

10 FUN FACTS ABOUT ORLANDO, FLORIDA

1. Orlando is the second most popular domestic travel destination in the country
2. Out of the estimated 50 million tourists who visit Orlando each year, over 2 million are international visitors, with the majority of foreign tourists coming from the United Kingdom.
3. There are now 20,000 to 25,000 vacation homes, villas and rental properties in Central Florida, mostly located near the theme parks.
4. The official nickname of the city of Orlando is "The City Beautiful," although it is also known as "O-Town."
5. Ever wonder why there are so many Olive Gardens and Red Lobsters in town? Orlando is the corporate headquarters of Darden Restaurants, which also runs the Bahama Breeze and Seasons 52 restaurants on International Drive .
6. Even though few people outside of Florida knew where Orlando was before Walt Disney World opened in 1971, the city of Orlando had been around for more than century before that; it was incorporated in 1875.
7. Orlando is the county seat of Orange County, Florida, although the vast citrus groves for which the county was named no longer exist.
8. Before there was Disney, there was also a considerable amount of cattle ranching in Central Florida; you can still see cattle grazing along certain stretches of the 417 GreeneWay Expressway.
9. Although many of Orlando's citizens (especially the most famous ones) are originally from somewhere else, there are a few celebrities who were born and raised in Orlando, including Wayne Brady and Delta Burke.
10. Beat generation icon Jack Kerouac lived in the College Park neighborhood of Orlando during the time his novel On the Road was published in 1957.

HOW TO GET AROUND

You've taken a trip to Orlando, Florida, but you do not have a car as renting one is just not an option. You've found that it is not economically sound to make such a choice, and you just do not want to take the taxi services, as you fear that you'll get ripped off. There is no need to despair, as there are ways to get around that do not require you to spend significant amounts of money. Here are some of the cheapest ways to get around Orlando, Florida.

- **I-Ride Trolley** This trolley goes to many stops, and it is not expensive in the least bit. It is probably one of the most economic ways to get around should you not want to stick to a certain bus schedule. But be aware, there may be times when the trolley becomes full and you'll have to wait as a few pass you by. IF you are not one who frustrates easily, and you can budget your time well, this is a suitable transportation option.
- **Links Bus** Just like the I-Ride Trolley, this bus goes to several different locations. Moreover, you can plan out your routes so that you can use both the Trolley and the Links Bus to get around. Where the I-Ride Trolley ends you could have the Links Bus meet you there and vice versa.
- **Hotel buses** In order to do this, it would be beneficial to make sure that the hotel in which you are staying has such buses before you make your reservations. This is the cheapest and the quickest way to get to major attractions, such as Disneyworld, Seaworld, etc.



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WIZARDING WORLD OF HARRY POTTER



The long awaited Wizarding World of Harry Potter finally opened on June 18th to much fanfare and celebration. Many members of the cast of the Harry Potter films were in attendance including Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Michael Gambon, and Tom Felton.

Now muggles from all around the world can experience the excitement of battling a dragon on the Dragon Challenge rollercoaster, or taming the Hippogriff at the Flight of the Hippogriff, be chosen by a wand at Ollivander's wand shop or sit down and have a tasty Butterbeer at the Hog's Head Pub!

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