

You and your family group spend only eight hours daily in your hotel (less in busy Disney, Universal and other local attractions), mostly just to sleep. There are many motels near WDW, available to the park by rental car, bus or shuttle in just a few minutes. Nightly rates vary from about \$100, and probably highest from late November through New Year's Day. Here are some to consider.

Courtyard by Marriott Vista Centre, 8501 Palm Pkwy., Lake Buena Vista FL 32830. A mile from WDW, Courtyard offers scheduled free shuttles. It has two pools, a spa and 24-7 video game room. Rooms are large enough to comfortably accommodate two or more guests.

Monumental Movieland Hotel, 12120 International Dr., Orlando FL 32819. Just across the street from Wet 'n Wild Water Park and minutes from Walt Disney World, Universal Studios and SeaWorld. The motel is within short walking distance from several large malls, restaurants and shopping centers. Transportation include taxis, shuttles and the I-Ride Trolley.

Ramada Gateway Orlando, 7470 W. Irlo Bronson Hwy., Kissimee FL 34747. Less than a mile from the WDW Main Gate, it's one of the few high rises outside the theme park. Balcony suites give sweeping views of WDW and surrounding country. There are three in-house restaurants

and two pools, and scheduled daily free transportation to WDW, other theme parks, malls and the airport.

Coco Key Hotel & Water Park, 7400 International Dr., Orlando FL 32819. Just eight miles from WDW, the pool features a tall water tower topped by a huge bucket that fills and spills onto happy kids, parents and grandparents splashing on a series of slides into the pool.

Large families can enjoy split schedules here. It's convenient when older children and teens want more freedom at WDW, while the littlest ones are content to spend the day at the hotel.

WorldQuest Resort, 8849 WorldQuest Blvd., Orlando FL 32821. Luxurious all-suite, the hotel has a huge pool, including a large fountain, swim-up bar, hot tub and wading pool for small children. The free Continental breakfast is very enjoyable from scenic suite balconies. The hotel offers a free scheduled shuttle to WDW, just a mile away.