

# eXtreme Orlando

**RIDES, SLIDES, GLIDES AND DIVES! TAKE A JOURNEY WITH US, AS WE LOOK AT THE MOST ADRENALINE PUMPING, THRILLING, FASTEST, HIGHEST RIDES AND EXPERIENCES IN ORLANDO.**

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## **SlingShot**

Magical Midway Amusement Park's Slingshot is the tallest catapult launch in the U.S. Brave passengers are flung 400 feet in the air at speeds up to 90 mph, that's faster than the Florida state speed limit. This ride is a crazy update of slingshot rides that operate using bungees. It features steel cables and an enormous magnet that, when released, catapults you into thin air.

## **iFly**

Skydivers freefall through the air at 120 mph in a vertical wind tunnel. You'll float on a cushion of air within feet of your instructor. By studying the same body movements that skydivers use, you can learn to perform aerobatic maneuvers. Beginners who might be apprehensive about airplanes and parachutes or a fear of heights will find that iFly is a great place to experience human flight, without jumping out of a plane. This thrilling attraction is even safe for children.

## **WonderWorks**

WonderWorks takes family fun to new heights with a new experience, Orlando's only indoor ropes course. Standing 36 feet tall, visitors will climb three stories of ropes as they encounter more than 20 different obstacles and activities; including a tire traverse, suspension bridges and swinging beams.

## **Downtown Disney Balloon Ride**

Climb up in the clouds like a bird and experience

spectacular views up to 10 miles away in this airy adventure. Characters in Flight is operated by Aéroophile and takes you up in a giant tethered balloon 400 feet above the Downtown Disney area. You'll get a 360-degree view of Walt Disney World Resort during your 8-10 minute ride.

## **Mauiva**

This small airplane tour is a great thrill for the whole family and will show you Orlando from above. Mauiva offers tours throughout Central Florida and showcases a variety of landscapes.

## **Rip Ride Rockit – Universal**

A perfect mixture of music and thrill, this coaster gives you a chance to select the soundtrack to your roller-coaster adventure. The best feature is that it's all recorded on video. Edit your adventure into a music video, and buy a copy to take home or send to your friends. Orlando's most personalized roller coaster also features several exciting, "never been done" elements, including the world's first non-inverting loop.

## **Everest – Disney's Animal Kingdom**

Passengers climb aboard a railway car for an adventure bound for Mount Everest. Your trek across the treacherous terrain of the towering Forbidden Mountain begins with a few scenic twists and turns then sets out on an ascent toward the summit. At one point plunging into darkness. In a race to escape the Yeti, you'll love trying to "conquer" Everest.