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Sample "Real Deal" Itinerary

Kissimmee: The Real Deal

Central Florida is more than just world famous theme parks, championship golf courses and endless shopping and dining. Take a day out to learn about the rich and varied history of the popular destination that includes cattleman life, steamboat travel and, at the time, the largest private landowner in the United States.



Breakfast with the locals -- Begin your day in the heart of historic downtown Kissimmee with breakfast at Susan's Courtside Café and Joanie's Diner, which cater to the locals with quick and delicious and a hearty southern-style breakfast menu.

Historic downtown walking tour -- Take a walk along the historic downtown Kissimmee streets which harmoniously mingle the old with the new to include shops and restaurants at the City Centre, as well as buildings with distinction as the state's oldest courthouse in continuous use and the oldest hardware store, sculptures, murals and monuments dotting the downtown streets. You'll also discover quirky treasures and home décor at the family owned Lanier's Antiques and other area shops.

Lunch – If your downtown adventure starts after breakfast, don't fear: there are plenty of options to eat with the locals at mid-day. Downtown Kissimmee has several tasty eateries from which to choose, including Savion's Place restaurant, Broadway Pizza, or Willy's Wieners and Nature's Table.



Osceola County Welcome Center and History Museum & the Pioneer Village – If you really want to learn about the history of Kissimmee, visit the Osceola County Welcome Center and Historical Museum. Here you will find exhibits that highlight Kissimmee's cattle ranching history, as well as its time as a major shipping port in Florida. Of course, citrus was a huge industry in Osceola County in the 1800s. For an immersive look at Kissimmee's history, go to the Pioneer Village, where Kissimmee's heritage comes to life with original buildings, such as a primitive "cow hunter" campsite, 1889 homestead and a citrus packing house. Artifacts also are on display. You'll come away with an appreciation for how the area grew to the vacation paradise it is today.

