

EXPLORE ORLANDO at the WORLD CONGRESS of GASTROENTEROLOGY @ACG2017



OCTOBER 13-18
ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER
ORLANDO, FLORIDA, USA



LOOK INSIDE! MORE ABOUT THE MEETING
and WHAT TO DO AND SEE in Orlando.



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WORLD CONGRESS of GASTROENTEROLOGY @ACG2017

Join colleagues from across the Americas and around the world at the World Congress of Gastroenterology (WCOG) at ACG2017. WCOG returns to the USA after more than 20 years, and beautiful Orlando, Florida, is our host city. The theme-park capital of the world, you'll find numerous family-friendly activities in the area.



GETTING TO ORLANDO

Getting to Orlando is easy. The Orlando International Airport has 800 flights per day and is serviced by 40 airlines. It offers non-stop service to 34 international destinations, including Bogota, Santiago, San Salvador, Rio de Janeiro, Mexico City, Frankfurt, London, Dublin, Glasgow, and more.



INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Attendees of the World Congress at ACG 2017 can plan their visit to Florida via visitflorida.com. In addition to English, the site is available in Deutsch, Espanol, Francais, Portugues, and Chinese.

Your **ADVENTURE BEGINS** in **ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

Attendees of the World Congress at ACG2017 will find much to do and see in the Orlando, Florida area.

Orlando is home to Walt Disney World®, Epcot®, Universal Studios Florida®, SeaWorld® Orlando, and more. In addition to theme parks, visitors to Orlando will find a number of outdoor and sports attractions, as well as art museums and shopping.

WALT DISNEY WORLD®

Walt Disney World is just a short drive from the Orange County Convention Center and area hotels. Attendees can enjoy a wide variety of attractions at Walt Disney World's four theme parks: Magic Kingdom®, Disney's Animal Kingdom®, Epcot®, and Disney's Hollywood Studios, plus two water parks, Disney's Typhoon Lagoon and Disney's Blizzard Beach. Whether you are a Disney movie fan or not, you can't help but smile seeing the many movie characters that have made millions of people laugh for decades. New at Disney is Disney Springs, where you can enjoy shopping, dining and entertainment with your family.

Here are just a few of the highlights of each of the Walt Disney World Theme Parks. Each park includes rides and attractions.

Magic Kingdom®

Cinderella's Castle
Enchanted Tales with Belle
Meet Merida at Fairytale Garden

Disney's Hollywood Studios

Star Wars Launch Bay
Star Wars - Path of the Jedi
Jedi Training: Trials of the Temple
Toy Story Mania
For the First Time in Forever:
A Frozen Sing-Along Celebration

Epcot

11 country pavilions Mexico, Norway, China, Germany, Italy, Japan, Morocco, France, United Kingdom, Canada, and the U.S.A.
Meet Frozen characters at Royal Sommerhus
Jeweled Dragon Acrobats
Mission: SPACE
The Seas with Nemo and Friends

Disney's Animal Kingdom

Dino-Sue
Discovery Island Trails
Conservation Station
Humunga Kowabunga
Kilimanjaro Safaris



UNIVERSAL STUDIOS FLORIDA® AND UNIVERSAL'S ISLANDS OF ADVENTURE®

Ever dream that you could experience all the action you see in your favorite movie or TV show? You can when you visit Universal Orlando®, the number one movie and TV-based theme park in the world. Fans can enjoy such rides and attractions as Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts™, Despicable Me Minion Mayhem, E.T. Adventure®, Shrek 4-D, The Simpsons Ride, Terminator 2®: 3-D, Transformers: The Ride-3D, and more. In addition, there are more than 50 dining options, including character dining. At Universal's Islands of Adventure®, you'll find the newest attraction, Skull Island, plus Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey, Jurassic Park River Adventure®, The Incredible Hulk Coaster®, The Amazing Adventures of Spider Man®, and more.



SEAWORLD®

Even though Orlando is miles from ocean waters, you can still explore the greatest creatures of the sea with a visit to SeaWorld®. Popular rides and attractions include Dolphin Cove and the Dolphins Up-Close Tour, Antartica: Empire of the Penguin®, Shark Encounter®, and Shamu® Underwater Viewing. Plus, learn about SeaWorld's efforts in animal care and rescue, as well as conservation.

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

No theme park can beat the thrill of the Kennedy Space Center. This is NASA's launch headquarter, and all NASA human space flights have taken place from the Kennedy Space Center since 1968. It's about an hour's drive from Orlando, so visit the Kennedy Space Center and take a tour to get an up-close view of the launch pad, the launch control center, the vehicle assembly building, and a history of Cape Canaveral, past and present.



MORE OF WHAT TO DO AND SEE IN ORLANDO

If a theme park isn't the adventure you seek, no problem. Orlando offers numerous art museums, shopping excursions, outdoor adventures, and of course, golf. There are more than 170 golf courses within an hour's distance from Orlando to choose from.



EXPLORING More of FLORIDA

Extending your stay in Florida and want to know **more of what there is to do and see in the Sunshine State?**

If you are looking for attractions within driving distance of Orlando, you can also visit **CENTRAL FLORIDA** locations such as **Daytona Beach**, home of the Daytona International Speedway, which is **approximately 50 miles away**. A little farther, at approximately **100 miles**, but still a short driving distance, is **St. Augustine, Florida**; one of the oldest and most historic cities of Florida. Founded in 1565, St. Augustine is the start of the Old Spanish Trail Transcontinental Highway, which connects Old Spanish colonial towns across the U.S. If all you want to do is hit the beach, within **approximately 60 miles** driving distance from Orlando are the beaches of **Space Coast**, home of the Kennedy Space Center. Beaches on Space Coast include Cocoa Beach, Melbourne Beaches, Palm Bay and Titusville.

Other regions of Florida include **Northwest Florida, Northeast Florida, Southeast Florida, and Southwest Florida**.





Northwest

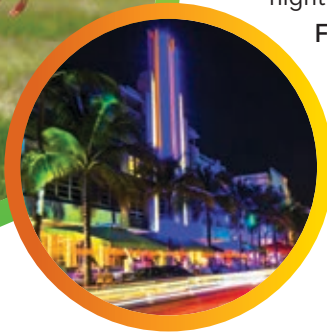
NORTHWEST FLORIDA

The panhandle of Florida and on the Gulf side, Northwest Florida includes destinations such as **Pensacola**, **Tallahassee** and **Panama City**. Also referred to as the **Emerald Coast**, Northwest Florida features numerous beaches and resorts.

Northeast

NORTHEAST FLORIDA

Back on the Atlantic side of Florida, popular destinations include **Jacksonville** and **Gainesville**. Jacksonville is the first major city as you enter Florida from the North. In addition to enjoying numerous beaches, Jacksonville also offers the **Intercoastal Waterway**, as well as a number of marshes and lakes to explore. Gainesville, Florida, is inland and about a **90 minute drive** from Orlando or Jacksonville. It offers numerous outdoor activities on one of the many lakes and rivers in the region.



Southeast

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

Located in Southeast Florida are popular cities like **Miami**, **Key Largo**, **West Palm Beach**, and the **Florida Keys**. Approximately **250 miles** from Orlando, you can take a quick flight from Orlando to **Miami** to enjoy Miami's dynamic nightlife. From Miami, rent a car and drive down **Highway 1** to visit the **Florida Keys**. Vast ocean waters surrounding the Keys make Florida one of the top fishing destinations in the world. Your trip down Highway 1 ends in **Key West**, the Southernmost point in the continental U.S. If you want to explore the **Everglades National Park**, you'll find it south of Miami. In the Everglades, you can find camping, hiking and canoeing trails, ranger-guided programs and bird watching.

Southwest

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Want to explore the Gulf side of Florida? Drive west from Orlando to **Tampa**, **St. Petersburg**, or farther south to **Ft. Myers** or **Naples**. You'll find numerous beaches along Southwest Florida's coast, many of which are considered some of the finest in the U.S. The **Tampa/St. Petersburg** area is within driving distance, at **106 miles**. Explore Florida's Southwest region by car and drive down the coast to **Naples**, which is **approximately 200 miles** from Orlando.



THE WORLD OF GI MEETS IN ORLANDO for the **WORLD CONGRESS of GASTROENTEROLOGY @ACG2017**

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CLINICAL UPDATES

delivered by international and U.S. experts



CONNECT WITH COLLEAGUES

from the Americas and around the world



DISCUSS GLOBAL HEALTH ISSUES

and ways to work together to improve outcomes



HONE YOUR TECHNICAL SKILLS

at hands-on endoscopy sessions

PRELIMINARY AGENDA*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00 am - 12:30 pm	Pathophysiology Course
7:00 am - 4:30 pm	Practice Management Course
7:30 am - 3:30 pm	Endoscopy Course
1:45 pm - 5:00 pm	What's New in GI Pharmacology Course

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:50 am - 5:00 pm	Postgraduate Course
10:00 am - 10:30 am	ACG's David Sun Lecture
12:20 pm - 1:35 pm	Optional Learning Luncheons (pre-registration and ticket required)
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm	GI Jeopardy - See GI Fellows compete for the Jeopardy Cup!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:50 am - 5:00 pm	Postgraduate Course
12:20 pm - 1:35 pm	Optional Learning Luncheons (pre-registration and ticket required)
3:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Opens
3:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Hands-on Endoscopy Workshop Center
3:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Scientific Poster Sessions
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Opening Welcome Reception

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:30 am - 7:45 am	Optional Breakfast Sessions (pre-registration and ticket required)
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Presidential Plenary Session 1 - Free Paper/Abstract Presentations
9:00 am - 9:30 am	ACG's Presidential Address
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Presidential Plenary Session 2 - Free Paper/Abstract Presentations
10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Break - Visit the Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Simultaneous Symposia 1
12:45 pm - 2:15 pm	Lunch Break - Visit the Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
2:15 pm - 2:45 pm	<i>The American Journal of Gastroenterology</i> Lecture
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	WGO's Presidential Address
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	WGO's Bockus Lecture
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Break - Visit the Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Simultaneous Plenary 1 - Free Paper/Abstract Presentations
5:00 pm - 6:15 pm	Simultaneous Symposia 2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:45 am - 8:15 am	Optional Breakfast Sessions (pre-registration and ticket required)
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Simultaneous Plenary Session 2 - Free Paper/Abstract Presentations
10:10am - 10:45 am	ACG's J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecture
10:30 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
10:45am - 11:45 am	Break - Visit the Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	Simultaneous Symposia 3
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Lunch Break - Visit the Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Simultaneous Plenary Session 3 - Free Paper/Abstract Presentations
3:40 pm - 4:10 pm	ACG's Emily Couric Memorial Lecture
3:40 pm - 4:10 pm	WGO's Brohee Lecture
4:10 pm - 5:00 pm	Break - Visit the Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
5:00 pm - 6:15 pm	Simultaneous Symposia 4

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:45 am - 8:15 am	Optional Breakfast Sessions (pre-registration and ticket required)
8:30 am - 10:15 am	Simultaneous Plenary Session 4 - Free Paper/Abstract Presentations
10:20 am - 10:55 am	ACG's David Y. Graham Lecture
11:00 am - 12:15 pm	Simultaneous Symposia 5

*Times subject to change

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