

ORLANDO

THE LIST

LIVE LIKE A LOCAL AND CHECK OUT THESE ESSENTIAL GEMS AND INSIDER FAVORITES



● **11th Annual Orlando Cabaret Festival** The intimate Mad Cow Theater just moved into new downtown digs, right in time for the nation's largest annual cabaret extravaganza, where Broadway, jazz, comedy and pop heavyweights will do their thing from April 25 to May 12. orlandocabaret.com



● **Cask & Larder** Pig out and order a whole-smoked-suckling-pig (comes with sides and dessert) at Winter Park's casual new brewpub, where snout-to-tail cooking has a Southern twist. Along with classics like mac and cheese and waffle fries are delights such as boar stew and roasted bone marrow. caskandlarder.com



● **Senses Spa** Disney sprinkles its fairy dust on a new, more relaxing kind of experience. Senses, its new spa, is a 15-room facility where treatments begin with "elixirs" and conclude with a "jelly" treatment themed to relaxation, renewal or imagination. disneyworld.com/spas



● **Adjectives Market** Some call it Etsy with walls—this new take on the junktique concept has become Orlando's hottest shopping destination. More than 80 stalls on two levels sell wares ranging from weathered wooden trunks to Coke memorabilia; wall art to antique linens. adjectivesmarket.com



● **The Imperial Wine Bar & Beer Garden** By day, Washburn Imports sells Asian and Polynesian furniture. After dark, a side entrance opens under the name The Imperial, a mellow lounge where guests sip Calera pinot noir and Hoppin' Frog stout on weathered benches and stacks of colorful pillows—all for sale. imperialwinebar.com

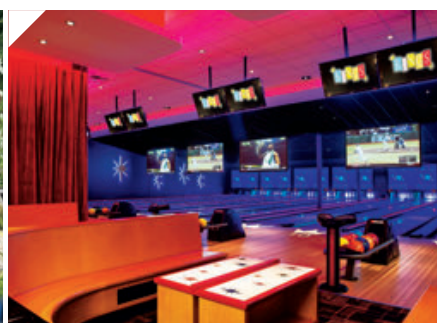


● **Chocolate Kingdom Factory Adventure Tour** It's like Willy Wonka with an educational twist: learn how cacao beans become candy bars at this new Kissimmee museum, where tours led by princes and dragons keep the theme, along with a river of chocolate, antique machinery and DIY confection. chocolatekingdom.com

● **New Fantasyland** Disney World's Fantasyland has been completely revamped, and now three towering castles cascade along the promenade: The Beast's palace featuring the scratch-fare, French-ish Be Our Guest restaurant; the Little Mermaid-themed Under the Sea ride beneath the turrets and spires of Prince Eric's regal abode; and Cinderella's castle, a classic. Look next for The Seven Dwarfs Mine Train and a fairy princess gathering spot. disneyworld.com



● **Jazz'n Blues Stroll** Even if you can't make it to Harry P. Leu Gardens' mellow musical lineup on April 13 (bring a picnic!), visit anytime to stroll the 50-acre property's flowers and trees. You'll spot 50 types of azaleas, 50 kinds of bamboo, 2,000 camellias, and areas dedicated to roses, butterflies, citrus, herbs and ornamentals. leugardens.org



● **Kings Bowl America** Providing a new spin on nightlife, Kings brings a high-energy bowling/dining/dancing mix to Orlando with a shiny new 22-line complex. Indulge your inner gramps with bocce ball, shuffleboard and billiards, or get down with a DJ and pour-your-own beer taps. kingsorlando.com

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