

# Out of Hours Orlando

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**INFORMEX takes place in Orlando, Florida for the first time in February next year. Out of Hours presents some suggestions on where visitors to the show can relax and enjoy themselves.**

## Where to eat

### WHITE WOLF CAFÉ

1829 North Orange Ave  
Orlando, FL 32804-6414  
Neighbourhood: Downtown Orlando  
Tel: (407) 895 9911  
Open: Mon 11am-4pm; Tues-Wed  
11am-10pm; Thurs-Sat 10am-11pm  
Cuisine: American  
*This is a popular restaurant offering good food in unusual surroundings, with stained-glass windows, hanging lamps and crockery as decoration. It also features live music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The menu gives a good choice, from vegetarian and low-calorie meals to lasagna, pizza and chicken dishes.*

### BARNEY'S STEAK & SEAFOOD

1615 East Colonial Drive  
Orlando, FL 32803-4803  
Neighbourhood: Downtown Orlando  
Tel: (407) 896 6864  
Open: Lunch: Mon-Fri 11.30am-4pm;  
Dinner: Mon-Thurs 5pm-9pm;  
Fri-Sat 5pm-10pm; Sun 4pm-9pm  
Cuisine: Steak & Barbecue, Fish &  
Seafood  
*A great restaurant for simple steak and seafood dishes. It's got agreeable décor too, with exposed brick walls and prints. Some of the most popular dishes are steak and lobster tail, prime rib, and salmon. These are complemented by a very good salad bar. A wide range of beers, spirits and wines are available from the bar.*

### GARGI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

1421 North Orange Ave  
Orlando, FL 32804-6410  
Neighbourhood: Downtown Orlando  
Tel: (407) 894 7907  
Open: Mon-Fri 11am-2pm;  
Mon-Sat 6pm-10pm  
Cuisine: Italian  
*If Italian is your favourite cuisine, Gargi's is the place for you. In its relaxed atmosphere you can*

*enjoy dishes such as soups and antipasto, chicken main courses, and spicy shrimp as a speciality. The desserts are highly recommended.*

## Where to drink

### THE BLUE ROOM

17 West Pine St  
Orlando, FL 32801-2611  
Neighbourhood: Downtown Orlando  
Tel: (407) 423 2588  
Open: Sun-Thurs 10pm-2.30am;  
Fri-Sat 10pm-3am  
*The entertainment in this bar combines pop music with fine art. The place attracts a youngish crowd and features today's popular music spun by DJs. There is a good range of beers, wines and spirits on offer, and you can buy the local artists' works that are on display. Worth a visit.*

### FRIDAY'S FRONT ROW SPORTS GRILL

8126 International Drive  
Orlando, FL 32819-9323  
Neighbourhood: International Drive  
Tel: (407) 363 1414  
Open: 11am-2am daily  
*Nuts about sport? Well, this is the place for you. The grill combines a two-storey restaurant with a truly massive bar that has more than 80 TVs, allowing you to watch your favourite sport in comfort. You can also indulge in some sporting activity yourself, such as playing pool, indoor basketball or playing on the arcade game machines. The restaurant's fare includes burgers, steaks, seafood specials, pasta and salads.*

### THE THIRSTY FISH

5601 Universal Blvd  
Orlando, FL 32819-7880  
Neighbourhood: Universal Studios  
Tel: (407) 503 1000  
Open: 5pm-1am daily  
*This bar is located in the Portofino Bay hotel at Universal Studios Escape, and overlooks the man-made bay in the middle of the hotel grounds. It has a relaxed atmosphere and is ideal for afternoon*

*cocktails or late-evening drinks. There is a light snack-style menu, but the main attraction is the excellent drinks selection.*

## Where to shop

### LAKE BUENA VISTA FACTORY STORES

15591 State Road 535  
Orlando, FL 32821  
Neighbourhood: Walt Disney World  
Tel: (407) 238 9301  
Open: Mon-Sat 10am-9pm;  
Sun 10am-6pm

*This shopping centre is just the place to visit if you're looking for a bargain. Prices are lower than in traditional retail outlets. Adidas, Reebok, Oneida, Samsonite, Osh Kosh B'Gosh and Sony are just some of the stores you will find here. There's also a good food court for when you need some sustenance.*

### SOUL TRAIN MUSIC

642 West Church St  
Orlando, FL 32805-2269  
Neighbourhood: Downtown Orlando  
Tel: (407) 422 3273  
Open: Mon-Thurs 9am-7pm;  
Fri-Sat 9am-9pm  
*This store has a fantastic selection of blues, reggae, gospel, R&B and dance music, as well as an excellent offering of videos. It's popular with local people as well as with tourists in the know. The music is mostly available on CD, but there's a good selection of vinyl too. Soul Train Music is also planning an e-shopping service, Store 24, which will offer more than 35,000 selections on-line.*

## Where to visit

### SEAWORLD ORLANDO

7007 Sea World Drive  
Orlando, FL 32821-8009  
Neighbourhood: International Drive  
Tel: (800) 327 2424  
Open: Daily at 9am; closing time varies by season  
*Sea World was one of the first theme parks to open in Orlando and has been running for more than 30 years. Situated on a 200-acre site, it features a wide range of entertainments and animal shows, and has always been one of the most popular attractions for visitors. Over the years the number of rides and other features have been greatly increased, the latest additions being a laser-fireworks-water extravaganza and several new high-tech thrill rides. Admission: Adults \$50, children aged 3-9 years \$41, children aged 2 years and under free.*

### SKYSCAPES BALLOON TOURS

5755 Cove Drive  
Orlando, FL 32812-2818  
Neighbourhood: Universal Studios  
Tel: (407) 856 4606  
Open: Flights by arrangement  
*Enjoy fantastic views of Orlando and surrounding areas with a balloon tour. Lakes, forests, villages and the city itself spread out before you. After the flight, you can enjoy a bottle of champagne and a picnic, and receive a flight certificate. Flights have to be arranged and the cost for the trip is \$350 for two people.*



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