

Insider's Guide to

Welcome to Orlando, Florida—also known as the Theme Park Capital of the World! You'll find plenty of family fun here, but there's more to O-town than the theme parks. From nightclubs to cozy pubs, there are all sorts of exciting destinations in and around the city.

That's where the Sonnhalter Insider's Guide to Orlando comes in. It's our way of helping you cut through the clutter to find the city's best restaurants, nightlife and sights.

We asked our friends in the Sunshine State for their recommendations on where to sample the best of Central Florida. You know, those secret locales where the locals do their winning and dining. After all, at Sonnhalter, we not only like to get our hands dirty...we like to get them nice and greasy too!

So, when you're not convening at the convention center, make sure you go out and get a taste of what really makes Orlando's magic!

**Orlando/Multiple Locations**

**Beefy King**

Classic American  
407-894-2241  
<http://beefyking.com/>

Family owned & operated for over 42 years, Beefy King is a true American classic. Known for their uniquely steamed hot roast beef, this is a true landmark in Orlando.

**Bubbalou's Bodacious BBQ**

BBQ  
Multiple Locations  
<http://bubbalous.com/>

Since 1986, Orlando's consistently favorite BBQ. Four locations, each with their own menu, and catering available as well.

**Chroma Modern Bar & Kitchen**

Modern-American  
407-955-4340  
<http://www.chromalakenona.com/>

Located in the Lake Nona neighborhood, and serving an eclectic mix of small plates, craft beers and garden-to-glass cocktails.

**College Park Café**

Breakfast & Lunch  
407-420-9892  
<https://collegeparkcafe.com/>

Located in the heart of College Park, this old-school diner is the definition of good food, great service and a neighborhood feel.

**Hawkers Asian Street Fare**

Asian  
407-237-0606  
<http://eathawkers.com/>

Offering the best of traditional Asian street vendors, delivered in a hip, sharing-encouraged environment.

**Highball & Harvest**

Southern  
407-393-4422  
<http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/orlando/dining/highball-and-harvest>

Located inside the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, this innovative restaurant offers a southern culinary adventure with many ingredients harvested from the on-site garden.

**Lazy Moon Pizza**

Pizza  
Multiple Locations  
<http://www.lazymoonpizza.com/>

"Eat, Drink & Be Lazy" with aged dough, homemade sauce and made-to-order pizzas, a wide beer selection and made-from-scratch cocktails and bocce courts.

**Graffiti Junktion**

Burgers  
Multiple Locations  
<https://graffitijunktion.com/>  
100% Angus, hormone and antibiotic-free burgers. Nachos, wings, salads and more, and all of it fresh, never frozen.

**Le Coq au Vin Restaurant**

French  
407-851-6980  
<http://www.lecoqauvinrestaurant.com/>  
World-renowned Executive Chef Reimund Pitz prepares classic French favorites in a charming historic Orlando location, complete with a garden patio for al fresco dining.

## Orlando/Multiple Locations (continued)

### **Mediterranean Blue**

Greek

407-422-2583

<http://www.mediterraneanblue.net/>

Authentic Greek food, prepared with care and served like you're a member of the family.

### **Pho 88**

Vietnamese

407-897-3488

<http://pho88orlando.com/>

This family owned restaurant offers a vast selection of authentic Vietnamese dishes and a multiple award-winning menu, with the best Pho in central Florida.

### **Tabla Indian Chinese & Thai**

Pan-Asian

407-248-9400

<http://www.tablacuisine.com/>

Consistently voted Orlando's favorite Indian restaurant, this restaurant also features outstanding Chinese and exquisite Thai flavors as well.

### **The Osprey**

Modern Seafood

407-960-7700

<https://www.theospreyorlando.com/>

The Osprey promises a modern coastal cuisine menu designed to highlight the bounty of Florida's sustainable seafood. The bar boasts a noteworthy rum program to complement the menu, evoking a sense of nostalgia and adventure with its classic cocktail interpretations.

# ORLANDO



## Orange County Convention Center

### **Café Tu Tu Tango**

Tapas

407-248-2222

<http://cafetututango.com>

Artists paint as you eat (all for sale) at this funky tapas spot with live entertainment plus a patio & bar. It's action packed with music and performers. Or you can relax with cajun chicken egg rolls and a plate of alligator bites, washed down with a pitcher of sangria or one of the share plates which are inspired with Asian and Mediterranean influences. Great for Sunday brunch.

### **Christini's Ristorante Italiano**

Italian

407-545-6867

<https://www.christinis.com/>

Five star dining for over 30 years, Christini's has earned its reputation as Orlando's premier restaurant.

### **Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House**

Steak House

407-351-5074

<https://delfriscos.com/steakhouse/orlando>

With two floors, private dining areas and an expansive patio, Del Frisco's has the perfect fine dining atmosphere. Add to that the finest steaks, entrees and a 1,200 label wine list, and the experience is complete.

### **Dragonfly Robata Grill & Sushi**

Japanese

407-370-3359

<http://www.dragonflyrestaurants.com/orlando-florida/>

Fresh selections from farm & sea, prepared in the traditional Japanese robatayaki method. Also featuring sushi and seafood flown in fresh from Japan.

### **Fiorenzo at Hyatt Regency Orlando**

Steakhouse

407-345-4570

[www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/florida/hyatt-regency-orlando/mcoro/dining](http://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/florida/hyatt-regency-orlando/mcoro/dining)

Within the Hyatt Regency hotel, this elegant steakhouse serves up new & traditional Italian dishes.

### **FishBones**

Seafood

407-352-0135

<https://www.fishbonesrestaurants.com/>

Fresh caught seafood, aged steaks and prime rib all cooked over wood in an open fire pit. Add to that a Key West inspired atmosphere and you have a comfortable setting for any dining event.

### **Yard House**

American

407-351-8220

<https://www.yardhouse.com/locations/fl/orlando/>

High-end sports-bar chain with a huge menu of New American fare & an extensive list of draft beers.



## Downtown

### Black Rooster Taqueria

Mexican  
407-601-0994

<http://www.blackroostertaqueria.com/>

Contemporary Mexican tacos, bowls and ceviches are served with coffee & drinks amid colorful décor.

### The Boheme

American  
(407) 581-4700

[www.kesslercollection.com/boheme-restaurant/](http://www.kesslercollection.com/boheme-restaurant/)

Swanky spot adorned with sophisticated art features New American cuisine & a Sunday jazz brunch.

### DoveCote

Brasserie & Raw Bar  
407-930-1700

<http://dovecoteorlando.com/>

Open morning, noon and night with a menu featuring French-inspired flavors as well as a raw bar featuring oyster, clams and shellfish.

### Harp & Celt Irish Pub & Restaurant

Irish Pub  
407-481-2928

<http://harpandcelt.com/>

A lively, 2-story space with cozy wood booths provides an Irish-pub setting for classic eats and a wide variety of brews and spirits.

### Kabooki Sushi

Sushi  
407-228-3839

<http://kabookisushi.com/>

Diligent details meet creative freedom for a one-of-a-kind sushi experience. Flavor and atmosphere meet in this critically acclaimed location.

### Linda's La Cantina

Steak House  
407-894-4491

<http://lindaslacantinasteakhouse.com/>

Locally owned, and open since 1947, Linda's has been a constant in central Florida, and has set the bar for delicious, hand cut, fire pit grilled steaks.

## Disney/Buena Vista

### The Boathouse

Seafood  
407-939-2628

[www.theboathouseorlando.com/](http://www.theboathouseorlando.com/)

Sophisticated waterfront choice for steak & seafood, plus tours in vintage amphibious automobiles.

### Capa

Tapas & Steak  
407-313-7777

<http://www.fourseasons.com/orlando/dining/restaurants/capa/>

This rooftop Spanish steak house, part of the Four Seasons Resort, features the best Spanish-influenced cuisine in a romantic setting like no other.

### Chef Art Smith's Homecomin'

Southern  
407-560-0100

[www.homecominkitchen.com/](http://www.homecominkitchen.com/)

Spacious, down-home Southern-Floridian restaurant & bar by celebrity chef Art Smith.

### Frontera Cocina

Mexican  
407-560-9197

[www.fronteracocina.com/](http://www.fronteracocina.com/)

Mexican fare by celebrity chef Rick Bayless served in a modern space with a patio & a to-go window.

### Morimoto Asia

Pan-Asian  
407-939-6686

<https://www.patinagroup.com/morimoto-asia>

From creative mind of Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto comes this unique culinary destination. Lounges, private dining spaces and an exhibition glass-encased kitchen bring the inspired Pan-Asian menu to life.

### Rainforest Cafe

American  
407-827-8500

[www.rainforestcafe.com/location/rainforest-cafe-lake-buena-vista-disney-world-marketplace-fl/](http://www.rainforestcafe.com/location/rainforest-cafe-lake-buena-vista-disney-world-marketplace-fl/)

Part adventure, part restaurant, and wholly entertaining. The Rainforest Cafe is an exciting thrill for all ages. Wild times await in a decorative jungle with animatronics & a menu of delicious American & tropical fare.

### T-Rex Cafe

American  
407-828-8739

[www.trexcafe.com/](http://www.trexcafe.com/)

American eats plus animatronic dinosaurs & an underwater aquarium draw crowds in Downtown Disney.



## Celebration/Kissimmee

### 2 Brother's Steakhouse

Steakhouse & Bistro

407-750-6753

[www.2brotherssteakhouse.com/](http://www.2brotherssteakhouse.com/)

Modern American meets an island influence with this chef-driven concept. Live jazz and other events add to the laid back atmosphere.

### 3 Sisters Speakeasy

New American

407-201-3270

<https://www.3sisters-speakeasy.com/home>

Sushi, tacos & other diverse fare served in a contemporary eatery with regular trivia & live music.

### Bruno's Italian Restaurant

Italian

407-397-7577

<http://brunos192.com/>

Pizzas and home-cooked Italian favorites are the course at Bruno's, a family-friendly, owner operated eatery.

### Charley's Steak House

Steaks

407-396-6055

<http://www.charleyssteakhouse.com/>

Using only USDA Prime & Choice, grain-fed beef from the Midwest, aging on site for 4-6 weeks and cooking over a 1,200-degree open wood pit has made Charley's the ultimate steak house experience.

### Columbia

Spanish-Cuban

407-566-1505

<http://www.columbiarestaurant.com/>

[Menus-By-Location/Locations/Celebration](#)

The Orlando location of this regional favorite, family owned for over 110 years. Overlooking Celebration's picturesque lake, offering classic elegance and award-winning Spanish and Cuban cuisine.



## Winter Park

### Black Bean Deli

Cuban

407-628-0294

<http://blackbeandeli.com/>

An authentic Cuban deli serving traditional fare for over 15 years.

### Blu on the Avenue

Seafood

(407) 960-3778

<http://bluontheavenue.com/>

An eclectic seafood menu, plus sushi and an extensive whiskey menu, all served in a breezy open spot with plenty of outdoor dining options.

### Bosphorous Turkish Cuisine

Turkish

407-644-8609

<http://bosporousrestaurant.com/>

Family owned and rooted in tradition, Bosphorous offers the best, fresh, home-made Turkish dishes in central Florida. Come enjoy a taste of Turkey in the vibrant heart of Winter Park.

### Cocina 214

Tex-Mex

407-790-7997

<http://cocina214.com/>

Fresh, quality Mexican & Tex-Mex dining utilizing local ingredients and a clean, modern design. Voted best in its class 5 years in a row by Orlando Magazine.

### Hillstone Restaurant

American

407-740-4005

<https://hillstonerestaurant.com/locations/winterpark/>

Upscale chain eatery serving burgers, steaks & other American fare in stylish, spacious surrounds.

### Prato

Italian

407-262-0050

<http://www.prato-wp.com/>

Celebrating cuisine from Italy's rich culinary landscape, blending the traditional with the modern utilizing seasonal ingredients.

### The Coop

Southern

407-636-7163

<https://asouthernaffair.com/>

Celebrating the home-style fare of the south, this neighborhood restaurant serves hospitality at every table, along with comfort food classics.

### The Ravenous Pig

Gastropub

407-628-2333

<http://www.theravenouspig.com/>

Orlando's locavore gastropub with a menu that features the best that central Florida's farmers, fishermen and artisanal purveyors have to offer as well as rotating taps and creative cocktails.

### Winter Park Fish Company

Seafood

407-622-6112

<https://www.thewinterparkfishcompany.com>

This market-style restaurant combines fine dining with fast casual, with fresh seafood, homemade sauces and from-scratch cooking.

## Nightlife and Bars

**Aero** - <https://www.facebook.com/aerorol/>

**Cowboys** - <http://www.cowboysorlando.com/>

**Cuba Libre Rum Bar** - <http://cubalibrerestaurant.com/en/orlando/>

**Eve** - <http://eveorlando.com/>

**Hanson's Shoe Repair** - <https://www.facebook.com/hansonsshoerepair/>

**Haos on Church** - <https://www.haosonchurch.com/>

**Icebar & Fire Lounge** - <http://www.icebarorlando.com/>

**Kings Bowl Orlando** - <https://www.kings-de.com/location/kings-dining-entertainment-orlando/>

**Latitudes** - <https://churchstreetbars.com/latitudes/>

**Raglan Road** - <http://www.raglanroad.com/>

**Redlight Redlight** - <http://redlightredlightbeerparlour.com/>

**The Hammered Lamb** - <http://thehammeredlamb.com/>

**Vyce Lounge** - <http://www.vyclounge.com/>

**Wall Street Plaza** - <http://wallstplaza.net/>

## Orlando Area Sightseeing

**Boat Tours of Winter Park** - <http://www.scenicboattours.com/>

**Boggy Creek Airboat Adventures** - <http://bcairboats.com/>

**Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art** - <http://www.morsemuseum.org/>

**Harry P. Leu Gardens** - <http://www.leugardens.org/>

**iFLY indoor Skydiving** - <https://www.iflyworld.com/orlando/>

**Kayak, Mountain Bike & Eco Tours** - <http://bkadventure.com/>

**Orlando Museum of Art** - <http://omart.org/>

**Sprinkles Cupcake ATM** - <https://sprinkles.com/pages/location-disney-springs>

**The Orlando Science Center** - <http://www.osc.org/>

**The Orlando Watersports Complex** - <http://www.aktionparks.com/orlando-watersports-complex/>

**The Wheel at ICON Park** - <https://iconparkorlando.com/>

**Tibet-Butler Preserve** - <http://www.ocfl.net/CultureParks/Parks.aspx?m=dtlww&d=39#.WDXCLNUrKUI>

**Wekiwa Springs State Park** - <https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/wekiwa-springs-state-park>

**WonderWorks** - <http://www.wonderworksonline.com/orlando/>

## Transportation

**EagleRider Motorcycle Rentals** - <http://www.eaglerider.com/>

**I-RIDE Trolley** - <http://www.iridetrolley.com/>

**Lyft** - <https://www.lyft.com/rider>

**MCA Transportation** - <http://mcatransportation.com/>

**Mears Transportation** - <http://www.mearstransportation.com/>

**Orlando Shuttle Service** - <https://www.orlandoshuttleservice.com/>

**Orlando Transportation** - <https://www.orlandoairporttransportation.info/>

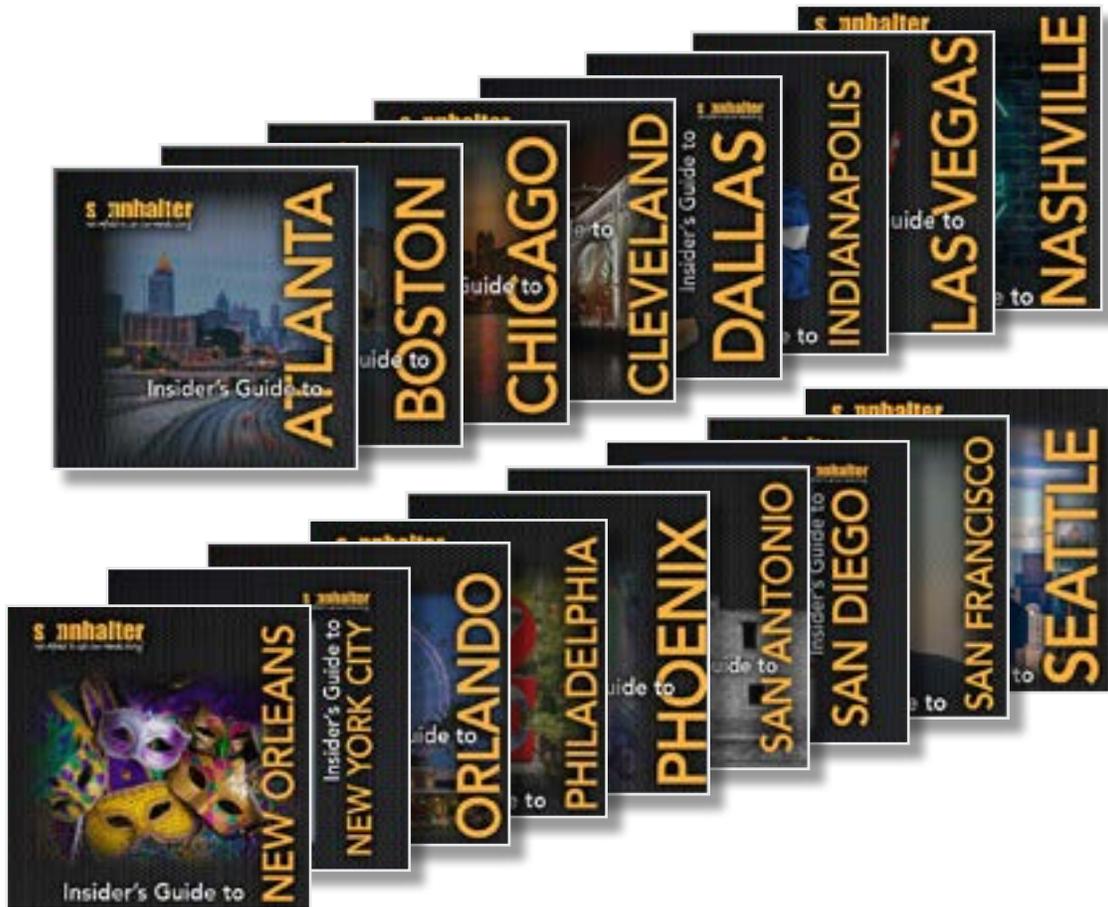
**SuperShuttle** - <https://www.supershuttle.com/locations/orlando-mco-sfb/>

**Uber** - <https://www.uber.com/>

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