

Orlando is where it all happens. There's SeaWorld, with live sea lion and dolphin water shows and thrilling rides. Universal Orlando is a sister park to its famous one in Hollywood, California.

Universal theme parks give visitors glimpses into how action films are made and you-are-there experiences at one of the most famous Hollywood dream factories in movie history. Universal's Islands of Adventure offers The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, guaranteed to provide magic, fun and thrills for everyone. Orlando's star attraction, of course, is Walt Disney World. The many fun features are not just for kids. Every visitor from toddler to senior citizen will find endless things to do at what's boasted to be "the happiest place on Earth".

The best way to begin such a busy adventure is to book your family into a convenient and

luxurious resort hotel on Disney World property. While you're enjoying the amenities of the hotel, you can make it your HQ, and each day and evening fan out to enjoy all Disney has to offer.

It's not easy to name the very best luxury hotel in Walt Disney World, because there are at least a dozen that would fit that description. Most travel experts name the Grand Floridian Resort and Spa as the top one in the park, and its great service begins with luxury limo service to and from the Orlando airport.

To enjoy your vacation in grand style at the Grand Floridian, book a fifth-floor penthouse suite, one that includes a personal whirlpool spa and 360-degree-view private balcony. It overlooks the Seven Seas Lagoon, the Magic Kingdom, Cinderella's Castle and many other nearby Disney features.

After dark, the balcony scene transforms into all bright lights, with a special thrill of a sky full of fireworks that ring the lagoon, Cindarella's Castle and Main Street USA.

For relaxation after a morning of Disney park roaming, the Grand Floridian's two huge pools and health club spa services can help you prepare for your afternoon and evening activities. There's also a nearby sparkling white sandy beach at the Seven Seas Lagoon, with paddle and power boats to provide water fun for every family member to enjoy.

There are six restaurants at the Grand Floridian, featuring every menu from quick brunches to grand dining at the most-luxurious restaurant in Walt Disney World, Victoria & Albert's. While dining in other Grand Floridian restaurants, and especially for the littlest members of your family, Mickey, Minnie and other famed Disney characters frequently show up to make the dining experience more memorable.

An evening at one of Disney's parks could top off the day for the kids, and then the adults can do some late-night fun hopping. The Grand Floridian can provide babysitters to escort the kids to some activities in the hotel and then put them to bed.

Meanwhile, parents and grandparents can party like grown-ups at Downtown Disney, where the House of Blues provides vintage music and sing-alongs. They can then wander over to Pleasure Island, where there's night club entertainment and refreshments both inside and outside.

For the grown-up couples who crave private togetherness, there are romantic activities at Disney's Boardwalk. They can snuggle during a surrey ride along the coast of Crescent Lake. The surrey clip clops around the lake, and that can be followed by hand-in-hand strolling along the Boardwalk. If the music attracts them, they can groove to the riotous JellyRolls, a piano jump session straight out of New Orleans nights.

Walt Disney World and all the other fun attractions in Florida's Orlando make that destination one of the most popular in the world. A visit can be a memorable experience for every member of the family.