

Florida Pre-Arrival Information



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Important Villa Information Pre-Arrival Instructions

To help you prepare for your visit to Florida, you will find following general information which we hope will make your stay more comfortable and help you understand how items operate in your villa and also information regarding your car hire pick up. Please read the following information carefully.

On arrival at the airport go straight to the car collection point at the airport for the appropriate car hire company that your car hire is booked with and present your voucher at the desk. You do not need any additional insurance if offered as your vehicle is fully insured. If you are offered a vehicle upgrade we suggest you decline as upgrading your vehicle in Florida can prove very costly to do. Do not sign for anything you do not want to be paying for as you will be unable to reclaim your money back once your holiday has finished and you are back in England. Signing a contract is a legal document and you will be charged for whatever extras you agree to sign for. If you are tired on arrival think before you sign as there is simply no way out of a legal document once you have signed it.

On arrival at the villa/accommodation if you have any issues with the lock/lockbox of your villa please contact the management company office or emergency number. Please leave your name, time and villa address and wait at the villa for assistance unless instructed otherwise.

Once inside the villa/accommodation you will find the management company handbook. Please read the handbook carefully in addition to these pre-arrival instructions.

If you have any maintenance problems whilst at the property please contact the local management company in the first instance. In addition to the normal telephone number for the Management Company you will have been provided with a telephone number to use if you need emergency assistance during your stay. If you do not have a telephone number or you have mislaid it please call Charter Travel on 01635 254077 any time. When you call Charter Travel you may receive a recorded message, if you do please leave your name, date and time of call, your villa address and telephone number and, most importantly, the reason for your call. You will also have been given an emergency number to use. Please note that this number is for emergencies only. Please remember if you call out of office hours a member of staff is on call and you will be interrupting their leisure time so please use the emergency number only for genuine emergencies.

The property you will be staying in is a privately owned rental property and has to be viewed as such taking into account general fair wear and tear. Your holiday home will have been carefully prepared in readiness for your arrival and should be available for occupation after 4pm (please do not arrive before 4pm as the home may not be prepared and ready for your occupation). Please be aware that the holiday home you are staying in should be treated with respect and regard for future holiday-makers and the homeowner

Any dissatisfaction or issues regarding your travel arrangements to include but not limited to, your car hire, villa, hotel and all other accommodation including any other products and associated services sold by Charter Travel must be reported immediately to the local agent, airline, company representative or management company and followed up by putting your

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dissatisfaction/issues in writing to the appropriate representative (please keep a copy with the relevant representative's/Management Company's name and signature on it, please obtain a reference number for your dissatisfaction correspondence letter). You must then contact and report the matter to Charter Travel in the UK at the first opportunity or within eight hours of the issue arising. Charter Travel reserve the right to liaise with their associated supplier to remedy the situation once notified whilst you are in the resort. Should your call be received outside office hours then please leave your name, time of call, location address and contact telephone number and you will be called back as soon as possible. Failure to follow this procedure means Charter Travel will have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify your complaint on your behalf whilst you were in the resort. Under these circumstances no correspondence will be entered into after your holiday or your return to the UK, or your home territories. Any action taken by the clients without consultation with the owners and/or Management Company and Charter Travel in the UK is done purely at the clients' own cost. As you will appreciate it is impossible to rectify any dissatisfaction or issues of which we are not aware and Charter Travel cannot be held responsible or act retrospectively in matters of which Charter Travel were not informed directly by you our client until after your holiday or your return to the UK or your home territories. Any dissatisfaction, issues, correspondence or complaint still outstanding on your return will only be dealt with if the above procedures have been adhered to and Charter Travel has been contacted directly by you our client during your holiday regarding any grievance that could be or was detrimental to the enjoyment of the holiday. In addition any complaint concerning your accommodation and/or car hire which is only reported to Charter Travel upon your return to the UK or your home territories will not be treated sympathetically.

Please note the following:

1. No inventory items are to be removed from the house at any time during the guests' stay. Items found to be missing at check-out will be charged to the guest and payment taken from the security deposit.
2. Any damage, breakage or loss howsoever caused, however small or large must be reported to the management company and any/all payment required will be deducted from the security deposit.
3. Any fault in the building or malfunction of any equipment or any damage already visible to furniture, carpets, screen enclosure, or anything missing on the itinerary provided with the villa on your arrival, must be reported to the management company immediately and where possible please take photographs to be provided at a later date if required.
4. For the comfort and well-being of the neighbouring residents, guests are asked to conduct themselves in an orderly and proper manner at all times. In particular, guests using the pool area in the evening should be considerate to neighbouring properties. Topless, nude or the wearing of G-strings are not permitted whilst sunbathing or swimming in the United States.
5. **THIS IS A NON SMOKING HOME.** Smoking is not permitted inside any part of the home, also throughout the pool, decking, lanai, games and garage area, please observe this. An ashtray is usually provided to allow smoking outside the pool enclosure area on the hard standing by the side gate.
6. Neither Charter Travel, the Management Company, the homeowner, nor their agents will be held responsible for any accidents or injuries to guests, nor for the loss of money, jewellery or possessions of any kind. We strongly recommend that all valuables be kept on your person at all times.

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Furniture

Please do not attempt to move the furniture around in the house as this may cause damage to the carpets, tiles and interior of the home in addition to the furniture itself. Please do not take food or drinks into the bedrooms either upstairs or downstairs and do not place hot items on polished wood on the living, dining and bedroom furniture i.e. cups, beakers or hairdryers etc. Please be careful with your suntan lotion as it will mark the furniture, bed linen and duvets. Always shower before sitting on sofas and beds and indoor dining chairs, as any damage caused will be charged for and payment will be deducted from the security deposit.

Lawn Service

Your lawn is cut regularly (weather permitting). Should your lawn have water sprinklers, please notify the management company if you notice any of the sprinkler heads are not working or are leaking, or do not retract back into the ground when not in use.

Pest Control

Florida has a sub-tropical climate which means ants bugs and cockroaches are around at certain times of the year. The house and yard are treated by a pest control service on a regular basis. Please try to clean up any crumbs or spillages immediately so that insects and bugs are not attracted inside or outside the property. All ants are attracted by food and crumbs and will only appear if left available to them both inside and out, some ants mainly red ants will bite. Please ensure that no food or crumbs accumulate in areas which are accessible to ants, insects and bugs. Do not leave the patio and entrance doors open as this is an open invitation for bugs, ants and insects all of which are native to Florida and may enter the property. At certain times of the year there is a problem with 'love bugs' – there is nothing that can be done about the love bugs being native to Florida – unlike us. If wild animals are seen near the property keep well away and do not approach or encourage them and on no account offer them food as this can provoke aggressive behaviour. Please just inform the clubhouse manager if an animal is seen on the resort/community and take their advice as to what to do, or ask them to have the animals removed. Also notify the management company informing them of the home address where you are staying and let them know you have informed the clubhouse manager (if there is one). These animals are all native to Florida, some of which are protected species.

Waste disposal

If the kitchen sink has a disposal unit it should only be used when water is being run and should not be overloaded with food items. Never dispose of bones, onion skins and other items that may damage the disposal blades. Only dispose of items that can be easily chopped or liquidised. **Never** insert hands or other objects into the waste disposal. Please do not allow small children to play with the waste disposal unit. Should the waste disposal jam, turn off switch and call the management immediately.

Garbage (Rubbish) Collection

A garbage can (bin) is located at the property. Please put all rubbish in a thick black bin liner before placing in the trash can (bin). Please put all rubbish in this garbage trash can (bin). Do not place rubbish outside in bin bags which may attract raccoons/buzzards and other creatures; given the chance they will empty the bags before the bin-men do! Place the trash can (bin) at the end of the driveway near the road late on the evening prior to the scheduled pick up day, as the rubbish is often collected very early in the morning and sometimes this can be before you are

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awake. Please return the rubbish trash can (bin) back to where it was found once it has been emptied. If this is not done the homeowner faces a fine by the local Home Owners Association and these charges will then be passed to the client and deducted from the security deposit. It is imperative that the garbage is put out as the management company does not have the facility to dispose of garbage elsewhere. The normal scheduled collection for this property is shown in your guest book or posted in your villa.

Pool Heat/Pool Equipment

If you require pool or spa heat and it has not been pre-ordered and pre-paid for in England before departure, please contact the management company for assistance and you will be asked to pay locally before the heat is switched on – local charges will vary. You will also be charged a call out service charge of approximately \$95.00 for the management company making an unscheduled visit to the villa to switch on the pool/spa heat in addition to the cost of the pool/spa heating to the pool. As maintenance staff usually work only Monday – Friday unless it is an emergency your pool/spa heat will be switched on for you on the first working day after you make your request. Please remember that if pool/spa heating is ordered after your arrival it will take another 2-3 days to heat up. Please NEVER attempt to tamper with any pool/spa equipment or the heating controls. Please note that when the outside temperature drops to a certain temperature the heater may automatically cut off. Please be aware that pool temperatures cannot be specified or guaranteed as they are governed by many factors including prevailing weather conditions, night time temperatures, position of the pool, time of day etc. In addition the regulations set by Florida Health law stipulates that the temperature should not exceed 85 degrees. At certain times of the year it is often the outside temperature being too cold and not the water being too cold to swim in. Please do not remove the child safety netting from the pool area if the property has one fitted, it must be left in place at all times. If there is a heat cover over the pool please keep this on at all times when the pool is not in use to help keep the temperature at the desired level. Please do not tamper or remove any child safety locks on the patio or front door entrances.

Security/Locking up/Lock Outs

Please ensure the front door is locked when you are out in the pool area. Please lock all doors and windows at night and keep all windows and doors shut in the day to allow the air conditioning to work effectively. When going out please ensure all doors and windows are locked and exit through the front door. Please always check that the door is secure and locked each time you leave the property. If your property has an alarm please alarm the house each time you vacate it. If your home has a keypad, press the lock symbol to lock the door. In the event that you lock yourselves out of the home please contact the management company for assistance. You will be charged a call out fee and this will vary from property to property and the time of day for the call out. In the event of you losing the property keys the locks may have to be changed and call out fees and charges for the new lock will vary from property to property. Any call out charges will be deducted from your security deposit. It is a good idea to keep a separate note of the management company's phone number in your wallet. Please note that Charter Travel will not be held responsible for break-ins to the property.

Air-conditioning and Heating

If the villa has Central Air and Heat the thermostat on the wall controls the heat and air-conditioning. For cool air turn the control switch to 'COOL AND AUTO'. For heat, turn the control switch to 'HEAT AND AUTO', and then set the heat to the desired temperature. This is usually pre-set to a generally accepted level of around 80 degrees. Please do not turn the air-conditioning unit below 75 degrees or change from the Auto setting, as this can cause the unit to freeze. The villa will then become hot and the guest will be charged for repairs. If there is a lock

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box over the controls please do not tamper with the box as it will indicate that the temperature is pre-set to the appropriate temperature required for the house. When you go out for the day, please ensure the air-conditioning is set at 80 degrees in the summer, or leave as pre-set if there is a lock box.

Please ensure all doors and windows are kept closed when air-conditioning and heating is in operation as this will ensure efficient running and save energy. Keeping doors and windows closed during hot weather also means you will be able to keep your villa nice and cool. Having doors and windows open whilst the air conditioning is running will cause it to malfunction break down and/or freeze up you will then need to call the management company to assist you, and a call out and repair charge will be administered for this by way of deducting the charge from your security deposit.

Plumbing

The plumbing in Florida can sometimes cause problems so please refrain from placing personal items such as wet wipes, sanitary towels, cotton buds and disposable nappies down the toilets otherwise blockages will occur. There should be a plunger in the house for your needs if required. Please be careful as homeowners are charged a call out fee by their Management Company to un-block toilets. This charge will be passed on to the guest by way of a deduction from your security deposit.

Please do not allow children to play with toys around the toilet area in case they accidentally get dropped into the toilet. This will most definitely cause a blockage and will result in a call out charge to rectify the problem, as the management company, owner and Charter Travel will not be held responsible for the client's negligence. Any call-out and/or repair charge caused by the above will be administered by way of a deduction from your security deposit.

Appliances

Washer/Dryer: These are easy to operate, however be aware of not putting powder or conditioner in the bleach dispenser. Please do not overload these machines and be sure to observe instructions to use the correct detergent. Using the incorrect detergent will cause it to malfunction and damage the machine. Any repair charge connected with this will be passed onto the client by way of a deduction from the security deposit.

Dishwasher: Please ensure you use automatic dishwasher powder ONLY as opposed to dish washing liquid which must only be used when washing dishes by hand – there is a difference that will become obvious when the kitchen sink fills with suds. Using the wrong dishwasher powder will make it malfunction or break down and any repair charge connected with this will be passed on to the client by way of deduction from the security deposit. Please do not put wood, plastic, wine glasses or non-stick saucepans in the dishwasher unless they are clearly marked 'dishwasher proof'. The dishwasher will not operate if the door is not closed properly.

Microwave: Place food in the centre of the glass plate, cover all food to stop spillages and close the door. Press time cook and enter the appropriate seconds/minutes. Press Start.

Oven/Cooker: The knobs are clearly marked and work as indicated. Please clean the hob and oven after use. If it is found necessary for the Management Company to undergo extensive cleaning of the appliance due to it being left in a dirty condition a charge of £55.00 per clean will be implemented and this will be deducted from your security deposit. Please do not place any hot pots, pans or kettles on top of the kitchen counter (kitchen worktop), as this will burn the

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counter top. Please use the heat savers or chrome grids if provided as damage caused to the work surfaces will be charged to the client accordingly and deducted from the security deposit.

BBQ

Should your home be equipped with a BBQ and you decide to use it please ensure (for security and safety) it is taken from and returned to the garage (or the place where you found it) between use and must only ever be used in an area outside the screened decking. Please ensure the BBQ is thoroughly cleaned after use and before vacating the property. Never use the barbeque inside the pool decking enclosure area; it is against Florida State Law due to an increase in fire risk. The pool screen is not designed to withstand the heat generated from a barbeque and could very easily melt or burn the netting enclosure. In addition any grease or hot food, etc., that falls onto the pool deck area will stain or damage the decking tiles and it will be necessary for the area to be pressure washed. Damage caused by the use of BBQs is very expensive to put right therefore any additional cleaning costs due to damage or neglect to clean the BBQ after use will be deducted from the guests' security deposit. Please keep children away from any gas, electrical or hot equipment and do not allow them to play with or near this equipment.

Miscellaneous

Please remember that you are staying in a home and as with all homes we live in things can go wrong or breakdown from time to time – please call the management company and Charter Travel in England immediately if any problems or breakdowns occur and the management and/or Charter Travel will do their best to rectify any problems as quickly as possible. However, please bear in mind that in the event that an outside company has to be called in due to technical or equipment guarantee reasons there may be a time lapse due to appointment systems/workloads etc. - just the same as we often experience in our own country. A problem cannot always be rectified instantly, but will be dealt with as soon as possible. Please assist the Management/Home owner by being patient; they will be doing their best to help you.

Food & Beverages

Please do not take any food or beverages into the bedrooms as this will entice insects into the room. If there are any spillages of food and beverages both inside the home or outside on the patio area, please clean it up immediately to avoid staining and insects emerging.

Vertical and Venetian Blinds

When operating either vertical or mini-blinds please be sure that they are in the open position before pulling the traverse rod. Failure to do so could result in damage to the blinds. Please do not force the blinds open or let an unsupervised child operate them as any call outs made will be passed on to the guest by way of a deduction from your security deposit.

Owners Closet

The homeowner usually keeps one of the closets locked to store non-valuable personal items. If you find a locked closet or room in your villa, please do not be concerned and do not try to open it as it is the owner's private area.

Travel Cots

If you have ordered a travel cot please note that this is not a wooden free standing cot but purely a light foldaway type cot and is chargeable to hire.

Important Pool Safety Information

The swimming pool is serviced on a regular weekly basis; please note that the pool cleaning personnel will enter through the screen door to attend to the pool. Do not lock the screen door from inside the pool area otherwise access for servicing the pool cannot be gained. Locking the screen doors will prevent the pool from being regularly serviced.

Please note: Due to the large amount of rainfall in Florida at certain times of the year sand, dirt, insects, lizards, leaves etc., may accumulate at the bottom of the pool if there has been a storm. This in no way indicates that the pool is unsafe to swim in. The sand, dirt, insects, lizards, leaves etc., will be removed during the next scheduled clean. However, if debris contaminates the pool, then please call the management company and notify them of the debris asking for assistance and ask when they are next in the area prior to the cleaning schedule day could they call and give the pool an additional clean.

The following need to be adhered to for your safety and maintaining the life of the pool:

- Do not take any crockery or glass outside of the property or in or around the pool area, even if the villa is not equipped with plastic glasses, cups and plates for pool use do not take glass, crockery or china outside. Use only plastic dishes/glasses/cups and pool towels (if provided) at the poolside. Please do not take bottles or glass of any description into the pool or pool area. In the event of broken glass getting into the pool it will have to be drained and refilled, the cost of which would be charged to the client in residence at the time of the damage and this charge would be deducted from your security deposit and any additional costs will be invoiced to the client separately.
- Please do not use any soap, shampoo or any other substances or detergents in the pool or spa.
- Please dry off completely before entering the house otherwise the chlorine will damage the carpeting and furniture.
- Never leave or use coins of any kind in the pool or patio area as they stain the finish of the pool deck and pool bottom. The cost of removing stains caused by coins or other items being dropped into or found at the bottom of the pool or any items that have stained or damaged the deck area that necessitates excessive cleaning of the pool or pool deck area will be charged to the client and costs deducted from the security deposit.
- **Do not** get into the pool if there is lightning or thunderstorms around the area.
- It is recommended that suitable water shoes are worn in and around the pool area by all guests.
- Absolutely NO DIVING into the pool whatsoever.
- **No person under the age of 18 is to be left alone and without the supervision of an adult swimmer in the pool or pool area. It is recommended that no one person(s) whether a swimmer or non-swimmer is ever alone in the pool and MUST be accompanied at all times in and around the pool and pool area.**
- No running or horseplay on the pool deck or in the pool whatsoever.

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All persons using the pool and its surroundings do so at their own risk. Neither Charter Travel, the owner, owner's agent, Management Company nor any travel agent/letting company of the villa is liable for any accidents, injuries or death caused by using the pool or its surrounding area.



Check Out Day

REMEMBER: Check out time is 10am on the day of departure. The next guests are expected to arrive at 4pm and the cleaners need several hours to clean and prepare the house for the next guests. There will be no exception to the 10am check-out time (unless a late check out prior arrangement has been booked and paid for as a separate entity prior to the travel date) We ask that you respect this situation and do not give the cleaners or the management company a difficult time.

In readiness for your departure

- Please strip all used beds and fill up the washing machine with the used linen. Please switch the washing machine on with one load and place all remaining used linens and towels in the laundry room upon your departure in the laundry bags/bins provided.
- If you have hired a baby crib, buggy or high chair, please clean thoroughly with antiseptic surface wipes and leave in a suitable place in the downstairs area of the home (not garage) for the cleaning lady to check and return to storage.
- Please wash up or place any dirty dishes in the dishwasher and switch on before leaving.
- All unused food, milk, juice cartons from the fridge and cupboards should be placed in a sealed bag and put into the trash can (bin).
- Please empty all waste bins into sealed bags and place in the trash can (bin). *(Sorry if this sounds cheeky but it ensures that smells etc. do not linger in the villa).*
- Be sure that if you change the air-conditioning temperature controls during your holiday that you reset them to the original pre-set temperature before you leave. It is always advisable to contact the Management Company and or Charter Travel in England before touching these controls as any damaged will be chargeable and deducted from your security deposit.
- Make sure that you have not left any of your personal belongings behind by checking all drawers, cupboards, wardrobes and under the beds.
- If you feel something in the villa needs attention before the next guests arrive, please leave a note for the cleaner.
- Upon departure, please ensure all windows are closed and locked, all blinds are closed, and all doors including patio and garage doors are locked. The door from the utility room to the garage must be left locked from the inside utility area leading into the garage at all times when the house is left empty.
- Please leave the villa via the front door, after first setting the alarm if there is one and double-check that you have locked the door behind you. Please place the key in the lock box provided making sure the code is not visible by spinning the numbers if able to do so.

Telephones

Please refer to the instructions below for dialing from the villa telephone (you may find these instructions also posted in the villa).

USA and Canada: Dial 0 + Area Code + Telephone number.

International: Dial 011 + Country Code minus the 0 on the area code + Telephone number.

For the UK: Dial 011 + 44 minus the 0 on the area code + Telephone number.

As an example for dialling Charter Travel in the UK the number will be 011 44 1635 254077. Your call will be transferred to Charter Travel's answering machine during out of normal business hours.



The telephone has been installed for the guests' convenience. Please be aware that credit card calls are expensive and are subject to surcharges - we advise you to be brief. Please note that charges relating to telephone use are beyond the control of Charter Travel or the management company and neither can be held responsible for any charges incurred either on the house landline or any personal mobile telephone used.

Emergency Telephone Numbers

To call Police, Fire or Ambulance, dial **911**

Fire: The best time to stop a fire is before it starts so to prevent a fire please observe the following guidelines:

- Keep small children away from cooking areas, heating appliances and matches.
- Never leave grease pans unattended while heating and remove from the stove top as soon as you have finished cooking with them to avoid accidental re-heating.
- Never smoke anywhere in the house. Smoking is permitted outside the pool enclosure only.
- Please dispose of cigarette ends tidily.
- Be familiar with your house plan. Plan your exit routes and agree on a meeting point for all guests (i.e. driveway) in case an emergency escape is necessary.



Internet Access

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If your villa has internet access, please be advised that unless stated, you will need to take your own laptop and also the Ethernet cable to connect to the router in case Wi-Fi will not connect. Not all villas provide internet access, so please check with Charter Travel to see if yours does prior to your departure from England. If you have Wi-Fi there will be a password for the network. It will be shown either in the information handbook or under the Wi-Fi modem.

Weather

Florida is known as the sunshine state because of its year round sunny weather, and it can get very hot! One of the most important things to do is to ensure that you and your family are cool and comfortable. Your villa will be air-conditioned and will automatically maintain a constant cool temperature, but only if you keep all the doors and windows securely closed.

If you do not do this, all the hot air will be drawn into the villa, the A/C unit will overwork to counteract the heat and eventually it will seize up. Should this happen, it will require repairing at a cost to you of at least \$300 or more in some cases. This would be deducted from your security deposit and any excess costs will be invoiced to you separately.

Thunderstorms are also a common occurrence in Florida, especially in the summer months. Please act cautiously during these storms. **Do not use the swimming pool during a storm.** Do not use or plug in electrical appliances and do not use the telephone unless in an emergency.

Know what a TORNADO WATCH and WARNING means:

A TORNADO WATCH means a tornado is possible in your area.

A TORNADO WARNING means a tornado has been sighted and may be headed for your area. Go to safety immediately i.e. your basement or if there is no basement, a centre hallway, bathroom, or closet on the lowest floor. Keep this place uncluttered.

In the unlikely event of the area coming under a **HURRICANE** or **TORNADO WATCH**, tune into the radio or television on a local channel for all updates and advice. If you are in doubt how to respond please call your management company for instructions and assistance. A tornado is a dark funnel of air which will sound like a freight train as it approaches. In the unlikely event of a TORNADO WARNING, **do not watch it!** Keep all children away from all windows.

Whilst every reasonable effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information neither Charter Travel, the management company or the owner of the property can be held responsible or assume liability for any action undertaken by guests in respect of or using the aforementioned information. The information has been prepared for guidance and assistance only and is subject to changes or withdrawal without notice.

Health & Safety

If any guests at the villa you are staying in wish to smoke, would they kindly do so outside the pool enclosure area at the rear or as far away from the villa and enclosure as possible. This will ensure the minimum of discomfort for your fellow guests and will also



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greatly reduce the risk of a fire to the pool netting enclosure or any damage to the furniture from cigarette burns. Under no circumstances whatsoever, should anyone smoke inside the home or pool enclosure area and definitely not whilst in bed or even in the bedrooms as this is extremely dangerous and a potential fire hazard.

- Never smoke anywhere in the house.
- Smoking is only permitted outside the pool screen enclosure.
- Please dispose of cigarette ends tidily, and safely.

Florida State Driving Laws & Tips

1. Always drive on the RIGHT of the road. Florida law does not permit vehicles to travel off the paved portion of the roadway for any reason.
2. Rain makes the roads very slippery and dangerous and causes you to lose control of your vehicle. Your headlights must be switched on when your windscreen wipers are on. Florida law requires that you turn on your headlights at dusk, in fog, or in rain, darkness and with any poor visibility.
3. On approaching a "STOP" sign, Florida law requires that your vehicle comes to a complete stop before proceeding. At 4-way STOP signs, the vehicle that arrived at the cross-section first has the right of way first, then the next vehicle and so on.
4. Traffic lights are mostly suspended on wires above eye level.
5. Lane discipline is very relaxed. Although slow traffic should keep to the right, speed bears little relation to lane. Therefore, overtaking on the inside lane is common practice.
6. You may turn RIGHT on a red light after you have come to a complete stop, check the coast is clear and there are no signs posted stating NO RIGHT TURN on red. In some areas it is not allowed and you will see a sign that states this, only turn right on a red light where you are allowed to do so.
7. Posted speed limits are strictly enforced and fines are doubled in construction zones.
8. Florida law requires safety belts for all front passengers, regardless of age. All passengers under 18 must wear a seat belt. Children 3 and younger must be secured in a federally approved child-restraint seat. Children 4 to 5 must be secured by either a federally approved child restraint seat or safety belt. The driver is responsible for buckling up the child. For your safety please ensure that all passengers wear a safety belt. Laws may change at any time and it is therefore your responsibility to ensure that you are familiar with the current driving laws.
9. No drinking and driving. Always have a designated driver who will remain alcohol free. Under Florida DUI (Driving whilst Under the Influence) law, if you are caught driving with a BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) of 0.10 or higher, or if you refuse to submit to a roadside test, you may be arrested and your driver's licence suspended indefinitely. Consuming alcoholic beverages while driving is prohibited. Driving whilst intoxicated is a very serious

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offence that could put you in jail. All alcoholic drink must be secured in the boot, never have alcoholic drink in the passengers' or driver's part of the car.

10. STOP! For the stopped school bus. Florida motor vehicle law requires all vehicles to stop, whether approaching, turning or following a School Bus when the red lights are flashing and STOP signal is displayed. NEVER overtake a stationary school bus with flashing red lights. Cars travelling towards a school bus are not required to stop if the roadway is separated by an unpaved space of at least 5ft or there is a physical barrier. School buses are bright yellow and clearly marked, and have the right of way.
11. Florida law requires all drivers to yield the right of way to on-coming vehicles at intersections. Also, all drivers must yield the right of way to pedestrians that are in the roadway.
12. Florida law states that you must carry your driver's licence at all times. You must also carry your car rental and proof of insurance documents with you at all times.
13. Plan where you are going before you leave. Use a map to plan your route before you venture out. If you miss a turn or exit, proceed to the next corner or exit. Never back up, always pull completely off the road if you must stop. Write down street names and if you get lost, only go to a safe place for directions. Do not stop in a dark and unfamiliar place to ask for directions, keep your vehicle doors and windows locked at all times especially in petrol stations.
14. Park close to your destination, preferably on a well-lighted street.
15. You are particularly vulnerable when entering or leaving your car. If you notice someone loitering about your vehicle, walk past it and find help.
16. Always lock your vehicle. Lock valuables in the boot (trunk) glove box or luggage compartment so that they are out of sight.
17. If you are stopped by a police officer (who will always be in a marked vehicle), remain in your vehicle and the officer will approach you and advise you of the problem.
18. When going to petrol (gas) station, you may be required to pay before filling up.
19. Pay attention when walking through parking lots. Avoid suspicious characters or areas with no lights. In the unlikely event that you are confronted by an assailant, do not resist if demands are made for valuables. Such actions create greater danger.
20. Keep your house key in a safe place on your person when travelling.

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Florida Wildlife



Birds

Florida is a birder's paradise. There are nearly 500 native species as well as dozens of established exotics. See how many you can spot.



Gators/Crocs

Alligators are abundant in Florida and can be seen basking on canal banks and beside rivers and lakes. It is a federal offence to feed these creatures. They are not always easy to spot. Do not approach one or try and entice it towards you, they are very quick movers.



Mammals

Otters, Manatees, Fox Squirrels, Raccoons, White-Tailed Deer and Armadillos are among the more commonly seen mammals. Do not approach or try and touch any of these animals as they may bite, and some may carry diseases.



Turtles/Tortoises

Turtles and tortoises are a little more difficult to see but if you go canoeing or kayaking you will almost certainly spot a turtle basking. Please do not disturb it.



Frogs/Toads

Florida has the richest concentration of amphibians of any State in the USA. Many species are common and easy to see.



Snakes

There are 50 species of snakes in Florida 5 of which are venomous. If a snake is spotted on the resort please inform your management company or resort manager. Keep away and do not try to deal with it yourself.



Lizards

Geckos are so common in buildings in South Florida that they are called 'house lizards'. Anoles and skinks are easy to watch in almost any park or garden. They are not harmful and it is best to leave them alone.



Insects

Insects are not difficult to see in Florida – they usually find you, but once you get past the unwanted ants, mosquitoes love bugs, cockroaches and deer flies there is a dazzling abundance of insect life in this tropical State. Be aware that some of the spiders are

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poisonous. Remember all of these insects are native to Florida but if they invade the villa please inform your management company.



Fish

You can find a good fishing spot almost anywhere you go in Florida but you may need a local guide to find the really big ones. Try one of the freshwater lakes and rivers, explore the tidal flats and bays, or travel far offshore into the Atlantic Gulf Stream or Gulf of Mexico. Remember to be cautious and aware that lakes and rivers can contain alligators. You may need a Fishing Licence. Contact your Management Company for information. These may be obtained from Wal-Mart and the Basspro Shops.



Manatees

These sea creatures often reach a size of 4 m and weigh more than 350 kg. The massive body holds resemblance to a whale's bone structure. The skin is thick and stiff, coloured in a grey tone. Manatees have large lips that are used to pluck seaweeds which are then chewed with their blunt teeth. Manatees are quite slow swimmers and their tail and fin-like front legs paddle at a slow rate.

Florida Attractions

Below you will find a list of Florida's most popular attractions. We offer hugely discounted tickets to all these attractions below and many more! Call 01635 254077 for more details.

Aquatica - blends up-close animal experiences, waters from serene to extreme, high-speed thrills and wide sandy beaches. Reminiscent of the rugged beauty of New Zealand, Australia and New Guinea, the landscape of Aquatica is striking. Crystal-blue rivers wind through hidden grottos and refreshing waterfalls, while rich greenery and bright flowers adorn towering rock formations.

[5800 Water Play Way, Orlando \(across the street from Sea World\)](#)

Arabian Nights - brings a fairy tale to life on horseback as more than 60 of the world's most beautiful Arabian horses combine with special effects and incredible stunts in a spectacular Broadway-style production that includes a three-course dinner with unlimited beverages. Guests choose from prime rib of beef, grilled chicken breast, chicken tenders or vegetable lasagne, and all entrees are served with a fresh garden salad, garlic mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables, roll and butter, and dessert, with house beer, wine, or Coca-Cola products. Reservations are required.

[6225 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway.](#)

Cirque du Soleil - in Downtown Disney West Side, features its renowned blend of acrobatics and special effects with more than 70 artists from around the globe performing in a custom-designed theatre that has ample seating for everyone. It is not a traditional circus as the name implies. At Cirque du Soleil, you will not find any animals in the cast. Unlike other circuses, there are no dancing bears, lions leaping through hoops or elephants performing tricks. Rather, Cirque du Soleil is a completely immersive combination of circus and theatrical presentation combining elements of modern dance, staging, humour and acrobatic stunts. Dispersed throughout the show are acts of hilarity, peculiarity, inspiration, excitement and amazement. The experience of a Cirque du Soleil show always ends with you wondering how it was possible for time to move so fast from the intriguing, attention grabbing pre-show, to the final standing ovation. The creativity of this highly sophisticated show abounds and enthralls. The costumes are wonderfully exotic, the sets unusual, the action of the brilliant choreography non-stop, and the original music and dramatic lighting is capturing to say the least.

It is simply not possible to describe what exactly Cirque du Soleil is with words. You have to experience it to truly understand it.

[Downtown Disney West Side, Buena Vista Drive.](#)

Discovery Cove - Across from SeaWorld Adventure Park, this tropical paradise provides for discovering tropical fish in a coral reef, snorkelling with stingrays, come face to face with sharks or just relax on a white sandy beach. The entire day is on an all-inclusive basis from breakfast through to lunch with snacks and drinks throughout, complimentary use of snorkel equipment, wet suits or vests and interacting with birds in an aviary, as well as swimming and playing with dolphins during a half-hour dolphin encounter.

The Grand Reef at Discovery Cove - The opening of a new tropical underwater universe like no other combining colourful up-close sea-life encounters with incredible submerged trekking in SeaVenture. Spanning over 2.5 acres featuring multiple levels of exploration suitable for all ages from paddling in tranquil shallow waters to deep diving adventures into a tropical sunken world teeming with sea life, including over 10,000 animals, representing 125 different species of fish,

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rays and sharks. For the underwater thrill seekers Sea Venture is a new experience not to be missed. Wearing dive helmets, guests can trek the reef on foot to find up-close excitement around every corner, from walking alongside schools of fish and gentle rays to coming eye-to-eye with venomous lionfish, toothy eels and zebra sharks (through the safety of a glass panel!)

Further out in the reef, stunning habitats allow you to explore paths and bridges to islands and hidden grottos or relax in one of the private luxury cabanas located just a stone's throw away from the water's edge. Reservations are required.

[6000 Discovery Cove Way](#)

Gatorland - is home to thousands of alligators and crocodiles, a few appearing in movies, television shows and commercial spots. The 110 acre park provides affordable family fun with thousands of alligators and crocodiles to see, an aviary, breeding marsh with observation tower a petting zoo, bird sanctuary, mini-water park, eco-tour and action-packed outdoor entertainment, including daily alligator wrestling. You can take a ride on the Gatorland Express train and then head over to Gator Gully Splash Park where kids can enjoy a good ol' fashion squirtfest! Don't miss the new rare white alligators on display, white gator swamp. Featuring four of the world's largest white leucistic alligators known to roam the planet, they can reach ten to twelve feet and weigh over 800 pounds.

[14501 South Orange Blossom Trail, between Orlando and Kissimmee.](#)

Kennedy Space Centre - situated on Florida's Space Coast about 45 minutes from Orlando and south of Daytona Beach, it's possible to tour launch areas, see giant rockets, train in spaceflight simulators, and much more. Kennedy Space Centre Visitor Complex is open every day except Christmas Day and certain launch days. Apart from the Astronaut Hall of Fame, Space Centre bus tours run every 15 minutes with stops at an observation gantry and the Apollo / Saturn V Centre. Other guided tours include NASA Up Close, Cape Canaveral: Then and Now, and Lunch with an Astronaut. Combo tickets offer maximum access admission, plus one guided tour.

[Follow signs from State Road 405 and State Road 3, east of Titusville](#)

Pirates Dinner Adventure - An authentically replicated 18th-century Spanish galleon measuring 46 feet long, 18 feet wide with 40-foot masts is anchored in a 300,000-gallon indoor lagoon with night sky lighting. Surrounding the lagoon is a six-sided showroom of six additional "ships" where the audience is seated. Voyagers on each of the six "ships" have their own fearless pirate "mascot" whom they cheer on as the adventure unfolds with a cast of a dozen actors, singers and stunt performers engaging in a bounty of action-packed exploits, accompanied by cannon blasts, pyrotechnics and a liberal dose of wit and wizardry. In addition, more than 150 guests have the chance to play an actual role in each show as the evil Captain Sebastian the Black leads his crews of renegades to the ship, taunting the seaport "villagers" (audience members) along the way. Even youngsters can be part of the action, donning costumes to row dinghies in a crucial pirate race around the lagoon or board the galleon to brave the dastardly Sebastian the Black and rescue a beautiful princess. For one shining moment, the fantasies of would-be pirates of all ages become uncannily real in the interactive arena of the Pirate's Dinner Adventure.

[6400 Carrier Drive.](#)

Ripley's Believe It or Not! Orlando Odditorium - looks as if it has fallen victim to one of Florida's infamous sinkholes, since it's housed in a building that appears decidedly lop-sided and on the slide. Explore artefacts, collections, weird art/hobbies and interactive exhibits in 16 odd galleries. For more than 40 years, Robert Ripley travelled the globe collecting the unbelievable, inexplicable, and one-of-a-kind. His collections are housed in 27 museums in 10 countries.

[8201 International Drive.](#)

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SeaWorld Adventure Park - features 200 acres of sea-themed rides, including Kraken one of Orlando's longest, tallest, fastest floorless roller coaster rides. Visitors find themselves face-to-face with a shark in Sharks Deep Dive at Shark Encounter. Shows and animal exhibits include polar bears, killer and beluga whales, manatees, sea lions, penguins, dolphins and more. Feeding the dolphins is always a favourite.

[7007 Sea World Drive.](#)

Universal Orlando Resort - takes guests beyond the screen and into the world of television and film to "ride the movies," with Men in Black, Jaws, Twister, The Simpsons, Shrek 4-D, E.T. and Revenge of the Mummy and many more. Universal's Islands of Adventure invites guests to "live the adventure" with technologically advanced thrill rides and attractions, including the new highly acclaimed Wizarding World of Harry Potter, The Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man, Jurassic Park River Adventure, and the Incredible Hulk. For entertainment and great restaurants there is also the exciting City Walk area, one of Orlando's hottest night spots. Universal Orlando announces Hollywood Drive-In Mini Golf coming to CityWalk soon.

[From Interstate 4 and Florida's Turnpike, take Exit 30 to Kirkman Road.](#)

Walt Disney World Resort - sets even higher standards for theme parks, encompassing the Magic Kingdom Park, Epcot Park, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, Blizzard Beach, Typhoon Lagoon, Downtown Disney, Disney Quest and Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex.

[Exit 25 off Interstate 4, on US. 192.](#)

Universal Studio's - annual Mardi Gras celebration in the spring brings some of the biggest names in music to the stage, along with an authentic Mardi Gras parade complete with beads by the handful. There's more music in store with Universal Studios' Summer Concert Series, and autumn's popular Rock the Universe, a two-day festival featuring the top performers in Christian Rock. Every October the streets come alive with the walking dead at Halloween Horror Nights, the scariest annual Halloween event in this or any other life. On the lighter side, each winter Universal Orlando marks the holidays with the Seussian fun of Grinchmas at Universal's Islands of Adventure, and the pageantry of the Macy's Holiday Parade in Universal Studios.

[1000 Universal Studios Plaza,](#)

Wet 'n Wild - features a wide variety of waterslides, a wave pool, water playground, child-size versions of the most popular rides, and mini-golf. Among attractions are The Storm, The Bomb Bay, Blue Niagara, Knee Ski and Wild One.

[6200 International Drive, Orlando](#)

WonderWorks - within an eye-catching three-story house that appears to have landed, upside down, atop a 1930s-era brick warehouse, has more than 100 hands-on interactive exhibits utilizing sophisticated audio and graphic techniques. Guests can design their own roller coaster and then ride it, go hang gliding in the Grand Canyon, or play in the world's largest laser tag arcade. Visitors experience the trembling of earthquakes and hurricane-force winds. The first two levels of WonderWorks are filled with simulators and other amazing exhibits that will excite kids and adults. Guests are invited to land the space shuttle, pilot an F14 or F18 fighter jet, crawl into a life size replica of an astronaut's space suit, experience a 5.3 magnitude earthquake, design and ride their own virtual roller coasters (there is a 48 in. minimum height requirement) plus much more.

[9067 International Drive.](#)

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Florida's Coastline

The sunshine state, as it is often referred to, has more to offer than theme parks alone! Take a fishing trip in your own boat watch out for some of the rarest birds on the planet submerge yourself with the millions of tropical fish or even a round of golf at one of the many award winning courses. Florida's Gulf Coast offers a chance to re-charge your batteries. With extensive stretches of sandy beaches and turquoise sea, plenty of water sports and on average, an incredible 360 days a year of sunshine.

Daytona Beach Area - 54 miles from Orlando. Take the I-4 east to the I-95 north and exit at US92 which turns into International Speedway Boulevard and leads directly to Daytona Beach and A1A central. From May 15 through October 31 the area beaches host an unusual marine visitor, the sea turtle. Green turtles are an endangered species in Florida. These magnificent animals emerge from the surf at night to lay their eggs in nests dug into the dry sand, then return to the sea. Two months later, about a hundred baby turtles (hatchlings) emerge from each of these nests and crawl to the ocean. This amazing cycle of Mother Nature is thousands of years old.

Cocoa Beach Area - 47 miles or about an hour's drive east of Orlando, on Florida's beautiful Space Coast enjoy quiet clean beaches and Florida's natural wonders. Shuttle launches are visible from the beach. Take Hwy. 528 East (Beeline) directly to A1A for surf and sun. It's been called the quintessential beach town, and Cocoa Beach, offers endless ways to enjoy recreation and leisure. Whether you are planning a family beach vacation, leisure travel, a business trip, a weekend getaway, or just a day at the beach, you'll find everything you need in Cocoa Beach and the Space Coast area to make your stay one to remember.

St Augustine - 98 miles from Orlando. Take the I-4 west to I-95 north and follow signs to St Augustine. Explore the nation's oldest city with history, adventure and romance. More than four centuries of colourful local history to draw from, which there is more than 60 unique-themed attractions with tour trains, trolleys and horse drawn carriages are the preferred means of travel in this historic community.

Miami Beach - Approximately 228 miles from Orlando and takes about 3.5 hrs to drive there. Take Florida's Turnpike south all the way to Miami, and then follow the signs to the beaches and the A1A. The beach stretches for miles and is quite wide so there are lots of places to choose from. In Miami Beach, Florida, the sun always shines bright, people are fun and friendly, and the ocean is always sparkling! This rich destination is for sun worshippers, night owls, and it's a top destination that suits every personality type and age group.

Florida Keys - From Miami take the Florida Turnpike until it turns into US.1. Approximately 23 miles to Key Largo and 370 miles to Key West from Miami. Known for spectacular fishing, snorkelling and diving. The islands of the Florida Keys run south west from the city of Miami, FL. The first island you will encounter is Key Largo. The Florida Keys span some 110 miles and are connected by bridges and causeways. Key Largo offers some of the finest diving and snorkelling in the Florida Keys. One of the main attractions in Key Largo is the John Pennekamp State Park. There are many Key Largo dive companies that run guided trips to the park and to the area's sunken wrecks just off Key Largo.

Islamorada is the next island destination just south of Key Largo. Islamorada is known for its world class sport fishing. Each season welcomes new fishing tournaments and angling opportunities. Bone fishing is especially popular with large bonefish up into the 10 lb. range.

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Offshore sport fishing can be equally exciting during the winter months for sailfish just off the reefs of Islamorada.

Marathon is midway from the beginning of the Florida Keys to the end. Marathon is known as the heart of the Florida Keys and offers many relaxing vacation resorts.

Big Pine Key and the Lower Florida Keys are as 'laid back' as it can possibly get. Boating is the number one attractions and there are many different tours and trips to Looe Key for diving and snorkelling or out in the backcountry for fishing or bird watching.

Key West is also known as the Last Resort, the Southernmost Point in the continental U.S.A. Key West is whatever you want it to be. Walk along the beach and watch a beautiful sunset, or dance all night. Duval Street in downtown Key West includes many different entertainment options, all within walking distance of each other and also many bars and restaurants. Water sports include snorkelling, scuba diving, sailing, kayaking, and fishing. There is also sky diving or parasailing. For land activities there are many local attractions, museums, historical sites, shopping and dining. You can take a sailing ship to view the sunset off shore – romantic and well recommended! It is also the nearest point to Cuba, just 90 miles away. It is closer to Havana than it is to Miami. The Ernest Hemingway House is a popular tourist attraction which is open to the public as a museum in Key West. The Tennessee Williams Theatre is a performing arts centre, a civic centre and a community centre based at the Florida Keys Community College.

Tampa Bay - Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo is recognized as the number one zoo in the U.S. by both Parents and Child magazines, featuring more than 1,700 animals on nearly 60 acres of natural habitats, water play areas, wild rides, educational shows and interactive opportunities. Interstate 275, Exit 48. Free Parking. Bok Tower Gardens is one of America's finest gardens and nature preserve surrounding a 205-foot sculpted marble carillon tower with daily concerts and Mediterranean style mansion, National Historic Landmark, cafe and gift shop. Busch Gardens Tampa Bay is a 335 acre Africa themed park located near the University of South Florida. It features many thrilling roller coasters, for which it is known including Sheikra. Visitors can also view and interact with a number of African wildlife. The Florida Aquarium is located in the Channel District and hosts over 20,000 species of aquatic plants and animals. It is known for its unique glass architecture. For those of you who like a bit more night life excitement the Hard Rock Resort and Casino is situated at Seminole just a few miles from Tampa Bay.

Clearwater - 106 miles from Orlando. Take the I-4 west, then the US275. Turn off on the Courtney Campbell Causeway to the Gulf Coast. With awards as Best City Beach, one of America's Top Family Beaches, and Top Singles Beaches in Florida, and one of the Best Beaches from Maine to Hawaii, be assured, Clearwater boasts award winning beaches and so much more. Providing extensive water recreation with nature-based and land-based attractions as well as a wide array of special events there is plenty to see and do. Numerous opportunities exist to watch or participate in a sporting activity. The rich history and heritage of this area along with the outstanding performing and visual arts make Clearwater the perfect place to spend time in – or out of – the sun. With an abundance of choices for dining and shopping everyone's style and budget will be met.

St Pete's Beaches - 96 miles from Orlando. Take the I-4 west to the US275 south across the Howard Franklin Bridge. Stay on the US275 south to the Bayway. (Exit 9) St. Petersburg attracts visitors with the famous Salvador Dali Museum, award winning Fort De Soto Park and the St. Petersburg Pier. There are a wide range of museums, art galleries, natural attractions and entertainment. The neighbouring beach communities offers unique shopping experiences such as John's Pass historic fishing Village and Boardwalk. Up and down the Pinellas County coastline

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you will find everything you need for the most memorable vacation. Whether your style is to stretch out in the sun or investigate an old fort we have it all

Sarasota Beaches - 142 miles from Orlando. Take I-4 west to the I-75 south. Take exit 39 (Fruitville Road) to get to Lido Beach. Sarasota County boasts 35 miles of beaches and six barrier islands. At Siesta Key's Crescent Beach snorkel to see sea sponges, or renew your marriage vows on quiet Turtle Beach. Further south of Sarasota on Venice Beach, wade through gentle surf to gather prehistoric sharks' teeth; you'll find more sharks' teeth here than anywhere else on earth. Why not visit the Sarasota Jungle Gardens, one of the country's oldest zoological gardens. Walk in the grounds to view the beautiful gardens and be exposed to the sights and sounds of exotic birds, reptiles & mammals, and don't forget to look for the rare black jaguar. With over 10 acres of lush green tropical foliage, wander your way through the different jungle trails visiting the garden's many permanent exotic animal residents. Kids can explore the 'Kiddie Jungle' petting zoo, or the entire family can have a once in a lifetime experience of hand feeding the many 'free roaming' flamingos on the grounds.

Other fun activities and things to do in Sarasota are the many museums that Sarasota is famous for. Visit the Ringling Museum of Art to take in the many fine baroque period paintings including the oversize works of master painter Peter Paul Rubens, and sculptures from John Ringling's collection. Or for the younger adventurers in your group, visit the Ringling Museum of the Circus where the rich history of the Circus resides, including the world's smallest big top circus display. In Sarasota, there is something for everyone including the car enthusiast who can visit the Sarasota Classic Car Museum and see John Lennon's Mercedes Roadster or the beautiful DeLorean made famous in the Back to the Future movies.

Naples Beaches - 187 miles from Orlando. Take the I-4 west to the I-75 south to exit 16. Enjoy powder white sand and abundant sunshine in this relaxing up market area offering an idyllic Florida experience, along with excitement and adventure found nowhere else on earth with swaying coconut palms and sweeping white-sand beaches. Thrill to the outdoor adventure of the Everglades. Discover one-of-a-kind culinary delights infused with local traditions. Immerse within a whirl of shopping excitement. Plunge into a water-filled world that offers Florida's best fishing. Or find inspiration in its breathtaking array of art and culture.



Shopping

Orlando is a shopper's dream. If you are looking for one of a kind shopping villages, or unique factory outlets, traditional malls or exclusive boutiques, Orlando is the place to go. Below are just some of the shopping experiences on offer.

Miami - Bal Harbour Shopping Centre - is located in the village of Bal Harbour, between Biscayne Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Two words that come to mind upon seeing Miami's Bal Harbour Shops are "upscale" and "exquisite." The open-air shopping mall with a tropical garden setting is home to an extraordinary collection of designer boutiques and restaurants. The list of tenants at Bal Harbour Shops is filled with names legendary in the world of haute couture...Giorgio Armani, Bulgari, Chanel, Cartier, Dolce and Gabbana, Escada, Gucci, Hermès, Louis Vuitton, Max Mara, Prada, Pratesi, Roberto Cavalli, Salvatore Ferragamo and Van Cleef & Arpels. *Women's Wear Daily* has ranked the 500,000-square-foot mall the nation's most productive shopping centre. When it first opened in 1965, Miami Bal Harbour Shops made history when it persuaded the Lone Star State's Neiman Marcus to open a department store outside of Texas. Today, Neiman Marcus is one of two anchor stores at Bal Harbour Shops; the other is Saks Fifth Avenue.

192 Flea Market - is situated 4301 West Vine Street (Hwy 192), Kissimmee
Bargains galore from Disney souvenirs and Florida T-Shirts to crafts, jewellery, electronics and house wares. More than 400 dealer booths. Free admission and car parking. Open most days of the year from 9am - 6pm. [4301 West Vine Street \(Hwy 192\), Kissimmee](#)

Prime 1 Designer Outlet Centre - Buy direct from the manufacturer at 45 designer outlets. You can save 30-60% on designer clothing, furnishings and accessories. Free car parking. Open 10am - 9pm most Mondays to Saturdays and 11am -6pm on Sundays. [North end of International Drive, Orlando](#)

Orlando Premium Outlets - 110 stores featuring Barney's New York outlet, Tommy Hilfiger, Adidas, Coach, DNKY, Versace and more. Open most Mondays to Saturdays 10am-10pm and 10am - 9pm on Sundays. [South end of International Drive, close to Little Lake Bryan](#)

Florida Mall - An extremely large under cover shopping complex with food court, and department stores such as JC Penney's, Dillard's, Sears, Saks, Fifth Avenue and hundreds of other shops. Opens 10am - 10pm most days. [Sand Lake Road, Orlando](#)

Mall at the Millenia - This is the most upmarket shopping mall in the area. Shops such as Chanel, Jimmy Choo, Tiffany's, Cartier, Hugo Boss, Macys, Bloomingdales, Gucci, Louis Vuitton and many more, plus restaurants, bars and food courts. Times vary according to seasons.

Supermarkets - Along Highway US192 and Highway US27 you will also see Wal-Mart, K-Mart and Target, where you can buy virtually anything from cheap, but good quality clothes, electrical goods, toys, household wares and food. Most Wal-Marts are open 24 hours a day. K-Mart and Target times vary.

If you intend to cook while at the villa, you will find a few different styles of food stores, from Wal-Mart to Publix (at the junction of the 192/535), Albertsons down the 192 to the John Young Parkway, turn right and it's on your right and the occasional K-Mart, 7-Eleven and Winn Dixie can also be found.

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Convenience Stores and Gas Stations - There are a number of these located on junction 23 of Interstate 4 (14) and Highway 27 where you will be able to buy supplies of milk, juice, coffee, bread, etc.

Restaurants - These are a few of the popular restaurants in the area. The Olive Garden for Italian cuisine or for steakhouses there is Outback, Pondarosa and Loughmans'. For fast foods there are MacDonaldis, Pizza Hut, Golden Corral, Waffle House, Wendy's, and also Bob Evans.



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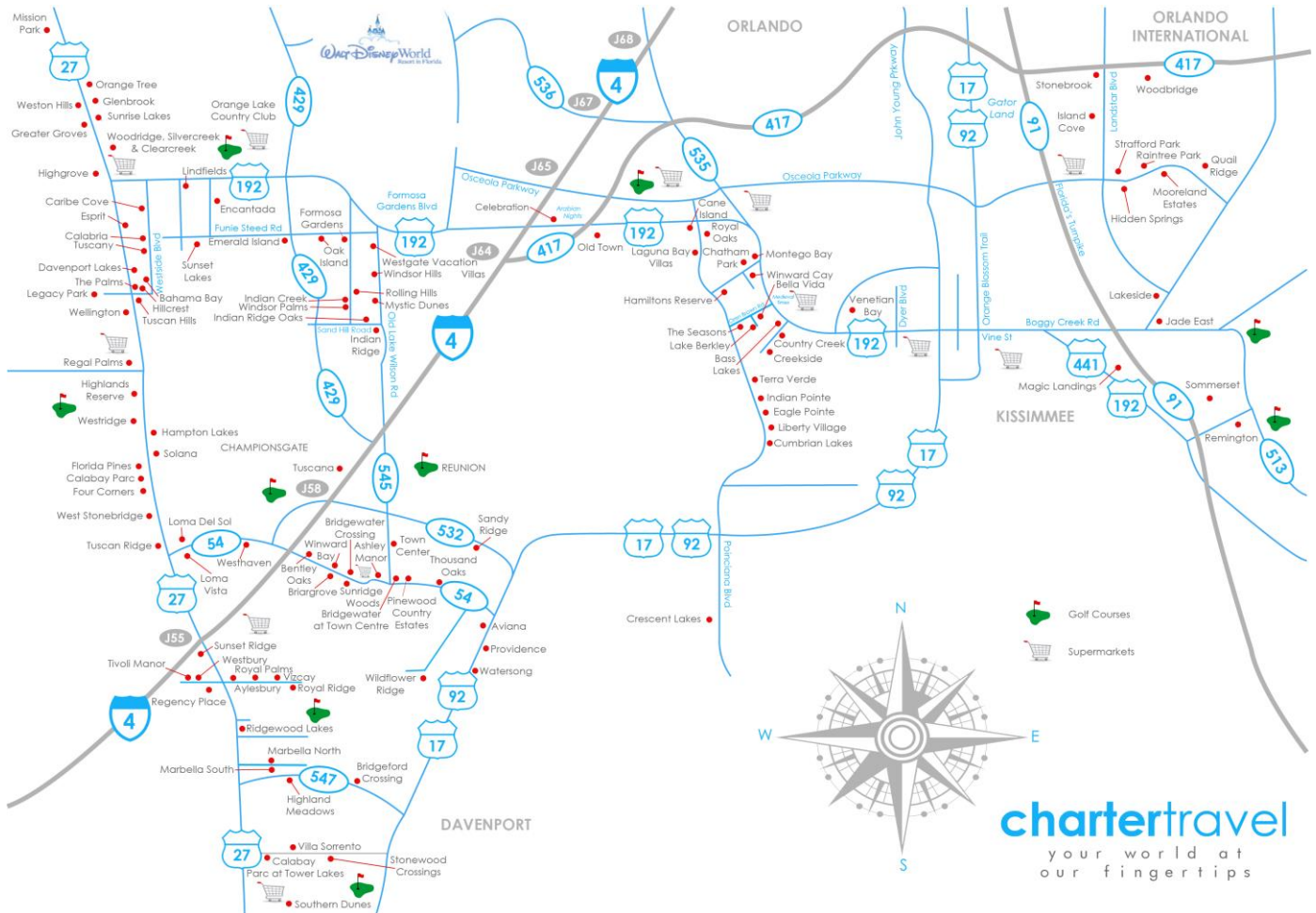
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