakefront Resort & Hostel ★1/2

4840 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34741 **2** 407-396-1759

FAX 407-396-1598

www.orlandohostels.com

LOCATION 3 **ROOM RATING** 38 COST (\$ = \$50) \$-

Palms Hotel & Villas Kissimmee ★★★★

4786 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746

**2** 407-396-2056 FAX 407-396-2909

> LOCATION 3 **ROOM RATING** 85 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

Palms Hotel & Villas Maingate ★★★★

3100 Parkway Blvd. Kissimmee 34747 **2** 407-396-2229 FAX 407-396-4833

www.palmshotelandvillas.com

LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Marriott Cypress Harbour

Villas ★★★ 11251 Harbour Villa Road Orlando 32821

**☎** 407-238-1300 FAX 407-238-1083 www.marriott.com/property/ propertypage/MCOCY

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 86

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$

### Marriott Vista

Grande Villas ★★★★½
5925 Avenida Vista
Orlando 32821

™ 407-238-7676
FAX 407-238-0900
www.marriott.com/property/
propertypage/MCOGV

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 92
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$+

## Monte Carlo ★★

192 Blossom Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 **2** 407-396-4700

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 48

COST (\$ = \$50) \$-

### Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate \*\*\*\*

1500 Masters Blvd. ChampionsGate 33896 2 407-390-6664 FAX 407-390-0600 www.omnihotels.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 96
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$

## Palomino Suites

Lake Buena Vista ★★★ 8200 Palm Parkway Orlando 32836 ② 407-465-8200 FAX 407-465-0200 www.palominosuites.com

LOCATION 2
ROOM RATING 74
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### Marriott Imperial Palm

Villas ★★★ 8404 Vacation Way Orlando 32821

**☎** 407-238-6200 FAX 407-238-6247 www.marriott.com/property/ propertypage/MCOIP

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 86
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

### Masters Inn I-Drive ★★

8222 Jamaican Court Orlando 32819

**4**07-345-1172 FAX 407-352-2081 www.mastersinn.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 50

COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

### Motel 6 I-Drive ★★1/2

5909 American Way Orlando 32819

**2** 407-351-6500 FAX 407-352-5481 www.motel6.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 61
COST (\$ = \$50) \$

## Orange Lake Resort & Country Club \*\*\*\*\*/2

8505 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747

**2** 407-239-0000 FAX 407-239-1039 www.orangelake.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 93
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$+

## Park Inn & Suites Maingate East ★★½

6075 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747

2 407-396-6100 FAX 407-396-6965

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 58
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### **Marriott Orlando**

World Center ★★★★½ 8701 World Center Drive Orlando 32821 ☎ 407-239-4200

FAX 407-238-8777 www.marriottworldcenter.com

LOCATION 2
ROOM RATING 92
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

### Masters Inn Kissimmee ★★

5367 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 ☎ 407-396-4020

FAX 407-396-5450 www.mastersinn.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 55
COST (\$ = \$50) \$

### Motel 6 Maingate East ★★

5731 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747

**2** 407-396-6333 FAX 407-396-7715 www.motel6.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 52

COST (\$ = \$50) \$

### Orlando Grand Plaza ★★½

7400 International Drive Orlando 32819 2 407-351-4600 FAX 407-996-7453

www.orlandograndplaza.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 64

ROOM RATING 64 COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

## Parkway International

Resort \*\*\*½ 6200 Safari Trail Kissimmee 34746

**2** 407-396-6600 FAX 407-396-6165 www.islandone.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 75

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

Peabody Orlando ★★★★½ 9801 International Drive Orlando 32819 **2** 407-352-4000 FAX 407-321-3501

www.peabodyorlando.com

LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Polynesian Isles Resort ★★★★ 3045 Polynesian Isles Blvd. Kissimmee 34746 **2** 407-396-1622

FAX 407-396-1744 www.polynesianisle.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 83 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

Polynesian Resort ★★★★½ Walt Disney World 1600 Seven Seas Drive Orlando 32830 **2** 407-824-2000

FAX 407-824-3174 www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 92 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$-

Portofino Bay Hotel ★★★★½ 5601 Universal Blvd.

Orlando 32819 **2** 407-503-1000 FAX 407-224-7118 www.loewshotels.com/hotels/ orlando\_portofino\_bay

> LOCATION ROOM RATING 92 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$-

Quality Inn & Suites Eastgate ★★★

4960 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 **2** 407-396-1376 FAX 407-396-0716 www.qualityinn.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 66 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

Quality Inn & Suites Universal \*\*\*

5635 Windhover Drive Orlando 32819 **2** 407-370-5100 FAX 407-370-2026 www.qualityinn.com

> LOCATION 1 **ROOM RATING** 67 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

**Quality Suites** Maingate East ★★★½

5876 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 **2** 407-396-8040 FAX 407-396-6766 www.qualityinn.com

> LOCATION 3 **ROOM RATING** 80 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

Quality Suites Universal ★★★½

7400 Canada Ave. Orlando 32819 407-363-0332 FAX 407-352-2598 www.qualityinn.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 75 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

Radisson Barcelo Inn I-Drive  $\star\star\star\star/\star\star\star^{1/2}$ 

8444 International Drive Orlando 32819 **2** 407-345-0505 FAX 407-581-2022

www.radisson.com LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 85/76\* COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

\* tower/garden

Ramada Inn I-Drive Orlando \*\*\*

6500 International Drive Orlando 32819

**2** 407-345-5340 FAX 407-345-0976 www.ramada.com

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING 72 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

Ramada Plaza & Inn Gateway ★★★/★★½\*

7470 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy Kissimmee 34747

**2** 407-396-4400 FAX 407-396-4320 www.ramada.com

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 71/64\* COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

\* tower/garden

Red Carpet Inn East ★★

4700 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746

**2** 407-396-1133 FAX 407-396-0224

> LOCATION 3 ROOM RATING 50 COST (\$ = \$50) \$

Renaissance Orlando

Resort ★★★½ 6677 Sea Harbor Drive Orlando 32821 **2** 407-351-5555 FAX 407-351-9994 www.marriott.com/property/

propertypage/MCOSR

LOCATION **ROOM RATING** 80 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$ Residence Inn

Convention Center ★★★½ 8800 Universal Blvd.

Orlando 32819 **2** 407-226-0288 FAX 407-226-9979 www.marriott.com/property/ propertypage/MCOCV

> LOCATION 1 ROOM RATING COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

Residence Inn Lake Buena Vista ★★★½

11450 Marbella Palms Court Orlando 32836 **2** 407-465-0075 FAX 407-465-0050 www.marriott.com/property/ propertypage/MCORL

> LOCATION ROOM RATING 76 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### Pop Century Resort ★★★

Walt Disney World 1050 Century Drive Orlando 32830

**☎** 407-938-4000 FAX 407-938-4040 www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 71 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$+

### Quality Inn I-Drive \*\*\*

7600 International Drive Orlando 32819

**2** 407-351-1600 FAX 407-996-5328 www.qualityinn.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 65
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### Radisson Resort Parkway ★★★★

2900 Parkway Blvd. Kissimmee 34747 407-396-7000 FAX 407-396-8770 www.radissonparkway.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 84
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

## Red Roof Inn

Convention Center ★★½
9922 Hawaiian Court

Orlando 32801

407-352-1507

www.redroof.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 58

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Residence Inn Orlando ★★★½

7975 Canada Ave.
Orlando 32819

2 407-345-0117
FAX 407-352-2689
www.marriott.com/property/
propertypage/MCOIC

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 75

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

### Port Orleans Resort

(French Quarter) \*\*\*\*
Walt Disney World
2201 Orleans Drive
Lake Buena Vista 32830
407-934-5000

**2** 407-934-5000 FAX 407-934-5353 www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 84 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

### Quality Inn Maingate West \*\*\frac{1}{2}

7785 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747

**2** 407-396-1828 FAX 407-396-1305 www.qualityinn.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 60
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Radisson Worldgate

Resort ★★★½

3011 Maingate Lane Kissimmee 34747 407-396-1400 FAX 407-396-0660 www.radisson.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 77

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Red Roof Inn Kissimmee \*1/2

4970 Kyng's Heath Road Kissimmee 34746

**2** 407-396-0065 FAX 407-396-0245 www.redroof.com

ROOM RATING 42
COST (\$ = \$50) \$

#### Residence Inn SeaWorld \*\*\*

11000 Westwood Blvd. Orlando 32821

**☎** 407-313-3600 FAX 407-313-3611 www.marriott.com/property/ propertypage/MCOSW

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 85
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$+

### **Port Orleans Resort**

(Riverside) \*\*\*\*
Walt Disney World
1251 Riverside Drive
Lake Buena Vista 32830
2407-934-6000

FAX 407-934-5777 www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 83 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

### Quality Inn Plaza ★★1/2

9000 International Drive Orlando 32819 407-345-8585 FAX 407-996-6839

www.qualityinn.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 62

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Ramada Eastgate

Fountain Park \*\*\*

5150 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 407-396-1111

FAX 407-396-1607 www.ramadaeastgate.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 66

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Reedy Creek Inn ★★1/2

2950 Reedy Creek Blvd. Kissimmee 34747 407-396-4466 FAX 407-396-6418 www.reedycreekinn.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 62

COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

### Riande Continental Plaza \*\*

6825 Visitors Circle Orlando 32819 407-352-8211 FAX 407-370-3485 www.hotelsriande.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 47
COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

Orlando 32836

RIU Orlando ★★★

8688 Palm Parkway

**2** 407-239-8500

FAX 407-239-8591

www.riuorlando.com

LOCATION 2

ROOM RATING 74

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Ritz-Carlton Orlando

Grande Lakes ★★★½ 4012 Central Florida Parkway Orlando 32837

**☎** 407-206-2400 FAX 407-206-2401 www.ritzcarlton.com/resorts/ orlando\_grande\_lakes

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 94
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$

## Rosen Shingle Creek ★★★★½

9939 Universal Boulevard Orlando 32819

**4**07-996-9939

FAX 407-996-9935

www.rosenshinglecreek.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 90
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$-

# Rosen Plaza Hotel \*\*\*\*½ 9700 International Drive

Orlando 32819 2 407-352-9700 FAX 407-354-5774 www.rosenplaza.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 90
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

### Rodeway Inn Carrier ★★1/2

7200 International Drive Orlando 32801

**2** 407-351-1200 FAX 407-363-1182 www.rodewayinn.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 58
COST (\$ = \$50) \$

### Royal Pacific Resort ★★★★½

6300 Hollywood Way Orlando 32819

**№** 407-503-3000 FAX 407-503-3010 www.loewshotels.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 90
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$

### Shades of Green ★★★★½

Walt Disney World 1950 W. Magnolia Palm Drive Lake Buena Vista 32830 ☎ 407-824-3400

FAX 407-824-3665 www.shadesofgreen.org

LOCATION WDW ROOM RATING 91 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$

### Sheraton Safari Hotel

**© Suites** ★★★★ 12205 S. Apopka–Vineland Road

Orlando 32836

407-239-0444

FAX 407-239-4566

www.sheratonsafari.com

LOCATION 2
ROOM RATING 83
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

### Sheraton Studio City ★★★½

5905 International Drive Orlando 32819

№ 407-351-2100 FAX 407-352-8028 www.sheraton.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 82
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### Sleep Inn Convention Center \*\*

6301 Westwood Blvd Orlando 32821

FAX 407-313-4101 www.orlandosleepinn.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 54
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

## Spring Hill Suites

FAX 407-345-9075 www.marriott.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 80

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$

### Star Island Resort \*\*\*

5000 Avenue of the Stars Kissimmee 34746 **№** 407-997-8000

**2** 407-997-8000 FAX 407-997-5252 www.star-island.com

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 84

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

### Sun Inn & Suites ★★

5020 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746

**2** 407-396-2673 FAX 407-396-0878

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 53
COST (\$ = \$50) \$

### Super 8 East ★★1/2

www.super8.com

5875 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 ☎ 407-396-8883 FAX 407-396-8907

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 57

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Super 8 Kissimmee \*\*\*/2

1815 W. Vine St. Kissimmee 34741 **2** 407-847-6121

FAX 407-847-0728 www.super8.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 60
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

# Rodeway Inn I-Drive \*\* 6327 International Drive Orlando 32819

**2** 407-351-4444 FAX 407-996-5806

www.rodewayinnorlando.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 51
COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

# Saratoga Resort Villas ★★★½

4787 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 ☎ 407-397-0555 FAX 407-397-0553

www.saratogaresortvillas.com
LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 80 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$-

### Sheraton Vistana Resort ★★★★

8800 Vistana Centre Drive Orlando 32821 ☎ 407-239-3100

FAX 407-239-3111 www.starwoodvo.com

LOCATION 2
ROOM RATING 84
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

### Staybridge Suites Hotel ★★★½

8480 International Drive Orlando 32819 407-352-2400 FAX 407-352-4631 www.staybridge.com

LOCATION 1

ROOM RATING 82

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

### Super 8 Lakeside ★★½

4880 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 ☎ 407-396-1144 FAX 407-396-4389

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 58
COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

www.super8.com

### Rodeway Inn Maingate ★★1/2

5995 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34747 **2** 407-396-4300 FAX 407-589-1240

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 59
COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

www.choicehotels.com

## Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa

★★★½ Walt Disney World 1901 E. Buena Vista Drive Lake Buena Vista 32830 ☎ 407-827-1100

www.waltdisneyworld.com

LOCATION WDW

ROOM RATING 90

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

### Sheraton World

**Resort** ★★★½/★★★\*
10100 International Drive
Orlando 32821 **2** 407-352-1100
FAX 407-354-4700

www.sheratonworld.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 79/68\*
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$+/\$\$\$-\*

\* tower/garden

## Staybridge Suites Lake Buena Vista \*\*\*

www.staybridge.com

ROOM RATING 72 COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$

### Super 8 Universal ★★ 5900 American Way

Orlando 32819

407-352-8383

FAX 407-352-3496

www.super8.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 51
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Rosen Centre Hotel ★★★½

9840 International Drive Orlando 32819 2 407-354-9840

FAX 407-996-2659 www.rosencentre.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 80
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

### Seralago Hotel ★★★

5678 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee 34746 **2** 407-396-4488

FAX 407-396-8915 www.seralagohotel.com

LOCATION 3
ROOM RATING 71
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$-

### Silver Lake Resort ★★½

7751 Black Lake Road Kissimmee 34747 407-397-2828 FAX 407-589-8410 www.silverlake.net

LOCATION 3

ROOM RATING 64

COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$-

### Suburban Extended Stay Universal ★★★

5615 Major Blvd. Orlando 32819 ☎ 407-313-2000 FAX 407-313-2010 www.suburbanlodge.com

LOCATION 1
ROOM RATING 65
COST (\$ = \$50) \$+

### Swan ★★★★½

Walt Disney World 1500 Epcot Resort Blvd. Lake Buena Vista 32830 ☎ 407-934-3000 FAX 407-934-4499 www.swandolphin.com

LOCATION WDW
ROOM RATING 91
COST (\$ = \$50) \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

## Travelodge Convention Center \*\*\*/2

6263 Westwood Blvd.
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