



# TRAVEL OUR VIRTUAL HIGHWAY FLORIDA AT A GLANCE

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## CINDERELLA'S CASTLE GETTING A MAKEOVER

Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida is giving Cinderella's Castle a makeover. The timing relates to the 70th anniversary of Disney's animated classic movie Cinderella, and just in time to celebrate the golden anniversary of the Magic Kingdom in 2021. Large portable cranes instead of scaffolding,

are being used to perform the work so visitors can still enjoy the castle, which is a backdrop to most of the park. The new color scheme with brighter blue turrets and golden touches will make this iconic center-piece more magical than ever. **Learn more at [www.mickeyblog.com](http://www.mickeyblog.com)**

## ORANGES FOR THE NATION

Florida is the largest producer of oranges in the United States, only second in the world to Brazil. First introduced into our country by Christopher Columbus in 1493, 74M orange trees now make up the lower two-thirds of the state, growing on about 569,000 acres. There are 600+ varieties of oranges in the world with two of Floridian's favorites being Naval and Valencia. **Learn more at [www.flcitrusmutual.com](http://www.flcitrusmutual.com)**



## The Sunshine State



- » 27th State on March 3, 1845
- » 4th populated at 19.6M
- » Florida means Feast of Flowers
- » State bird is the Mockingbird
- » Averages 240 sunny days!

## The Florida Keys

- » 800 keys stretching 180+ miles
- » 42 bridges connect all the keys
- » Conchs are island natives
- » Key West is the southernmost point of the Continental US
- » Home to 11 K2Mrs!



## FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

On a trip to Kissimmee to watch my nephew play college baseball I stumbled upon what looked to me like a Frank Lloyd Wright building. Indeed it was! And not just one. Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL has the largest single-site collection of structures designed by Frank Lloyd Wright – 13 to be exact.

Wright is referred to as the father of American Architecture. His organic philosophy of connecting the built environment with nature grew into a movement know as Prairie School architecture. His iconic architecture can be identified by its low roof lines, strong horizontal elements, geometric shapes, with materials and colors found in nature. The sun with its shadows cast throughout a day are playful surprises found in Wright's buildings.

Designed and built during the Great Depression, the College President hired students to construct the buildings in exchange for an education. The restored Annie Pfeiffer Chapel is a living example of Wright's philosophy. The "compressed" entrance with its low ceilings and narrow walkway is "released" into the sanctuary where colorful reflections from the stained glass windows dance around the walls. [Learn more at www.flsouthern.edu](http://www.flsouthern.edu)



The Florida Everglades is the only place on earth that alligators and crocodiles live together. Alligators have a wide, U-shaped snout, while crocodiles have a pointed, V-shaped snout and show their 4th tooth. Alligators hang out in fresh water marshes and lakes, while crocs live in saltwater habitats. [Learn more at www.nps.gov/ever](http://www.nps.gov/ever)

## FLORIDIAN WORD SEARCH

*I have worked in many different markets during my 30 year career as an architect, but Senior Living is my passion. As we are all adjusting to our temporary confinement I want to invite you to travel the road with me and explore some of America's best features. Starting in Florida, we will visit a new state each week, touring the sites and meeting the people who helped shape them. Next week is NC!*

*Stay encouraged,  
Becky*



**K2M** DESIGN

EVERGLADES	C	B	Y	K	M	Z	P	D	T	Z	E	C	H	L	O	T	C	Y	X	I
MOCKINGBIRD	S	U	B	M	U	L	O	C	R	E	H	P	O	T	S	I	R	H	C	G
ORANGES	N	A	M	K	R	X	U	X	P	I	E	C	S	G	C	K	O	U	D	W
PALM TREE	I	A	L	O	S	D	O	A	A	S	B	E	G	V	O	J	C	P	L	S
NASA	B	J	S	L	F	E	L	M	U	H	W	G	J	M	D	I	O	W	R	M
ALLIGATOR	V	N	O	A	I	M	G	O	S	Y	F	S	N	D	O	O	D	R	O	C
CROCODILE	V	M	A	D	T	G	M	N	E	C	X	E	G	I	Z	U	I	C	W	Z
SUNSHINE	E	J	I	R	O	Y	A	K	A	P	S	H	M	V	K	X	L	Z	Y	P
BEACHES	Z	L	E	R	E	V	S	T	F	R	T	C	T	Q	K	C	E	H	E	U
KEY WEST	X	E	T	K	D	W	B	O	O	H	O	A	H	N	W	G	O	P	N	J
FLOWERS	A	W	C	T	F	L	O	W	E	R	S	E	D	J	F	X	I	M	S	C
MICKEY MOUSE	D	I	V	E	N	I	H	S	N	U	S	B	P	F	L	L	N	S	I	L
DISNEY WORLD	M	E	V	E	R	G	L	A	D	E	S	D	Q	S	N	A	Y	F	D	E
	V	G	K	I	I	E	J	M	D	E	N	T	I	V	Y	O	X	M	L	A