

A person in a yellow kayak is on a river, surrounded by lush greenery and Spanish moss hanging from the trees. The scene is captured in a dark, moody tone. The text 'THE KISSIMMEE EXPERIENCE' is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif font, slanted upwards from left to right.

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Show Overview

Every episode is an adventure in Kissimmee, Florida!

The Kissimmee Experience is a series as unique as the destination itself. Each episode will introduce the Host to a different influential Guest, whose personal expertise will inform an exciting itinerary of attractions and activities around the destination. Together they will see, learn, taste, sweat, laugh, and marvel at the diverse meaning of the Kissimmee experience.

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Locations

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Host: Jen Bonner



Learn more about Jen Bonner, the magnetic and engaging host of Experience Kissimmee's hit show.

Having lived in Central Florida for 19 years, and originally from Maryland, Jen's connection to Kissimmee began at a young age. During a family trip when she was about 6 years old, her only wish was to see an alligator. The family's plans changed, and they could not visit Gatorland, so she had to wait two more decades until finally visiting the classic Florida attraction and fulfilling her childhood dream of seeing an alligator in person. Fortunately, *The Kissimmee Experience* took Jen and the episode guests to several attractions known for gators, including Gatorland in episode nine!

If Jen looks familiar to you, it's probably from one of her many acting and hosting roles. She has starred in numerous films including the lead role in the rom-com *Let Love Grow* (2023), a supporting lead in *Love the Reef* (2023) and *The Twilight Café* (2023), *Jagged Mind* (2023), *Killroy Was Here* (2022) directed by one of her personal heroes Kevin Smith, and *No Vacancy* (2022) starring Dean Cain and Sean Young. She is also the host of *The Lifestyle List* on WeTV, a Lifestyle Expert on NBC's *Daytime*, and a recurring guest host on HSN, which showcases her impromptu conversational ability that *The Kissimmee Experience* creators were looking for.

In addition to film and television, Jen has participated in over 100 theater productions, advertising commercials, and writing, directing and producing roles. She's also done character acting at theme parks such as Walt Disney World and Universal Studios Orlando. She beat over 600 hopefuls auditioning for a role at the Jedi Training Academy and landed the position. If you've ever been approached by a skilled Jedi in costume at Galaxy's Edge, it just may have been Jen.

“ We basically had the car ride to get to know each other... So when we picked them up each morning, I welcomed them and started to make them feel at home so they could be their true selves and really enjoy their time with us.

Jen Bonner

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EPISODE 1

Jeff Musial



Join Jeff Musial as he explores animal activities in and around Kissimmee.

BACKGROUND

From *The Tonight Show* Starring Jimmy Fallon to *iCarly*, Jeff Musial (also known as Jeff the Animal Guy) and his animals have made their rounds educating and entertaining audiences all over the globe for over a decade. Ever since he was a child, he dreamt of working with animals; he was even a zookeeper for Halloween several years in a row. In 1999, after a lot of hard work and dedication, Jeff opened his own animal sanctuary, Nickel City Reptiles and Exotics.

LOCATIONS FEATURED

Showcase of Citrus; PG's Wings; Wild Florida



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EPISODE 2

Kyla Kenedy

Treat yourself with a dose of luxury from Kyla Kenedy's itinerary fit for a star.

BACKGROUND

This rising star always knew how to make everyone around her laugh at such a young age, which is why so many were blown away by her performance as Mika Samuels on AMC's *The Walking Dead* in 2013. At just 10 years old, Kyla Kenedy was already working with some of the top performers in entertainment. After a brief stint on NBC's *The Night Shift*, Kyla landed a role on ABC's *Speechless* in 2016 which ran for three seasons. Along with ABC's *Mr. Mayor* and the Prime Original *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, this is only just the beginning of an exciting career for this versatile young actress.

LOCATIONS FEATURED

Jeeves Florida Rentals; The Mall at Millenia (Personal Stylist Experience); Salt & The Cellar



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EPISODE 3

Lauren “Lolo” Spencer”



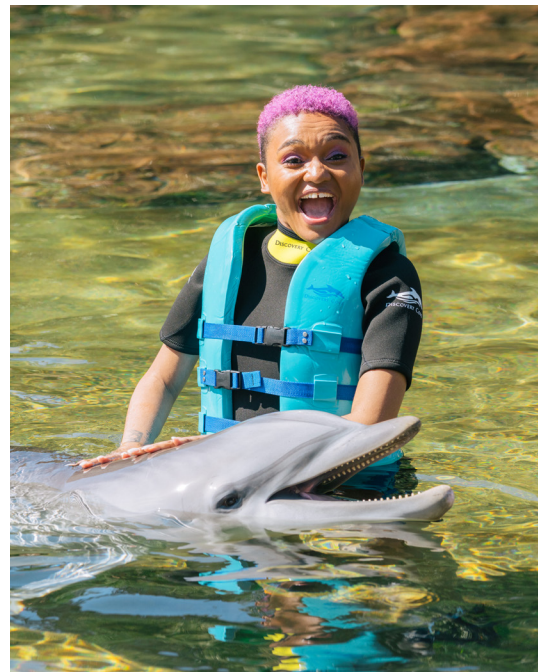
Tag along and listen to Lolo Spencer tell her story on an accessible journey through the destination.

BACKGROUND

Fierce. Multi-talented. Inspiring. These are just three of many words that can be used to describe Lauren “Lolo” Spencer. At the age of 14, she was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as ALS, and has carved a path of hope and positivity for herself and those around her ever since. Throughout her journey, she noticed there wasn’t a lot of conversation around disability as related to lifestyle and personal experiences, so she strived to create that space. She’s launched a YouTube channel called *Sitting Pretty*, recently published her first book called *Access Your Drive and Enjoy the Ride* and can be seen in HBO’s *The Sex Lives of College Girls* and Disney’s *Firebuds*.

LOCATIONS FEATURED

Splitsville Luxury Lanes; The Hampton Social; Discovery Cove



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EPISODE 4

Luke Boden



Accompany soccer coach Luke Boden as he visits key Kissimmee sports venues.

BACKGROUND

Born in Sheffield, England, Luke Boden began his career playing for Sheffield Wednesday in 2006 before relocating to Central Florida around 2011. He signed a two-year contract with Orlando City Soccer Club when they were a part of the USL Pro league, and by 2015 was playing for Orlando City in the MLS league. After an incredible run with Orlando City (and being quite the fan favorite), Luke signed to the Tampa Bay Rowdies and played for a bit longer before retiring to join the coaching staff of the Rollins Tars at Rollins College.

LOCATIONS FEATURED

ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex; Osceola Heritage Park; Reunion Resort & Golf Club



“ I had no idea about many of the other fun activities [in Kissimmee].

Luke Boden

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EPISODE 5

Audra Miller



Take in the ambiance of Central Florida's top performance venues with musician Audra Miller.

BACKGROUND

At just 8 years old, Audra Miller was singing Adele's "Rolling in the Deep" as her karaoke song. This Erie, Pennsylvania native began her cover song career strong, because just a few years later she became the lead vocalist for First to Eleven, a YouTube cover band that re-imagines beloved songs. On YouTube, First to Eleven has amassed over 1.5 million subscribers and published over 350 videos since they joined in 2015. Audra also formed another project with First to Eleven guitarist, Matt Yost, and drummer, Sam Gilman called Concrete Castles, with their second record releasing in the summer of 2023.

LOCATIONS FEATURED

Osceola Arts; Disney Springs; Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts



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EPISODE 6

Carla Rhodes



Nature is wild, and so is Florida in this hilarious episode featuring conservation photographer Carla Rhodes.

BACKGROUND

Carla Rhodes is a hoot, which makes sense since her wildlife and conversation photography so heavily focuses on birds. It didn't all start with photography, though. At 9 years old, Carla was inspired to teach herself ventriloquism after seeing Shari Lewis on television. By the time she was a teenager, she was performing regularly at the local comedy club in Louisville, Kentucky. After a life on the road with her successful career as a comedian and ventriloquist, she discovered a love of telling stories through images and shedding light on misunderstood and overlooked species. Her work has been published in *The New York Times*, *Smithsonian*, *National Wildlife*, *Audubon*, and *The Guardian*.

LOCATIONS FEATURED

Twin Oaks Conservation Area; Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate; Spirit of the Swamp Airboat Rides



“ One of my favorite things about visiting Kissimmee was learning to properly pronounce Kissimmee! Once I had that sorted, I was ready to explore!

Carla Rhodes

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EPISODE 7

Anisa Benitez



Explore wellness, meditation and connection in and around Kissimmee with Anisa Benitez.

BACKGROUND

What started as a career in marketing for top brands like Google and YouTube, Anisa Benitez has turned into a journey of creative expression and empowerment. With her podcast *No Starving Artist* and guided meditations across social media, Anisa has given a lot of her time to helping creatives find mindfulness in a busy and everchanging industry. Along with her mental health advocacy, she's pursuing a career in acting with the hopes of bringing compelling stories to life. Her gentle and intentional presence shows just why she's such a strong voice in the mindful content creation space.

LOCATIONS FEATURED

Bell Family Farm and Apiary; Relache Spa (Gaylord Palms Resort); Island Grove Wine Company at Formosa Gardens



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EPISODE 8

Ming Chen



Discover why Kissimmee is a pop culture paradise with Ming Chen.

BACKGROUND

In 1996, Ming Chen developed and designed a fansite dedicated to *Clerks*, the movie directed by Kevin Smith. From there, Ming wound up joining Kevin Smith's View Askew Productions as webmaster which led him to starring in AMC's *Comic Book Men*, which ran for seven seasons and was filmed on-site at Smith's comic book shop Jay and Silent Bob's Secret Stash. Now, Ming travels the world interacting with fans at comic conventions and operates A Shared Universe, which is a podcast studio/network in Red Bank, New Jersey.

LOCATIONS FEATURED

Coliseum of Comics; Twenty Pho Hour; Main Event Entertainment



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EPISODE 9

Caitlin Dechelle



Stunt actress Caitlin Dechelle goes on a thrilling, adrenaline-packed itinerary through the destination.

BACKGROUND

Born and raised in Miami, Florida, Caitlin Dechelle is quite familiar with the Florida sun. Her martial arts training began at 6 years old and she was competing by the time she was 8. Before retiring at 24 to pursue her dream of becoming a stunt performer, she went on to become the most decorated female martial artist in the world. Her stunt career began after being discovered by Jackie Chan, when he flew her out to co-star in *Chinese Zodiac* in 2012. Today, Caitlin has worked on projects like *Wonder Woman*, *Hawkeye*, *The Mandalorian*, and so much more! The drive and discipline she carries from her days as a martial artist truly makes her an inspiration..

LOCATIONS FEATURED

Disney's Hollywood Studios; Xtreme Ninja Challenge; Gatorland



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EPISODE 10

Ami Vitale



Join Ami Vitale as she discusses taking risks and being true to yourself in the season finale.

BACKGROUND

Upon meeting Ami Vitale for the first time, she'll probably tell you she's an introvert. While this is true, she has a knack for meeting and understanding people. Photography isn't just a passion and a profession to her, she utilizes it to learn about others and tell their stories in a way that feels real, raw, and natural. Having been born in Florida, she familiarized herself with the natural world at a young age by finding interest in what was in her backyard. From there, she knew she wanted to travel the world and tell stories through photography, and she has done just that. With an extensive career full of accolades and achievements, her focus is now on Vital Impacts, a non-profit that uses art and storytelling to support people and organizations who are protecting our planet..

LOCATIONS FEATURED

Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park; Bok Tower Gardens; The Paddling Center at Shingle Creek



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