

Travel Tips: Top 5 Things to Do in the Sunshine State



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We've got some [travel tips](#)! Are you thinking about a road trip to the Sunshine State? We've entered the Spring, but in a lot of areas of the country, it hasn't quite warmed up yet. Florida is the answer! Or if you're planning a family summer vacation, you might want to add one of these places to your must-visit list.

Travel Tips: Florida is a big state and has a lot of fun amusement parks, museums, and resorts, so we've picked the top five things to do in the Sunshine State:

1. Harry Potter World: Need we say more to fellow Potterheads? Embrace your inner wizard at Universal Studios Orlando. Dine at The Leaky Cauldron, get your own wand, and let yourself be chased by the dragon in the bottom of Gringotts. You can even taste butterbeer!

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2. The Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum: Are you a fan of literature? Located in Key West, the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum is a great place to visit for your trip to The Sunshine State. Ernest and his wife, Pauline, moved to Florida from France in April of 1928. It was in Key West that he wrote *A Farewell to Arms* in three weeks. While you're there, give love to some of the cats that still live on the property. That's right, there are about forty kitties at this museum. They're descendants of Ernest and Pauline's two six-toed cats.

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3. The National Aviation Museum: Located in Pensacola, this museum is dedicated to protecting aircraft from the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and The United States Coast Guard. It holds a collection of more than 150 aircraft such as the Que Sera Sera and Curtiss NC-4. Most of the aircraft is on loan to the museum from the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Here you can learn about the birth of naval aviation and it's role in aerospace research. It's sure to be fun, and you get to look at some really old planes!

4. Legoland Florida: Designed for kids 12 and under, take your kids for a fun day of activities in Legoland if you're on a family trip. Kids can learn how the lego bricks are made and let their creativity go crazy at this resort. There is a water park and kids can get breakfast with their favorite Lego character. You and your family are sure to have a creative, fun-filled day. (Just be sure to guard your feet if you get them a box of Legos to play with in the shop!)

5. Walt Disney World: How can we NOT mention Disney World? Head to this famous theme park with your kids. You don't even need to be a parent to have a reason to want to go to Disneyland, either. If you and your honey are fans, this is the perfect place for a romantic getaway too. But more specifically, you should visit the Magic Kingdom park, where Cinderella's infamous castle resides. Or, if you're feeling brave, hug a Stormtrooper and meet Chewbacca in the Star Wars Launch Bay!

Florida has a LOT of places to explore since it's such a large state. What are some places to visit that are on your top 5 to visit in The Sunshine State? Let us know in the comments below!