

# The Grove Resort & Spa Orlando Opens

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*All-suite destination resort just minutes from Walt Disney World® opens first phase with initial taste of accommodations, recreation and dining amenities; distinctive location helps create new type of hotel experience in Orlando, Florida*

**ORLANDO, FLA (March 13, 2017)**--- [The Grove Resort & Spa Orlando](#) opened its first phase on Friday, March 10, 2017 as an expansive, 106-acre destination hotel just minutes from Walt Disney World®. Set on Lake Austin, amid a portion of Central Florida's conservation grounds, The Grove launched with 184 of its 878 residential-style suites that help simplify family and group travel. Spacious accommodations that span up to nearly 1,600 square feet are matched with a standout amenity package that will roll out in stages. Opening with three swimming pools, a spa, fitness center, two bars and lounges, a large-scale grab-and-go, a lakefront pier with watersports, and a children's game room, The Grove will grow to also include a variety of other dining options and an on-site water park with a dual rider surf simulator, winding lazy river, and multiple water slides.

Uniquely located only three miles from Walt Disney World® Resort's Western Way entrance, The Grove is the first hotel of its kind to open on the booming west side of Disney. The Grove's lakefront setting blends with a natural marsh and wooded landscape to offer an unexpected retreat from the fast pace of neighboring theme parks and area activities, including Magic Kingdom® Park, Animal Kingdom® Park, Epcot®, Disney's Hollywood Studios®, ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, SeaWorld Orlando®, Universal Orlando®, shopping, dining, and entertainment at Disney Springs, as well as LEGOLAND® Florida (Winter Haven). Luxury shopping is also located nearby, with stores such as Gucci, Valentino, Bottega Veneta, and more.

"The opening of The Grove Resort & Spa Orlando helps launch the next phase for the neighborhood just west of Walt Disney World," said Bill Lee, The Grove's general manager. "This previously under developed area is blossoming into what will be a new district of entertainment, accommodations, and recreation for the nearly 70 million people who visit Orlando annually. It's an exciting moment for us to be the first destination resort to usher in that new era."

Myriad activities and residential style accommodations establish The Grove as a destination of its own, building on the benefits of the resort's prime location near many of the city's top attractions. Generously sized one, two, and three bedroom suites – each dressed in hues and materials that draw inspiration from The Grove's natural surroundings – provide all the comforts of home with oversized floorplans that range between 1,264 square feet (117 square meters) and 1,544 square feet (143 square meters). Each features a living and dining area, full kitchen, up to three bathrooms, a screened balcony, and a full-size washer and dryer.

The Grove unveiled the first portion of its amenity package on opening day. Guests arriving through the spring season will be the first to enjoy the resort's full-service Escape Spa and fitness center; three swimming pools with ample space for both play and relaxation; watersports, paddleboats, and fishing at Lake Austin Pier; traditional cocktail favorites and signature citrus-inspired creations at Zest lobby bar; an elegant, modern atmosphere, live entertainment, and a libation menu featuring craft cocktails and craft beer at Element lounge; and a selection of hot and cold self-serve food, gelato and ice cream, a barista bar, a deli with fresh-cut Boar's Head meats and made-to-order sandwiches, as well as grocery-style items ideal for stocking the in-room kitchen, at Alfresco Market.

Association, incentive, and corporate meetings, as well as social events, will find a home at The Grove Resort & Spa. With 6,000 square feet of flexible indoor space, and poolside, lawn, and garden alfresco venues for intimate meetings or large groups, the resort accommodates up to 250 people with on-site catering and audiovisual support available.

The resort's 221-seat, indoor/outdoor restaurant, Valencia, will arrive in October 2017. There, guests will dine on Spanish, Italian, and Mediterranean-inspired dishes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The poolside

Springs Bar & Grill, serving traditional bites such as hamburgers, chicken wings, and stone brick oven pizzas – all made with fresh, in-season, and locally grown ingredients – will open at the same time.

In early 2018, the on-site Surfari Water Park will take center stage for families with its interactive water structure, multiple slides, more than 725 feet of lazy river, and a dual rider surf simulator. Also on deck: an indoor entertainment area and Longboard Bar & Grill, an additional poolside eatery located at Surfari Water Park. Additional guest suites are expected to open in summer 2017.

### **About The Grove Resort & Spa Orlando**

The Grove Resort & Spa Orlando opened its first phase in March 2017 as an expansive 106-acre hotel destination located just minutes from the west entrance of Walt Disney World®. Set on Lake Austin and amid a portion of Central Florida's conservation grounds, the resort is a sanctuary from the boisterous pace of the outside world, neighboring theme parks, luxury shopping, and entertainment centers. The Grove launched with 184 of its 878 residential-style suites with full kitchens, full-size washers and dryers, multiple bathrooms, and screened patios that offer guests all the comforts of home, while the resort's hearty collection of amenities deliver the luxuries of a full-service resort. Guests currently enjoy three swimming pools, a selection of watersports at The Grove's Lake Austin Pier, the intimate Escape Spa, fitness center, and a children's game room, as well as food and drink options that include the large-scale grab-and-go-style Alfresco Market, Element and Zest lounges. 6,000 square feet of flexible space is available for weddings, family reunions, and other meetings and special events. Additional amenities will open later this year, including the three meal-a-day Valencia restaurant and the poolside Springs Bar & Grill, as well as added guest accommodations. The Grove's signature Surfari Water Park with an interactive water structure with multiple slides, a lazy river stretching more than 725 feet, and a dual rider surf simulator, as well as its own poolside eatery, Longboard Bar & Grill, are planned for early 2018.

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