

# Titusviii≋ Discover ICONIC STOPS & Unforgettable Memory-Making Fun.

(1) Orlando Theme Parks | There are plenty of places in Orlando where dreams come true, and when you stay in Titusville you can get to any of them in about an hour. That's WALT DISNEY WORLD and EPCOT, UNIVERSAL ORLANDO RESORT and SEAWORLD, to name just a few. It's a small world (and a short drive) after all. Magic Kingdom: 3111 World Drive (28.385062, -81.563693), **Epcot:** 2 Avenue of the Stars (28.375382, -81.5495). **Universal:** 6000 Universal Blvd. (28.47306,-81.461958). **SeaWorld:** 7007 Sea World Drive (28.411194, -81.461739)

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**3** De Leon Springs State Park | Another crowd-pleaser, with crystal-clear waters and plenty of old Florida trails to explore. Is the fountain of youth here? Only time will tell. 601 Ponce Deleon Blvd, De Leon Springs, FL 32130, (29.132780784862906, -81.36112203809385)

(4) Daytona International Speedway | Home to the world-famous Daytona 500, the most prestigious race in NASCAR. Features the Richard Petty Driving Experience for those of you with the "need for speed." Head North on I-95. (29.184869, -81.07075)

(5) Ponce Inlet Lighthouse | You may elect to brave the 203 steps to the top of the 175 foot tower. Beautifully preserved and maintained, the lighthouse is open daily, Hours vary by season, check website for visiting tips and admission details. www.ponceinlet.org 4931 South Peninsula Drive, Ponce Inlet (29.080559, -80.92809)

(6) New Smyrna Beach | This beautiful city allows vehicles to drive on the beach in some areas. Continue into town for shopping and dining. Visitors Bureau: 2238 FL-44, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168 (29.01260362301689, -80.95780826006947)

(7) Turtle Mound | Castle Windy | Seminole Rest | Three ancient shell middens are nearby at Canaveral National Seashore. Turtle Mound is the largest shell mound in the nation, standing over 50 feet high and composed of over 35,000 cubic yards of shell. Castle Windy stretches 300 feet along the shores of the Mosquito Lagoon. Seminole Rest includes a half mile wheelchair accessible trail and two historic turn-of-the-century houses. Follow Florida history on Facebook.com/FloridaHistoricalSociety. Turtle Mound Trailhead (28.930458, -80.825641), Castle Windy (28.8985, -80.8035), Seminole Rest Trailhead (28.909432, -80.818647).

(8) Haulover Canal & Manatee Observation Deck | Part of the Intracoastal Waterway, this mile-long canal connects Mosquito Lagoon with the Indian River. Don't miss the Manatee Observation Deck, on the northeast side of the bridge. During warmer water months, this is a favorite spot for manatees to linger. There are various access points on both sides. The northwest side offers some great soft launch sites for kayak and paddleboards during daytime hours (commercial permitted activity after dark). To find Haulover Canal, continue past the entrance to Black Point Wildlife Drive to end of road, go left 4.5 miles to drawbridge. (28.737637, -80.754674)

(9) White Sands Buddhist Center | Slow down. Breathe. Experience a different path than you may be accustomed to walking. Open dawn to dusk, beautiful, peaceful White Sands features the three largest granite statues of Buddha in the state of Florida. All are welcome. Tours are available by request and should be arranged prior to arrival. The public is invited to meditation services, given in English and Vietnamese, every Sunday morning 10 AM. 4640 Knost Dr, Mims (28.725554, -80.883817)

(10) Little Big Econ State Forest | You can have some "little big" fun here. Named as one of the country's most family-friendly hikes by the American Hiking Society, enjoy pine flatwoods, scrub, sandhill and oak-palm hammocks along the Econlockhatchee River. 1350 Snow Hill Road. Geneva, FL 32732-9054 (28.68555285940055, -81.11591762024129)

(11) The Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Cultural Center | The compound features a civil rights museum and a replica of the Moore family home, a poignant view into civil rights history. The Moores, leading local and national civil rights activists, were killed in 1951 when a bomb exploded under their home, making them the first martyrs of the contemporary civil rights movement. The park promotes awareness of their contributions and to preserving African American history. 3210 Jefferson St, Mims (28.663147, -80.846307)

(12) Playalinda Beach | Playalinda is called one of the most beautiful beaches in the U.S. It is part of the 24 miles of Canaveral National Seashore, the longest stretch of undeveloped beach on Florida's East Coast. Sea turtles love it too. For best wheelchair access, Stop #8 (parking spots are right next to the ramp and the incline is slight compared to the other ramps) and Eddy Creek (has a similar boardwalk, but you must park across the street). (Small entrance fee.) On SR 406/ SR 402 (Beach Road)

(13) Jungle Adventures | Float on the Green Gator River aboard the Jungle Swamp Queen River Boat and check out the Gator Jamboree Feeding where guides hand feed the gators. Authentic Florida fun. 26205 East Colonial Drive Christmas (28.539331, -80.976946)

(14) Airboats on the St Johns | Glide through the marshes and into the cypress forest, while observing wildlife in their natural habitat, including potential sightings of Florida alligators. You may also see bald eagles, otters, roseate spoonbills, blue herons and more, as well as herds of cows living in harmony with their wilder brothers and sisters. 28501 East Colonial Dr. Christmas (28.544167, -80.933577) stjohnsairboatour.com • airboatridesatmidway.com

(15) Dixie Crossroads | World-renowned and locally owned, Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant has been in the Thompson family for decades. Founder Rodney Thompson helped launch the rock shrimp industry and invented the tool needed to crack the hard shells and serve the delicacy, still a signature dish. 1475 Garden Street Titusville (28.615017, -80.820329)

(16) Space View Park | The park is the first and only walk in the nation that honors America's astronauts as well as the men and women behind the scenes who helped lead the world in space exploration. Walk through a history of space, compare your handprints to those of astronauts. The park is right on the river, less than 15 miles from the launch pads, so pack a picnic and enjoy the view. 100-198 Indian River Ave, Titusville (28.614279, -80.80582)

(17) **Kennedy Space Center** | This is the real deal. Here you can stand beside the Space Shuttle Atlantis, displayed as only astronauts have seen her in space, and rotated 43.21 degrees with payload doors open and Canadarm extended, Atlantis is surrounded by more than 60 interactive exhibits that help tell the story of NASA's 30-year Space Shuttle Program. Visit Gateway, featuring visionary designs that will help humans travel to deep space. Heroes & Legends illustrates what it's like to be a hero through the experiences of pioneering astronauts. You may even meet one. (28.52527. -80.67998)

(18) Apollo / Saturn V Center | Get close to the gigantic Saturn V. Experience the wonder of Project Apollo from the days leading up to the first launch to the moon landing that followed. Visit the Firing Room Theater, Lunar Module 9, and explore the Moon like our astronauts did (Lunar Theater), see legendary artifacts in the Apollo Treasures Gallery. Access is at KSC Visitor Complex: Behind the Gates: Kennedy Space Center Bus Tour. (28.605411, -80.66961)

(19) Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) | So huge that you can actually see it from downtown Titusville, the VAB was built in the early 1960s to house Saturn V rockets of the Apollo Program and later for Space Shuttle launch configuration, and now being used to support Artemis and the Space Launch System. At 3,664,883 cubic meters (129,428,000 cubic feet) it is one of the largest buildings in the world by volume. See it for yourself as part of the Kennedy Space Center Behind the Gates tour that gives you access to the restricted areas of KSC. (28.585686, -80.650971)

20 Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum | With close to 50 historic warbirds in the collection, the Valiant Air Command Warbird Air Museum lets you immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of vintage civilian and military aircraft and memorabilia. The on-site museum is open Wed-Sun 9 AM – 5 PM. From SR 405, take Tico Road into the Space Coast Regional Airport and follow the signs. Space Coast Regional Airport, 6600 Tico Road, Titusville (28.51876, -80.79414)

(21) Sams House at Pine Island Conservation Area | Step back in time, and see how a Florida pioneer family lived when there were a lot more mosquitoes and no air conditioning. The oldest standing home in the area, they floated this cabin up the Indian River Lagoon in 1878. A larger, two-story home was built onsite in 1888 (special tour hours). Interactive history exhibits and a trail through the woods are proven favorites with kids. 6195 N Tropical Trail. Merritt Island (28.47298, -80.718726)

(22) Cape Canaveral Lighthouse | The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse stands 151 feet tall and was originally built in 1868. The lighthouse is on the Canaveral Air Force Station, so to visit you must book one of the tours, including small van tours from Canaveral Tours. www.canaverallighthouse.tours/details (28.460311, -80.54348)

Port Canaveral/Jetty Park | This is a working port with much to see, and featuring Jetty Park which offers camping and cabins. It's directly on the Atlantic Ocean and a great spot to watch the big ships come and go, just hang out on the beach. try your hand at surfing or go fishing from the long pier. Hit the Cove Dining District for fun dining and more at water's edge. (28.406331, -80.593622)

Westgate Cocoa Beach Pier | Stretching 800 feet over the Atlantic Ocean, this historic pier is a great place to watch local surfers catching some of the best waves on the East Coast. The Pier draws more than one million visitors annually, so maybe you'll run into someone you know. 401 Meade Ave, Cocoa Beach (28.36767, -80.601397)

**25** Ron Jon Surf Shop | Ron Jon Surf Shop has created a brand that is synonymous with the surf, beach and active lifestyles of Florida. The "shop" itself is a shopping destination for people who surf, skate, boogie board, kiteboard, or just hang out at the beach (9 Am – 11 PM daily). 4151 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach (28.356339, -80.607702)

**26** Sebastian Inlet | Catch a wave on "Monster Hole" or just watch as surfers from around the world try their luck. Fish from one of the jetties, relax on the beach or check out the museums. Natural beauty and plenty more. 9700 South Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach FL 32951 (27.8628239134257. -80.45094310674709)

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