



WHAT CAN WE DO WHEN IT IS RAINING?

When it rains in Florida it doesn't tend to be for very long here, but if you're anything like me when I'm on vacation there's an exception....

DisneyQuest Interactive Indoor Theme Park, Downtown Disney, 1486 Lake Buena Vista Boulevard, Lake Buena Vista. (407) 939-7429

Masses of fun for all with five floors of state of the art cutting technology you can design your own rollercoaster, jump on a simulator and ride your own invention. Have you ever wanted to be a pinball? Now's your chance in The Mighty Ducks Pinball Slam. Full of Virtual Reality and 3D experiences. It almost makes you wish for rain.

Fantasy of Flight 1400 Broadway Boulevard, Polk City. (863) 984-3500

The History of flight in immersion experiences. North Hangar houses a selection from the vast private collection of vintage aircraft. Flight Simulators, daily tours and a restoration shop to explore.

Flying Tigers Warbird Restoration Museum, 231 North Hoagland Boulevard, Kissimmee. (407) 933-1942

Exhibits of military memorabilia, warfare aircraft, explanatory exhibits of the restoration process.

Orange County Regional History Center, 65 East Central Boulevard. (407) 836-8500

Four floors of exhibits of 12000 years of Florida History from the Seminole Indians to the present.

Orlando Fire Museum, Loch Haven Park, Orlando. (407) 898-3138

The Orlando 1926 Fire Station houses artifacts going back to 1885 including a ladder truck and a horse drawn steam engine.

Ripley's Believe It or Not! Orlando Odditorium, 8201 International Drive. (407) 363-4418

40 years of collecting the weird, the odd and the unexplicable, some of Ripley's treasures are housed in a property that they describe as "looks like it's sinking into one of Florida's infamous sinkholes!" Lots of exhibits and interactive fun.

Skyventure 6805 Visitors Circle. (407) 903-1150

Experience 120 mile an hour winds and learn to freefall skydive without a parachute.

Wonderworks, 9067 International Drive. (407) 351-8800

It's a topsy turvy world in a topsy turvy house where you can hang glide the Grand Canyon, play laser tag, experience earthquakes and hurricanes all in a house that's upside down.

Or perhaps you'd rather go shopping.....

The Shopping Experience - Discover the advantages of shopping in all the up-market shops & the discount outlet malls that other cities may have to offer without the disadvantage of weather problems, parking, and expensive hotels.

Just to give you an idea - there are eleven major malls and outlet centres in the Orlando area where you can find everything from 75% discounts on designer goods to up-market shopping at the Mall at Millenia where you can mingle with the fashionable residents of the area whilst you shop in major stores such as Bloomingdale's, Neiman Marcus and Macy's in luxurious surroundings. In addition to that there are outlet stores selling everything from trainers to major brand electronics at massive reductions; and four major fleamarkets that between them have 3000 vendors with merchandise offering savings of up to 75%.