



Cocoa Beach is within driving distance of Orlando, the home of APCO 2020.

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is a movie theater across the street from the premium outlets in the Artegon Marketplace.

Dezerland Action Park inside the Artegon Marketplace will house a car museum featuring cars from movies sets such as Austin Powers, Ghostbusters, Dukes of Hazzard and much more. Dezerland has additional activities such as a trampoline park, go-karts, carnival rides and bumper cars. The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the scheduled spring 2020 Dezerland opening. A new date had not been announced when this magazine went to press.

There are a number of other things to do along I-Drive such as putt-putt golf and the Magical Midway Thrill Park, which has the world's largest sling shot and starflyer. Fun Spot America, a local staple, has a multitude of rides and activities.

Icon Park, just a mile and a half from the convention center, offers entertainment such as the Orlando Eye and Madam Tussaud's. On the I-Drive side of Icon Park, you can enjoy a mind-bending experience at Ripley's Believe it or Not!

A tip from a local: the above locations are just a few that the I-Drive corridor has to offer so the competition is stiff. You can usually find coupons, Groupons or coupon codes to buy tickets online to these types of

A trip to Florida just isn't the same without a visit to the beach. Eight out of 25 of Trip Advisor's Top 25 Beaches in the United States are in Florida.

venues. Hotels sometimes have coupon books near their registration desks.

DINING

Numerous restaurants are scattered along the International Drive corridor. Even the pickiest palette can find something to satisfy its culinary desires. Most of the entertainment venues also have restaurants on their property to lure visitors in. If you're short on time, the traditional quick-dining restaurants and drive-thru restaurants are sprinkled throughout the area for a quick bite.

TRANSPORTATION

Rideshares and cabs are readily available, however, the I-Ride trolley is the easiest, least expensive way to move around the I-Drive corridor. For example, the ride from the convention center to the Premium Outlets is a mere \$2. You can obtain a schedule and

a price to your destination by visiting internationaldriveorlando.com.

STEPPING OUTSIDE THE I-DRIVE CORRIDOR

DINING

Orlando has lots of great small restaurants that are local favorites. For example, downtown Winter Park has many award-winning restaurants in a concentrated area. If you fancy authentic Asian food, Orlando has its own version of Chinatown with Thai, Vietnamese and Chinese among others. Viet Garden is an award-winning restaurant with a peanut sauce that will ruin all other peanut sauces you can ever try. The areas of Bumby/East Colonial, Edgewater Drive (College Park area), Mills Avenue area is primarily comprised of small, privately-owned restaurants that offer an impeccable meal at an affordable price.

For example, Beefy King has been a local favorite since 1968 and has a roast beef sandwich that locals wait in line for. If you're craving authentic Spanish or Cuban cuisine, head to the east side of the Orlando area for countless restaurants that will leave your taste buds crying for more.

Two minutes from International Drive in the area of Sand Lake Road and Turkey Lake