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SAVE
MONEY

ON YOUR ORLANDO VACATION

A traveler's savings guide, to help you keep more money in your pocket.

1. Bring snacks and water with you to the theme parks so you are not spending your money on little items that can be bought ahead of time for much cheaper. You could easily spend \$100 on snacks and food inside the theme parks, so pack snacks like juice boxes, small bottles of water, granola bars, cheese and crackers, and fruit.

2. Visit Restaurant.com and look for places that you may want to dine. In addition to getting things like a \$25 gift certificate for \$10, you can find coupons for the gift certificates, making them even cheaper (We have seen them as low as \$2 for a \$25 gift certificate). Check websites like couponcabin.com and dealcatcher.com, for 60%, 70%, and even 80% off of the price of the gift certificate!

3. Instead of a normal hotel room, consider a vacation home rental. You will get significantly more room, and it will be easier to prepare meals and relax. Plus, you often get other amenities like a pool and gaming systems for the children. Buy groceries when you first check-in, and eat breakfast and lunches at the rental home.



4. When you arrive, ask people around like the hotel staff and the companies that you are planning to visit if they have any specials or discounts currently going on.

5. Set budget limits ahead of time on souvenir spending with the children and yourself. Your children will be overwhelmed with the amount of goodies and souvenirs that they will come across while in the theme parks, so make sure that you stick to your guns and only spend what you budgeted for.

6. Consider other activities for arrival and departure days. Spending a few hours in the park might not be worth the price of full admission when you could be visiting free places like International Drive, CityWalk, Disney's Boardwalk and Downtown Disney. Relax on your arrival and departure days, because you will be walking a lot in warm weather for the rest of your stay.

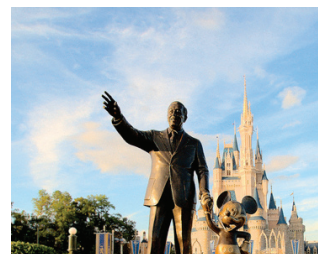
7. Look for I Love Orlando magazine, which contains many coupons and discounts. You can often find them in tourist area, restaurants and shopping malls.

8. Bring your film, batteries and sunscreen with you. It can be very expensive to buy convenience items at the theme parks. Remember to stock up on batteries, disposable cameras, and over-the-counter medications before you leave for your trip.

9. Consider purchasing an entertainment book for the discounts. Browse the vendors first to see if you will actually get value out of the purchase because it is area specific (you can't take it home with you after your vacation is over).

10. Register for a Buy Local Orlando card. It's free and encourages you to visit the local businesses in the Orlando area. Originally designed for Orlando residents, but the Mayor's Office was excited when they heard it would be promoted on this list for visitors as well.

11. If staying at Disney, **consider the Disney dining plan.** It straps you into eating within Disney property while you are visiting, but if that was what you were already planning on doing, it will save you money. Another quick tip: Reserve your dining as far ahead as you can (*up to 90 days if you are staying on Disney property*).



12. **Book an Orlando hotel with a refrigerator** to save on quick snacks and breakfast, which can add up over a week long trip. If you can't find a hotel or vacation rental with a full kitchen, upgrade to something with a small kitchenette to store food.

14. Remember that time is money. **Plan your day at the parks accordingly**, so that you can maximize your stay. For instance, most people watch the Shamu show at SeaWorld at the end of the day. To avoid large crowds, visit the show in the morning. Get an early start when visiting the theme parks. If you are staying on Disney property, take advantage of the special extended hours. You are entitled to visit the parks earlier and later than guests not staying on property.

15. If you are planning on visiting some attractions outside the major theme parks, **consider the Go Orlando Card**, which gives you entrance into over 40 attractions, plus discounts for dining and shopping, for one low fixed price.

16. **Print out your free Orlando Magic Card.** You get discounts on hotels, vacation homes, attractions and dining. If it's free, it's for me!

17. If you are staying off-property of Disney, Universal or others, **see if your hotel offers free shuttle service.** Parking at the resorts is expensive (\$12 and up per day), so if you can get free shuttle service to the resorts, it may be a factor in choosing your hotel as well.

13. If visiting Universal Studios, **consider the Universal Meal Deal.** For \$20, you can eat and drink all day.



18. **If you are doing grocery shopping while in Orlando, find a retail chain away from the tourist attractions to grocery shop.** Publix is Florida's most popular retail grocery store chain, and you can find everyday deals like "buy one, get one free" on many different items.



19. **Consider free souvenirs.** If you have really young kids or if you are into scrap booking, these free souvenirs are a great alternative to the over-priced ones you'll be bombarded with on a daily basis. Hotel room keys, napkins, park maps, tickets and items made at Epcot at the Kidcot centers throughout the park are great alternatives for bringing back a piece of your trip.

20. **Rent your vehicle with E-Z Rent-A-Car.** We know this is a shameless self plug, but we represent the only discount car rental provider located in terminal at the Orlando International Airport, and we offer more ways to save than with any other Orlando car rental company. We provide website exclusive coupons, and you can earn additional automatic discounts just for being a member of our car rental loyalty program.





