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Orlando Accessible City Guide

Tourist attractions



for people with
reduced mobility

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Destination: Orlando

Orlando is a place where we can all become children again. Its fun theme parks with **accessible attractions** that enchant people of different generations, who are immersed in a dream accommodation in which any goal seems achievable.

This city in the state of Florida is not only ideal for entertainment. Travelers can also explore a variety of museums and relax by the beautiful lakes in the area.

In this guide we collect all the information about the **main accessible tourist attractions**. In this way, you can organize a trip according to your preferences.

You will discover...

- What places can you visit as a wheelchair traveler.
- What activities are accessible in Orlando.
- What accessible transportation options are available and where you can find them..
- Which hotels we recommend from our catalog.
- Where you can get medical or other assistance.



Airport accessibility

Orlando International Airport is located southeast of the city. Fortunately, its facilities are fully accessible to all passengers. As specified in its [official website](#), it offers the following services:

- Accessible restrooms.
- Accessible changing tables for adults.
- Wheelchairs available through airlines. This service is requested in advance.
- Accessible car parks in different parts of the airport.

- Skycaps that assist wheelchair users. A tip is usually given in appreciation for the attendance.
- Rest areas for service animals.

Take some time to [review where you can find the aforementioned services](#).

The second closest airport is **Sanford International Airport**, which also [guarantees a good travel experience for people with disabilities](#).

Recommended hotels

TOP 5 IN ORLANDO



Holiday Inn & Suites Orlando SW - Celebration Area, an IHG Hotel

The Holiday Inn Orlando SW - Celebration Area is a 25-minute drive from downtown Orlando and a quarter of an hour from the heart of Kissimmee. Walt Disney World is 12.5 miles...



From: US\$ 76.16

[Book Now](#)



Doubletree By Hilton At The Entrance To Universal

The Doubletree By Hilton At The Entrance To Universal Orlando is located next to the Universal Studios Florida theme park, where travelers can relish in theme attractions reminiscent of their...



From: US\$ 149.94

[Book Now](#)



Embassy Suites International Drive

Embassy Suites By Hilton Orlando International Dr Conv Ctr is very close to the Walt Disney World® theme parks, for which it has a free shuttle service. Its location in the center of the...



From: US\$ 117.81

[Book Now](#)



Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando-Lake Buena Vista South

Embassy Suites By Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South is an accessible three-star hotel ideally located for visiting the Walt Disney World® theme parks in Orlando (USA), as it is located ...



From: US\$ 165.41

[Book Now](#)



Hilton Grand Vacations At Tuscany Village

Hilton Grand Vacations at Tuscany Village is an accessible hotel located in Orlando, 3.7 km from the Walt Disney World Theme Park and 11 km from Universal Orlando Theme Park...



From: US\$ 201.11

[Book Now](#)

Main tourist attractions

Some visitors want to dedicate their stay exclusively to enjoying the incredible amusement parks, while others prefer to reserve a little time to discover the natural spaces of Orlando. What plan do you choose?





Theme parks

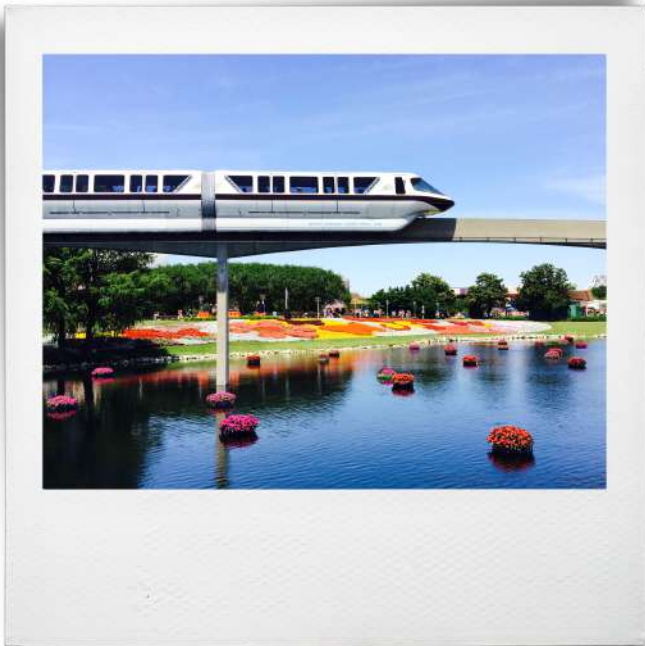
Walt Disney World Resort

The **Walt Disney World Resort** is comprised of four theme parks (**Magic Kingdom**, **Epcot**, **Disney's Hollywood Studios** and **Disney's Animal Kingdom**), two water parks (**Disney's Blizzard Beach** and **Disney's Typhoon Lagoon**), dozens of hotel complexes, two spas, five golf courses golf, a sports complex (**ESPN Wide World of Sports**) and a shopping center (**Disney Springs**).



This great tourist complex has the magic of taking us back to childhood. Therefore, it does not discriminate against anyone and is accessible to all people regardless of their abilities. Its official website specifies the following information:

- Its **Disability Access Service** allows guests to reduce wait times for attractions for people who cannot endure to do so.
- All theme parks provide **wheelchair rental** and **ECV rental** services, although visitors may use their own wheelchairs.
- **Service animals** are welcome, but their access to certain attractions is restricted for their safety and well-being.
- The bus, the monorail and some ferries are **accessible** for people with **reduced mobility**.



If you wish, check which attractions you may remain in your wheelchair and which ones you will need to transfer to. In addition, you can ask other questions about **accessibility** by e-mailing disability.services@disneyarks.com or call (407) 560-2547.



Universal Orlando Resort

The **Universal Orlando Resort** offers the opportunity to enjoy three theme parks and a large shopping center. At **Universal CityWalk Orlando** you can buy the most original gifts; your favorite movies will come to life at **Universal Studios Florida** attractions; the most exciting events await you at **Universal's Islands of Adventure**; you will find a calmer and more tropical atmosphere at **Universal's Volcano Bay**.



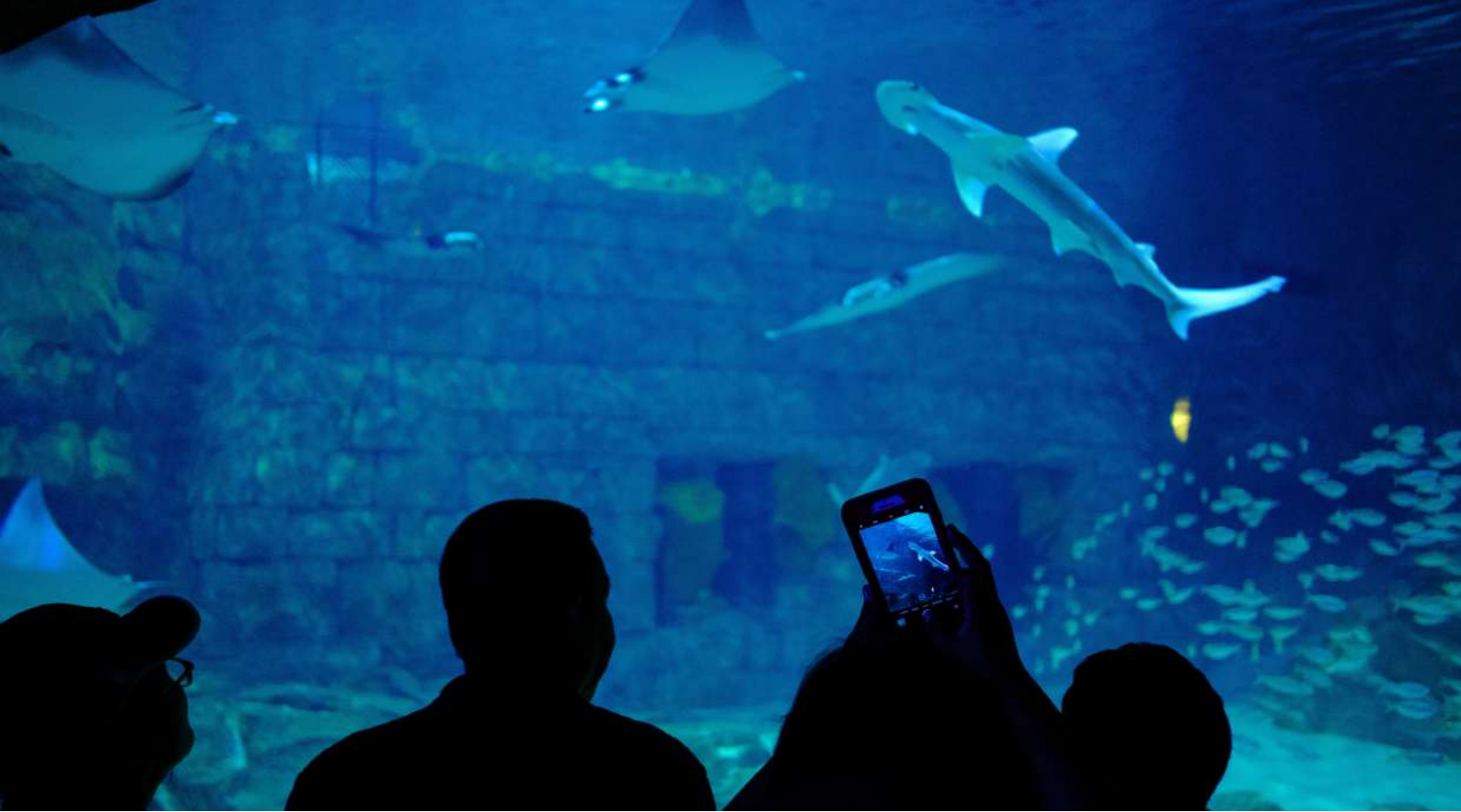
All attraction queues are accessible to wheelchair users, with the exception of Pteranodon Flyers. Before entering the complex, please take the following into advisement:

- Motorized chairs or electric vehicles cannot be accommodated at the attractions, so you will first have to transfer to a **manual chair**. The only exception is the Hogwarts Express. Ask the attendant at each attraction if in doubt.
- Restaurants and shops are **accessible**.
- All the stage shows have an "**Accessible Viewing**" area, which you can identify with the International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA).



The [Guide for Rider Safety and Accessibility](#) provides detailed information on the **accessibility** of each attraction.

You can find your way around using these [interactive maps](#).



SeaWorld Orlando

Magnificent sea animal shows, great roller coasters, Sesame Street character parades, water rides and much more. **SeaWorld Orlando** has been rescuing and protecting ocean creatures for more than 50 years. Their main goal is for you to feel connected to their conservation project. It also provides entertainment for the whole family.

SeaWorld Orlando's **accessibility** program thoroughly outlines the requirements to ride each attraction. If you still have any questions, you can may email SEAguestcorrespondence@SeaWorld.com or call (407) 545-5550.



Aquatica and **Discovery Cove** are sister parks to SeaWorld Orlando. If you like their theme, be sure to add them to your travel itinerary; they're accessible.



Legoland Florida Resort

Legoland Florida is located in Winter Haven. We add it in this guide for its proximity and for providing an unforgettable experience for children from 2 to 12 years old.

For the convenience of people with reduced mobility, the services mentioned below are available:

- **Wheelchair or Electric Vehicle (EV) rental.** They must be booked 7 days (minimum) prior to your arrival.
- **Guide for guests with disabilities.**
- **HERO Pass** for those who find it difficult to wait in line for attractions.
- Restaurants, shops and most attractions are **accessible**.



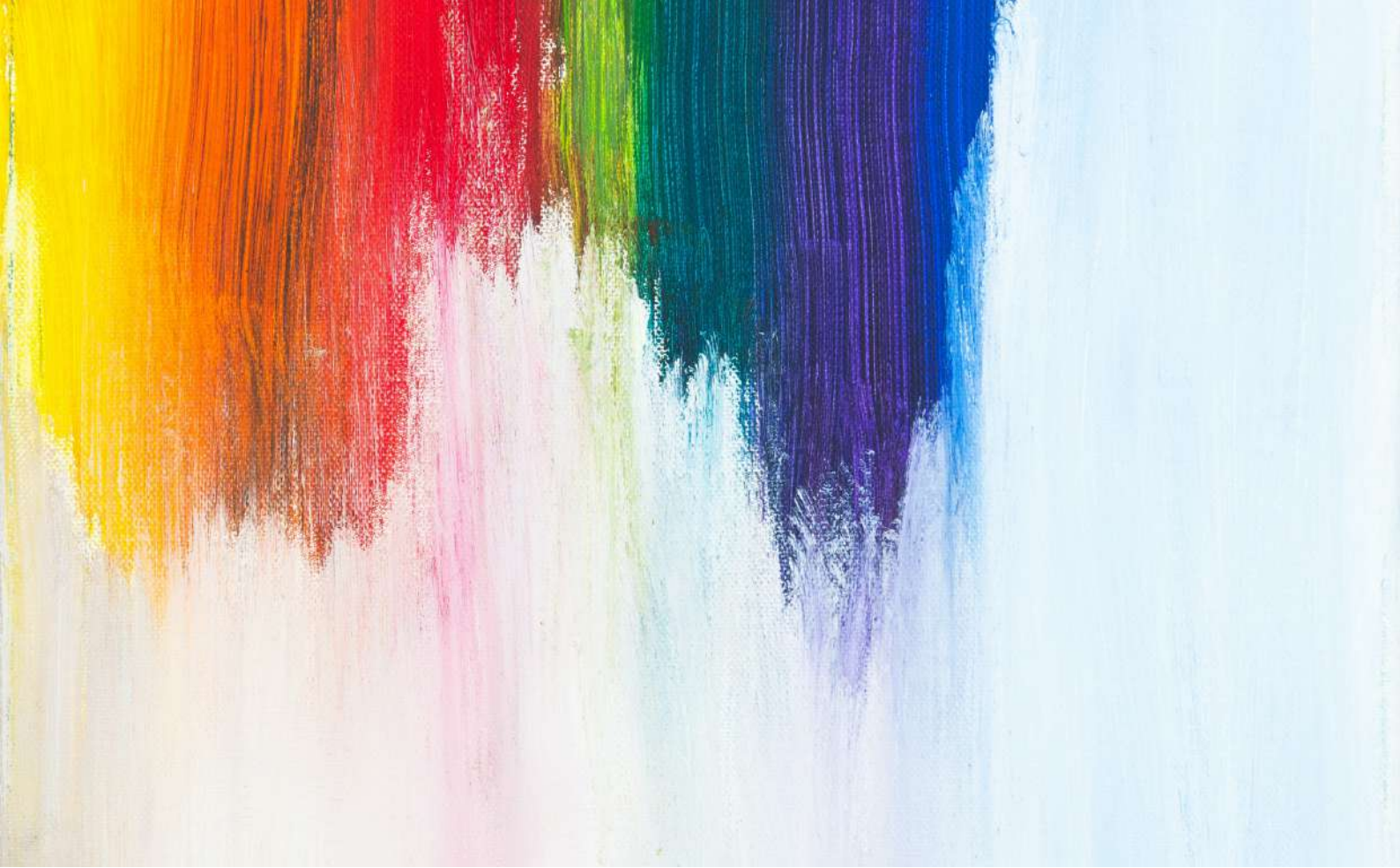
If you need additional information, e-mail LLF.Experience@legoland.com at least a week prior to your visit.



ICON Park

ICON Park is an entertainment complex where you will find shops, restaurants, museums and an aquarium. The famous Ferris wheel from which you can contemplate the city stands out.

The Wheel is [accessible for wheelchairs](#) that are less than 90 centimeters wide.



Museums

Orlando Science Center

"Inspire Science Learning for Life!" is the motto of the **Orlando Science Center**. This museum wants to bring science to all people, and, therefore, it is **accessible**.

Discover interesting interactive exhibitions where, without realizing it, you will learn about different disciplines.

There are parking spaces for people with **reduced mobility** and **accessible restrooms** on all floors. In addition, service animals are welcome (must be notified in advance).

Orlando Museum of Art

A very short distance from the Orlando Science Center is the **Orlando Museum of Art**. Founded in 1924, it has established itself as a relevant cultural institution in the state of Florida. Its collection has works from the 18th century to the present day.

This museum wants to serve as an inspiration for visitors from all over the world. Consequently, it has common areas (including restrooms) **accessible** to people with **reduced mobility**. **Wheelchair loans** on a first-come, first-served basis.



The Mennello Museum of American Art

Located next to Lake Formosa, **The Mennello Museum of American Art** houses the works of Earl Cunningham. Its temporary exhibitions also showcase other talented American artists. The museum has an **accessible entrance** with a ramp. The beautiful Sculpture Garden can be walked through a concrete path. A **wheelchair** can also be borrowed upon request.





PHOTO: LAKE LOUISA STATE PARK

Parks and lakes

The beautiful **Lake Eola Park**, which is **accessible** to people with **reduced mobility**, is located in the heart of Orlando. Stroll leisurely along the park's paved paths and photograph the beautiful swans that inhabit it.

If you'd rather get away from the city, you'll find the vast **Lake Louisa State Park** within a 40-minute drive. It has three lakes, eleven natural plant communities, and diverse wildlife. Take the [park map](#) with you to find out where the trails or camping areas are.

You can also go to the beautiful **Blue Spring State Park**, 53 kilometers away from downtown Orlando. Picnic areas, bathrooms,

cabins, boat trips, fishing piers are accessible... You can do many activities in nature.

A different proposal is that of the **Harry P. Leu Gardens**, which excites all travelers with the soul of an explorer. The gardens are just a few minutes from the heart of the city, so we encourage you to discover this space where flowers reign. Of course, it is **accessible** and has a **wheelchair loan** service at its Garden House Welcome Center.



PHOTO: BLUE SPRING STATE PARK



More accessible attractions

1 Accessible beaches in Florida

If you have enough time during your stay, you can take a getaway to [New Smyrna Beach](#) and [Daytona Beach](#). These beaches are an hour's drive from downtown Orlando. Amphibious **wheelchairs** are totally free, so you can fully enjoy the bathing experience.

2 Seminole Wekiva Trail Adaptive Bike Ride

The [Seminole Wekiva Trail](#) is one of the favorite trails for cyclists with mobility problems. It is wide and flat, allowing for easy acceleration. If you don't want to ride an adapted bike, navigate it in a wheelchair. It is only twenty minutes away by car, and it is an excellent place to disconnect from the hustle and bustle of the city.



Transportation around the city

It is essential that during your trip you can adequately move to all the places you want to visit. Therefore, do not forget to take a look at this list with information on **transportation** and **mobility equipment rental**.

- **LYNX**. Accessible buses.
- **SunRail**. Train with accessible coach and cab cars.
- **Comfort Ride Transportation**. Accessible taxi.

- **Care Medical Equipment**. Medical equipment rental.
- **Cloud of Goods Orlando**. Rental of scooters, wheelchairs and other mobility equipment.
- **Mobility Works**. Accessible van rental.



Medical attention

Remember that if a serious medical emergency arises during your trip, you can call 911. If it is a minor problem, check with the hotel itself or go to the nearest pharmacy.

Traveling with health insurance is practically essential. If you need medications, bring them with you in your hand luggage accompanied by a prescription.

In case you need it, below you have a list of some **hospitals**:

- **AdventHealth Orlando**. # 1 Hospital in Central Florida.
- **Orlando Health Dr. P. Phillips Hospital**. Among the 100 best hospitals in the Nation.
- **Orlando Regional Medical Center**. Excellent surgical, medical, rehabilitation and emergency care.
- **Winnie Palmer Hospital For Women & Babies**. A leader in neonatal care.



Other useful information

Weather conditions

Orlando has very hot and humid summers. Hurricane season is most active during the fall. As we are concerned about your safety, we leave you several links where the weather conditions are shown, so you can decide when is the best time to travel:

- [AccuWeather](#) and [The Weather Channel](#). Daily, weekly and monthly weather forecasts. Weather radar and air quality.
- [National Weather Service](#). Detailed weather forecasts.

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