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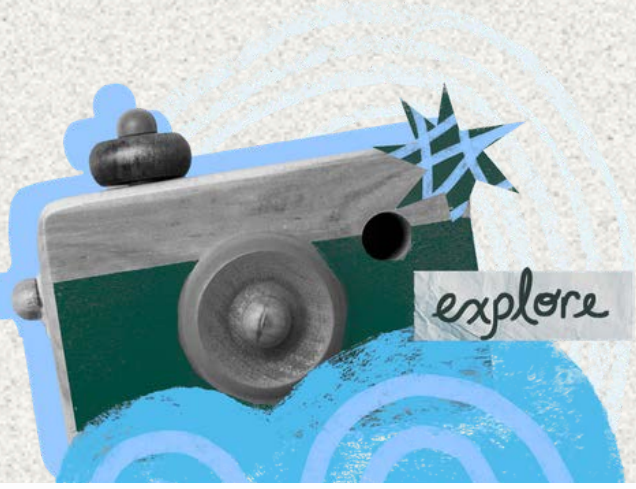
Autism ADVENTURE Guide

Autism Certified Attractions, Hotels, Entertainment Venues, and Recreational Spaces



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WELCOME

IBCCES publishes the Autism Adventure Guide to encourage autistic individuals to explore new destinations, attractions, and recreational activities. Travel and recreation provide opportunities for connection and ALL individuals deserve to make lasting memories and feel welcomed.

Who is IBCCES?

For more than two decades, IBCCES has delivered the global standard for training and certification in the fields of autism, neurodiversity, and accessibility. IBCCES provides a series of certification programs in more than 100 countries that empower professionals to be leaders in their field and improve the outcomes for the individuals they serve.

In addition to individual certification programs, IBCCES partners with cities, destinations, and organizations on initiatives like the Certified Autism Destination™ (CAD) and Autism Certified City™ (ACC), ensuring autistic and sensory-sensitive residents and visitors feel welcomed and safe.

IBCCES also created the Accessibility App, AutismTravel.com, and CertifiedAutismCenter.com – free resources for individuals with a variety of needs, listing certified locations and connecting individuals to other resources and to each other.

IBCCES does not believe there is a "one size fits all" approach and thus brings together the expertise and learnings from multiple areas, as well as the viewpoints and experiences of autistic individuals.

What is a Certified Autism Center™?

The IBCCES Certified Autism Center™ (CAC) designation recognizes organizations that have a trained staff and are committed to welcoming autistic guests and their friends and family.

Requirements:

- Dedicated to serving autistic individuals
- At least 80% of staff is trained and certified in the field of autism
- Is committed to ongoing training in autism
- The process may also include an onsite review, as well as the creation of sensory guides for attractions and interactive spaces.

Making Life Accessible for Everyone

IBCCES Accessibility App™

Powered by:

IBCCES

The IBCCES Accessibility App™ is a free-to-download mobile app available on Android and iOS that empowers people with disabilities to explore spaces that are inclusive and accommodating to their individual accessibility needs. Easily find businesses, public places, and services that cater to a wide range of accessibility needs—whether it's restaurants, shops, or healthcare facilities.

DOWNLOAD FOR FREE at
onelink.to/theaccessibilityapp

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

THE IBCCES ACCESSIBILITY APP™

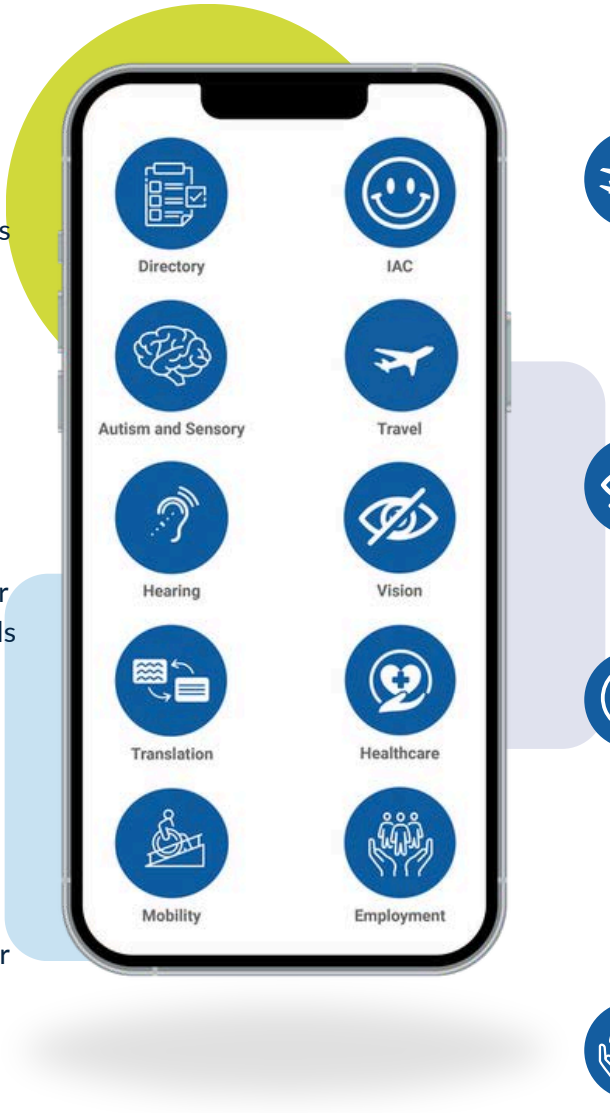
Directory
Find local businesses that are welcoming to people with disabilities - listings feature accommodations or special programs available, photos, and more.

Autism and Sensory
Discover travel and entertainment options that are certified to welcome autistic and sensory-sensitive visitors.

Hearing
Find locations with hearing loops or other services for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Translation
Overcome language barriers with translation options for over 133 languages.

Mobility
Search, and find wheelchair-accessible routes and locations.



IAC (IBCCES Accessibility Card)
Streamline accommodation requests at amusement parks and attractions with the Accessibility Card program.

Travel
Find information about travel hubs and airports, as well as Hidden Disability Sunflower locations.

Vision
Connect to visual assistance services on demand.

Healthcare
Find trained and certified facilities and individual practitioners that cater to various healthcare needs.

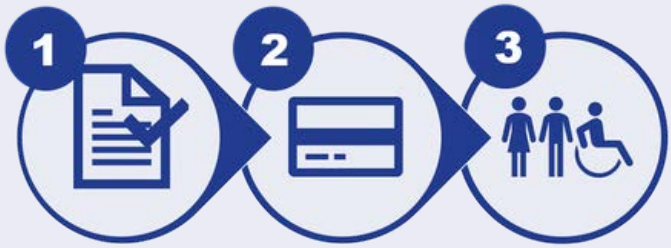
Employment
Find job opportunities with organizations who are looking to hire people with disabilities.

IBCCES IAC Accessibility Card™

Theme Park Accommodation Requests Made Simple

IBCCES created the Accessibility Card™ (IAC) as a free resource for individuals who need to request accommodations or assistance at amusement parks and attractions. The IAC helps identify accommodations needed and expedite the process at parks and attractions.

- **Use for any disability or accommodations requests**
- **IAC offers more discretion and is easy to complete ahead of time**



1. Complete the free online application
2. Show your digital card at participating park
3. Get access to available accommodations

***IAC available only at participating locations*

***IAC does NOT guarantee entry to an attraction and any special accommodations or benefits provided are at the sole discretion of that attraction*

SIGN UP FOR FREE at AccessibilityCard.org

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

IBCCES ACCESSIBILITY CARD™ FAQs

1

How long is the IBCCES Accessibility Card™ (IAC) valid?
The IAC card is good for one year following the registration date and can be updated/ renewed as many times as needed. The expiration date will be listed on the card.

2

What is the registration process?

1. Applicants can visit accessibilitycard.org or download the IAC mobile app
2. Applicants complete a profile regarding accommodations being requested (caregivers can complete the IAC on behalf of a dependent)
3. Present the IAC onsite at a participating location to request accommodations

3

Where do I show the IBCCES Accessibility Card™ (IAC)?
Cardholders must present their card wherever they can access or request accommodations - typically the guest service or ticketing location.

4

What if I cannot find my card?
You can login to your IAC profile at AccessibilityCard.org or through the mobile app to access your card at any time.

5

How much does the IBCCES Accessibility Card™ (IAC) cost?
The card is free for all cardholders.

6

Who qualifies for the IBCCES Accessibility™ Card?
Anyone requesting accommodations at a participating park or attraction can register for the Accessibility Card - this includes needs such as mobility supports, sensory sensitivities, difficulty standing in line, etc.

Note: The IAC does not guarantee entry or specific accommodations - these are at the sole discretion of the attraction/park.

THEME PARKS

Discovery Cove

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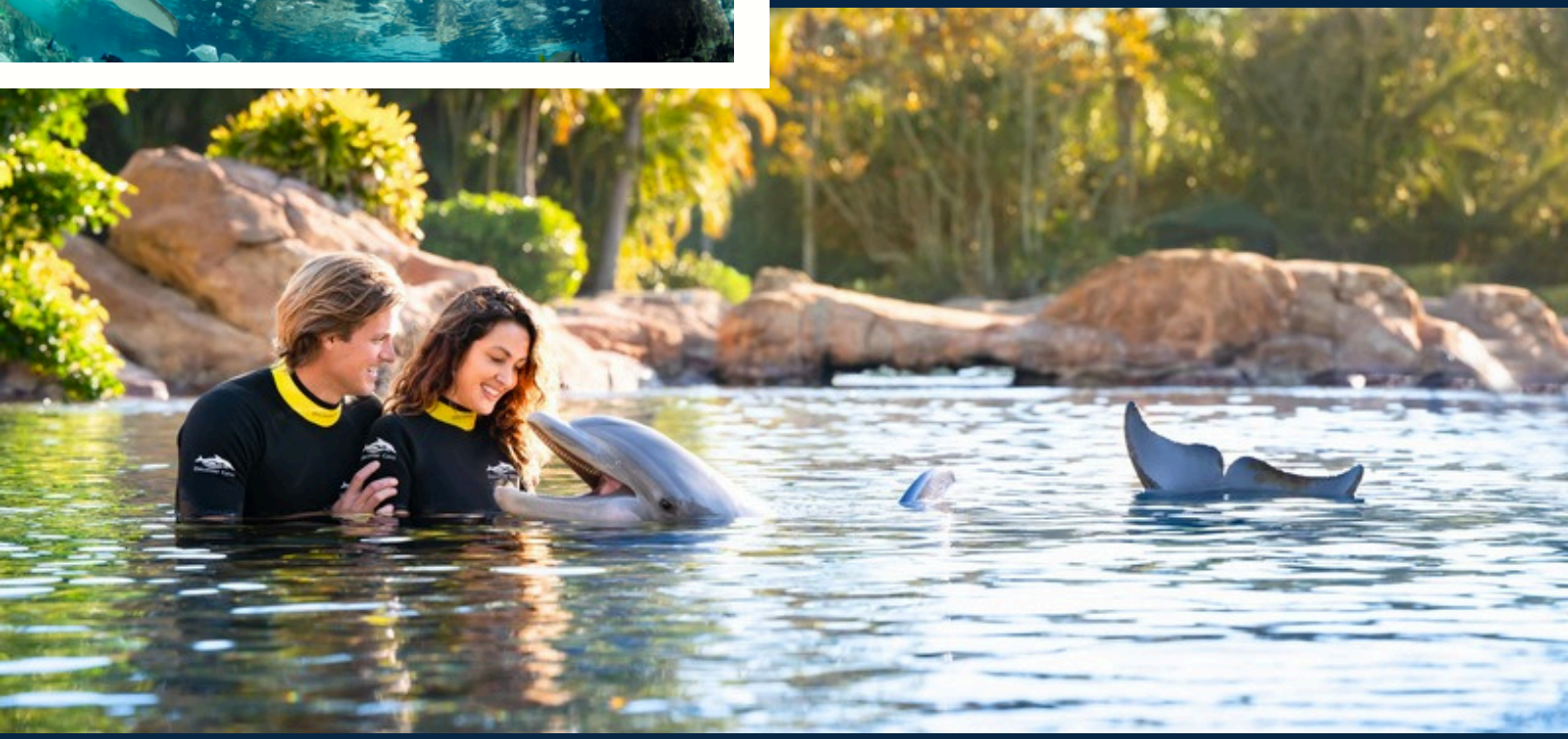
Orlando, Florida 32821

407-513-4600

www.discoverycove.com

> One special moment when I was there happened when we were all swimming with dolphins, and I had unexpected balance issues when I was in the water that day. The amazing thing that happened was that every single person there just showed me no judgment. There were no stares or talking behind my back. There was just a lending hand asking – how can we help. That open communication meant the world to me. By having that awareness and education, Discovery Cove helped an autistic adult like myself have a wonderful time and take a photo with a dolphin."
>
> - Dr. Kerry Magro, autistic self-advocate, public speaker and author



Discovery Cove® in Orlando is an all-inclusive day resort where guests can enjoy a one-of-a-kind opportunity to swim with dolphins, snorkel with rays and tropical fish, and hand-feed exotic birds. Guests will experience the most exciting animal encounters the world has to offer in a breathtaking tropical atmosphere. Discovery Cove is proud to offer a wide variety of services, amenities and resources available designed to enhance accessibility for guests, including specially designed wheelchairs, quiet spaces, sensory guides and more.

Ferrari World Yas Island, Abu Dhabi

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Love speed? Then gear up for the ride of your life only here at Ferrari World Abu Dhabi. Home to the world's fastest rollercoaster, the highest loop ride, the tallest space-frame structure ever built on the planet, and over 40 record-breaking attractions, this is the ultimate destination for non-stop, hyper-adrenaline, heart-racing fun!

Only at the first Ferrari-branded theme park and under the iconic Ferrari red roof, located in the heart of the fascinating Yas Island. In between rides, get to see magical shows, savor the flavors of Italy, and get exclusive access to the fast, prestigious world of luxury Italian supercars and their racing legends. Celebrate life's wins and nurture the spirit of champions when you visit Ferrari World Abu Dhabi today.

Knoebels

Contact Info

391 Knoebels Boulevard,
Elysburg, PA 17824

800-487-4386

www.knoebels.com/plan/guest-accessibility

> **As the nation's largest free-admission amusement park, we strive to welcome and accommodate every guest. IBCCES has made that even easier. We knew the many sights, sounds, and smells of an amusement park can cause anxiety and sensory overload for many of our visiting families. By partnering with IBCCES, we were able to better train our team members, provide a sensory guide for concerned families, and introduce a sensory room to cool down when things got too stressful. By utilizing their accessibility card, we can better plan and care for cardholder families as they enjoy their day of fun."**
>
> -Rick Knoebel, 4th Generation Knoebel Family Member

Knoebels Amusement Resort is America's largest free-admission amusement park, and also offers free parking, free daily entertainment, and free picnic facilities. From family rides to kiddie rides, and even thrill rides including nationally recognized roller coasters, Knoebels takes pride in having something for the whole family! While at the park, you can take a dip in the 900,000 gallon Crystal Pool filled with refreshing mountain stream water. The pool area includes watersides, diving boards and a play area just for young children. Guests can stay overnight at one of two campgrounds that include cabins and over 800 campsites for tents and campers, or one of their cottages. In addition to 64 rides, award-winning food, swimming, games, and gift shops, you can add a round of golf at Knoebels Three Ponds Golf Course right next door to the park. Knoebels is family-owned and operated, and has been since its start in 1926.

LEGOLAND®
California Resort

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Carlsbad, CA 92008

(888) 690-5346

www.legoland.com/california

LEGOLAND has more than 60 rides, shows and attractions, including the new LEGO® Ferrari Build and Race interactive attraction. Inspired by the world's most recognizable luxury sports cars brand Ferrari, the new attraction features technology guests have never experienced at any other LEGOLAND theme park in the world. Explore THE LEGO® MOVIE™ WORLD, where the immersive world of the hit movies come to life!

Here's what families can expect when visiting LEGOLAND California:

- Trained front-line team members equipped to better assist autistic guests or those with other sensory sensitivities.
- Pre-planning resources available for guests on the Resorts' website.
- Every ride has a posted sensory guide developed by IBCCES, indicating whether there are bright lights, loud sounds, or any features that guests might need to plan around. Rating each attractions' sensory levels – touch, taste, sound, sight, and smell – makes it easier for families to plan activities that align with their needs and accommodations. On the guides, there is a Park map marked with low-traffic areas for visitors in need of a low-sensory break area.
- Low sensory areas that allow guests with certain sensitivities to take a break and relax in a less stimulating environment. From 1- 2 p.m. at LEGOLAND California, one of its newest attractions, LEGO® Ferrari Build & Race, all sound effects are turned off for families looking for a less overwhelming experience.
- A quiet room dedicated to children with varying sensory needs – where guests can decompress with dim lighting and tactile toys.
- Upon request, First Aid offers ear plugs to assist with sound and overstimulation and "Assisted Access Passes" can be requested at Guest Services.

LEGOLAND® Dubai Resort

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LL Dubai Operations LLC
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www.legoland.com/dubai

“Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is not just an achievement—it’s a testament to our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and accessibility, aligning with DET’s visionary pursuit of becoming a Certified Autism Destination™. This CAC certification empowers our Model Citizens (employees) to provide a safe, welcoming, and joyful environment where families with autistic members and those with sensory sensitivities can connect, explore the magic of LEGO® bricks come to life and create cherished memories together.”

- Tim Harrison-Jones, General Manager at LEGOLAND® Dubai Resort

Embark on a journey where the LEGO® brick comes to life at LEGOLAND® Dubai Resort, the ultimate destination for families with kids aged 2-12. Start your adventure at LEGOLAND® Dubai Theme Park, where imagination runs wild with over 40 thrilling LEGO® themed rides, shows, and hands-on building experiences. Explore six uniquely themed lands filled with a mix of indoor and outdoor attractions. Marvel at 15,000 LEGO® models crafted from 60 million LEGO® bricks and enjoy a variety of exciting events throughout the year.

Visit https://www.legoland.com/dubai/explore/legoland-dubai/accessibility-guide/ to learn about our accessibility options.

LEGOLAND® Florida Resort

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Winter Haven, Florida 33884

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“We’re proud that LEGOLAND® Florida Resort has partnered with IBCCES to earn designation as a Certified Autism Center™ across our theme park, water park, on-site hotels, and PEPPA PIG Theme Park Florida. Creating inclusive, welcoming experiences for all families, especially those with sensory needs, is central to everything we do.”

- Head of Marketing & Communications,
LEGOLAND® Florida Resort

LEGOLAND® Florida Resort is the ultimate vacation destination for families with young children. Located 45 minutes from Orlando and Tampa, the Resort features a 150-acre interactive Theme Park with more than 50 rides, live shows, and attractions inspired by popular LEGO® brands and characters. The seasonally heated Water Park, open year-round, offers over a dozen family water slides, and guests can stay in one of three uniquely themed on-site accommodations.

LEGOLAND
JAPAN

LEGOLAND® Japan Resort

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www.legoland.jp

“During the IBCCES certification process, I realized there was so much I did not know about the autism spectrum. I am glad that all of the LEGOLAND® Japan employees also had the opportunity to learn about it as well.”

- Yoshi Honda, Resort’s Divisional Director

LEGOLAND® Japan Resort is a theme park located in Nagoya city in Japan, providing a full day of fun and excitement for children aged 2 through 12 and their families. The whole family can enjoy the many rides, LEGO® models to play and build with, and interactive, adventurous attractions themed on the LEGO® brick world. We provide various services for our guests with disabilities, so that they can enjoy our park in the same way as other guests. Prior to visit, please check the latest details on our website: 【Official】To our guests with disabilities | Service Guide | LEGOLAND® Japan Resort.

LEGOLAND® Korea Resort

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www.legoland.kr/en

"LEGOLAND Korea Resort continues to operate programs like Merlin Magic Wand throughout the year to ensure that all children have the right to play happily. Furthermore, with certification programs like the CAC, LEGOLAND will continue to make efforts to ensure that children with disabilities, including those with autism, can visit LEGOLAND Park and enjoy a happy time."

-Lee Soon-gyu, Divisional Director at LEGOLAND Korea Resort

LEGOLAND® Korea Resort is Korea's first global theme park to provide the best entertainment experience for family customers. A proud addition to the global LEGOLAND® as the 10th park, LEGOLAND® Korea Resort is entirely managed—from investment to operation—by Merlin Entertainments, a leading European and the world's second-largest tourist attraction operator. LEGOLAND® Korea Resort, built in Jungdo, Chuncheon, Gangwon-do, a place where all the pristine blessings of nature unfold, represents the first LEGOLAND® built on an island and one of the most beautiful LEGOLAND® parks in the world. LEGOLAND® Park consists of seven theme areas inspired by the LEGO® series, which is most popular with children, and features about 40 rides, attractions, and shows. Link to Accessibility Page: Special Situations (legoland.kr)

LEGOLAND®
Malaysia Resort

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> **Becoming Malaysia's first Certified Autism Center™ is a meaningful milestone for us and we're proud to achieve this distinction. LEGOLAND® Malaysia has always been focused on delivering an educational, fun, and memorable experience to children and families of all backgrounds. As a leading tourist destination in Malaysia, we're committed to paving the way forward in creating an accessible, flexible environment that will cater to our guests' diverse needs and will continue doing our part to making the park inclusive and welcoming to all."**

-CS Lim, Vice President of LEGOLAND® Malaysia Resort

LEGOLAND® Malaysia Resort brings together a LEGOLAND® Theme Park, Water Park, Hotel and SEA LIFE in one LEGO® themed location. It is the ideal family holiday destination with more than 80 hands-on rides, slides, shows, and attractions. It is the first of its kind in Asia that offers comprehensive adventure, education, and fun for either an action-packed day trip or a short break destination ideal for families with kids aged 2 to 12 years old.

The Theme Park is divided into eight themed areas containing thrilling rides, exciting LEGO® workshops, awe-inspiring Miniland where Asia's interesting landscapes, countries and landmarks are recreated in miniature made with more than 30 million LEGO® bricks.

LLNY 21

LEGOLAND®
New York Resort

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1 LEGOLAND Way
Goshen, NY 10924

(845) 410-0290

www.legoland.com/new-york

“LEGOLAND Resorts are designed to inspire creativity amongst children of all abilities – our rides, experiences and entertainment all foster a child’s imagination through a lens of belonging. Through this certification, we’re providing our guests with more opportunities to create and play their way, while supporting parents through every step of the vacation planning journey.”

-Scott O’Neil, CEO of Merlin Entertainments

AWESOME AWAITS at LEGOLAND® New York Resort, the ultimate LEGO® theme park destination, located just outside New York City in the beautiful Hudson Valley. At LEGOLAND New York, kids ages two through 12 and their families can ride, climb, splash, and build their way through seven LEGO themed lands. Transform into a Minifigure on the world-premiere LEGO® Factory Adventure Ride, master the art of Spinjitzu on LEGO® NINJAGO® the Ride, save the kingdom on the Dragon coaster, and explore awesome LEGO built cities in Miniland! Making LEGOLAND New York a multi-day destination, the bricktastic fun continues at LEGOLAND Hotel, open year-round! The only LEGO themed hotel in the Northeast, it features 250 rooms in four themes: LEGO® Pirates, Kingdom, LEGO® Friends and LEGO® NINJAGO® – all just steps away from the theme park. LEGOLAND New York Resort is easily accessible by car, Metro-North train and direct bus service on Coach USA from Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York City.

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MOTIONGATE™ Dubai

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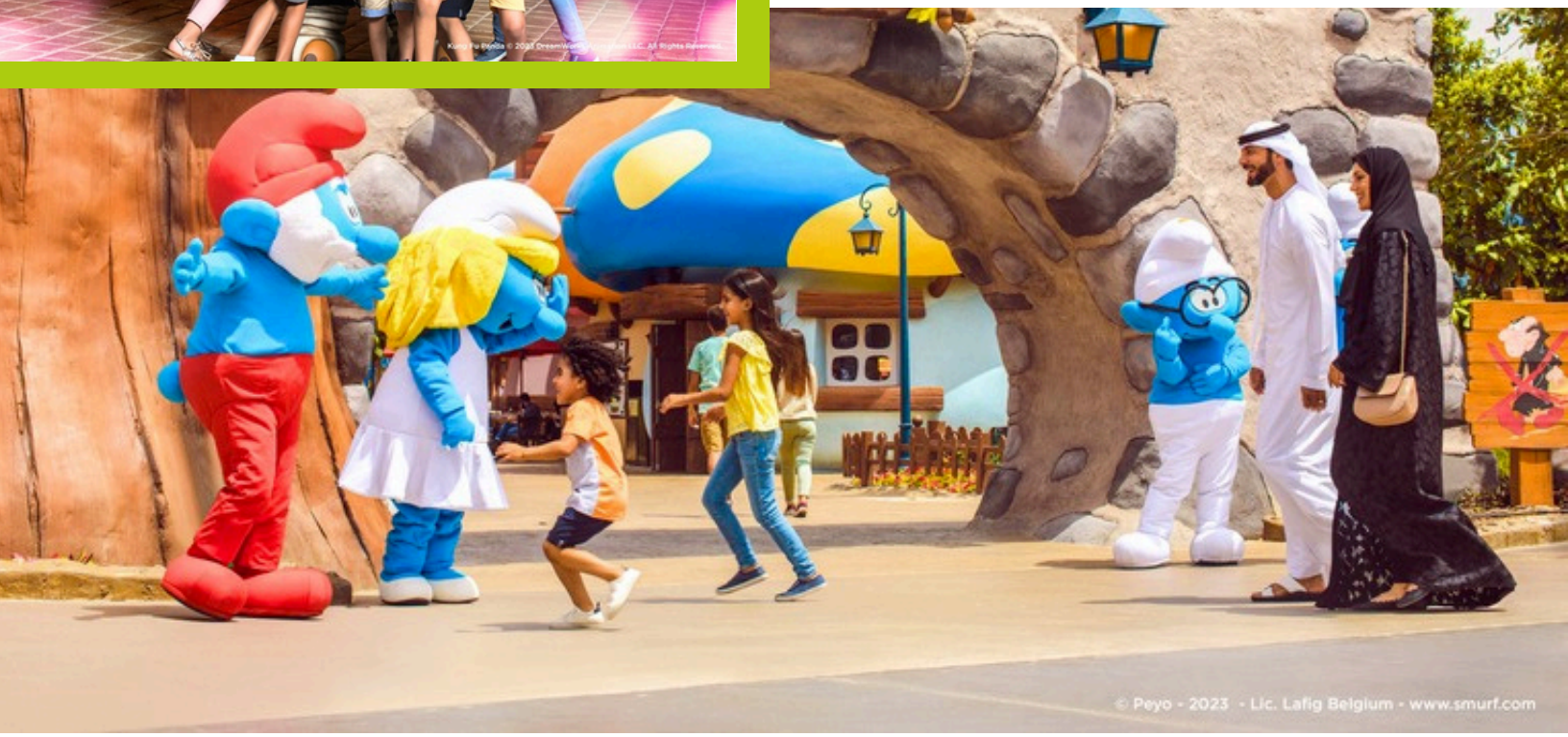

MOTIONGATE™ Dubai is the flagship theme park of Dubai Parks and Resorts™ and the Middle East's largest Hollywood-inspired theme park. The theme park features 29 thrilling rides and attractions across its four distinct zones, namely DreamWorks, Columbia Pictures, Lionsgate, and Smurfs Village. MOTIONGATE™ Dubai is a year-round destination with 22 of its key attractions completely indoors, with dedicated cooling and shaded areas. Little, big and medium-sized ones alike will be truly spoilt for thrilling choice as they explore the park's four themed zones, each one straight out of the movies .

PEPPA PIG
Theme Park Florida

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1 LEGOLAND Way
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www.peppapigthemepark.com/florida

Designed to be the ultimate day for little ones, the new PEPPA PIG Theme Park combines interactive rides and themed playgrounds with character shows and an indoor cinema for quieter moments, including sensory-friendly experiences designed with younger guests in mind.

Every corner of the charming new park is crafted with preschoolers in mind, from their first roller coaster rides with their parents and free fair games for the whole family, to an all-terrain course where they will pedal tricycles through a sensory-rich trail and a colorful splash pad that celebrates “muddy puddles” jumping fun! Through every experience, families will snort, giggle, and create their family’s first theme park memories together with PEPPA and her friends.

Peppa Pig Theme Park Dallas-Fort Worth

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8851 26 Blvd, North Richland Hills, TX 76180

469-947-3750

www.peppapigthemepark.com/dallas-ft-worth

> **Merlin Entertainments, which PEPPA PIG Theme Park Dallas–Fort Worth is proud to be a part of, is uncompromising about safety, security, and welfare, setting the highest standards for all our guests and team members. We're proud this certification allows our attraction to be accessible to even more little ones and their families with specific sensory needs."**

-Ed Evans, PEPPA PIG Theme Park Dallas-Fort Worth General Manager

Come and experience PEPPA PIG Theme Park! From jumping in the Muddy Puddles Splash Pad and riding on Daddy Pig's Roller Coaster, your entire family will enjoy re-creating the most oinktastic moments from PEPPA PIG. Get ready to splash, oink, giggle and play all day long at the PEPPA PIG Theme Park!

For information regarding accessibility as well as the IBCCES Sensory Impact Rankings and Guide, please reference the link: https://www.peppapigthemepark.com/dallas-ft-worth/plan-your-day/know-before-you-go/accessibility-sensory-guide/

Emirates
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Real Madrid World

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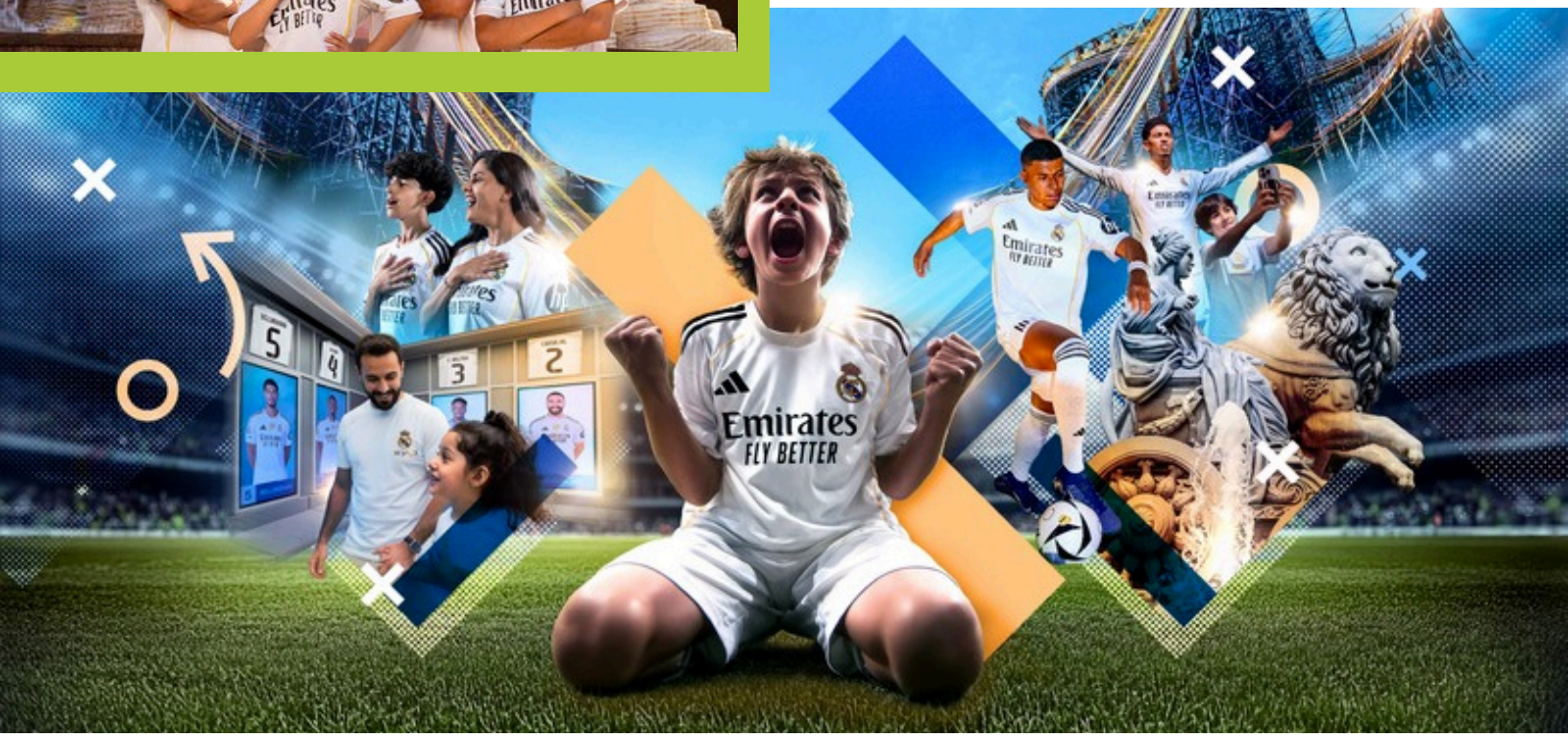
Step into Real Madrid World at Dubai Parks and Resorts where the celebrated history and the triumphant legacy of the world's largest football club comes to life. Journey through 40 experiences including 2 record-breaking rides, dine at our themed restaurants, and explore curated zones, each telling a unique football story.

Here at Real Madrid World, where real fans live!



Real Madrid World (RMW) located at Dubai Parks™ and Resorts is the world's first-ever football theme park with over 40 original Real Madrid-themed rides and attractions, world's tallest amusement ride and dining venues dedicated to families, Real Madrid fans and theme park enthusiasts. It features three zones: CHAMPIONS AVENUE, CELEBRATION PLAZA and STARS AVENUE, each zone paying tribute to FIFA's Best Club of the 20th Century. Some of the attractions include WHITE HEARTS, BERNABÉU EXPERIENCE, HALA MADRID COASTER and THE WAVE–LA OLA. RMW is home of an impressive collection of official Real Madrid retail and merchandise in Dubai where fans can personalize the Club's shirts. The destination is located on Sheikh Zayed Road Exit 5 in Dubai, 15 minutes from Dubai Marina, ideally located between both the Dubai and Abu Dhabi International Airports.

Sesame Street Land At SeaWorld Orlando

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> Our goal is always to create lasting memories for all our guests. Especially as families start planning their summer travel, the resources and tools that our parks offer can provide peace of mind for families with members that have autism and other special needs. Our parks and staff are equipped to offer families inclusive activities, helping to ensure meaningful experiences for everyone."
>
> - JP Peterson, SeaWorld Orlando Park President

Laughter and learning live at Sesame Street, and now Sesame Street lives at SeaWorld Orlando! Bring your family to the neighborhood your favorite furry friends call home. Take a stroll down Sesame Street and stop by the famous 123 stoop. Explore the inside of Hooper's Store, then head for big fun at Big Bird's Nest. Sesame Street is exactly as you imagined, and with an award-winning parade and attractions, it's more fun than you could ever dream. Come and play with Elmo, Cookie Monster, Abby Cadabby, Julia, and their friends.

SUBWAY

Sesame Place - Philadelphia

“We are proud of the partnership between our Sesame Place parks and IBCCES, which allows us to best support the needs of all guests. We’ve made many enhancements to the park as a result of our partnership with IBCCES and are committed to providing a meaningful and memorable experience for everyone.”

- Cathy Valeriano, Sesame Place Philadelphia Park President

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Langhorne, Pennsylvania 19047

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www.sesameplace.com/philadelphia

Sesame Place® Philadelphia is the only theme park on the East Coast based entirely on the award-winning show Sesame Street®! Conveniently located 30 minutes from Philadelphia and 90 minutes from NYC, Sesame Place is ideal for families with kids of all ages and was the first theme park in the world to become Certified Autism Center™. The park has over 25 Sesame Street-themed attractions including dry rides, interactive play areas and water attractions, live character shows, a daily parade, an interactive Sesame Street Neighborhood, character dining experiences and everyone’s favorite furry friends. Celebrate the seasons at Sesame Place with Sesame Place Mardi Gras, Elmo's Eggstravaganza, Elmo's Springtacular, Sesame Summer Splash, The Count's Halloween Spooktacular and A Very Furry Christmas events throughout the year.

Sesame Place Philadelphia

Guests can whirl, twirl, soar, and spin on over 25 Sesame Street-themed attractions and water rides, catch their favorite furry friends in entertaining stage shows and parades, and enjoy unique photo opportunities on the iconic Sesame Street Neighborhood. Each year, the park celebrates seasonal and holiday-based special events including Elmo's Eggstravaganza, Elmo's Springtacular, Sesame Summer Splash, The Count's Halloween Spooktacular, A Very Furry Christmas, and more.

Designation as a Certified Autism Center™

Sesame Place Philadelphia earned the designation of Certified Autism Center™ (CAC) in 2018 – the first theme park in the world to do so. The park prides itself on being an industry leader in accessibility, always looking for new ways to provide an inclusive experience for all guests.

The initial process for certification included an onsite review by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES), resulting in the development of sensory guides and robust pre-planning resources. The Sesame Place Sensory Guide is a resource for guests with cognitive disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder, and provides insight on how a child with sensory processing issues may be affected by each sense for rides and attractions at the park. The guide lists each experience at the park – from attractions and shows to amenities and dining – and scores it on a scale of 1 to 10 by each of the five senses: touch, taste, sound, smell, and sight. The guide is updated with each new addition to the park, and parents can use this resource before visiting to understand which attractions and experiences will best suit their children's needs.

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Designation as a Certified Autism Center™ (continued)

The certification process also included extensive specialized training for employees, focusing on sensory awareness, motor skills, program development, communication, and emotional awareness. Sesame Place renewed its certification in 2022, 2024, and 2026 as part of its commitment as a CAC. Park employees, called Ambassadors, completed additional certifications in neurodiversity and related first responder training to expand their skills and knowledge, supplementing IBCCES' standard training for Certified Autism Centers.

Park Experiences and Expansion

Sesame Place Philadelphia has continually expanded its amenities to better serve guests, including the following additions:

- **Low Sensory Room** – Conveniently located in the park's Family Care Center, guests can utilize the Low Sensory Room when in need of quiet time and relief from sensory stimulation. The Low Sensory Room has adjustable lighting, comfortable seating, and sensory toys to promote relaxation and stress relief.
- **Low Sensory Areas** – Guests in need of a more quiet location are encouraged to visit the area behind the Sesame Street Neighborhood. While in a central location, it is often a less populated area of the park.
- **Low Sensory Parade Viewing** – Guests who want to enjoy the parade with a reduced volume level are encouraged to sit closest to where our parade begins and/or several rows back from the parade viewing line.
- **Low Sensory Seating** – If guests would like to book a Dine with Elmo & Friends, they can request limited character interaction and/or seating furthest away from character performances.
- **Noise-Canceling Headphones** – The park offers noise-canceling headphones, provided by KidCo, at the Family Care Center or the Welcome Center for use during guests' visits.

In addition, Julia may be available for Meet & Greets at the park. Julia is a four-year-old autistic Muppet from Sesame Street and the face of Sesame Workshop's Sesame Street and Autism: Seeing Amazing in All Children initiative. Guests can meet and see themselves in Julia.

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Additional Accessibility Resources

Sesame Place is committed to creating an environment in which all guests feel welcome and accommodated, regardless of their abilities. As such, the park provides several accessibility programs and resources to assist guests before and during their visits.

In addition to the park's Sensory Guide, an Accessibility Guide is also available for guests to view prior to visiting. The guide provides an overview of services and resources available at the park, as well as individual ride access information.

The Ride Accessibility Program (RAP) matches the individual abilities of guests to the requirements of each ride, allowing guests to fully participate in the enjoyment of the park while keeping in mind safety requirements of rides and attractions. Guests can visit the Welcome Center to enroll in the RAP.

The park provides a variety of services and resources, including:

- Complimentary Qualified American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters upon advance request for guests with hearing disabilities

- Scripts for select shows at the Welcome Center for guests with hearing disabilities
- Complimentary park guidance upon advance request for guests with vision disabilities
- Relief areas for Service Animals (dogs and miniature horses)
- Allergen Cards, which provide details on culinary options that may meet the dietary needs of those with allergies or other restrictions
- Wheelchairs and Electric Convenience Vehicles (ECVs) for rental
- The Family Care Center, which includes the Low Sensory Room, private nursing areas, and more
- Family or Companion restrooms with adult changing tables
- Accessible seating for guests who may need additional assistance or use mobility devices

Guests can find the Sensory Guide, Accessibility Guide, and more information on the park's website, with a designated email contact for those who may have further questions.

Sesame Place Philadelphia's goal is to provide every family with an enjoyable and memorable visit, and the park is proud to offer specialized services to guests with autism, sensory sensitivities, and other special needs.

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SESAME PLACE
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Sesame Place - San Diego

“Sesame Place is a theme park designed for families with kids of all ages to laugh, learn and play while making fun and memorable moments regardless of any special needs. This certification allows us to continue the legacy that Sesame Place Philadelphia began years ago becoming the first theme park in the world to be designated as a Certified Autism Center™. IBCCES provided a detailed curriculum and exceptional support to help us train hundreds of employees with the tools needed to accommodate anyone in the autistic community.”

- Genaro Castro, Sesame Place San Diego Vice President

Contact Info

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www.sesameplacesandiego.com

Sesame Place San Diego is the second theme park based on Sesame Street in the United States and the first on the West Coast. The park is ideal for families with kids of all ages and features 18 Sesame Street-themed rides and exciting water attractions, including a family-friendly rollercoaster and a 500,000-gallon wave pool – one of the largest in Southern California. The park also features an engaging musical play area, an interactive Sesame Street Neighborhood complete with the iconic 123 Stoop, daily live character shows, an award-winning parade, character dining experiences, one-of-a-kind photo opportunities and of course, everyone’s favorite furry friends. Celebrate the seasons with family-friendly events throughout the year including Elmo's Springtacular, Sesame Summer Splash, The Count's Halloween Spooktacular and A Very Furry Christmas.

Story Land

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> **“Here at Story Land and Living Shores, we pride ourselves on making both parks accessible to all of our guests. Our certification with IBCCES is just one way we educate our team members on how we can continue to offer an enjoyable experience for everyone who walks through our gates.”**

- Chris Kearsing, General Manager

Story Land, one of New England's premier family attractions, brings a world of fantasy and timeless characters to life in a safe and natural setting. Children and their imaginations run free, enjoying all-inclusive rides, shows, and attractions, punctuated by the beautiful setting in New Hampshire's White Mountains. Featuring Tea with Cinderella and Character Breakfast, Story Land is a celebration for the young at heart, while parents celebrate the affordable admission, safe environment and pet kennel services. Beloved characters like Humpty Dumpty and the Old Woman in the Shoe came to life here in 1954.

Studio City

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STUDIO CITY

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-Mr. Kevin Benning, Senior Vice President, Property General Manager of Studio City

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www.studiocity-macau.com

The Hollywood-themed studio-concept resort is a thrilling cinematic inspired entertainment and leisure destination and is designed to be the most diversified entertainment offering in Macau. Situated in the heart of Cotai, Studio City provides the ultimate in sophisticated leisure entertainment, hotel, retail, dining and lifestyle experiences.

Studio City's stunning Art-Deco facade features the world's highest figure-8 Ferris wheel, Golden Reel gondola ride, which straddles the resort's two-tower hotel at a height of 130 meters. Open to visitors of all ages, the experience will be the best and most exciting playground for families and children.

Warner Bros. World™ Yas Island

Enter Warner Bros. World™ Abu Dhabi and get transported to awesome worlds of action and adventure, whimsy and wackiness straight out of your favorite cartoons and movies! Don't miss the chance to walk alongside some of the world's most iconic characters, including Batman, Superman, and Wonder Woman, and watch your childhood memories come to life as you meet Bugs Bunny, Scooby-Doo, Tom and Jerry, and your favorite modern stone-age family, The Flintstones. What's more, dig in at a variety of authentically themed restaurants, and shop to your heart's content for exclusive merchandise at our retail stores.

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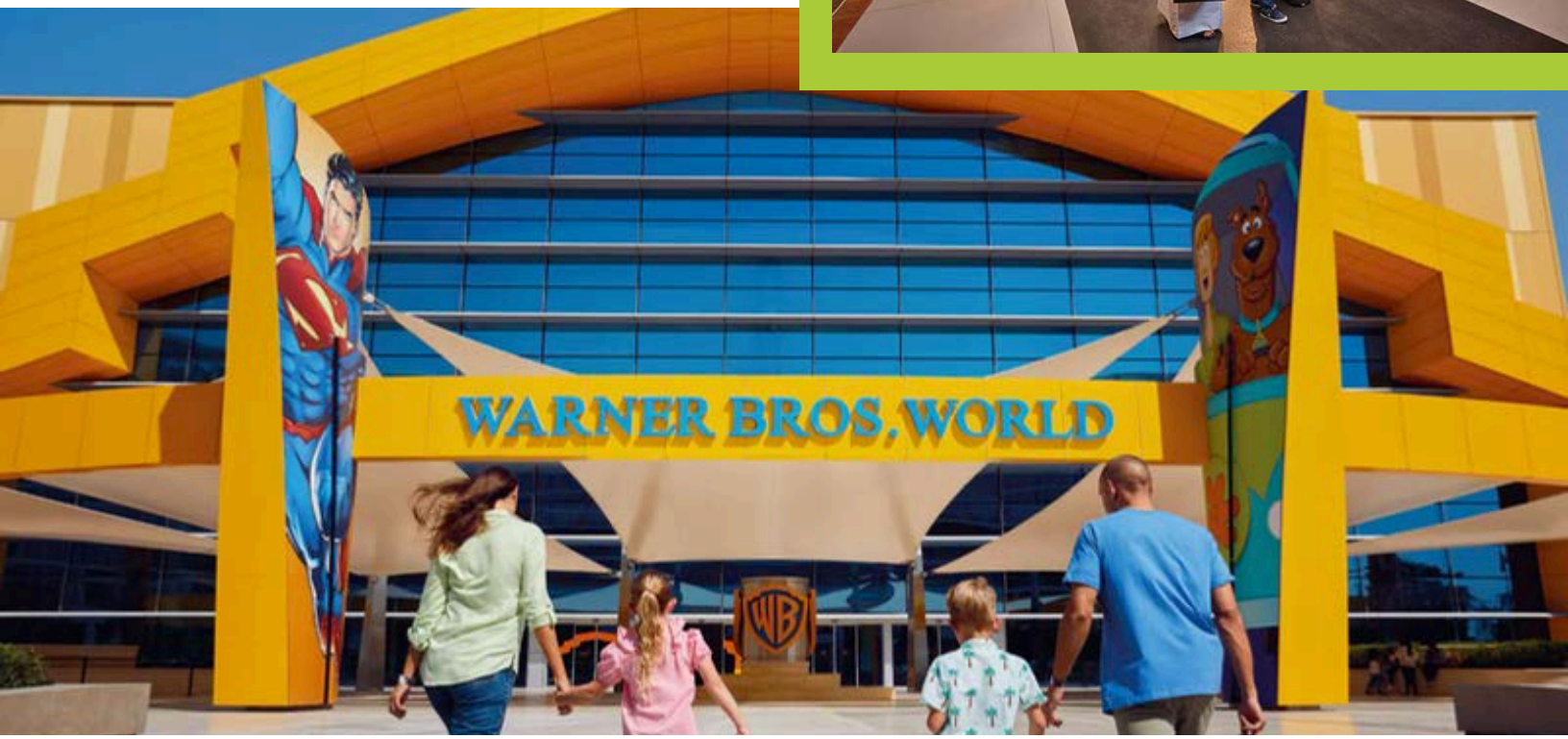
IBCCES CAC CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER™



Welcome to Warner Bros. World™ Abu Dhabi, The Region's Largest Indoor Theme Park. As you set foot through the iconic Warner Bros. shield, prepare to be transported to six lands of your favorite characters for a one-of-a-kind immersive experience. The excitement begins at the Warner Bros. Plaza, your portal to our uniquely themed lands including Bedrock, Dynamite Gulch, Cartoon Junction, Gotham City, and Metropolis. Hungry for action and adventure or a dash of whimsical fun? Experience over 30 state-of-the-art exhilarating rides, interactive family-friendly attractions, and unique live entertainment for memories that will last a lifetime.

WATER PARKS

Aquaventure World, Atlantis Dubai

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March 2021 saw the completion of Aquaventure World's third expansion project with the opening of Trident Tower, Splashers Lagoon and Splashers Cove. Home to 105 slides and attractions including the world's tallest slide, Odyssey of Terror; the world's longest duelling slide, Medusa's Lair; and the world's longest family slide, Shockwave. In addition to the adrenaline pumping waterslides, you can enjoy 1km of private beach and a range of motorised and non-motorised water sports.

No trip to Dubai is complete without meeting the friendly Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins and playful South African fur seals. Experience a variety of educational programs that provide an up-close look at these magnificent marine mammals and how we take care of them; the aim is to build a life-long appreciation for marine life and encourage our guests to act on behalf of nature at Atlas Village.

El Paso Water Park: Camp Cohen Water Park

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“From the moment we opened El Paso Water Parks, our goal was to create spaces that every family could enjoy together. Becoming Certified Autism Centers™ reinforces our commitment to making our parks welcoming, safe and fun for all guests, regardless of ability.”

-Daniel Arizpe, Director of Water Park Operations

Camp Cohen Water Park in Northeast El Paso offers a thoughtfully themed, camp-inspired aquatic adventure for families. Situated at the foothills of the Franklin Mountains, the park reflects its wilderness theme through architectural touches like wood veneer and Corten steel, canoe-style signage, barrel décor and rock- columned entry features reminiscent of a campsite. Guests can enjoy a variety of water experiences, including a leisure pool known as Shallow Waters and a lap pool called Rapid Waters for more energetic swimmers. Camp Cohen is cashless, accepting major cards and mobile payments, and features rentable cabanas in the Wander’s Retreat as well as shaded lounging around the site and food service at Stove Cove Café in Starlight Plaza.

El Paso Water Park: Chapoteo Water Park

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Chapoteo Water Park in El Paso is a colorful and energetic oasis where fun and relaxation come together for all ages. For those who prefer to unwind, the tranquil Chalupa Springs leisure pool and the slow-moving Rio Sereno current channel offer the perfect place to float and relax. Swimmers looking to get a few laps in can take advantage of the crystal-clear Lago Azul lap pool. Families with young children will love the vibrant Sirenita Reef play structure and the playful waters of Lagarto Lagoon, designed for hours of safe splashing and excitement. With a blend of action-packed attractions and relaxing spaces, Chapoteo Water Park delivers a refreshing escape that captures the lively spirit of El Paso. Whether you’re spending the day with family, friends, or flying solo, Chapoteo promises a fun-filled experience for all who visit.

El Paso Water Park: Lost Kingdom Water Park

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www.epwaterparks.com/lost-kingdom

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Lost Kingdom Water Park in El Paso offers a vibrant, adventure-filled escape inspired by ancient wonders and jungle landscapes. Guests looking to unwind can float along the gentle currents of Turtle Tides or lounge in the peaceful waters of the Forgotten Cenote leisure pool. Those seeking a more active experience can swim laps in the Mayan Lanes or splash alongside little ones in Macaw Lagoon, a kid-friendly pool perfect for young adventurers. The Jaguar Jungle play structure adds to the excitement with interactive water features and a family-friendly slide. With attractions designed for all ages, Lost Kingdom Water Park blends fun, relaxation, and exploration into one unforgettable experience.

El Paso Water Park: Oasis Water Park

Contact Info

13501 Jason Crandall Dr, El Paso, TX 79938

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www.epwaterparks.com/oasis

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-Daniel Arizpe, Director of Water Park Operations

Oasis Water Park is a vibrant destination for thrill-seekers and relaxation lovers alike. At the heart of the park is the Flash Flood Rush surf rider, an exhilarating attraction that challenges guests to ride the perfect wave. Adventure continues at the Tumbleweed, a double slide tower, and the Gravity Challenge climbing wall—together forming the ultimate trifecta for adrenaline junkies. Families with young children will find plenty to enjoy as well. Whether you're catching waves or soaking in the sun, there's something for everyone at Oasis. Designed for all ages and energy levels, Oasis Water Park delivers a refreshing escape with memorable experiences for the whole family.

LEGOLAND® California Resort: Water Park

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“LEGOLAND Resorts are designed to inspire creativity amongst children of all abilities – our rides, experiences and entertainment all foster a child’s imagination through a lens of belonging.”

-Scott O’Neil, CEO of Merlin Entertainments

LEGOLAND Water Park features more than seven slides, sandy beaches and the unique Build-A-Raft River, plus Pirate Reef and LEGO Legends of CHIMA Water Park (comprising 10 acres of water fun)! The nation’s first LEGOLAND Hotel features 250 rooms, all themed either as pirate, adventure, kingdom, LEGO® Friends and LEGO® NINJAGO™! North America’s first LEGOLAND Castle Hotel features 250 rooms, fully themed as Knights and Dragons and Royal Princess or Magic Wizard.

LEGOLAND® Dubai Resort: Water Park

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“Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is not just an achievement—it’s a testament to our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and accessibility, aligning with DET’s visionary pursuit of becoming a Certified Autism Destination™. This CAC certification empowers our Model Citizens (employees) to provide a safe, welcoming, and joyful environment where families with autistic members and those with sensory sensitivities can connect, explore the magic of LEGO® bricks come to life and create cherished memories together.”

- Tim Harrison-Jones, General Manager at LEGOLAND® Dubai Resort

LEGOLAND® Water Park is a splash-tastic wonderland featuring over 20 LEGO® themed water slides and attractions. Dive into the LEGO® Wave Pool, watch your little ones play safely in the DUPLO® toddler area, and let your creativity flow on the Build-A-Raft River, where you can design and build your own LEGO® raft. This is the region’s only water park designed specifically for families with kids aged 2-12, ensuring endless aquatic adventures for everyone.

Visit https://www.legoland.com/dubai/explore/legoland-dubai/accessibility-guide/ to learn about our accessibility options.

LEGOLAND® Florida Resort: Water Park

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“We’re proud that LEGOLAND® Florida Resort has partnered with IBCCES to earn designation as a Certified Autism Center™ across our theme park, water park, on-site hotels, and PEPPA PIG Theme Park Florida. Creating inclusive, welcoming experiences for all families, especially those with sensory needs, is central to everything we do.”

- Head of Marketing & Communications,
LEGOLAND® Florida Resort

LEGOLAND® Florida Resort is the ultimate vacation destination for families with young children. Located 45 minutes from Orlando and Tampa, the Resort features a 150-acre interactive Theme Park with more than 50 rides, live shows, and attractions inspired by popular LEGO® brands and characters. The seasonally heated Water Park, open year-round, offers over a dozen family water slides, and guests can stay in one of three uniquely themed on-site accommodations.

LEGOLAND® Japan Resort: Water Park

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“During the IBCCES certification process, I realized there was so much I did not know about the autism spectrum. I am glad that all of the LEGOLAND® Japan employees also had the opportunity to learn about it as well.”

- Yoshi Honda, Resort’s Divisional Director

LEGOLAND® Japan Resort is a theme park located in Nagoya city in Japan, providing a full day of fun and excitement for children aged 2 through 12 and their families. The whole family can enjoy the many rides, LEGO® models to play and build with, and interactive, adventurous attractions themed on the LEGO® brick world. We provide various services for our guests with disabilities, so that they can enjoy our park in the same way as other guests. Prior to visit, please check the latest details on our website: 【Official】 To our guests with disabilities | Service Guide | LEGOLAND® Japan Resort.

LEGOLAND® Korea Resort: Water Park

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"LEGOLAND Korea Resort continues to operate programs like Merlin Magic Wand throughout the year to ensure that all children have the right to play happily. Furthermore, with certification programs like the CAC, LEGOLAND will continue to make efforts to ensure that children with disabilities, including those with autism, can visit LEGOLAND Park and enjoy a happy time."

-Lee Soon-gyu, Divisional Director at LEGOLAND Korea Resort

LEGOLAND® Korea Resort is Korea's first global theme park to provide the best entertainment experience for family customers. A proud addition to the global LEGOLAND® as the 10th park, LEGOLAND® Korea Resort is entirely managed—from investment to operation—by Merlin Entertainments, a leading European and the world's second-largest tourist attraction operator. LEGOLAND® Korea Resort, built in Jungdo, Chuncheon, Gangwon-do, a place where all the pristine blessings of nature unfold, represents the first LEGOLAND® built on an island and one of the most beautiful LEGOLAND® parks in the world. LEGOLAND® Park consists of seven theme areas inspired by the LEGO® series, which is most popular with children, and features about 40 rides, attractions, and shows. Link to Accessibility Page: Special Situations (legoland.kr)

LEGOLAND® Malaysia Resort: Water Park

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"Becoming Malaysia's first Certified Autism Center™ is a meaningful milestone for us and we're proud to achieve this distinction. LEGOLAND® Malaysia has always been focused on delivering an educational, fun, and memorable experience to children and families of all backgrounds. As a leading tourist destination in Malaysia, we're committed to paving the way forward in creating an accessible, flexible environment that will cater to our guests' diverse needs and will continue doing our part to making the park inclusive and welcoming to all."

-CS Lim, Vice President of LEGOLAND® Malaysia Resort

LEGOLAND® Malaysia Resort brings together a LEGOLAND® Theme Park, Water Park, Hotel and SEA LIFE in one LEGO® themed location. It is the ideal family holiday destination with more than 80 hands-on rides, slides, shows, and attractions. It is the first of its kind in Asia that offers comprehensive adventure, education, and fun for either an action-packed day trip or a short break destination ideal for families with kids aged 2 to 12 years old.

The Water Park is the largest LEGOLAND® Water Park in Asia which features 20 unique slides, waves, wade pools, an interactive water-play structure and Build-A-Raft River.

Splish Splash Water Park

Splish Splash, New York's Largest Water Park®, has been a family destination for years. For over 35 seasons, Splish Splash continues to put family needs as its number one priority. From attractions, events and various dining and retail options, Splish Splash aims to make every guest's water park experience unforgettable. The world-class oasis of 96 acres is hidden among the trees on Long Island and is a summer tradition for New Yorkers and anyone looking to beat the heat.

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Splish Splash offers over 30 uniquely themed attractions like high-speed slides, an all-new water playground, two wave pools, a large kidde area, a lazy river, events, and many different food and merchandise locations. From the devoted thrill seeker to the laid-back sunbather, to the tiniest of tots, there is something for everyone at Splish Splash.

Summer Waves Water Park

“For years, Summer Waves Water Park has been a place where families come together to make memories and have fun. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ was an important step in making sure every guest, no matter their abilities, feels welcome and comfortable here. We’re especially proud to offer a dedicated sensory room, giving families a quiet space to take a break and recharge during their visit. Everyone deserves to enjoy a day of fun, and we’re committed to making that possible for all of our guests."

- Steve Sharpe, General Manager, Summer Waves Water Park

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www.jekyllisland.com/activities/summer-waves-water-park

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Amid the peace and serenity of Jekyll Island is an exciting family attraction – Summer Waves Water Park. Known for its cool, refreshing waters, clean surroundings, and amazing views of the Jekyll River, Summer Waves offers a variety of ways to beat the heat this season. From lazy laps around Turtle Creek to high-speed thrills down Pirate’s Passage, there’s no limit to the special memories you’ll make. For a quiet break, families can visit our sensory room—a calming space designed to help guests decompress amidst a day of fun. Whether it’s your family, friends or group – come on in. The water’s perfect.

Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel

“People of all types love to explore , visit, and enjoy an overnight stay or day at the waterpark. Our team recognizes the importance of servicing guests and their families on the autism spectrum. By becoming a Certified Autism Center™, we will be able to entertain our autism community in a creative, fun, and safe way. We look forward to providing sensory days with memorable experiences for all of our guests.”

- Bonnie Sprague, General Manager,
Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel

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www.soaringeaglewaterpark.com

Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, one of Michigan’s most visited waterparks, is 45,000 square feet of weatherproof family fun. With 243 comfortable rooms and suites, onsite dining options, snack, and gift shops, you never need to leave the property. Try your hand on FlowRider, our real surf simulator; gently float down the Lazy River; get drenched under our 317-gallon water bucket; or enjoy any of our family-friendly attractions.. You’ll find a welcoming and professional staff dedicated to the safety of all guests and a waterpark that has something for everyone. All lifeguard and management staff have undergone extensive training to ensure the highest standard of professional care for all who enter the doors of the waterpark and hotel. Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel is owned by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and is only about a mile from Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort.

Water World Colorado

“Water World prides itself on being a fun and welcoming place for every guest, every time. The Certified Autism Center™ training through IBCCES is an important part of that commitment, giving our staff the tools they need to better understand and serve autistic individuals and their families.”

-Yvonne Fischbach, Executive Director of Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation, which owns and operates Water World

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www.waterworldcolorado.com

Water World is recognized as one of the best and largest waterparks in the nation, with more than 50 thrilling and unique attractions across 70 beautiful acres. Water World is community-owned and operated by the Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District and has hosted more than 15 million guests since its opening in 1979. Water World features free parking and a bring-your-own picnic policy, as well as a variety of delicious food and drink options within the park. Guests should note that there can be a lot of walking due to the size of the park. In addition to rentable wheelchairs and the Attraction Access Pass (AAP), the park offers a free gondola to comfortably transport guests from one side of the park to the other.

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Water World Ocean Park Hong Kong

“Socialization is a critical part of growing up for all children, but those on the autism spectrum often find it an intimidating proposition. At the same time, their caregivers – the parents – also experience stress when they cannot address their children’s socialization needs. We recognized the pressing need in our society for a secure, refreshing yet controlled environment where families could spend quality time, and where children, both neurodivergent and neurotypical, could bond with their peers.”

-Ivan Wong, Chief Executive of Ocean Park Corporation

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Located at Tai Shue Wan, Water World Ocean Park Hong Kong is just minutes from Hong Kong’s urban centre, inviting everyone for an adventure of discovery, immersing themselves into a mystical, hidden world that’s one with the wonders of water and nature. The attraction features a series of terraced platforms along the hillside facing the South China Sea, blending in perfectly with the natural terrain with extensive vegetation and green roofs. World Ocean Park covers almost 700,000 square feet of land, offering a wide range of retail, dining and entertainment options. With 27 indoor and outdoor attractions across five themed zones, it provides fun for all ages with different intense levels of adventure. For more information, please visit waterworld.oceanpark.com.hk.

Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi

You haven't been to a water park until you've been to Yas Waterworld, Water's Greatest Playground. Spread over 37 acres, the UAE's mega water park offers the ultimate water adventure where guests can enjoy more than 40 rip-roaring rides, slithering slides, and amazing experiences at different thrill levels catering to the whole family.

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Yas Waterworld, Yas Island,
Abu Dhabi, UAE

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With over 40 theme park rides, slides, and attractions, everyone from tiny tots to water-park veterans will find something they love. Discover a world of exciting adventures while you surf the world's largest sheet wave with Bubble's Barrel, glide over the park and dodge water cannons on the Bandit Bomber, experience a taste of traditional pearl diving, or relax in comfort in a private Al Waha Cabana. Whatever your vacation taste, Yas Waterworld offers the ultimate waterpark experience.

ZOOS/AQUARIUMS

ABQ BioPark Aquarium & Botanic Garden

“It is important that every guest at the ABQ BioPark is welcome to connect with nature in a way that is meaningful to them. Being a Certified Autism Center™ opens the doors to families who may have hesitated to visit before, and now we can provide the tools to help everyone prepare and make the most of their visit to the zoo, botanic garden and aquarium.”

-Allyson Zahm, ABQ BioPark Guest Experience Manager

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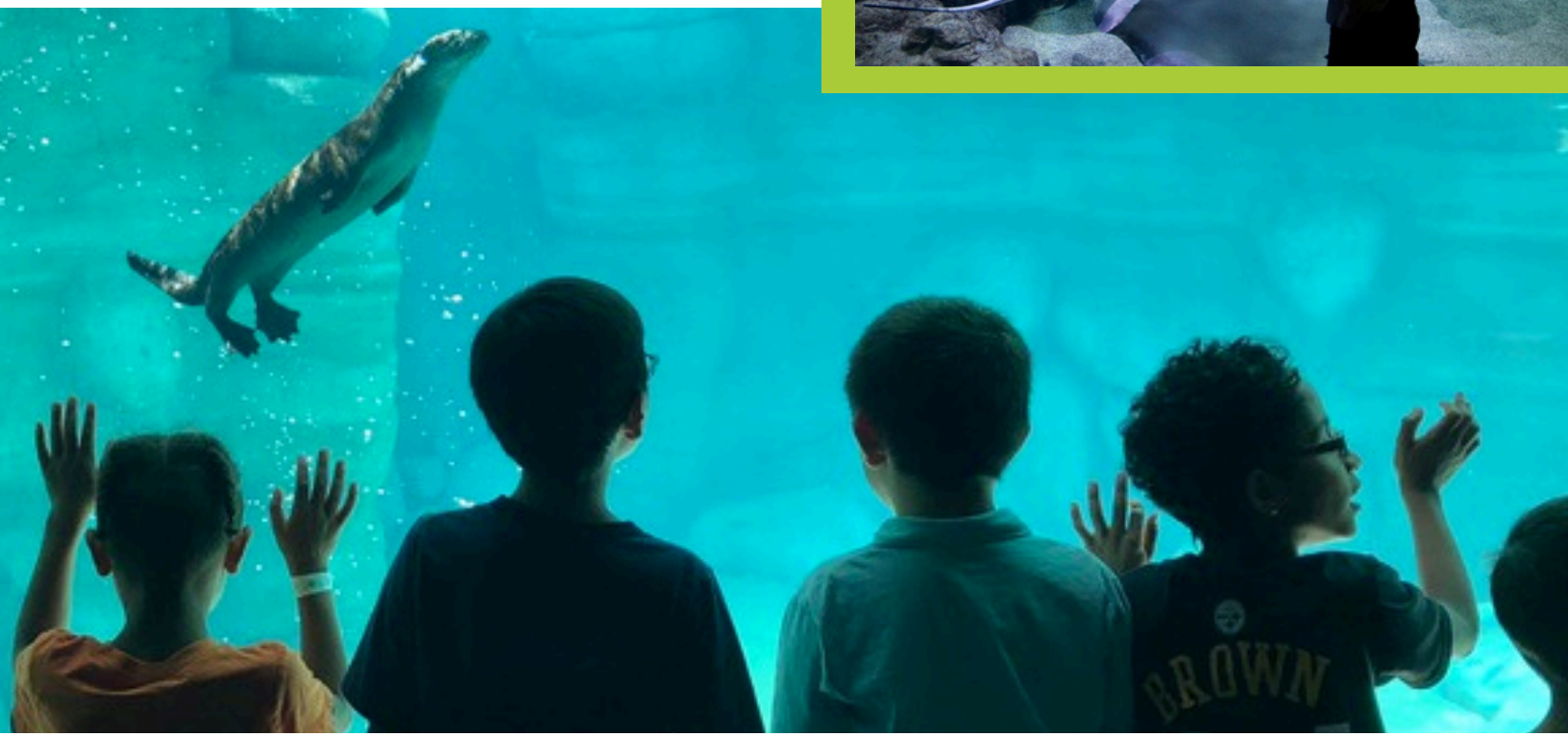
www.cabq.gov/artsculture/biopark/aquarium



ABQ BioPark, the southwest’s premier place to experience the wonders of nature, comprises two physical locations; the Zoo and the Aquarium and Botanic Garden.

Explore the zoo to watch penguins dive, listen to lorikeets chatter, spot a snow leopard, or see orangutans and siamangs swing through the trees. At the aquarium and botanic garden, one ticket lets you explore the wonders of the ocean and 32 acres of gardens, parks, conservatories, a farm, and the BUGarium, one of the country’s most elaborate exhibits dedicated to live bugs and arthropods. Can’t decide? Consider a combo ticket, and visit the zoo plus the aquarium and botanic garden in one action-packed day.

ABQ BioPark - Zoo

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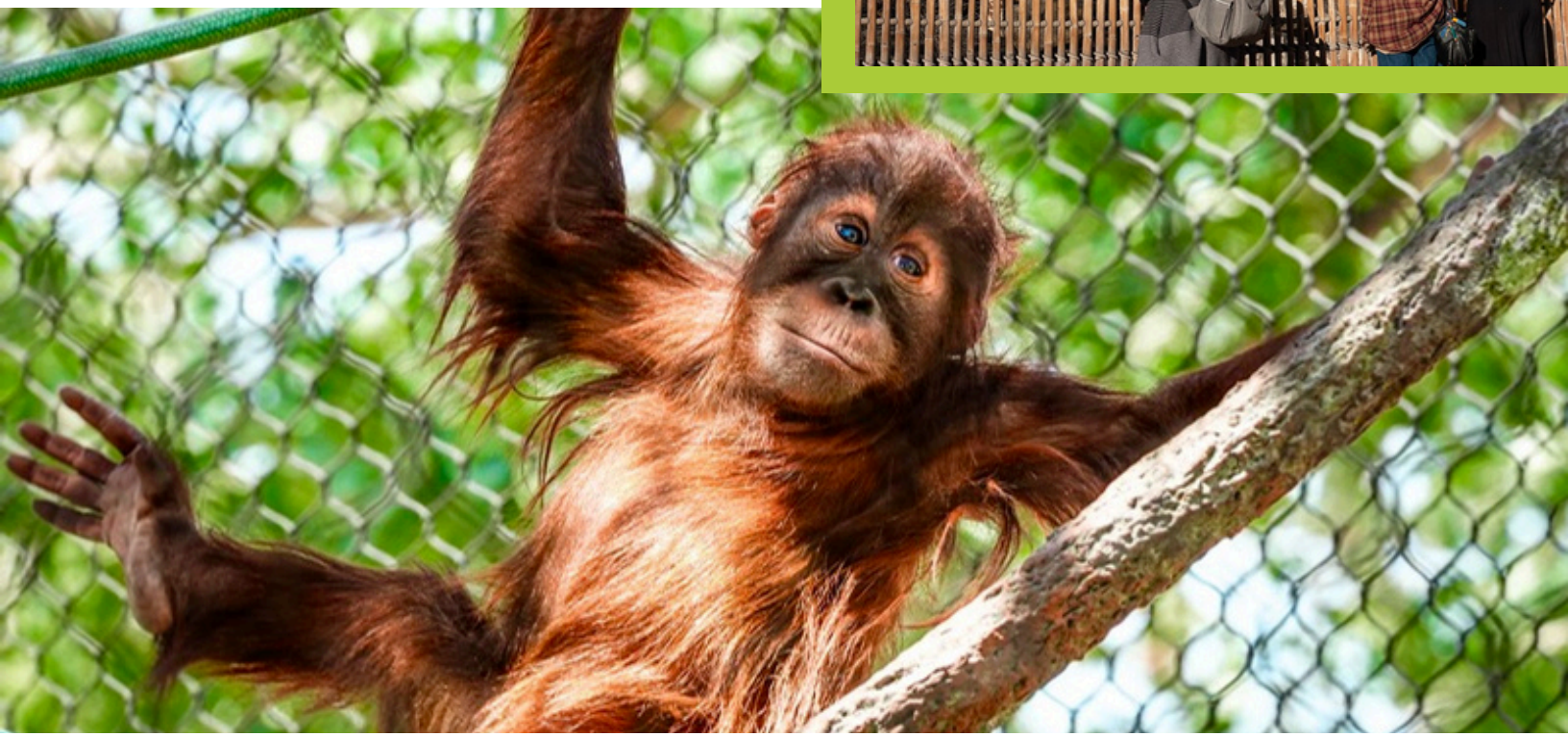
www.cabq.gov/artsculture/biopark/zoo



ABQ BioPark, the southwest’s premier place to experience the wonders of nature, comprises two physical locations; the Zoo and the Aquarium and Botanic Garden.

Explore the zoo to watch penguins dive, listen to lorikeets chatter, spot a snow leopard, or see orangutans and siamangs swing through the trees. At the aquarium and botanic garden, one ticket lets you explore the wonders of the ocean and 32 acres of gardens, parks, conservatories, a farm, and the BUGarium, one of the country’s most elaborate exhibits dedicated to live bugs and arthropods. Can’t decide? Consider a combo ticket, and visit the zoo plus the aquarium and botanic garden in one action-packed day.

Denver Zoo

“Fulfilling our mission—Inspiring Communities to Save Wildlife for Future Generations—relies on our ability to welcome and better serve guests on the autism spectrum and those with other sensory sensitivities.”

-Amber Christopher, Chief Operating Officer at Denver Zoo

Contact Info

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Denver, CO, 80205

8720-337-1400

www.denverzoo.org

Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and American Humane Certified™, Denver Zoo® is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) global conservation organization that inspires communities to save wildlife for future generations in Colorado and worldwide. Each year, through the support of its guests, members, donors and partners, the zoo connects more than 2 million people to wildlife through immersive zoo habitats, engaging learning experiences, and impactful local and global conservation programs; dedicates more than $2 million to operate, staff and fund wildlife conservation, rescue and rehabilitation projects; and provides the 3,000 animals that call its 80-acre campus home with the highest level of physical, mental, emotional and nutritional care. For more information, visit DenverZoo.org.

Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo

Enter a world of wonder at Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo, one of the largest suspended aquariums in the world. Home to over 140 species and 300+ sharks and rays, this 10-million-litre attraction inside Dubai Mall takes you on an unforgettable journey beneath the waves.

Contact Info

Level 2, Dubai Mall,
Downtown Dubai, UAE

800-DUBAI-MALL
(800-38224-6255)

www.thedubaiaquarium.com

Walk through the breathtaking 48-metre acrylic tunnel and come face to face with the ocean's most fascinating creatures. Then, explore the Underwater Zoo's different ecological zones, each housing a range of exotic creatures such as Gentoo penguins, King crocodiles, otters, pythons and more!

Elmwood Park Zoo

“We are thrilled to maintain our status as a Certified Autism Center™, highlighting our ongoing dedication to enhancing accessibility for every visitor. This recertification is a testament to our company culture's transformation, emphasizing our unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional experiences for all guests. It has enabled us to implement various measures to accommodate the diverse needs of our visitors, fostering an environment of inclusivity and compassion."

-Eric Donovan, Chief Operating officer of Elmwood Park Zoo

Contact Info

1661 Harding Blvd. Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401

800-652-4143

www.elmwoodparkzoo.org

Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown, Pennsylvania features dozens of exotic and endangered species spread over 16 acres, and is a perfect destination for families seeking a fun and educational experience. The new Frank & Paige Engro Veterinary Health and Welcome Center features state-of-the-art treatment rooms where guests can view everything from a porcupine receiving its annual check-up to a monkey getting an x-ray. Hand feed glant giraffes, take a ride on the wildlife carousel, and venture through the expansive playground. Elmwood Park Zoo offers free parking, and is located in an idyllic suburban location only minutes from major highways and public transportation.

Fort Worth Zoo

“We’re pleased to be part of the growing number of institutions that are Certified Autism Centers™. Our zoo offers many inroads to creativity and discovery, and we’re pleased to add another means of accessibility. We hope this will further increase our audiences while making the zoo even more usable and available to everyone.”

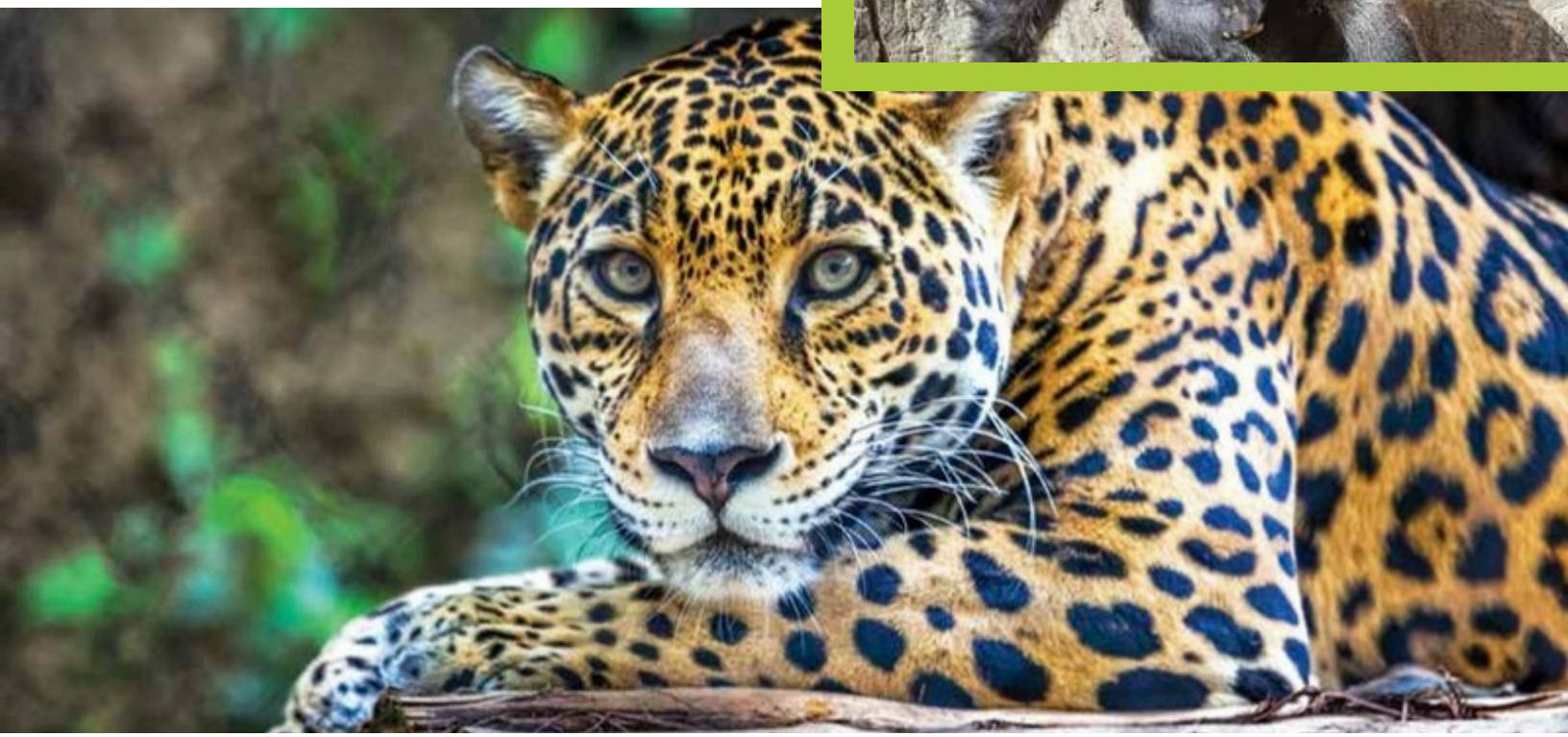
- Michael Fouraker, Fort Worth Zoo Executive Director

Contact Info

1989 Colonial Parkway
Fort Worth TX 76110

(817) 759-7555

www.fortworthzoo.org



Ranked one of the top five zoos in the nation, the Fort Worth Zoo has educated and entertained guests for more than a century. The zoo is nestled in the heart of a dense city park, giving rise to natural shade from canopies. Winding paths and meandering roads allow for a leisurely visit, while many animal encounters create excitement and adventure. Feed a giraffe, pet a goat, and engage with reptiles at the Discovery Hub in the Museum of Living Art. Every visit is a new experience. The Fort Worth Zoo opens daily at 10 a.m., with varying closure hours depending on the season. For complete information, including ticket prices, visit www.fortworthzoo.org.

Fort Wayne Zoo

> **This certification is just one way we are working to ensure the Fort Wayne Zoo is accessible to each of our guests. These tools help provide a great experience for our guests, as well as for current and potential employees as we strive to create a "Zoo for All" and continue our quest to be an employer of choice for those with disabilities."**

-Rick Schuiteman, Executive Director & CEO

Contact Info

3411 Sherman Blvd.,
Fort Wayne, IN 46808

260-427-6800

www.fwzoo.com

The Fort Wayne Zoo is northeast Indiana's largest tourist attraction, hosting more than 650,000 guests annually. The zoo is home to Red Panda Ridge named #6 in USA Today 10Best Zoo Exhibits for 2024. In 2021, the zoo was voted Visit Indiana's "Summer Bucket List Top Attraction" and is consistently named one of the nation's Top Ten Zoos for Kids by national media outlets.

The zoo is a conservation leader, investing annually in local, regional, and international efforts to protect wildlife and their habitats. The zoo cares for more than 1,500 animals and participates in 41 cooperative species survival plan programs and 42 taxon advisory groups, which are critical to supporting threatened species.

Houston Zoo

"The Houston Zoo is a place where every guest belongs. Our IBCCES Certified Autism Center designation reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring that visitors with autism and sensory sensitivities can experience the wonder of wildlife in an environment that is welcoming, comfortable, and designed with them in mind."

- Lisa Peterson, Houston Zoo President and CEO

Contact Info

6200 Hermann Park Drive,
Houston, TX 77030

713-533-6500

www.houstonzoo.org

Embark on an international journey of discovery and wonder right in the heart of Houston. At the Houston Zoo every visit is an opportunity to explore the world, connect with the incredible creatures that share our planet. Discover our playful elephants, feed giraffes in the African Forest, get eye-to-eye with curious gorillas, and so much more. The Zoo also supports wildlife conservation projects worldwide. When you visit, you're not only supporting the animals here at the Houston Zoo but also helping to save wildlife around the globe.

LEGOLAND® California Resort: SEA LIFE® Aquarium

LEGOLAND® California Resort includes LEGOLAND® California, SEA LIFE® Aquarium, LEGOLAND® Water Park, LEGOLAND® Hotel and LEGOLAND® Castle Hotel. All are geared for families with children between the ages of 2 and 12.

Contact Info

One LEGOLAND Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

(888) 690-5346

www.legoland.com/california

SEA LIFE® aquarium is your child's first interactive guide to the sea life, combining active hands-on learning with fascinating educational talks and up close encounters with sea creatures including sharks, octopi and rays!

And only at SEA LIFE Aquarium is the new exhibit "Sea at Night," where you can stroll in a gentle surf under a starry sky—during the day! Walk, jump and "splash" in a simulated bioluminescent tide.

Living Desert Zoo and Gardens

“The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens is proud to become a Certified Autism Center™ deepening our commitment to provide the best day-ever experience for all of our guests. The team is dedicated to ensuring all of our guests, including those with autism or sensory sensitivities, have equal opportunities and accessibility to participate in memorable, engaging, and inclusive experiences here at The Living Desert.”

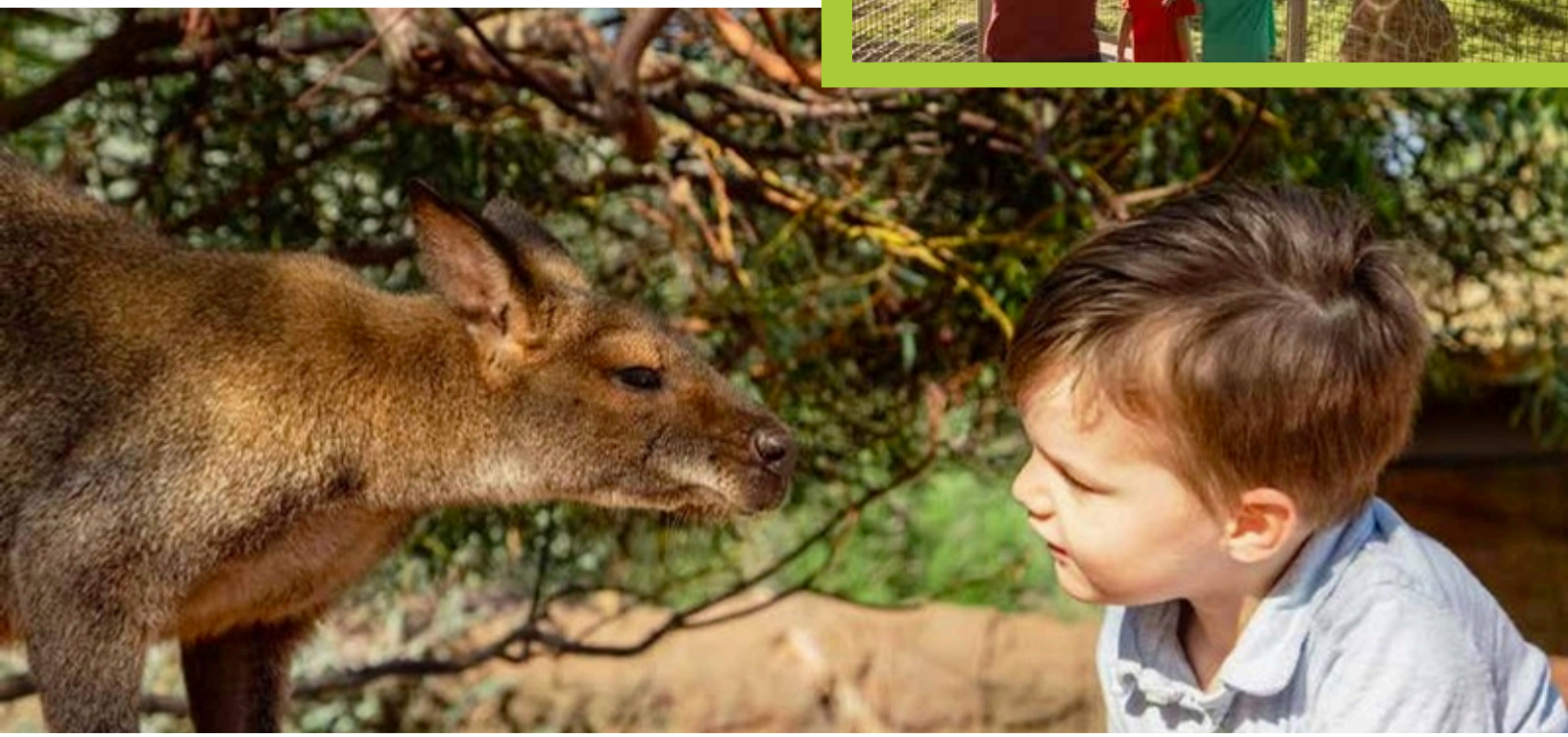
-Allen Monroe, President/CEO

Contact Info

47900 Portola Avenue
Palm Desert, CA 92260

760-346-5694

www.livingdesert.org



The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit, accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, ensuring the highest of standards of all aspects of animal care, education, conservation, public service, and operations. The Zoo is active in conservation research, habitat protection, breeding programs, and education initiatives around the world, as well as in its own community. The Zoo has been a top destination in the Palm Springs area for more than 50 years.

Living Shores Aquarium

Contact Info

850 NH Route 16, Glen, NH 03838

603-383-4186

https://www.livingshores.com

> **Here at Story Land and Living Shores, we pride ourselves on making both parks accessible to all of our guests. Our certification with IBCCES is just one way we educate our team members on how we can continue to offer an enjoyable experience for everyone who walks through our gates."**
>
> - Chris Kearsing, General Manager

Living Shores Aquarium is an indoor walk-through adventure that allows families to discover the wonders of the ocean year-round. The Glen, New Hampshire aquarium includes more than 32,000 square feet of interactive tide pools, exhibits, and immersive activities. Touch stingrays, interact with reptiles, and learn about the widespread oceans and native New England Lakes in a fun, interactive environment. Living Shores Aquarium also includes a digital sandbox, where kids can dig and discover marine life living on New England's beaches, and a drawing station where they can bring their own sea creatures to life.

Lost World Aquarium at Aquaventure World Dubai

Dubai's only marine-themed entertainment destination, the Lost World Aquarium, forms part of the wider Aquaventure World — a comprehensive aquatic theme park experience. At its core is the world's largest waterpark, officially recognised by Guinness World Records™, featuring 105 record-breaking slides and attractions. The destination also includes one kilometre of private beach, a range of motorised and non-motorised watersports, and 26 marine experiences, including Dolphin Bay, Sea Lion Point and Shark Lagoon.

Contact Info

Atlantis The Palm, Dubai
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Palm Island, Dubai, UAE

+971 04 426 0000

www.atlantis.com/dubai/atlantis-aquaventure

Spanning 14 themed rooms powered by 1,900 LED panels, 55 projectors and 140 synchronised speakers, the Lost World Aquarium delivers a multisensory experience that integrates technology, design and education. The journey begins at a cave-like entrance where a large-scale LED wall introduces guests to the underwater world ahead through dynamic visual sequences featuring Atlantean characters. Within the cylindrical chamber known as Medusa's Cave, guests encounter a sculptural representation of an Atlantean guardian, surrounded by marine species such as moray eels. Motion sensors respond to visitors' movements, activating interactive light patterns that create a responsive aquatic environment.

OdySea Aquarium

Contact Info

9500 E Via De Ventura, Suite A-100 Scottsdale, AZ 85256

480-291-8000

www.odyseaaquarium.com

“We know families with children on the autism spectrum often find it challenging when choosing an attraction to visit. Our mission to connect visitors with the wonders of the ocean has no exclusions. We have always made the necessary accommodations to make all guests as comfortable as possible – on every visit. This certification was a natural step for us as we continue to provide safe, engaging and memorable experiences for all of our guests.”

-Greg Charbeneau, OdySea Aquarium President

The largest aquarium in the southwest, OdySea Aquarium, takes guests on an entertaining and educational oceanic adventure like no other. Voted Best Family Entertainment multiple years in a row, the state-of-the-art facility features an amazing array of animals, including sharks, otters, sea lions, penguins, sea turtles, sloths, and more. OdySea Aquarium will quickly become part of your “must-see” list of things to do in Scottsdale, with immersive experiences like SeaTREK® underwater ocean walking, multiple touch exhibits, a giant submerged escalator that descends into the Deep Ocean, and the world’s only rotating aquarium, OdySea Voyager. Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and designated a Certified Autism Center™, OdySea Aquarium is deeply committed to conservation and community outreach through its 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation. As the anchor attraction at Arizona Boardwalk, located within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Talking Stick Entertainment District, OdySea Aquarium is open 365 days a year.

Santa Barbara Zoo

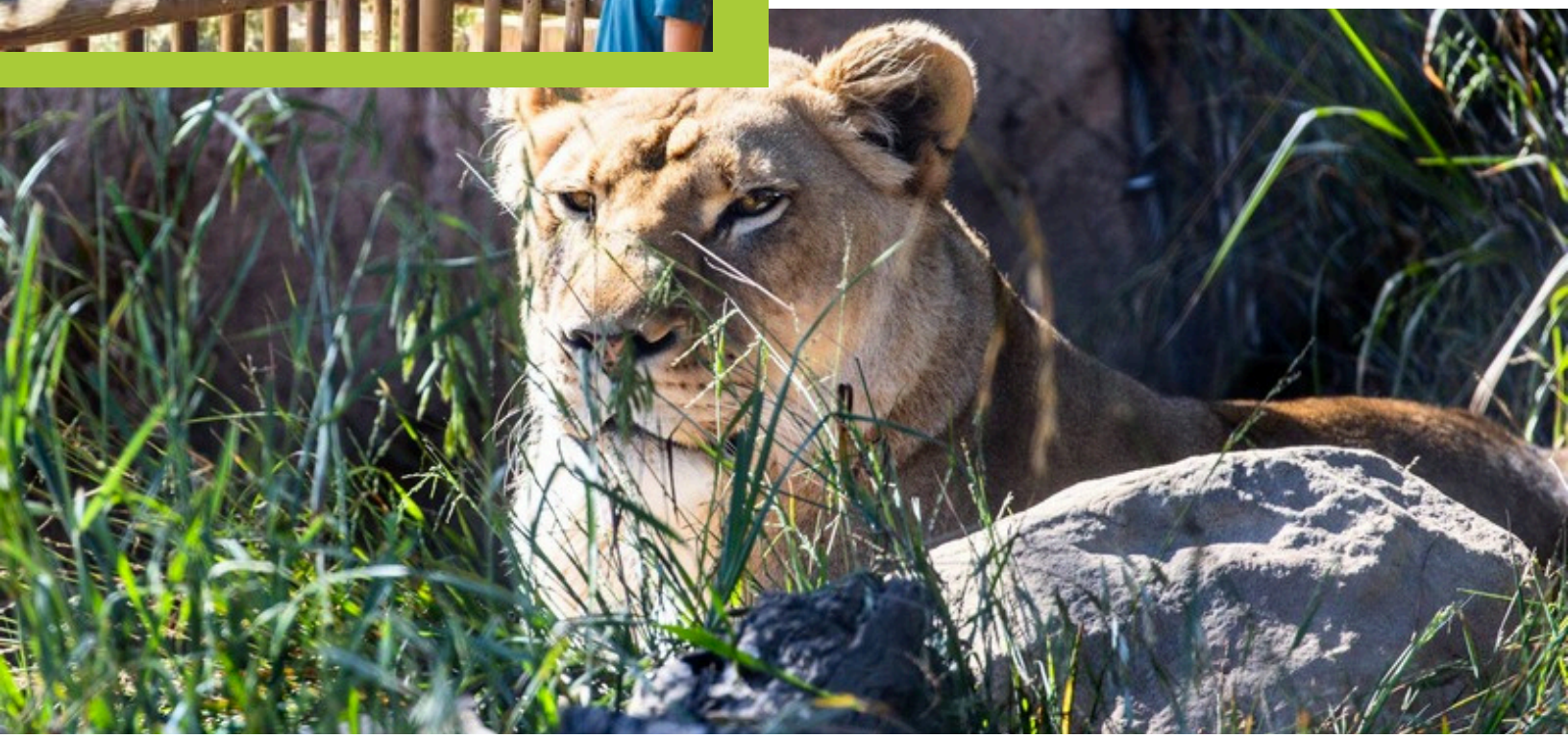
Contact Info

500 Ninos Drive
Santa Barbara, California 93103

805-962-5339

www.sbzoo.org

> **“The Santa Barbara Zoo prioritizes the welfare of our animals and the welfare of every guest and member of our community. We strive to create spaces where guests, staff and volunteers have access to safe and inclusive experiences. Continuing to be a Certified Autism Center™ creates a continued commitment for best practices surrounding neurodiversity. We are thankful that IBCCES continues to be a part of our inclusion and access work.”**
>
> - JJ McLeod, Director of Education at the Santa Barbara Zoo



Known as one of the world’s most beautiful zoos, the Santa Barbara Zoo has 30 acres of botanic gardens overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The Zoo has more than 400 animals to view, including snow leopards, Humboldt penguins, Masai giraffes, white-handed gibbons, and highly endangered California condors, among others. The Zoo now offers dedicated quiet spaces and provides sensory backpacks to guests on the spectrum or with sensory sensitivities.

SeaWorld® Yas Island, Abu Dhabi

Contact Info

Yas Island - YS6 - Abu Dhabi - UAE

+971 2 496 8000

SeaWorldYasIsland.com

Welcome to The World's Largest Indoor Marine Life Theme Park. Get ready for over 100 animal experiences and presentations, and learn all about the One Ocean that connects us all.

Wander across eight ocean realms at SeaWorld Yas Island, Abu Dhabi - Abu Dhabi Ocean, One Ocean, Arctic, Antarctica, Rocky Point, Tropical Ocean, Endless Ocean and MicroOcean - and witness breathtaking marine life, majestic colors and fascinating behaviors. Discover what animals are in SeaWorld Abu Dhabi and view over 100 animal experiences and presentations. For those seeking a thrill rush, there are over 15 rides and interactive experiences designed to immerse you into the one ocean.

ZooMontana

Contact Info

2100 S. Shiloh Rd.
Billings, MT 59106

406-652-8100

www.zoomontana.org

“ZooMontana is honored to be a Certified Autism Center™ because every individual deserves an inclusive and welcoming experience. Embracing autism certification isn't just about meeting standards; it's about ensuring that everyone, regardless of their unique needs, can enjoy and connect with the wonders of ZooMontana. It's a commitment to empathy, understanding, and the belief that diversity enriches our community.”

-Jeff Ewelt, Executive Director of ZooMontana

ZooMontana is a zoological/botanical garden, accredited arboretum and educational facility dedicated to the conservation of wildlife throughout Montana and the 45th parallel of earth. ZooMontana cares for over 100 animals spanning 56 different species, including Amur Tigers, Grizzly Bears, Wolverines, River Otters, Takin, and Canada Lynx, among others—most of which are rescues. Situated in the picturesque tourist destination of Billings, Montana, ZooMontana offers visitors a unique opportunity to learn about Yellowstone ecosystem fauna through direct observation, interpretive displays, and experiential educational programs. Annually, community and educational programs serve over 20,000 students and over 150,000 visitors, most of whom hail from the northern Rockies. Led by an energetic and dynamic staff, ZooMontana enjoys strong community support through volunteerism, donations, and outreach. ZooMontana is one of only two facilities within the state of Montana to be accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

MUSEUMS & SCIENCE CENTERS

Allegany Museum

Contact Info

3 Persing St., Cumberland, MD, 21502

301-777-7200

www.alleganymuseum.org

“The Allegany Museum is proud to earn the Certified Autism Center™ accreditation through IBCCES. The training, visitor feedback, and resources provided have enhanced our capacity to make education accessible and meaningful for all. We believe inclusive learning experiences strengthen not only our museum, but also our entire community.”

- Dr. Emily Kasecamp, Coordinator of Allegany Museum

The Allegany Museum, located in Historic Downtown Cumberland, Maryland, and ranked among America’s top ten small-town museums for two consecutive years, is dedicated to preserving the region’s unique heritage and promoting education, community engagement, and enrichment through academic, artistic, and cultural programs. The museum houses more than 50,000 artifacts that trace the region’s history—from its earliest inhabitants to its industrial legacy. Through exhibitions, programs, and events, the Allegany Museum makes history accessible, meaningful, and inspiring for all.

Arizona Museum of Natural History

Contact Info

53 N. Macdonald,
Mesa, AZ 85201

(480) 644-2230

www.azmnh.org

“The museum is a center point of society and as such should be inclusive to all. We aim to provide a fun and educational experience with no barriers to learning. The Certified Autism Center™ training and report will better equip us to serve the needs of our public.”

- Simon Tipene Adlam, Director of the Arizona Museum of Natural History

Discover the wonders of the Arizona Museum of Natural History (AZMNH) in downtown Mesa! Dive into Dinosaur Hall to marvel at impressive skeletons and explore Dinosaur Mountain's animatronics and indoor waterfall. Pan for gold, learn about volcanoes, and uncover Arizona's connections to ancient civilizations like the Maya. Don't miss the new Mammal Hall, featuring Arizona's Megafauna extinction, and the chance to observe real paleontologists at work in the Paleo Lab Live. Get your tickets at AZMNH.org for an enriching experience!

Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert

“At the Children’s Discovery Museum of the Desert, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to explore, learn, and feel a true sense of belonging. As a leader, my priority is to ensure that every family feels seen, supported, and welcomed. Our commitment to accessibility is not just about meeting needs—it is about creating an environment where all families can engage, participate, and be inspired in ways that are meaningful to them. We are continually learning, growing, and evolving to better serve our entire community.”

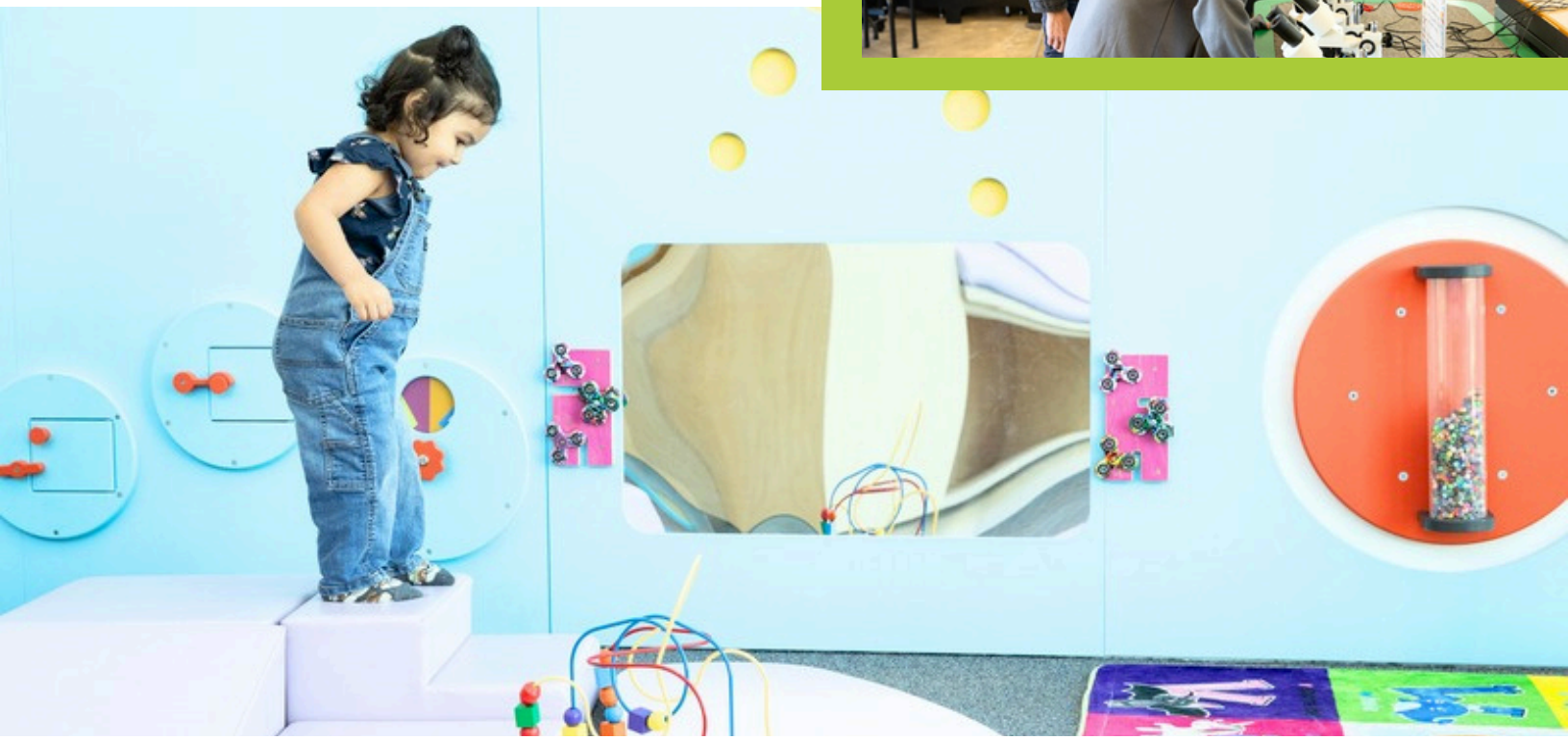
- Cindy Burreson, CEO

Contact Info

71-701 Gerald Ford Drive,
Rancho Mirage CA 92270

760.321.0602

www.cdmod.org



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The Children’s Discovery Museum of the Desert is a hands-on, family-focused learning environment located in Rancho Mirage, California, serving children ages 2–10 and their caregivers. Designed to spark curiosity and encourage exploration, the museum offers a dynamic mix of indoor and outdoor spaces where children can learn through play.

We are committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all guests and strive to accommodate a wide range of needs.

COGNiTiON Science and Discovery Center

“Renewing our Certified Autism Center™ designation represents our continued commitment to making COGNiTiON a place where all children can explore, learn, and belong. This renewal reinforces our dedication to accessibility, inclusion, and meaningful engagement for every family in our community.”

-Kimmee Miller, Executive Director of COGNiTiON

“We love that COGNiTiON understands different learning needs. It’s a safe, calm, and joyful space where our child can truly be themselves.”

-Parent who visited COGNiTiON with their children

Contact Info

232 N. Michigan Ave.
Beulah, Michigan, 49617-9147

231-383-4095

www.discovercognition.org

COGNiTiON Science & Discovery Center is a hands-on learning destination in Beulah, Michigan, designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and confidence in learners of all ages. Through interactive exhibits, live animal experiences, and engaging STEM-based programming, COGNiTiON connects science, nature, and play in meaningful ways. As a Certified Autism Center™, we are committed to providing inclusive, accessible experiences that ensure every guest feels welcomed, supported, and empowered to explore.

Detroit Historical Museum

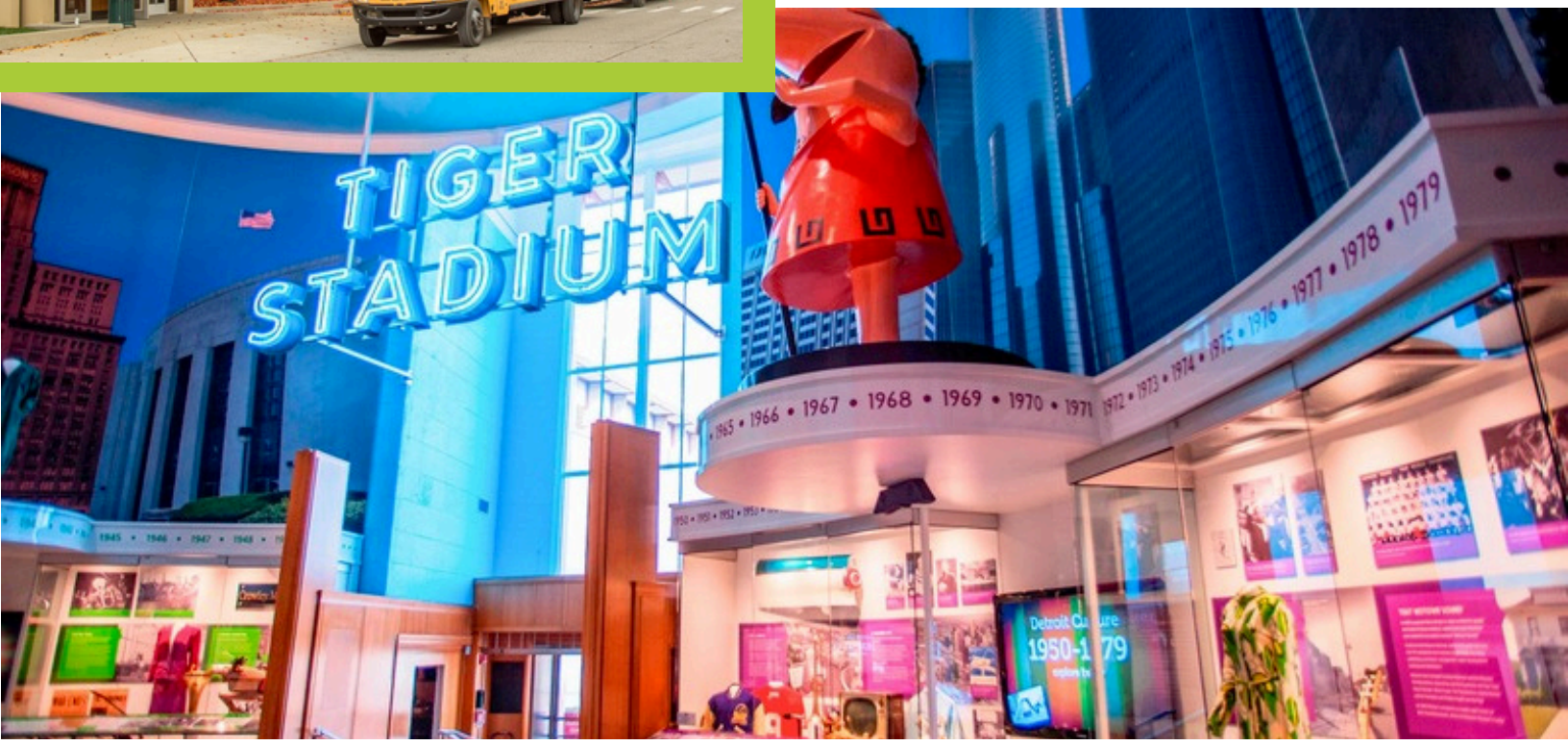
Contact Info

5401 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202

313.833.1805

www.detroithistorical.org

The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Midtown Detroit. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*, the *Allesee Gallery of Culture*, *Doorway to Freedom: Detroit and the Underground Railroad*, *Detroit 67: Perspectives*, *Detroit: The "Arsenal of Democracy,"* *Origins: Life Where the River Bends*, *America's Motor City* and *The Glancy Trains*. Each year the museum features a rotating schedule of temporary exhibitions that complement the permanent exhibits.



Exhibition spaces have been refined with accessibility in mind with few obstructions, appropriately leveled reader rails and buttons, and QR enabled content. Staff has been trained to welcome and accommodate neuro-diverse guests and tours are available that incorporate more sensory-friendly accommodations. Family events regularly offer special hours for families who would benefit from a less stimulating museum experience. Sensory bags are available at our registration desks and the Society has plans to create quiet rooms in both museums during 2024.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum

Contact Info

5401 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202

313.821.2661

www.detroithistorical.org/dossin-great-lakes-museum/plan-your-visit/general-information

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum is located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle. Permanent exhibits include the *Gothic Room*, *Built by the River*, *Miss Pepsi*, and the *William Clay Ford Pilot House*. Each year the museum features a rotating selection of its historically significant ship model collection and a new temporary exhibition in the *Robert M. Dossin Gallery* that complements the permanent exhibits.

Exhibition spaces have been refined with accessibility in mind with few obstructions, appropriately leveled reader rails and buttons, and QR enabled content. Staff has been trained to welcome and accommodate neuro-diverse guests and tours are available that incorporate more sensory-friendly accommodations. Family events regularly offer special hours for families who would benefit from a less stimulating museum experience. Sensory bags are available at our registration desks and the Society has plans to create quiet rooms in both museums during 2024.

Family Museum

“The Family Museum is committed to providing a highly-trained staff to improve the experience and learning environment for individuals and families affected by autism.”

- Kim Kidwell, Family Museum Director

Contact Info

2900 Learning Campus Dr,
Bettendorf, IA 52722

(563) 344-4106

www.familymuseum.org

Operate a crane, shop for groceries, sort mail, and climb into a tree house at the fun-filled and interactive Family Museum. This hands-on museum located in Bettendorf, Iowa, is geared towards children eight years old and younger and encourages families to play and learn together.The Museum offers Special Needs Nights, quarterly, to provide families an experience with sounds, lights, and crowd size kept to a minimum. Sensory kits and quiet spaces are available upon request.

George Observatory

HOUSTON MUSEUM
of NATURAL SCIENCE
George Observatory

Contact Info

21901 FM 762 Needville, TX 77461

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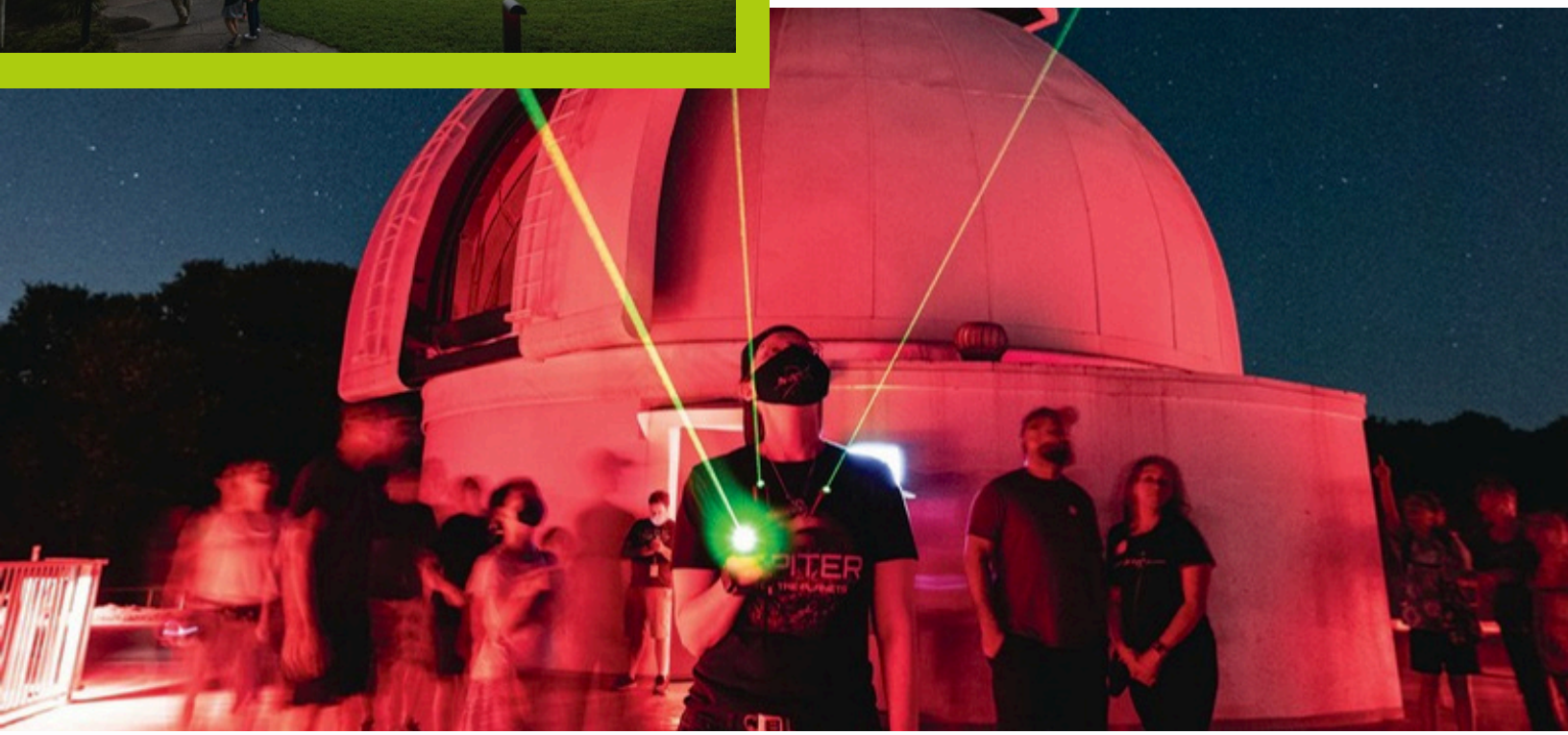
www.george.hmns.org

The Observatory houses three domed telescopes, a Challenger Learning Center for Space Science Education, and a meteorite exhibit featuring fragments of several famous meteorites!



The George Observatory, located about one hour south of Houston within scenic Brazos Bend State Park, is a satellite facility of the Houston Museum of Natural Science. You can reserve tickets for Saturday Stargazing and select special classes and events at the George Observatory online. Please note that Brazos Bend State Park entrance fees apply.

Glazer Children's Museum

Glazer Children's Museum

“This certification is a testament to our commitment to creating an inclusive environment for neurodiverse children and their families. Through our sensory-friendly events, neurodiversity-affirming camps, and other thoughtful initiatives, we aim to ensure that every guest has the opportunity to experience the joy of play and discovery in a way that meets their unique needs.

- Sarah Cole, President and CEO

Contact Info

110 W Gasparilla Plaza
Tampa, FL 33602

813-443-3862

www.GlazerMuseum.org

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There’s something new to discover with each visit to Glazer Children’s Museum. Play pretend in your favorite signature exhibits and discover new worlds in traveling exhibits. Create and connect as a family with our seasonal crafts, cozy up for story time with Team GCM, get your giggles out during spontaneous play activities, and celebrate your day of play in our Ring Out the Day Parade, every visit.

We offer a wide range of accessibility options for your visit, from a sensory room to mobility chairs to sensory-friendly special events. Learn more at GlazerMuseum.org/accessibility.

GRAMMY Museum®

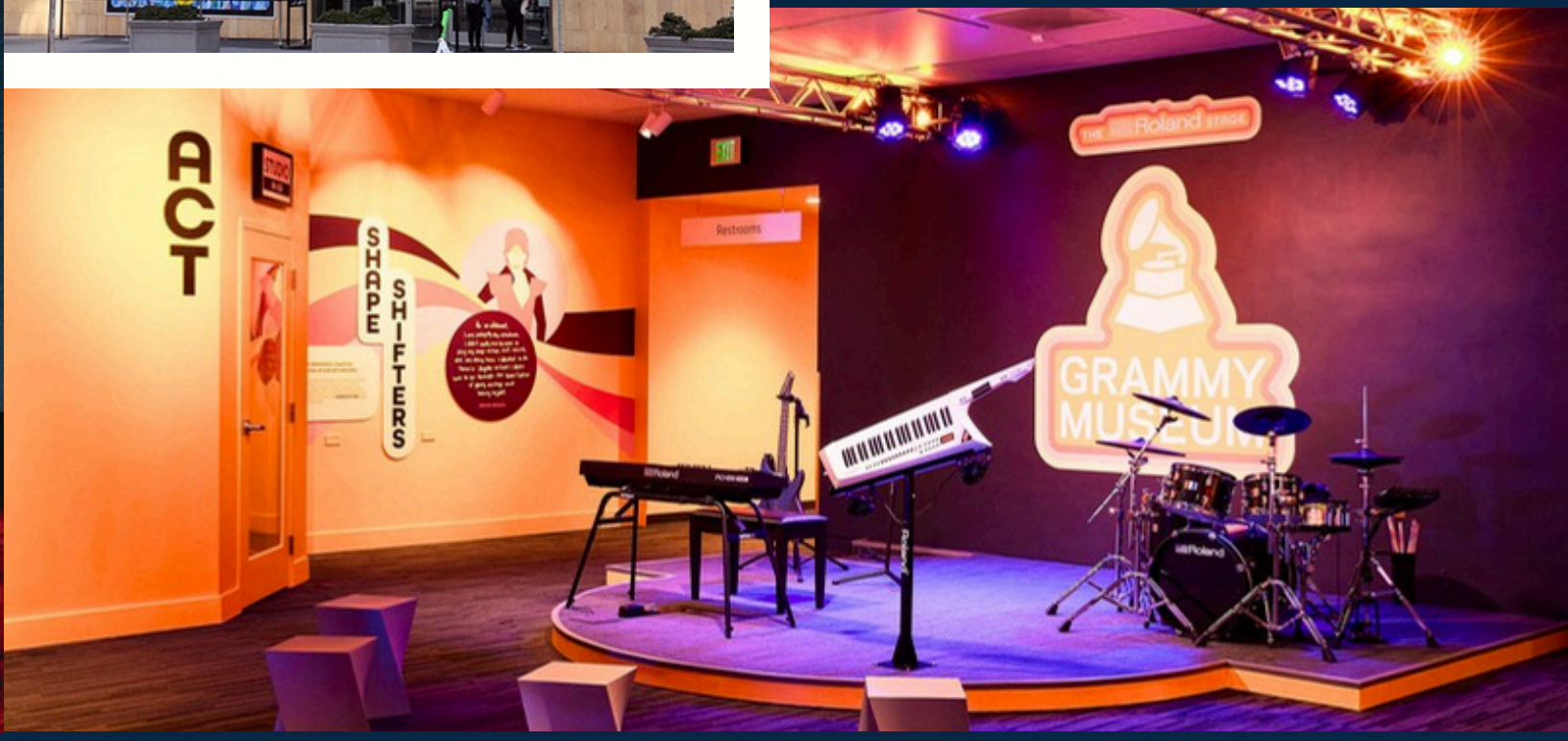
Contact Info

800 W Olympic Blvd, Ste
A245 Los Angeles, CA 90015

213-765-6800

www.grammymuseum.org

> **The GRAMMY Museum® is proud to renew our status as a Certified Autism Center™, reaffirming our ongoing commitment to accessibility and inclusion. As the first destination in Los Angeles County to achieve this certification, and the first museum in California to do so, we remain dedicated to expanding opportunities for visitors of all ages, abilities, and their families to engage with our interactive and educational experiences."**
>
> -Michael Sticka, President/CEO of the GRAMMY Museum®



The GRAMMY Museum is a nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating and exploring music from yesterday and today to inspire the music of tomorrow through exhibits, education, grants, preservation initiatives, and public programming. Paying tribute to our collective musical heritage, the Museum values and celebrates the dynamic connection in people's diverse backgrounds and music's many genres, telling stories that inspire us, and creative expression that leads change in our industry.

For more information, visit www.grammymuseum.org, "like" the GRAMMY Museum on Facebook, and follow @GRAMMYMuseum on Instagram and TikTok.

Great Lakes Children's Museum

“Although the museum has always been welcoming to different learning styles, this training and certification allows us to offer more support and services than ever before. We are excited to expand our offerings to be even more inclusive of those on the autism spectrum and diverse learning abilities.”

-Tom Maynard, GLCM Impact Manager

Contact Info

3200 W South Airport Rd, Suite 420, Traverse City, MI 49684

231-932-4526

www.greatlakeskids.org

The Great Lakes Children’s Museum offers hands-on, interactive, and informal educational environments for both children and the adults accompanying them. These environments invite curiosity, encourage exploration, foster participation, and celebrate the child-like wonder in all of us. The Museum offers a diverse range of exhibits and programs that cater to various early childhood developmental areas, including role-play, creativity, curiosity, pattern recognition, and social awareness. While individuals of all ages enjoy playing and learning in the museum daily, the permanent exhibits primarily target children aged 12 months to 8 years old.

High Point Museum

"The High Point Museum tells the history of the High Point community. We strive to represent every High Pointer in the stories we tell. We are continuing to design new museum experiences so that every visitor can find a meaningful personal connection to our history."

-Edith Brady, Director of High Point Museum

Contact Info

1859 E Lexington Ave
High Point NC, 27262

336-885-1859

www.highpointmuseum.org

The High Point Museum shares greater High Point's history, provides perspective for current issues, and strengthens community. With a number of permanent and changing exhibition spaces and a Historical Park that includes four historic buildings, the Museum offers a variety of experiences for all ages.

Houston Museum of Natural Science

HOUSTON MUSEUM of NATURAL SCIENCE

Contact Info

5555 Hermann Park Drive Houston, TX 77030

713-639-4629

www.hmns.org

> **At the Houston Museum of Natural Science, science is for everyone! HMNS is committed to creating an accessible and welcoming educational environment for all visitors, and staff training is a crucial part of that. We are so proud to partner with the IBCCES for reaccreditation at all three of our locations – HMNS, HMNS at Sugar Land, and The George Observatory. Being a Certified Autism Center™ is a great way to communicate that HMNS is prioritizing accessibility, and we are here as a resource for our community members with autism.**
>
> -Matti Wallin, Accessibility Programs Manager at HMNS

Founded in 1909, the purpose of the Houston Museum of Natural Science has always been to "enhance in individuals the knowledge and delight in natural science and related subjects." To this very day, this purpose is carried out in every project, program and exhibition associated with the museum. As one of the most heavily attended museums in the United States, and one of the most attended venues in Houston, the Museum houses the Burke Baker Planetarium, Wortham GIANT Screen Theatre, Cockrell Butterfly Center and a fascinating variety of permanent exhibit areas that examine astronomy, space science, Native American culture, paleontology, energy, chemistry, gems and minerals, seashells, Texas wildlife and much more. In addition, the museum frequently presents traveling exhibitions on a variety of topics.

Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land

HOUSTON MUSEUM of NATURAL SCIENCE
Sugar Land

Contact Info

13016 University Blvd. Sugar Land, Texas 77479

821-313-2278

www.hmns.org/sugarland

IBCCES CAC CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER™

“One of the critical missions of the Houston Museum of Natural Science is to enhance the knowledge of individuals and the delight in natural science. That is why we are devoted to making sure that everyone who comes through our doors can access the wonders of our collections. It is an honor and a privilege to be an IBCCES certified venue.”

- Joel Bartsch, HMNS President

The Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land has expanded the embrace of the HMNS family. In a city set to defeat the horizon, we must grow in step with its elastic radius. Texans revel in moments of awe and wonder, thirst for innovation and defeat challenges — we’ve opened our doors to you and in turn, you’ve brought us along for the ride. Conveniently located within sight of Highway 59, the Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land offers fascinating science exhibitions sure to appeal to all ages.

idea Museum

“At idea Museum, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to explore, create and thrive in a space designed with them in mind. As we continue to transform our museum through inclusive design, accessibility upgrades and immersive, hands-on exhibits, we are proud to be a part of this citywide initiative supporting families of children on the autism spectrum. Partnering with IBCCES helps us deepen our commitment to welcoming families of all abilities—not just by offering accommodations, but by cultivating an environment where every child can feel safe, seen and inspired. We want every visit to spark imagination, support joyful learning and create lasting memories together.”

-Jarrad Bittner, idea Museum Director

Contact Info

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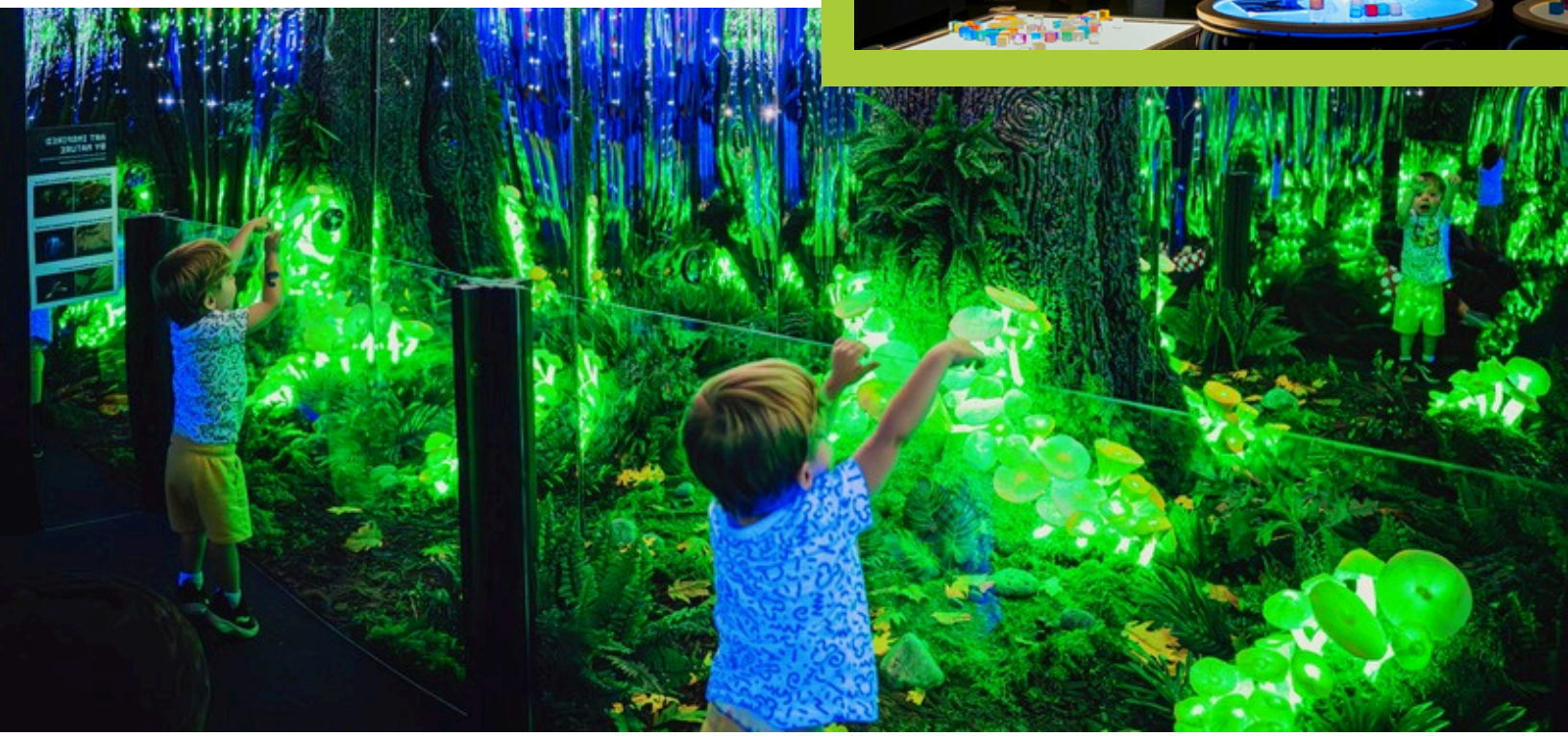
www.ideaMuseum.org



Located in Downtown Mesa and operated by the City of Mesa, idea Museum is a vibrant space where children flourish through creativity, curiosity and connection. With hands-on STEAM activities and immersive experiences, every visit inspires imagination, with art and creativity at the heart of every adventure. We offer a variety of accessibility tools to enhance the experience of children and visitors with sensory needs including sensory support packs, noise-reducing headphones, TheraSpec glasses and quiet spaces.

To ensure the best experience for your family, we recommend checking in with our front desk for accommodations that meet your needs. Please note the museum tends to be busiest on weekday mornings and during school breaks. The museum is closed on Mondays and most holidays.

ImagineU Children's Museum

“ImagineU Children's Museum is honored to be a part of the incredible work that IBCCES does, both for families within our community and across the globe. We are deeply grateful for their commitment to creating accessibility and opportunity for all. Together, we're helping to ensure that every individual, regardless of ability, has the chance to imagine, explore and learn.”

- Katy Young, ImagineU Executive Director

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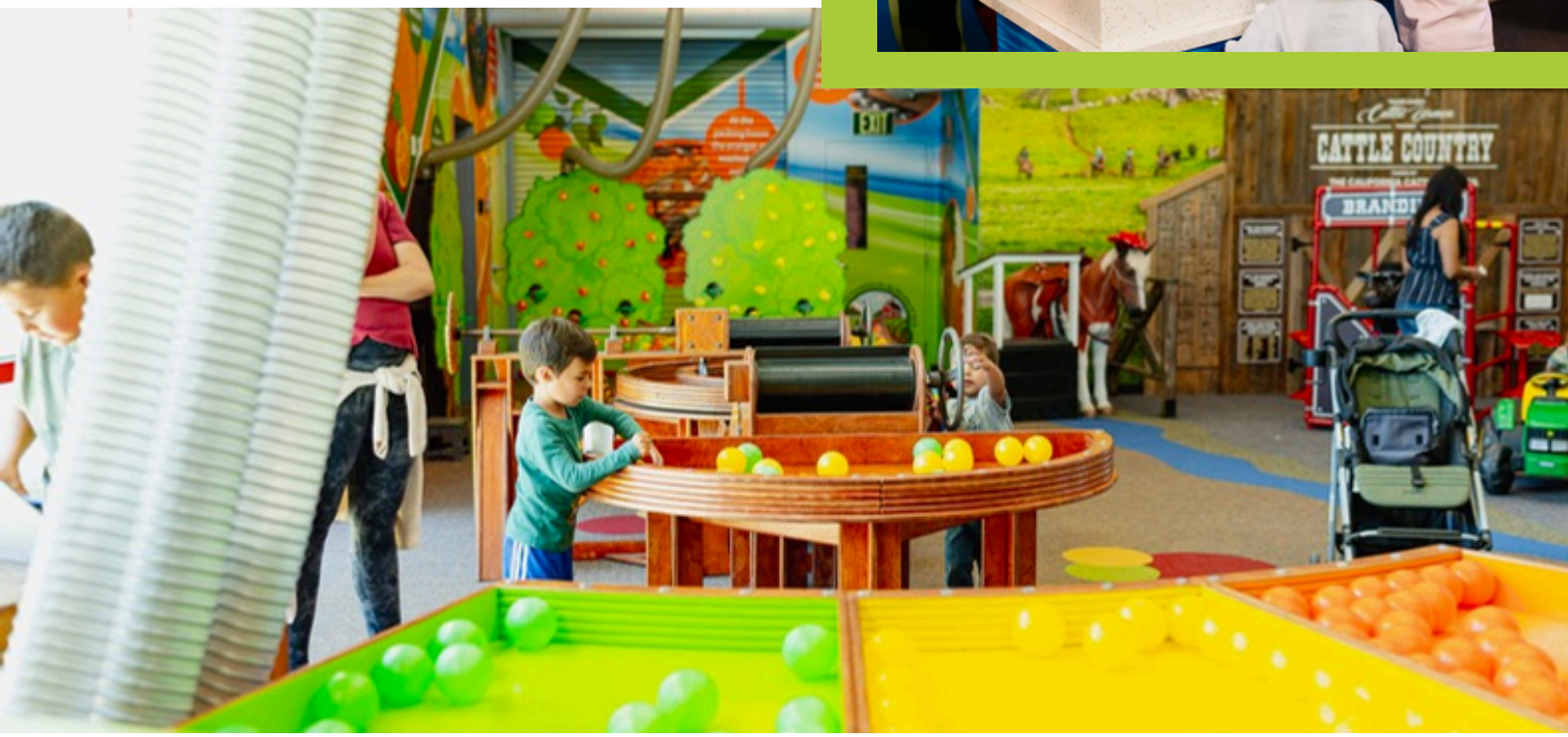

ImagineU Children's Museum is all about the future! Our goal is to inspire the hearts and minds of the children in this community, igniting their imagination, fostering excitement for exploration, and nurturing a love of learning. At ImagineU, we nurture future leaders, dreamers, scientists, farmers, artists, and teachers—We are a place of possibilities and promise. As children play, they learn. The most advanced form of play involves imaginations. The most important gift we can give to our children is to inspire their imagination. We believe that every child and family should have access to a safe environment to IMAGINE, EXPLORE, AND LEARN.

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex

“This certification is just one way we are working to ensure that Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is accessible to each of our guests. The extensive autism sensitivity and awareness training our staff has undergone has already impacted the way we interact with all families and children with of all abilities, but specifically those with autism and other sensory sensitivities.”

-Therrin Protze, COO, Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex

Contact Info

Space Commerce Way,
Merritt Island, FL 32953

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www.kennedyspacecenter.com

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex brings to life the epic story of the U.S. space program, offering multiple days of fun, inspiration and educational activities. Just 45 minutes from Orlando, Fla., Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex opens daily at 9 a.m. with closing times varying by season. The new, two-day ticket, which can be used for up to six months from purchase and averages a cost of less than $45 per day, is now available for $89 per adult and $79 per child. Single-day admission is $75 per adult, $65 per child. For more information, call 877-313-2610 or visit www.KennedySpaceCenter.com.

Mesa Arts Center

Contact Info

1 East Main Street
Mesa, Arizona 85201

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www.mesaartscenter.com

“Mesa Arts and Culture connects our community with meaningful and enriching experiences. Our certification renewal reinforces our commitment to creating inclusive, welcoming environments where autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals can fully participate, helping us build a culturally vibrant and thriving Mesa for everyone.”

- Luis Ruiz, director of Arts and Culture for the City of Mesa

Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona’s largest arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment and performances, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education classes. Mesa Arts Center's mission is to create meaningful arts experiences in Mesa for everyone.

MiSci - Museum Of Innovation & Science

“We’re proud to continue our certification. We’ve been thrilled by the response we’ve received from the community, and by the opportunity to give our autistic and sensory-sensitive visitors the thrill of exploration, discovery, and invention in a welcoming environment.”

- Kurt Beecher, miSci’s Vice President of Exhibit Development

Contact Info

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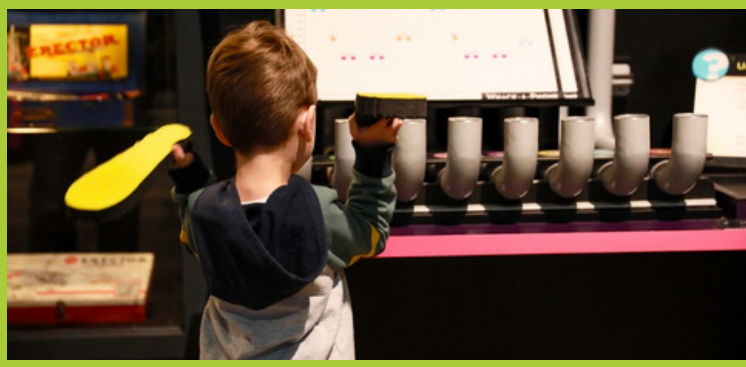

Located in Schenectady, New York, miSci is a center for learning, imagination, and creativity that presents exhibitions, programs, and events designed with its mission in mind: to inspire people to celebrate and explore science and technology – past, present, and future. It is housed in a 44,270-square-foot facility that includes gallery space, the Suits-Beuche Planetarium, and classrooms. The museum’s collections and archives include more than 15,000 science and technology artifacts, and more than two million photographs documenting the history of electricity, electronics, and the impact of technological change.

Michener Art Museum

Throughout the year, the Michener Art Museum hosts a wide range of programs open to the public, including lectures, artists conversations, gallery talks, artist studio tours, dance performances, concerts and other musical performances, Ladies Nights Out, family-themed activities, and other events. The Museum also offers art classes for children and adults, which include instruction in drawing, painting, sculpting, and printmaking as well as programs designed to enhance artistic awareness.

Contact Info

138 S Pine St., Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 18901

215.866.9500

www.michenerartmuseum.org/

In 1988, with the support of many dedicated citizens, the Michener Art Museum opened as an independent, non-profit cultural institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting and exhibiting the art and cultural heritage of the Bucks County region.

Surrounded by historic prison walls, the Patricia D. Pfundt Sculpture Garden and terraces, and a landscaped courtyard, the Michener Art Museum encompasses 40,000 square feet of public space that includes seminar and conference facilities, a Museum shop and cafe, an art research library, and gallery space. The dynamic glass-walled Edgar N. Putman Event Pavilion provides a dramatic space for Museum programs as well as weddings, conferences, and special events and celebrations.

Museum of Making Music

“At the Museum of Making Music, we know music touches every heart and soul. Achieving Certified Autism Center™ status reflects our deep belief that everyone should be able to experience the power of music in a way that feels welcoming, supportive, and responsive to the needs and strengths of individuals with autism and all our visitors. Music is for everyone, and this certification brings us closer to a world where that truth is fully realized.”

-Carolyn Grant, Executive Director, Museum of Making Music

Contact Info

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Carlsbad, CA 92008

760-438-5996

www.museumofmakingmusic.org

A program of the NAMM Foundation, the Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad, California, celebrates the accomplishments and impact of the music products industry. Through exhibitions, live music, and educational programs, the Museum shares the stories of instruments and innovations that have shaped music-making across generations and cultures, and invites all to find their own place within this world. Since opening in 2000, the Museum has welcomed nearly one million visitors of all ages to discover, experience, and play music in an inclusive and inspiring environment.

Museum of the American Revolution

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

“The Museum of the American Revolution is proud to continue our recognition as a Certified Autism Center™ by IBCCES, a designation we have held since 2019, only two years after our opening. Just as we are committed to telling an inclusive story about the American Revolution and our nation’s founding, so too are we committed to being a place that meets the needs of all who come through our doors."

-Museum of the American Revolution Chief Strategy and Growth Officer Allegra Burnette

Contact Info

101 S 3rd St,
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215.253.6731

www.amrevmuseum.org

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The Museum of the American Revolution explores the dramatic, surprising story of the American Revolution through original objects, immersive galleries, powerful theater experiences, and digital touchscreens. In order to make the Museum experience as comfortable as possible for all guests, the Museum also offers noise-reducing headphones and a quiet room giving guests the opportunity to enjoy the Museum’s signature films in a private setting. For guests with visual and/or hearing impairments, the Museum offers closed captioning for all films, tactile maps of the exhibits, Touch Tours by request, transcripts of audio tours of the core galleries and special exhibitions, and American Sign Language interpreters by request, among other amenities. Visitors also have access to sensory guides that help in pre-travel planning.

Museum of the Future

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MUSEUM OF THE FUTURE

The Museum of the Future is the first museum of its kind. Built to transform the very perception of the future as we know it, the unique structure has become home to several immersive future environments that aim to position visitors in an empowering version of the future. Through distinctive themes, it elicits a world we thought we could only experience 50 years from now. Visitors become active participants in an expansive experience that taps into all five senses. By meaningfully merging aspects of science, technology and spirituality, the museum inspires humanity to re-imagine the future and all its possibilities.

Contact Info

Trade Center Second - Dubai - UAE

+971 800 2071

www.museumofthefuture.ae/en

One of the most complex and ambitious projects ever executed, with an instantly iconic, inimitable exterior. Rising 77 metres above the ground and comprising 1,024 unique stainless steel composite panels, the façade is adorned in Arabic calligraphy, displaying three quotes written by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

“We provide a welcoming space for all of our guests, including those who are autistic or have sensory sensitivities.”

-President and CEO, Pat Fitzgerald

Contact Info

1700 Northeast 63rd Street,
Oklahoma City, OK, 73111

405-478-2250

www.nationalcowboymuseum.org

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City is America’s premier institution of Western history, art and culture. Founded in 1955, the Museum collects, preserves and exhibits an internationally renowned collection of Western art and artifacts, while sponsoring dynamic educational programs to stimulate interest in the enduring legacy of the American West. The Museum is located only six miles northeast of downtown Oklahoma City, at 1700 Northeast 63rd Street. For more information, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org.

National Museum of the Great Lakes

“Ensuring accessibility is a core part of our mission. By renewing our designation as a Certified Autism Center™, we reaffirm our commitment to providing an inclusive and welcoming experience for all visitors. The Great Lakes belong to everyone, and we want to share their stories in a way that is accommodating and meaningful for all individuals and families, regardless of their needs."

-Ellen Kennedy, Director of Museum Operations, National Museum of the Great Lakes

Contact Info

1701 Front Street, Toledo, Ohio, United States 43605

419-214-5000

nmgl.org

Discover thousands of years of Great Lakes stories at the National Museum of the Great Lakes, where nine engaging exhibit galleries feature hundreds of artifacts, more than 50 interactive stations, and highlights such as the St. Marys Challenger pilothouse and an 1800s second-order Fresnel lens. Visitors can also explore two historic vessels—the Col. James M. Schoonmaker Museum Ship and the Museum Tug Ohio—for a firsthand look at life on the water. As a Certified Autism Center, the museum is committed to accessibility and offers Sensory Friendly Mornings on the second Saturday and Sunday of each month before opening, with dimmed lighting, reduced noise, and smaller crowds. The museum is open daily, with seasonal hours and ship access.

Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum

“We are proud to be a Certified Autism Center™. The training and certification has helped the Qubein Children's Museum accomplish our mission: to provide a space of wonder, discovery and play for all children and their families. We do this with a commitment to learning, inspiration, and love of children as they explore our universe, earth, and community. We are proud to be a Certified Autism Center™ and by renewing our certification, we ensure that our staff is trained to provide the best possible experience for all families.”

-Megan Ward, Executive Director of Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum

Contact Info

200 Qubein Ave.
High Point, NC 27262

336-888-7529 (PLAY)

www.qubeinchildrensmuseum.org

Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum was named North Carolina's Visitor Attraction of the Year by the NC Tourism Industry Association! Explore two floors of exciting hands-on exhibits, our Outdoor Adventure Zone, the Hall of Mysteries, the Double-Decker Carousel and more!

Pennsylvania Trolley Museum

“Being designated a Certified Autism Center™ solidifies the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum’s commitment to inclusion. Our museum is committed to educating all of its visitors on the importance of the Trolley Era and how it shaped today’s transportation technology and innovations, and this certification will provide an immersive and exciting experience for all of our guests.”

- Scott Becker, Executive Director/CEO

Contact Info

1 Electric Way
Washington, PA 15301

(724) 228-9256

www.pa-trolley.org

Established in 1954, the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum is dedicated to preserving and perpetuating its collection of historic transportation equipment, artifacts and archives and utilizing the collection and other resources to provide an unparalleled immersive experience that brings the technology and culture of the Trolley Era alive through entertaining, educational, and diverse programming. It is committed to enhancing the knowledge of transportation technology and culture to educate and inspire future generations of innovators.

Pottstown Children's Discovery Center

“Here at Pottstown Children's Discovery Center, we are happy to welcome all children and strive to make everyone feel comfortable and welcome.”

- Beth Desch, Executive Director of PCDC

Contact Info

95 S Hanover St., Pottstown, Pennsylvania, 19464

(215) 872-4728

www.pottstowndiscoverykids.org

The Pottstown Children's Discovery Center's mission is to inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning, while empowering all children to dream big, explore boldly, and thrive through play. We are committed to inspiring the next generation of thinkers to explore and collaborate with the community to positively impact the world by providing engaging exhibits and programs. We believe that by offering hands-on experiences, we can foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for various subjects in all children.

Reading Public Museum

“We are honored to continue our role as a Certified Autism Center™ and remain committed to fostering a museum experience that is engaging, comfortable, and enriching for all members of our community. This certification reflects our long-standing promise to make the museum a place where everyone can explore, learn, and connect.”

- Geoffrey K. Fleming, Executive Director and CEO of the Reading Public Museum

Contact Info

500 Museum Road
Reading, PA 19611

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www.readingpublicmuseum.org

Reading Public Museum extends its appreciation to the local businesses and community partners whose support has been instrumental in maintaining this certification. The Museum is grateful for their generosity and shared commitment to accessibility: Kimberly Alarcon; Anonymous Donor; Hope Behavioral Health; Threshold Rehabilitation Services, Inc.; and The Victory Bank Foundation.

For more information on the Reading Public Museum’s accessibility initiatives or to plan a visit, please go to https://www.readingpublicmuseum.org/sensory-inclusive-hours.

Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums

“It’s important to us that people with autism and other sensory needs feel truly welcome at Spiegel Grove. We want them to have an entertaining and educational experience in a space where they feel safe and valued.”

- Christie Weininger, Executive Director of Hayes Presidential Library & Museums

Contact Info

Spiegel Grove, Fremont, OH 43420

419-332-2081

www.rbhayes.org

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums is America’s first presidential library and the forerunner of the federal presidential library system. It is partially funded by the state of Ohio and affiliated with the Ohio History Connection. Hayes Presidential is located at Spiegel Grove on Buckland Avenue in Fremont, Ohio.

Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum

The mission of the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum is to foster family and youth-inspired learning by creating experiences to explore ourselves, our valley, our world and beyond. The museum's exhibit and program-based "please touch" atmosphere engenders the best in self-discovery for children and their families. Now in our 29th year as the only children's museum in Santa Barbara County, we currently serve more than 34,000 children and their families every year and we continue to grow in service and demand.

Contact Info

705 S. McClelland Street
Santa Maria, California, 93454

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www.smvdiscoverymuseum.org

Other new exhibits include the Discovery Reading Tree, Discovery Farms Produce Truck, Catching Air, Moxie Café and our "Recycling is Fun" kiosk. Our museum exhibits are expanded and supplemented for the visitor through our weekly enrichment and education programming. Our Tuesday Tales, Preschool Patrol, Passport Thursday, Fit Friday, Science Saturday, and Sunday Funday programs grew so much in popularity over the past two years, we added a second afternoon session so that more families can participate. These much-loved programs are now offered at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., six days a week.

Space Center Houston

“Science, technology, engineering and mathematics education is for everyone. This certification highlights our dedication to be inclusive and to inspire the next generation of problem solvers.”

-William Harris, Space Center Houston President and CEO

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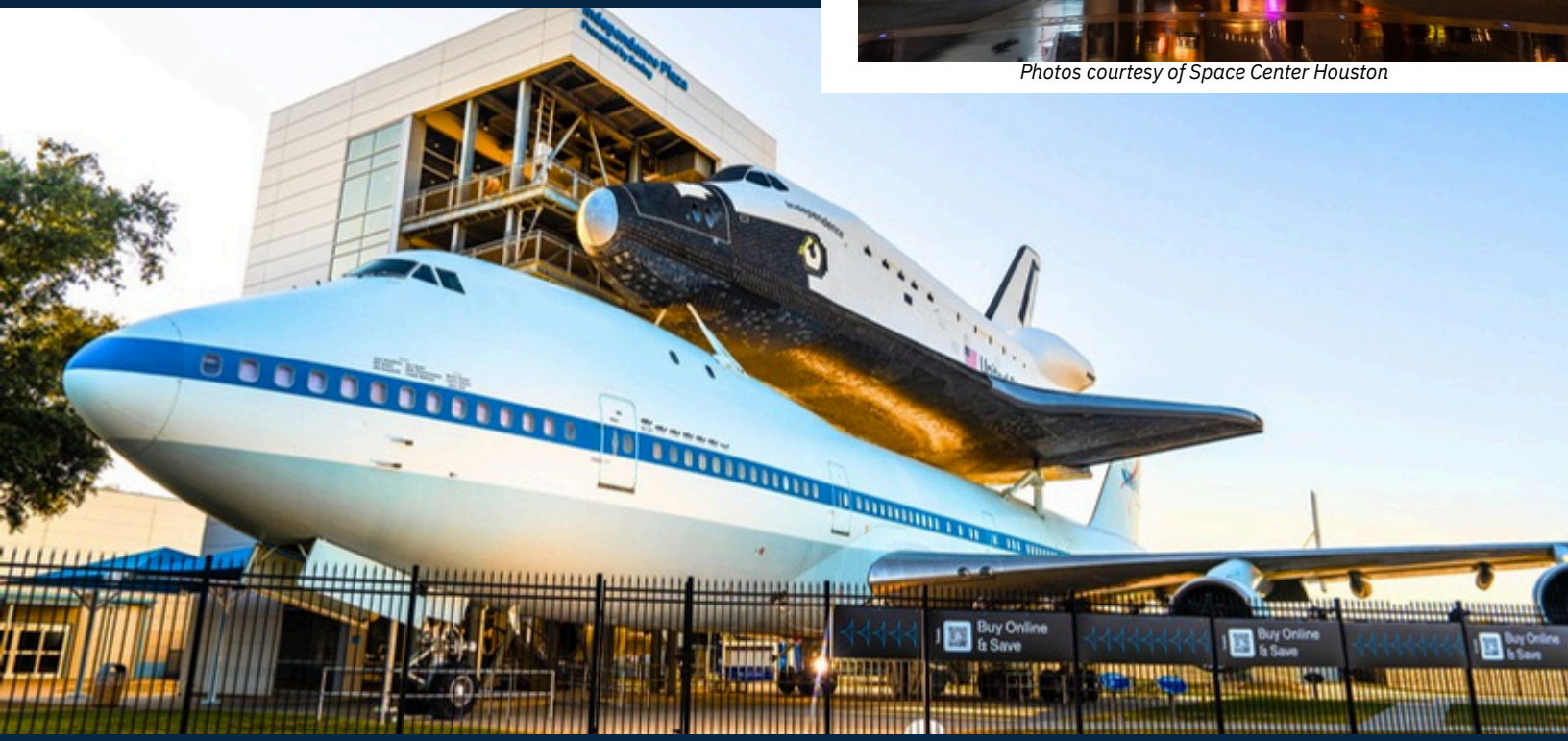
1601 E NASA Pkwy
Houston, Texas 77058

281-244-2100

www.spacecenter.org

Photos courtesy of Space Center Houston



Come see the Real Thing at Space Center Houston Texas, a nonprofit science and space exploration learning center and the Official Visitor Center of NASA Johnson Space Center in TX. The center offers more than 400 things to see and do and strives to be accepting and accessible to guests with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other cognitive challenges. Sensory Friendly Evenings feature reduced lights, sounds and crowds. Space Center University for the visually impaired and other events are designed to provide quality learning experiences for guests with special needs. Guests can check out sensory friendly backpacks, which have sound-cancelling headphones, sunglasses, a fun space book and other sensory items.

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum

ST. AUGUSTINE LIGHTHOUSE & MARITIME MUSEUM

“This certification enables our organization to better connect with our community and create meaningful experiences for all audiences. We are very excited to join this initiative in St. Johns County!”

-Amanda Goodall, St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum Interpretive Department Manager

Contact Info

100 Red Cox Drive., St Augustine, Florida, 32080

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www.staugustinelighthouse.org

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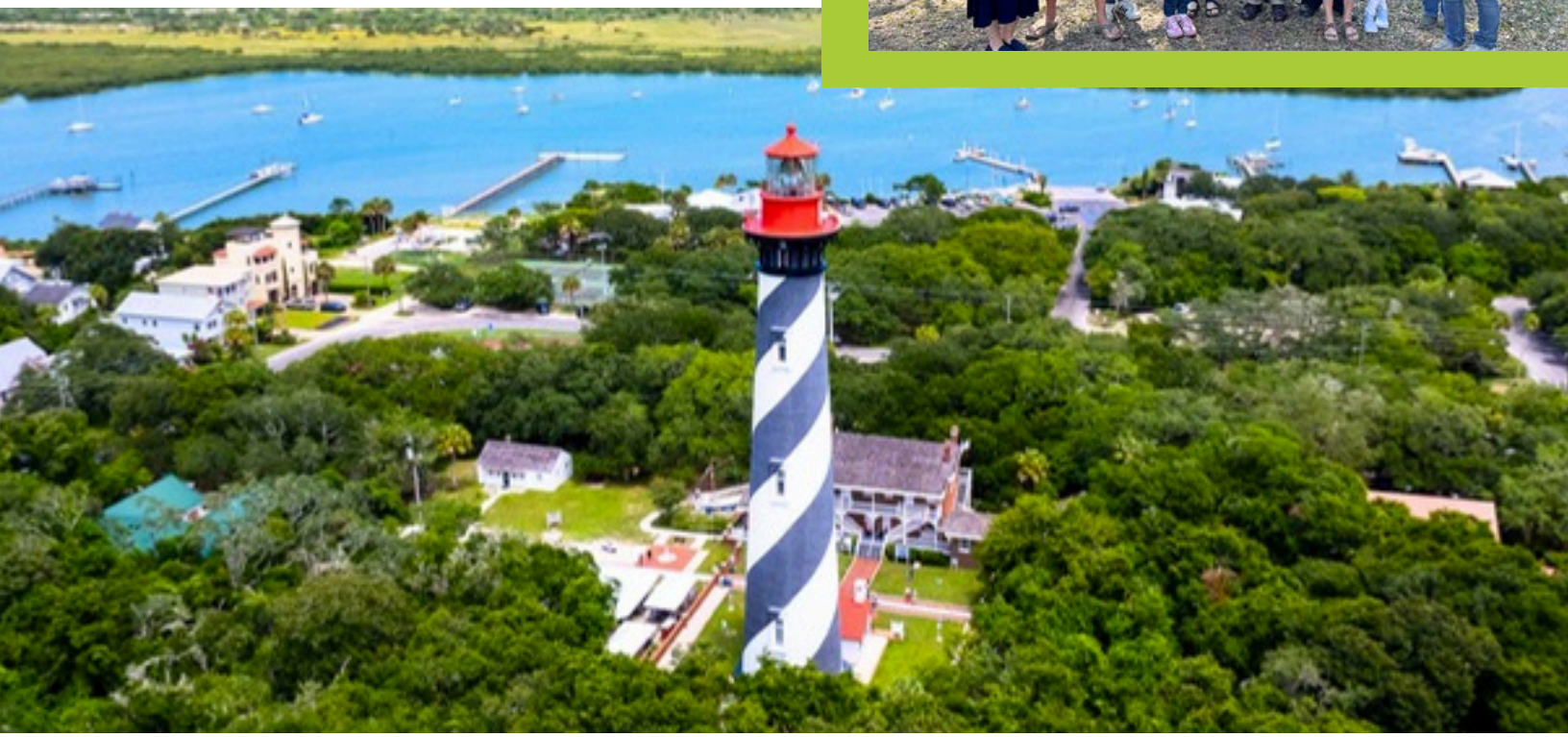

A unique landmark of St. Augustine for 150 years, the St. Augustine Light Station hosts centuries of the Nation’s Oldest Port® history and educational programs. Through interactive exhibits, guided tours, and maritime research, the 501(c)(3), non-profit St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum is on a mission to discover, preserve, present, and keep alive the stories of the Nation’s Oldest Port® as symbolized by our working lighthouse. Today, the Museum keeps the light shining as a private aid-to-navigation. We are the parent organization of the Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program (LAMP), and together our two non-profits are an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Dennos Museum Center

THE Dennos MUSEUM CENTER

“Renewing our autism certification ensures that all of our visitors have an opportunity to experience the Dennos at its best.”

-Craig Hadley, Director of the Dennos Museum Center

Contact Info

1410 College Drive
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www.dennosmuseum.org

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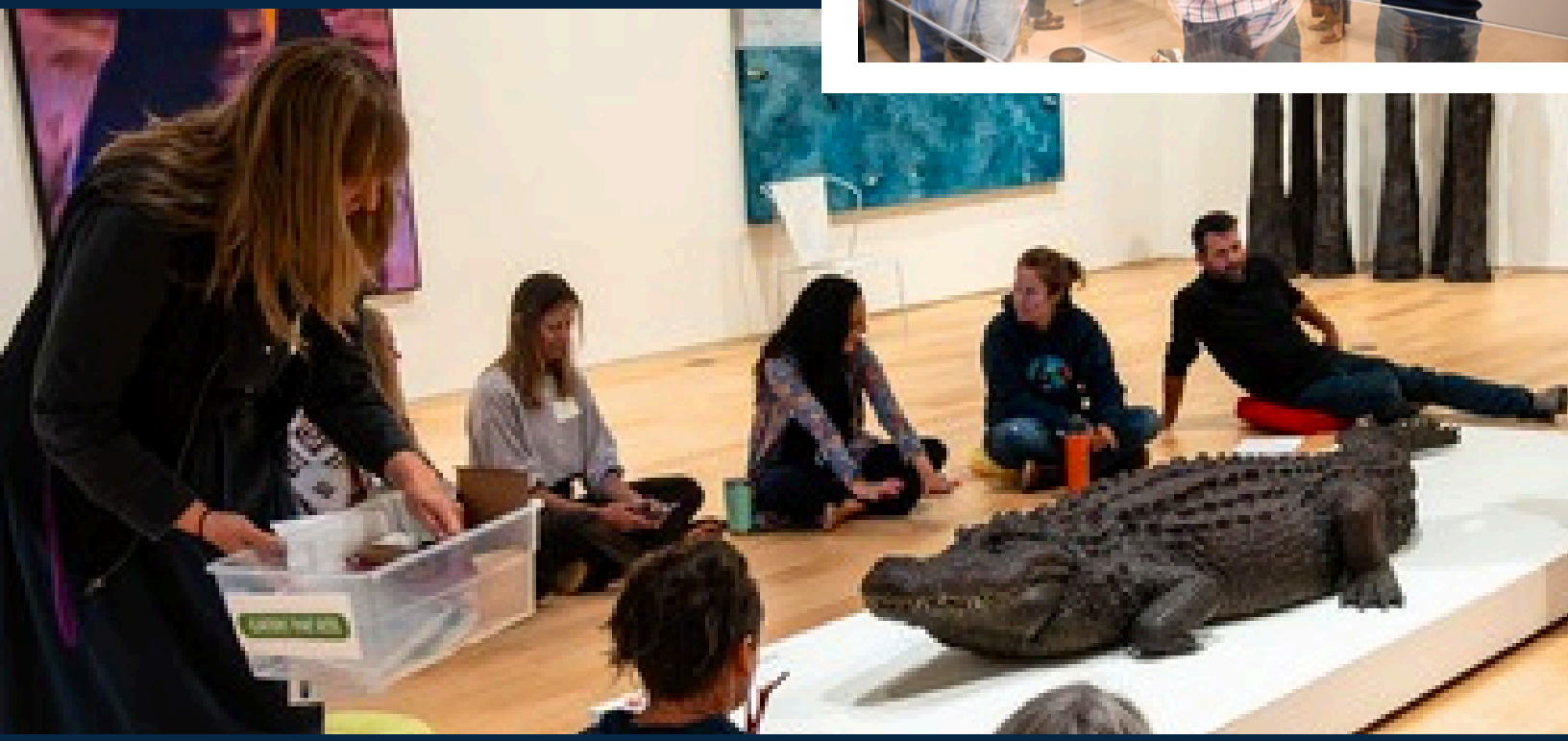

Opened in 1991, the Dennos Museum Center at Northwestern Michigan College is a premier cultural facility in northern Michigan offering a dynamic array of exhibitions and programs in the visual arts, sciences, and performing arts. The Museum includes temporary exhibition and permanent collection galleries, an elegant sculpture court, and a hands-on Discovery Gallery. The permanent collection features regional, national, and international art from the 19th-21st centuries. The Museum's signature collection is Inuit art of the Canadian Arctic, one of the largest and most historically complete collections of these distinctive sculptures and prints in the United States. A significant collection of outdoor sculptures by noted international and Michigan artists surrounds the Museum on the beautiful campus of Northwestern Michigan College. The Museum expanded its original building in 2018, adding new galleries and auditorium spaces with wide support from the community.

Toledo Museum of Art

Toledo Museum of Art

“IBCCES has created a rigorous process for becoming a Certified Autism Center™, and the Toledo Museum of Art is proud to be the first art museum credentialed in the city. This certification helps provide our team with the tools to cultivate a greater sense of belonging and moves us toward our commitment to making TMA a space for anyone.”

- Director of Toldeo Museum o fArt

Contact Info

2445 Monroe Street
Toledo, OH 43620

419-255-8000

www.toledomuseum.org

IBCCES CAC CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER™

Since our founding in 1901, the Toledo Museum of Art has earned a global reputation for the quality of our collection, our innovative and extensive education programs, and our architecturally significant campus.

Some 25,000 works of art represent American and European painting, the history of art in glass, ancient Greek, Roman, and Egyptian works, Asian and African art, medieval art, sculpture, decorative arts, graphic arts, and modern and contemporary art. To accommodate the growing collection and demand for art education, the Museum campus has grown exponentially since its founding. From its humble first exhibition space in two rented rooms, the Museum has grown to cover approximately 36 acres with six buildings.

woo-hoo!
Children's Museum

“At woo-hoo! Children's Museum, our mission is clear: to provide a safe, inclusive, and enriching environment for every child to learn, explore, and flourish. We're not just creating a museum; we're building a community of dreamers, explorers, and creators, redefining learning through hands-on experiences and revitalizing the regional edutainment industry.”

-Mohamed Ali, CEO, Immersive Experiences

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www.woo-hoo.ae/en

woo-hoo! Children's Museum is a unique state-of-the-art experiential edutainment center that offers young guests the opportunity to explore, imagine, create, and move through play. With 11 different galleries and over 50 interactive exhibits; we provide children an experience they won't forget. woo-hoo! has something to entice every member of the family with hands-on activities, engaging programs, and events that guarantee a family bonding experience. Going beyond traditional education, woo-hoo! gives children the opportunity to sharpen numerous fundamental skills – including critical thinking, problem-solving, gross motor development, social collaboration, and executive functions – while incorporating science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM). The best part? It's all done through hands-on play, with nonstop fun!

The Wynwood Walls Museum

WYNWOOD WALLS
THE WORLD'S LEADING STREET ART MUSEUM

“I know first-hand about welcoming special abilities young people to an environment of creativity and energy. It produces the most beautiful smiles and pure joy. I am thrilled that the Wynwood Walls is certified as a place that openly welcomes the Autism community.”

-Jessica Goldman Srebnick, CEO Wynwood Walls

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Wynwood Walls was established in 2009 by the legendary Tony Goldman as an outdoor museum of international Street Art. Since the first year's program the Wynwood Walls Museum has become a phenomenon, helping elevate the genre of street art globally. It is now the most popular venue in the world to see the work of leading street artists.

Located inside the entrance to Wynwood Walls, the visitor information center features area maps, guides and information on things to do while visiting. Hours of Operation: Monday – Sunday: 10:30AM – 6:30PM.

Encompassing 40+ cutting-edge murals, 12 large-scale sculptures, and fine-art galleries, the Wynwood Walls has become a global destination that has attracted more than 20 million visitors since its inception. From private tours to guided hands-on spray-painting experiences, Wynwood Walls has a little something for everyone.

ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT

Acrisure Arena

“As a Certified Autism Center™, we’ve implemented various programs and tools to make Acrisure Arena a more comfortable and enjoyable space for guests with autism and sensory sensitivities. Our goal is to provide exceptional experiences for all guests, and we’re excited to take this important step in enhancing accessibility and inclusion within our venue.”

-MacKenzie Juday, Director of Guest Experience

Contact Info

75702 Varner, Palm Desert,
California, United States 92211

888-695-8778

www.acrisurearena.com

America’s hottest music festival destination finally has the world-class arena it deserves. Opened December 14, 2022, the Acrisure Arena provides the greater Palm Springs area of Southern California with a premiere 11,000+ capacity venue to host the biggest artists and acts on the planet. Designed specifically for hockey and concerts, the new arena provides top-tier hospitality, artist amenities, and all of the benefits of a modern music and sports venue. In addition, the facility will serve as the new home of the American Hockey League affiliate of the Seattle Kraken, the Coachella Valley Firebirds.

Adventure Park

Adventure Park, situated within Dubai Hills Mall, is a state-of-the-art park that offers a wide range of engaging family activities for children 2 years and above. This fun-filled experience guarantees boundless enjoyment, featuring exhilarating playgrounds and dynamic, action-packed games suitable for kids and teenagers.

Contact Info

Level 1, Dubai Hills Mall,
Al Khail Rd, Dubai, UAE

04-4485252

www.entertainment.emaar.com/attraction/adventure-park

Your little ones can enjoy 10 unique play areas and experiences. From the augmented-reality Cyber Wall Climbing and dedicated Jump Park to the futuristic obstacle race Power Park, Cave Maze, and Slide n' Fly, there's something for everyone.

Ain Dubai

“Our partnership with IBCCES demonstrates our commitment to ensuring every guest feels included across our attractions. This certification at Ain Dubai is an important step in achieving an even greater standard of customer service excellence. We are setting a benchmark for accessibility and inclusion in the entertainment industry and will continue to focus on creating experiences where everyone belongs, and IBCCES helps us deliver on that promise.”

- Al Anood Al Hashemi, Vice President – Organisational Culture and Impact at Dubai Holding Entertainment

Contact Info

Ain Dubai, Bluewaters Island, UAE

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www.aindubai.com

Ain Dubai is the world’s tallest observation wheel, rising 250 metres above Bluewaters Island and offering one of Dubai’s most remarkable visitor experiences. As part of Dubai Holding Entertainment’s portfolio, Ain Dubai invites guests to enjoy sweeping 360-degree views of some of the city’s most recognisable landmarks, including Palm Jumeirah, Dubai Marina, Burj Al Arab, and the wider Dubai skyline. The attraction features 48 hi-tech, air-conditioned cabins and can welcome up to 1,750 guests at a time. Each rotation lasts approximately 40 minutes, allowing visitors to take in the views in a calm, climate-controlled setting designed for comfort throughout the year. The experience begins even before boarding, with pre-ride interactives and engaging displays that add to the visit. Guests can choose from a range of ticketed experiences, from standard shared cabins to premium and private cabin options with added lounge access, food and beverage offerings, and priority entry.

American Dream

American Dream, a premier entertainment destination, receives the Certified Autism Center™ (CAC) certification for 8 onsite attractions - Angry Birds Mini Golf, Blacklight Mini Golf, Tilt Museum, Mirror Maze, The RINK, DreamWorks Water Park, Nickelodeon Universe, and Sesame Street Learn and Play. The CAC designation is awarded by IBCCES to organizations that have completed training and certification in order to better welcome autistic and sensory-sensitive visitors.

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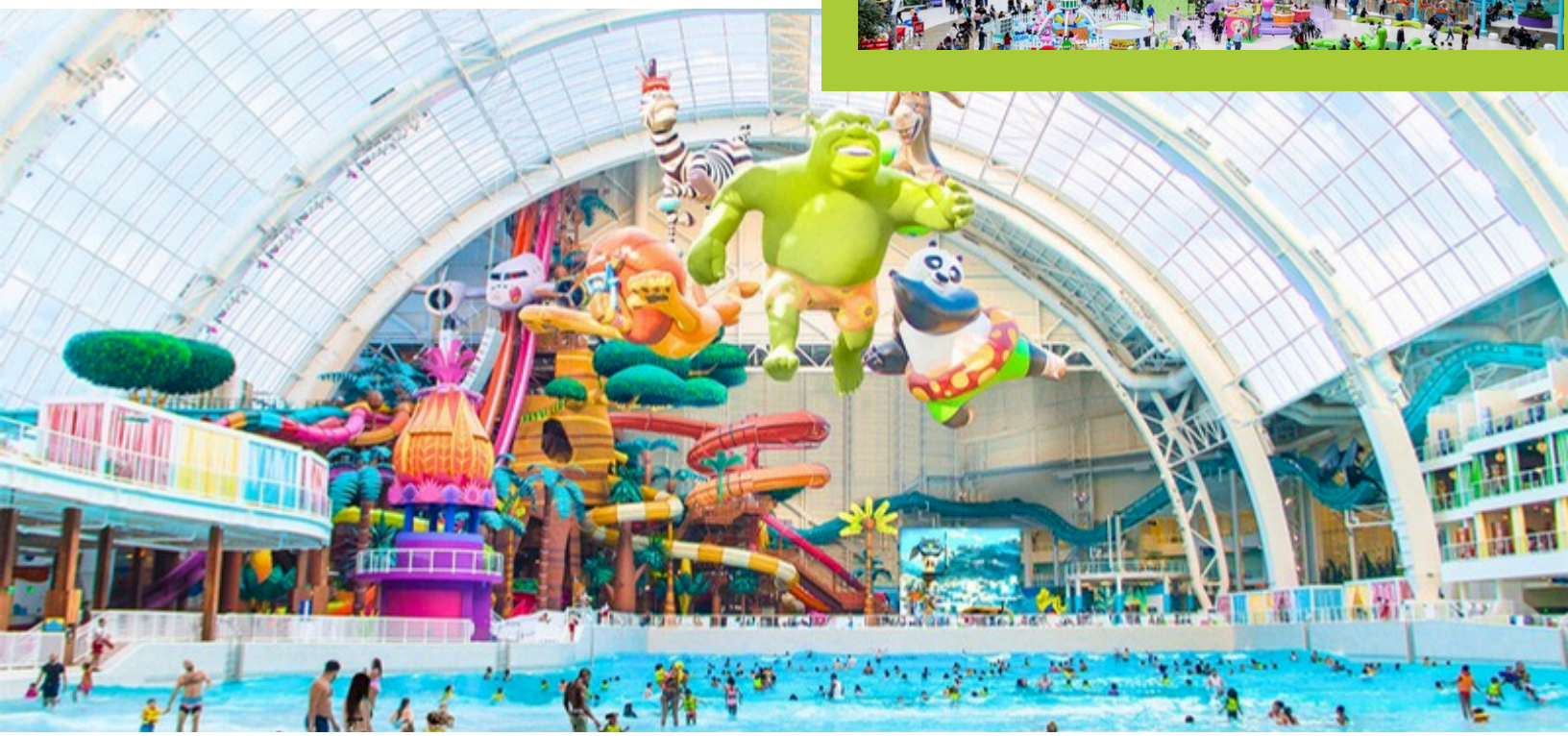

American Dream, developed by Triple Five Group, is an unparalleled mix of world-class entertainment, retail and dining, comprising more than 3-million square feet just minutes away from New York City in East Rutherford, New Jersey. American Dream is home to leading attractions, including DreamWorks Water Park, Nickelodeon Universe Theme Park, LEGOLAND Discovery Center, SEA LIFE Aquarium, Big SNOW Ski Hill, Dream Wheel – a 300-foot observation wheel overlooking the NYC skyline, as well as attractions debuting soon such as THE GAMEROOM Powered by Hasbro.

Dive Into Inclusion at the Water Park and Ride Into Inclusion at Nickelodeon Universe. Event dates and details are listed on our website: www.americandream.com.

Aventura Parks

> **In line with our values, we would like our park to offer equal opportunity with our experiences and inspire everyone. By including children with different learning abilities, we can change attitudes and promote respect, while encouraging them to learn through play in our natural 35,000 sqm Ghaf tree forest facility. We are delighted to be the first certified autism adventure park in the Middle East, leading the way to inclusion, raising awareness and giving equal chances to all individuals."**

- Frank Raubenheimer, Operations Manager at Aventura Parks

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Aventura is a unique destination in Dubai, where friends, families, and teams experience adventure, nature and fun in a beautiful Ghaf tree forest. Spanning 35,000 sqm, the facility boasts an Adventure Park with six circuits of over 80 obstacles and 24 zip lines and a Team building park. In line with our mission is to inspire everyone while fostering learning through play. We welcome visitors from all around the world, religion, race and condition to enjoy the thrill and fun of the largest outdoor adventure park in the Middle East.

At the Top, Burj Khalifa

“At the Top, Burj Khalifa is incredibly proud to be recognized as a Certified Autism Center™, reflecting our commitment to accessibility and inclusivity. This designation highlights our dedication to creating a welcoming and supportive experience for autistic individuals and those with sensory sensitivities, ensuring that everyone can enjoy their visit to this iconic destination.”

-Emaar Entertainment Spokesperson

Contact Info

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https://ticket.atthetop.ae

Take one of the world’s fastest double decker elevators to Level 124 and above of the iconic Burj Khalifa and step out onto the public observation decks overlooking the city of Dubai. Marvel at the stunning views and take a closer look at Dubai’s iconic landmarks, be captivated by the 360-degree views set 452 meters from the ground, and discover breathtaking views like never before.

The entire At the Top, Burj Khalifa experience is wheelchair accessible, with wheelchair accessibility provided during entrance and a wheelchair accessible car park. All employees have undergone the necessary training and are certified to deal with guests with autism.

Billings Depot

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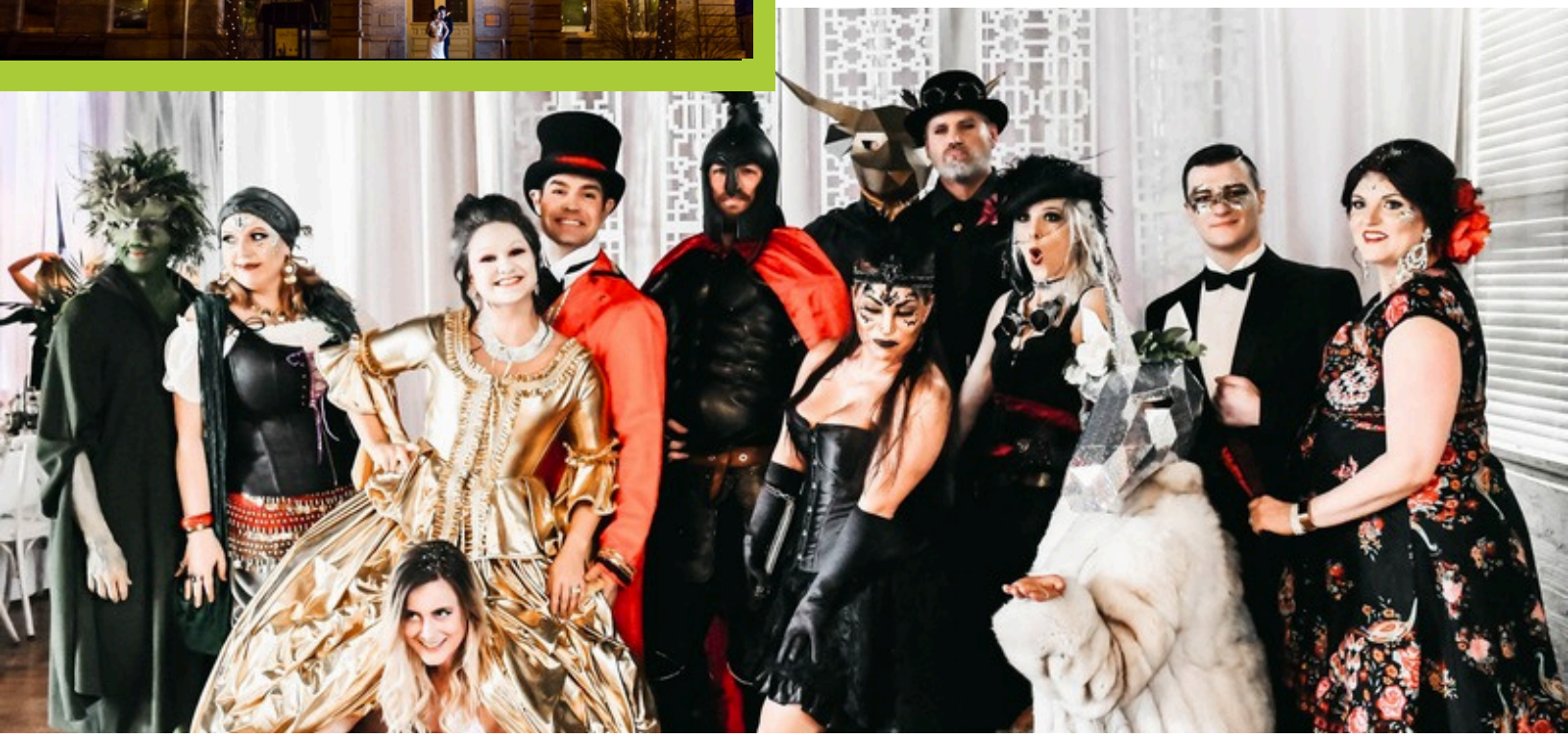
“As a Certified Autism Center™, our organization now has the tools, training, and education to embrace and encourage the wonderful differences we all have, at a much greater level. Whether someone is attending a wedding, business meeting, or community event, we want to enhance the lives of everyone who visits our historic campus.”

- Michelle Williams, Executive Director of Billings Depot



The Billings Depot was built in 1909, for use by three railroad companies. This picturesque and historically significant campus comprises four buildings, serving as the preferred venue for numerous distinguished visitors throughout Billings’ history; among them are presidents, notable figures such as Calamity Jane, Hollywood celebrities, and visiting royalty. Today, the building has been lovingly restored and once again plays host to many of Billings’ most memorable celebrations. We host anywhere from 150 to 200 events annually, varying in size from 50 to 700 guests, encompassing every category of celebration: weddings, fundraisers, trade shows, baby showers, community events, meetings, conventions, and even political fundraisers.

Bowlero Lanes & Lounge

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> **“I am a former school psychologist, and I really wanted to find a way to bring my expertise to Bowlero Lanes & Lounge. As part of our recent renovation, we made multiple, physical changes to the building which were designed to make our facility accessible to everyone; the building is now ADA compliant, and we provide autism training for all of our employees. I know that it can be difficult for families with special needs to go out for a day of fun, but I want these families to know that at Bowlero Lanes & Lounge. We are here to make their experiences as enjoyable and carefree as possible!”**
>
> - Kelly Elliott, Bowlero Owner & Ed.S., Certified School Psychologist

Bowlero Lanes & Lounge is a restored retro-boutique bowling alley, vintage arcade, and cocktail lounge hosting live DJs and bands. Independent and locally-owned since 1957, the recent renovations allow guests to step back in time... to bowl in a rumpus room-inspired bowling alley, hobnob in our sumptuous 70s-styled cocktail lounge, play vintage pinball, catch a live musical act, celebrate a birthday, sing karaoke, watch a sporting event, or take advantage of our special needs programming.

Butterfly Wonderland

“Butterfly Wonderland has always strived to be an accessible and accepting destination, as we know families with children on the autism spectrum find it challenging to find joyful, peaceful attractions to visit. In developing our employees through these training programs, we can continue to ensure meaningful experiences for everyone who steps through our front doors. We look forward to engaging new audiences and enabling even more people to experience the fun, educational and enriching rainforest experience we provide at Butterfly Wonderland.”

-Butterfly Wonderland’s Executive Director Dee Mangulins

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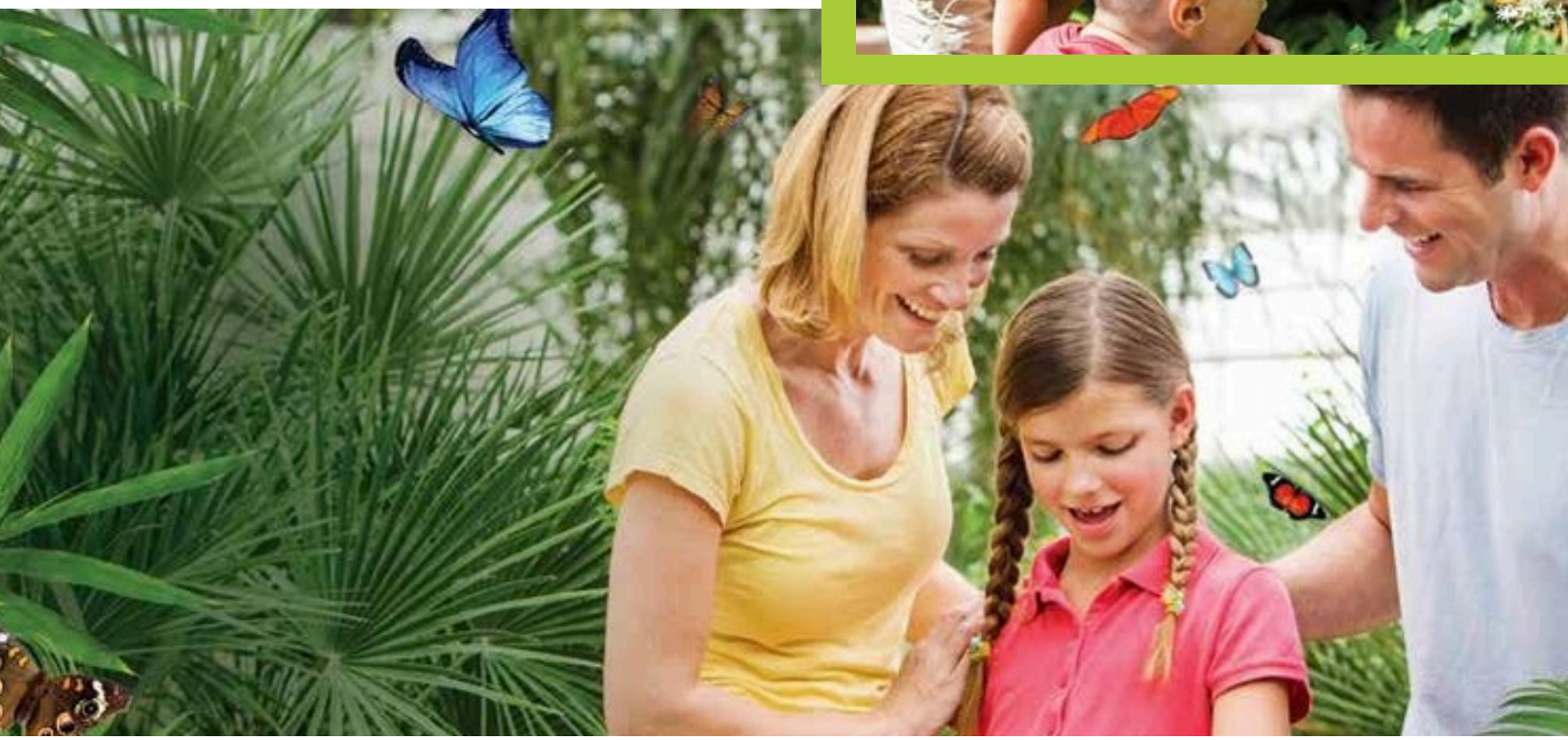

Butterfly Wonderland, located in Scottsdale, Arizona, is the largest butterfly conservatory in the United States; it features a 3D movie, Chrysalis Emergence Gallery, a 10,000-square-foot butterfly-filled Conservatory, and additional education exhibits showcasing Rainforest Reptiles and Tropical Waters, focusing on aquatic life that coexists with the butterflies in the rainforest.

Chicago Cubs - Sloan Park

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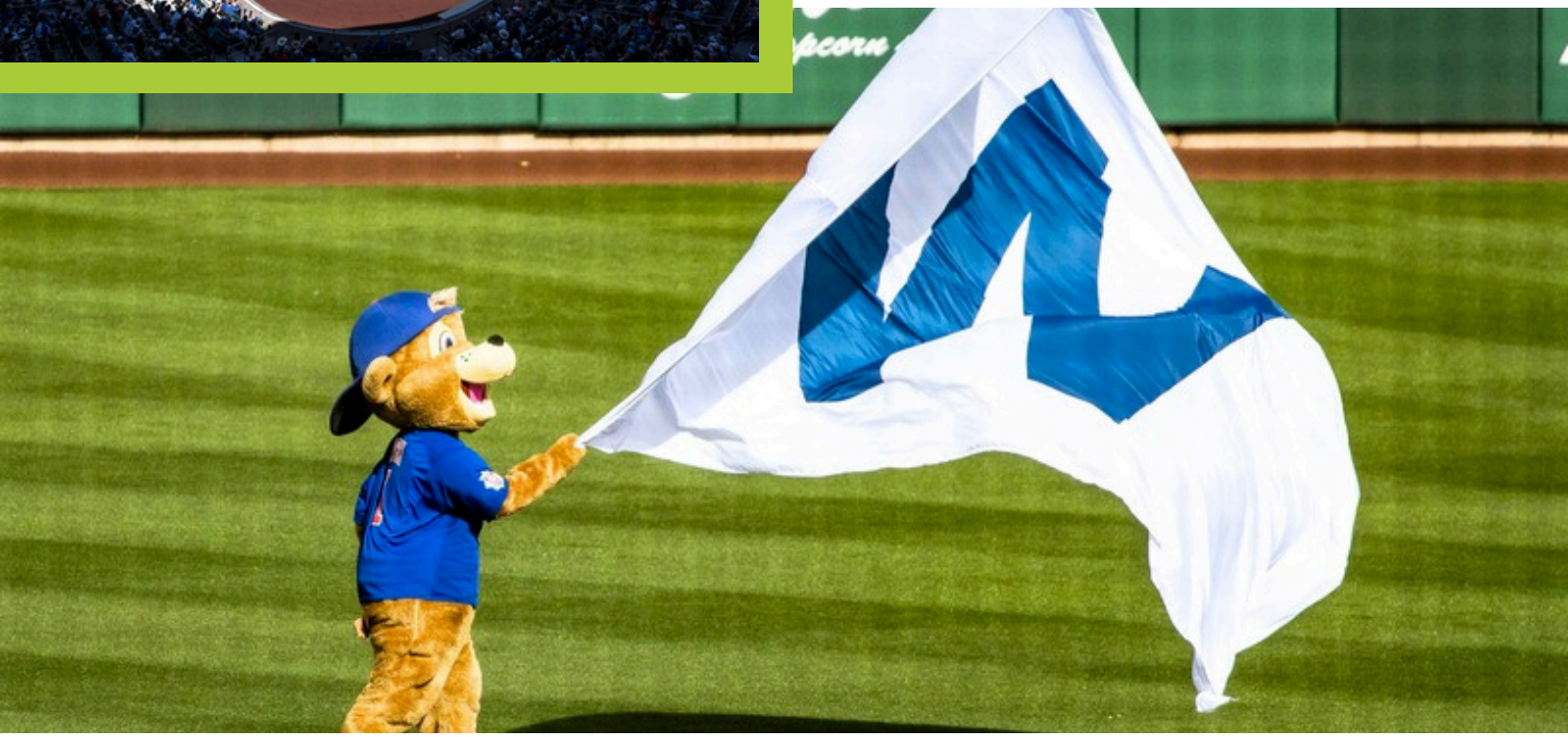
“At Sloan Park, we’re committed to ensuring all fans have an enjoyable experience while watching Cubs baseball. We strive to provide an accommodating environment for every fan and event guest.”

-Justin Piper, Vice President & General Manager, Sloan Park



Sloan Park, home to the Chicago Cubs 15,000-seat spring training facility, is located at Riverview Park one of Mesa's premier recreation destinations. Built in 2014, located just east of the Loop 101 freeway, Sloan Park (formerly Cubs Park) is just minutes away from all of the attractions that can be found throughout Mesa. Between the 15,000-seat ballpark and 7 practice fields, Chicago Cubs fans will be closer than ever to the Spring Training action they've always coveted.

CLYMB™ Yas Island, Abu Dhabi

Gear up to reach new heights as you soar through the world's biggest indoor skydiving flight chamber and conquer the region's tallest, most exhilarating indoor climbing walls.

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What is CLYMB Yas Island, Abu Dhabi? It's the world's ultimate adventure hub that has revolutionized indoor skydiving and climbing. Housing the world's biggest indoor skydiving flight chamber with a record-breaking width of 32 feet and height of 104 feet, and the region's tallest indoor climbing wall, measuring a mountainous 138 feet in height... Gear up to conquer two record-breaking experiences all under one roof.

Circuit X

“ At Circuit X, our mission is to provide an inclusive adventure space for all ages and abilities. We're building a community that celebrates trying new experiences in a safe and supportive environment. While all our parks provide fun and thrill, coupled with physical and mental health benefits, our experience has taught us that skateboarding and climbing are especially beneficial for autistic kids. “

-Hadi Fakhoury, Managing Director at Circuit X.

Contact Info

Hudayriyat Island – Abu Dhabi, UAE

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www.circuitxuae.com

Nestled in the picturesque Hudayriyat Island, Circuit X outdoor adventure park in Abu Dhabi offers a variety of exciting and challenging activities suitable for all ages. Developed by Modon and managed by Tamana Adventures, Circuit X spans 15,000 square meters, and comprises four distinct parks tailored to different fitness levels: the BMX Park, High Ropes Park, Skate Park, and Splash & Climb Park. Designed to provide high-adrenaline and action-packed fun, each park features multiple activities and is staffed by a dedicated team of experts committed to ensuring visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience that will keep them coming back for more. The L&D division offers school programs throughout the academic year and corporate team building events all year round.

Coca-Cola Arena

“We are proud to be recognized as a Certified Autism Center™. At the heart of everything we do is the belief that entertainment should be for everyone. As a venue and a team, we are committed to meaningful collaborations to expand our knowledge and enhance guest experience. This certification allows us to remove barriers and foster a welcoming environment for all our guests, including those with sensory needs.”

-Mark Jan Kar, General Manager at Coca-Cola Arena

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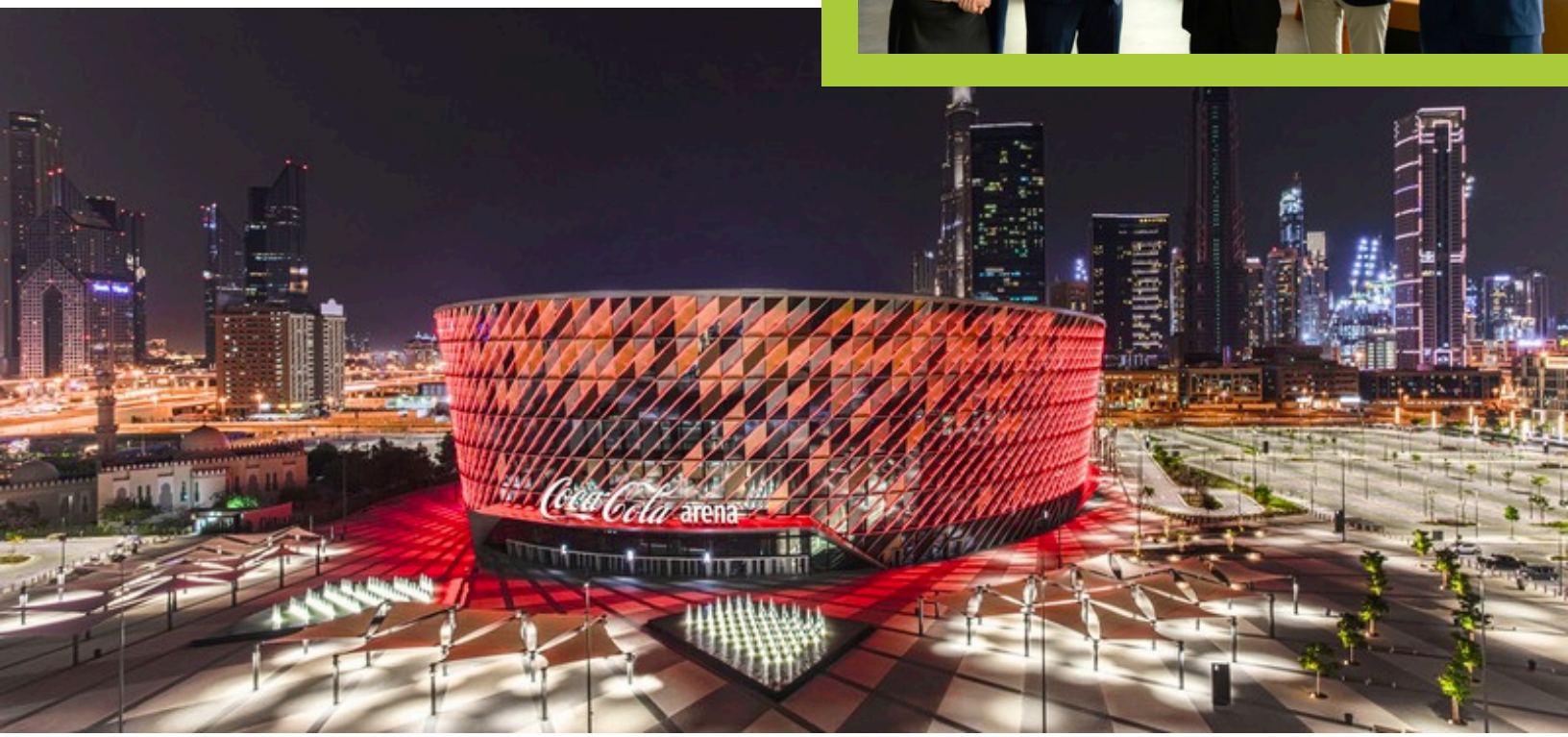

Coca-Cola Arena has revolutionized the live entertainment industry in the UAE and throughout the Middle East. With a 17,000-seat capacity and unique automated seating design, the arena is equipped to host a diverse range of events all year round, establishing Dubai as a major destination on the global events circuit.

The award-winning arena is the premier venue for sporting tournaments, international concerts, comedy shows, live theatre, corporate gatherings, exhibitions and conferences, gala dinners, and the official home of Dubai Basketball, the city’s first professional sports franchise team competing in European league competitions.

Dinosaur Outpost

“I’m thrilled that Dinosaur Outpost has been designated as a Certified Autism Center™. Our mission has always been to connect all families through interactive play and a love of prehistoric wonder. Being able to train our staff and set up our facility to cater to autistic and sensory-sensitive guests is something that everyone at Dinosaur Outpost is extremely proud of.”

-Tim Clothier, Dinosaur Outpost Founder

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Located at 6569 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Suite 173, just south of the world-famous Las Vegas Strip, Dinosaur Outpost is one of the hottest family attractions in Southern Nevada. Designed to foster connection between parents and children, the immersive experience allows families to learn and play together through hands-on, interactive dinosaur adventures. Guests can meet baby dinosaurs, launch Brussels sprouts into their mouths, brush dino teeth, and even ride atop Annie, the friendly Pachyrhinosaurus. Parents and kids alike will enjoy digging for fossils, racing pedal cars beside a rumbling volcano, and exploring prehistoric-themed environments together. Dinosaur Outpost is located inside Town Square Las Vegas, Southern Nevada’s premier dining, retail and entertainment destination.

Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

dr. phillips center

“One of the most rewarding parts of our journey is continuing to increase accessibility to the arts for guests from every walk of life, including our sensory-sensitive community. We are grateful for our ongoing partnership and training opportunities offered by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards.”

-Kathy Ramsberger, President and CEO of the Dr. Phillips Center

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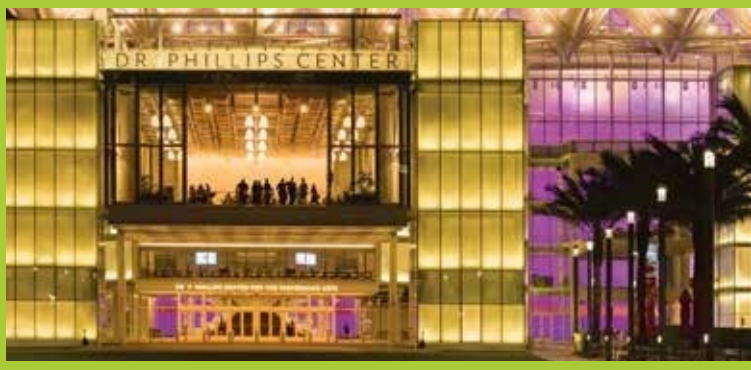

Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts is a world-class arts center presenting Broadway, dance, concerts, comedy, family shows, theater and local arts performances. Included in the complex is the AdventHealth School of the Arts, where wellness and performing arts come together to offer classes and programs for everyone from two to 102. Inclusive classes and performing experiences for individuals on the Autism Spectrum are available throughout the year. With our vision of Arts For Every Life, we are committed to making the arts accessible to everyone.

Dubai Ice Rink

DUBAI ICE RINK

Dubai Ice Rink, located in Dubai Mall, is a key leisure attraction, offering an Olympic-sized rink and a range of activities. Apart from ice skating, the rink features multiple skating academies for adults, kids, toddlers and ice hockey, along with dynamic events such as live DJ Nights, and a vibrant atmosphere.

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The facility employs advanced technology to ensure top-notch ice quality, boasting various types of skates catering to all ages and expertise levels. Serving as a social hotspot, it appeals to a diverse audience, making it a popular destination for both skating enthusiasts and visitors alike.

Expo City Dubai

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EXPO CITY DUBAI

“Being recognised as a Certified Autism Center™ demonstrates the readiness of our team members to ensure people with diverse needs are fully supported at Expo City Dubai, and we look forward to welcoming everyone for an exceptional experience.”

-Marjan Faraidooni, Chief People Officer and Chief of Education and Culture, Expo City Dubai

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Expo City Dubai, the legacy city of Expo 2020 Dubai, is an innovation-driven, people-centric community rooted in the belief that collaboration can propel sustainable progress. Packed with educational, cultural and entertainment offerings, with more than 30 indoor and outdoor venues attracting globally significant events, it celebrates human creativity and ingenuity and inspires future generations – and its prime location and world-class connectivity place it at the centre of Dubai’s future.

Escape Room Palm Springs

“One hundred percent of our staff has been trained, with several of us being neurodiverse ourselves, to ensure every player feels safe, welcomed, and fully included. Escape Room Palm Springs is incredibly grateful to the Greater Palm Springs Tourism Foundation for its generous Autism Reimbursement Grant, which enabled us to become a Certified Autism Center™.”

-Dominique Fruchtman, ERPS Owner

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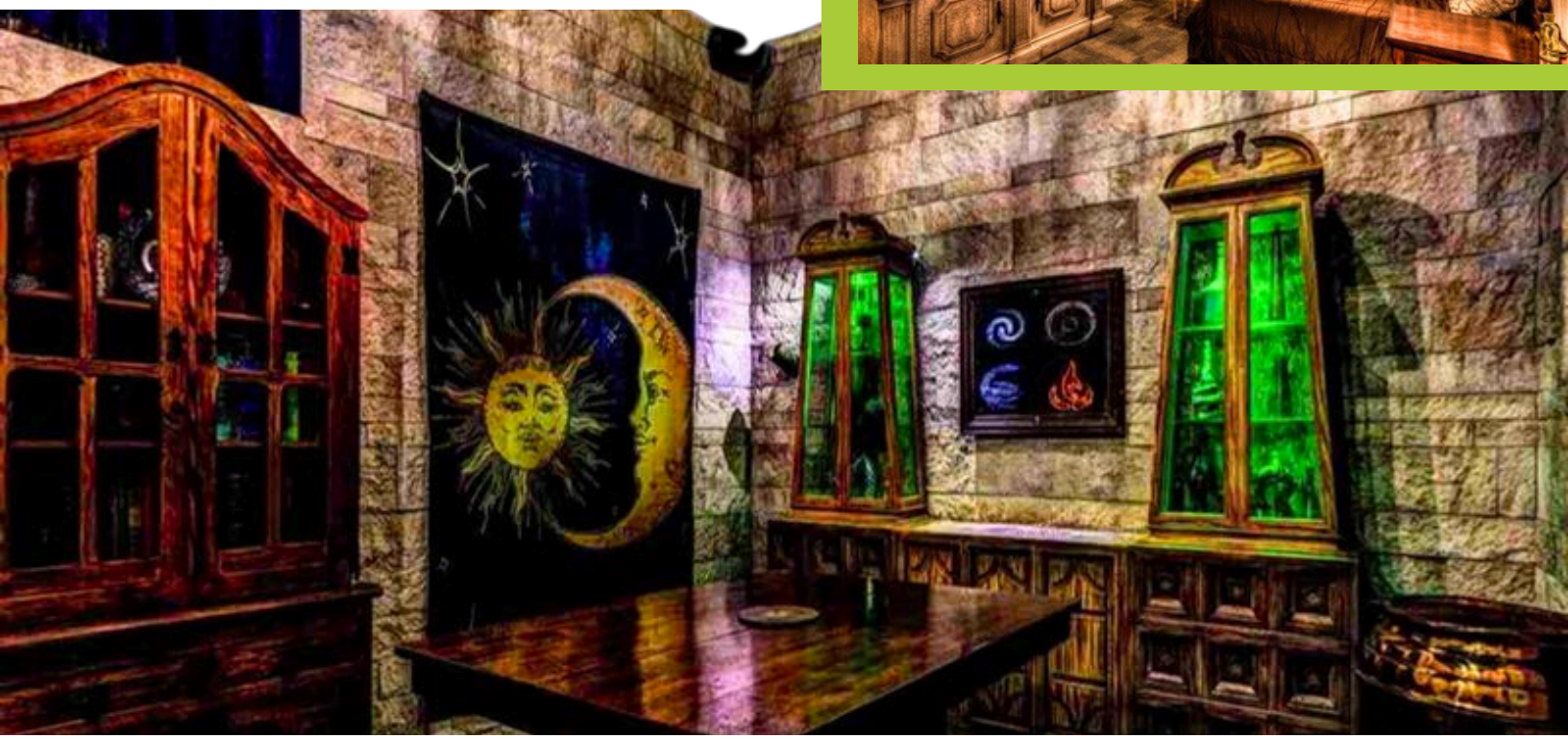

In 2015, two IT pros, Mark and Dominique Fruchtman, decided that crawling under desks forever wasn’t the dream they envisioned. Instead, they opened the Inland Empire’s very first escape room, saving Palm Springs residents the 105-mile trek to Anaheim for an escape room fix. Ten years on, Escape Room Palm Springs has cracked the TripAdvisor code, having been named the #1 rated escape room in California on TripAdvisor out of 360+ rooms in the state. It also just received TripAdvisor’s 2025 Travelers Choice award, an honor bestowed upon only 10% of the world’s top attractions. Escape Room Palm Springs and its stellar employees are the proud recipients of The Champions of Hospitality, Attractions Category, three years in a row! Who knows, maybe there is a fourth award on the horizon? This prestigious employee recognition award is sponsored by Visit Great Palm Springs, the Coachella Valley’s official tourism marketing agency.

Fury Water Adventures in St. Augustine

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> **For Fury Water Adventures, becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is a profound commitment that transcends business, offering a safe and inclusive haven where every individual, regardless of their sensory or communication needs, can experience the joy and wonder of the water. This is more than just a local effort; it is a global embrace, where every guest, including those with autism, can embark on an adventure with confidence, creating lasting memories together. Fury is dedicated to making the joys of the water accessible to all."**

- Marcel Geluk, President of Fury Water Adventures

Fury Water Adventures in St. Augustine is strategically located to offer a variety of water-based tours that showcase the city's unique blend of history and nature. Situated on the scenic Vilano Beach across the Matanzas River from the historic downtown, the primary departure point is at Beaches Marina, at 250 Vilano Road. A second location at the Vilano Beach Fishing Pier, 260 Vilano Road, is used for specific tours. This location provides easy access to the Intracoastal Waterway, the Matanzas River, and the Atlantic Ocean. From this vantage point, Fury's tours provide spectacular views of iconic landmarks such as the Castillo de San Marcos, the Bridge of Lions, and the St. Augustine Lighthouse. The tours navigate the waters that are home to a diverse ecosystem, offering opportunities to spot dolphins, manatees, and a variety of birds. Whether on a Dolphin Watch Harbor Sail, a Live Music Sunset Sail, or a thrilling parasailing adventure, the location allows guests to experience St. Augustine from a unique perspective—on the water, with the city's historic skyline and natural coastline as a backdrop.

Glass City Center

GLASS CITY CENTER

“We are truly proud to be certified by the global credentialing board IBCCES and have enjoyed the opportunity to work with the organization to become educated on how to better accommodate and assist autistic or sensory-sensitive visitors and their families at our venues.”

-Steve Miller, General Manager of The Huntington Center and Glass City Center

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www.glasscitycenter.com

Nestled in the vibrant heart of downtown Toledo, the newly opened Glass City Center stands as the perfect venue for your event. Boasting a spectacular Grand Ballroom, reception area, and terrace with sweeping views overlooking the Mud Hens ballpark, it offers an unforgettable setting. Each of our 26 meeting rooms is equipped with advanced technology to meet your needs. Our expansive 75,000 sq. ft Expo Hall is a popular choice for shows, competitions, and exhibits. With its exciting riverfront setting, Toledo offers a wealth of culinary, cultural, and entertainment options. We extend a warm invitation for you to visit soon!

Global Village

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Global Village

“At Global Village, inclusivity is at the heart of our guest experience. We are proud to become a Certified Autism Center™, making us one of the region’s premier destinations to complete a specialized training and certification process to better serve autistic guests and individuals with sensory sensitivities. This accomplishment reflects our ongoing commitment to creating a welcoming and accessible environment for every family and ensuring that all our guests feel seen, supported, and celebrated.”

-Global Village Management Team

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Based in Dubai, Global Village is a unique family destination for shopping, dining, entertainment, and attractions. As a multi-cultural entertainment destination, Global Village takes everyone who walks through the entrance on a journey around the world: with the most unique and wonderful foods, products, and entertainment, there is something for everyone. Each season, millions of guests visit Global Village to explore cultural pavilions, live shows, international cuisine, and thrilling rides—making it one of the UAE’s most beloved destinations for family fun and discovery.

Hershey's Chocolate World Attraction

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www.hersheys.com/chocolateworld/en_us/home.html

"The Hershey's Chocolate World Attraction is proud to now be designated a Certified Autism Center™. We are pleased to be an inclusive and welcoming destination for all families to enjoy the magic of chocolate making."

- Suzanne Jones, Vice President of The Hershey Experience, The Hershey Company

For over 50 years, Hershey's Chocolate World attraction has brought the iconic Hershey brand to life for more than 150 million visitors in Chocolate Town USA, Hershey, PA. Fun, sweetness and adventure await in a delightful world of entertainment, food and shopping devoted to all things chocolate. Experience a range of immersive attractions including Hershey's iconic FREE chocolate making tour, Hershey's Create Your Own Candy Bar, Hershey's Great Candy Expedition, Hershey Trolley Works and Hershey's Unwrapped chocolate tasting journey. Unwrap your senses with chocolate centric concoctions including Hershey's S'mores, melted hot chocolate, and our famous milkshakes and cookies. Before you leave the home of Hershey's chocolate, take home sweet goodies from the World's Largest Hershey's Candy store.

High Point Rockers
Truist Point Ballpark

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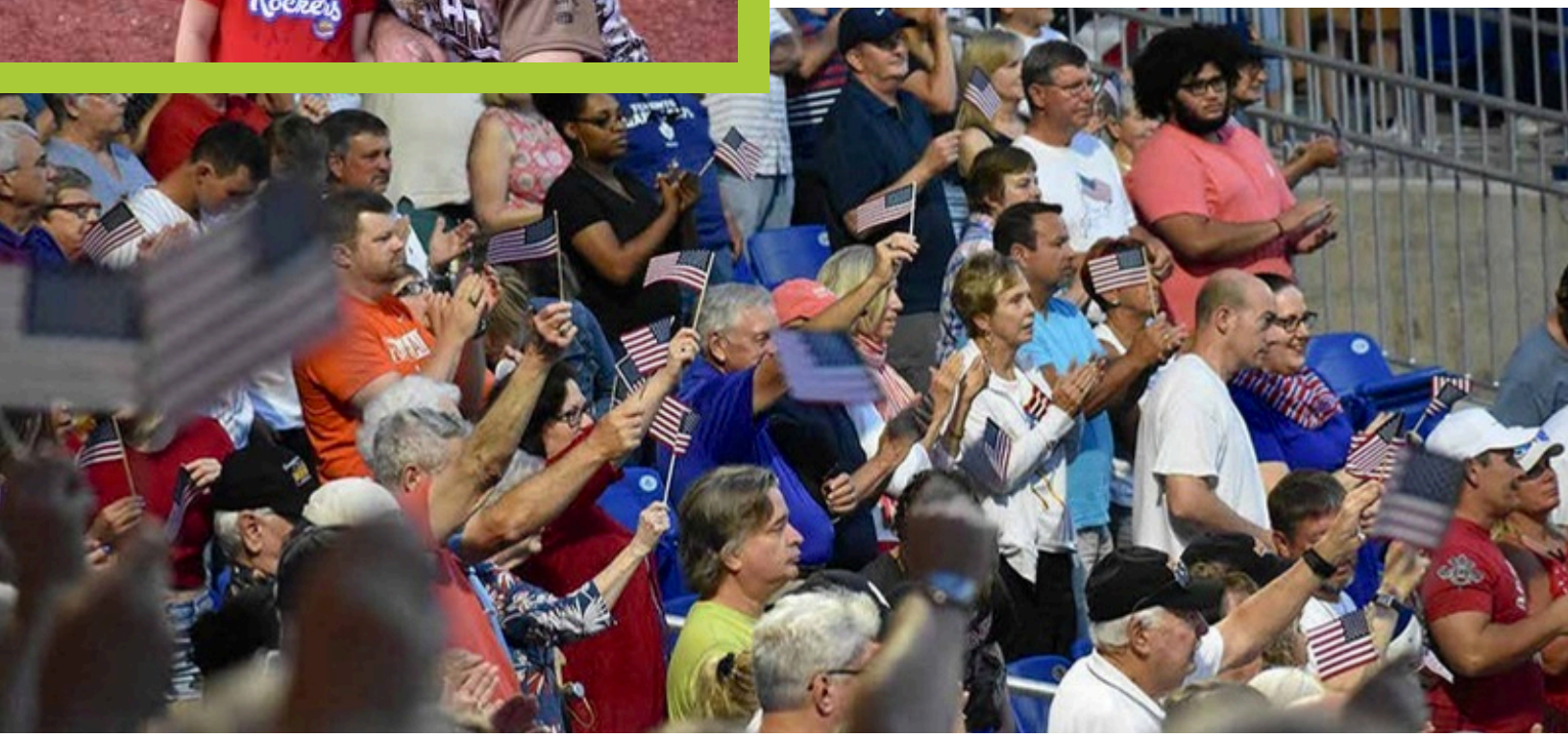
“We aim to make Truist Point a welcoming venue for all fans. The IBCCES program allows us to ensure our gates are open to everyone and that our team is properly trained to handle situations that arise in a caring manner.”

-Pete Fisch, President of High Point Rockers



In just their third year of competition, The High Point Rockers completed the 2022 season by reaching the Atlantic League Championship Series. The Rockers play in a state-of-the-art, $36M downtown ballpark, Truist Point, which was named the Atlantic League’s Ballpark of the Year in 2022 and 2019. High Point Baseball is part of the fastest growing family sport in America and is committed to providing superior customer service and quality, and affordable family entertainment for the Triad of North Carolina. Truist Point ballpark will have a quiet room available upon request for spectators, along with sensory packs for guests to use while at the ballpark.

Huntington Center

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-Steve Miller, General Manager of The Huntington Center and Glass City Center

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The $105 million dollar, state-of-the-art Huntington Center is located in downtown Toledo, Ohio. The ground breaking on the 8,000 plus seat, multi-purpose arena began October 1, 2007. Huntington Center utilizes both indoor and outdoor areas around the facility. There are 20 private suites and 750 prestige club seats, as well as a club-level lounge, a banquet facility, a team merchandise store and a modern scoreboard. Huntington Center is one of the nation’s first LEED certified professional sports arena. The Huntington Center's strategic location next to mass transit systems, utilization of a light-colored roof membrane that reflects sunlight, and implementation of underground cisterns to collect rainwater for landscaping purposes are emphasized to earn LEED points for the project. Between 2020 and 2022, we installed a comprehensive LED lighting system throughout the entire stadium bowl and concourse, further demonstrating our commitment to energy conservation.

Inside Burj Al Arab Tour

SIDE IN BURJ AL ARAB TOUR

“As we mark Dubai Holding Entertainment Inclusion Week and the International Month of Persons with Disabilities, we are proud to see our attraction inside Burj Al Arab officially join our growing portfolio of IBCCES Certified Autism Center™ attractions. This milestone reflects DHE’s long-term commitment to accessibility and inclusion, supported by our ongoing partnership with IBCCES across many of our assets. By expanding this certification, we continue to ensure that every guest of every ability can enjoy safe, comfortable, and meaningful experiences.”

-Al Anood Al Hashemi, VP, Organizational Culture & Impact, DHE

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Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, Dubai’s most iconic hotel and a global symbol of Arabian luxury, stands tall as the flagship property of Jumeirah Group’s exceptional portfolio. Its elegant sail-shaped structure, one of the world’s most photographed superstructures, redefines luxury hospitality worldwide. With its 198 suites and overall opulent interior design featuring Swarovski crystals, marble, and gold leaf, the hotel exudes grandeur and sophistication. Dedicated to providing exceptional service and creating unforgettable experiences, Burj Al Arab Jumeirah offers a collection of exquisite destination dining experiences, including the Michelin-starred Al Muntaha the lavish lifestyle destination Sal, Ristorante L’Olivo at Al Mahara, Sahn Eddar, Al Iwan, Bab Al Yam, Gilt and Skyview Lounge. The hotel’s outstanding offerings have earned it numerous accolades, including being recognised as the Number One City Hotel in North Africa and the Middle East by Travel + Leisure and securing a five-star rating in Forbes Travel Guide in 2023.

Jacksonville Icemen's Community First Igloo

“We are excited to work with IBCCES, and we appreciate their guidance in helping our team and the facility earn their Autism Certification. The Community First Igloo offers something for everyone, and we want to make certain that the facility is always welcoming for our autistic and sensory-sensitive visitors.”

- Andy Kaufmann, Icemen & Community First Igloo CEO

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The Community First Igloo, serving as the hub of ice sports in Northeast Florida, proudly houses the Jacksonville Icemen. The Igloo fosters the growth of athletes both on and off the ice, promoting sportsmanship, teamwork, and an enjoyable experience. Beyond being the home venue for the Jacksonville Icemen, the Community First Igloo offers a wide range of skating and hockey sessions, training opportunities, and recreational activities, making it a beloved and inclusive destination for community members and passionate sports enthusiasts throughout the region.

KidZania Dubai

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KidZania Dubai is an activity-packed, indoor city where learning and play collide for a day out your children will never forget.

KidZania is one of the fastest-growing global educational entertainment brands, with 28 locations all around the globe.

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Learning and entertainment combine perfectly in our 7,000 m2 scaled replica of a real city. KidZania is packed with over 40 role-playing activities for children aged 2-16, where they'll learn all about jobs, money and the real world while developing life skills that simply cannot be taught in the classroom.

KidZania Abu Dhabi

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www.abudhabi.kidzania.com/en-ae

KidZania Abu Dhabi is an activity-packed, indoor city where learning and play collide for a day out your children will never forget.

KidZania is one of the fastest-growing global educational entertainment brands, with 28 locations all around the globe.

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Learning and entertainment combine perfectly in our 55,000 square feet scaled replica of a real city. KidZania is packed with over 40 role-playing activities for children aged 2-16, where they'll learn all about jobs, money and the real world while developing life skills that simply cannot be taught in the classroom.

LEGO® Discovery Center Atlanta

“We are proud that LEGO Discovery Center Atlanta has continued its partnership with IBCCES to earn our designation as a Certified Autism Center™.”

-Jamica Jordan, General Manager of LEGO Discovery Center Atlanta

“We are passionate about building awesome memories for families and are thankful to our partners at IBCCES for helping us be more welcoming to families, including those with sensory needs.”

-Elizabeth Baker, Master Model Builder of LEGO Discovery Center Atlanta

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www.legodiscoverycenter.com/atlanta

Welcome to our new LEGO Discovery Center. It’s the home of LEGO play, where you and your family can create your own adventures in the ultimate indoor LEGO playground with over two million bricks. From interactive MINIWORLD and masterclasses with our Master Model Builders, to a 4D Cinema – your imagination will run wild.

The new LEGO Discovery Centers are the next generation of LEGOLAND Discovery Centers in North America, of which there are 27 across the globe, with the world’s first LEGO Discovery Center in Brussels and three additional LEGO Discovery Centers in North America. Visit https://www.legodiscoverycenter.com/ for attraction info and locations. LEGO® Discovery Center is a part of the Merlin Entertainments Group.

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens – Downtown Sarasota

“Our botanical gardens are dedicated to fostering an environment that welcomes and supports individuals of all abilities. By prioritizing professional training and certification, we aim to ensure our staff is equipped with the tools and understanding needed to create meaningful, enriching experiences for visitors with autism and neurodiverse needs. This commitment underscores our broader mission of inclusivity and innovation, allowing us to be a sanctuary for all who seek a connection with nature.”

- Jennifer Rominiecki, President and CEO of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

Contact Info

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www.selby.org

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens provides 45 acres of bayfront sanctuaries connecting people with air plants of the world, native nature, and our regional history. Established by forward-thinking women of their time, Selby Gardens is composed of the 15-acre Downtown Sarasota campus and the 30-acre Historic Spanish Point campus in the Osprey area of Sarasota County, Florida. The Downtown Sarasota campus on Sarasota Bay is the only botanical garden in the world dedicated to the display and study of epiphytic orchids, bromeliads, gesneriads and ferns, and other tropical plants. There is a significant focus on botany, horticulture, education, historical preservation, and the environment. Selby Gardens’ Downtown Sarasota campus features the world’s first net positive energy botanical garden complex, generating more energy than it consumes. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is a Smithsonian Affiliate and is also accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Selby Gardens was selected for Time magazine’s annual list of the “World’s Greatest Places 2024.”

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens – Historic Spanish Point

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- Jennifer Rominiecki, President and CEO of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

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Meow Wolf's House of Eternal Return

The House of Eternal Return is Meow Wolf's first permanent exhibition, which opened in March 2016. The exhibition was brought to life by dozens of Santa Fe-based artists, many of which go back to the collective's early days of 2008. Something happened in this mysterious Victorian house which broke time and space, creating a winding maze of secret passages leading to cosmic vistas, and unexpected immersive environments.

Contact Info

1352 Rufina Circle
Santa Fe, NM 87507

(866) 636-9969

www.meowwolf.com/visit/santa-fe

Here's what families can expect when visiting House of Eternal Return:

- A highly immersive, sensory-rich environment with the possibility of crowds, dark spaces, loud noises, projections, waiting in line, and extensive specialty lighting throughout the exhibition. Lighting effects may include strobe lights, pulsating lighting, dance-club lighting, and chaser lights.
- Onsite parking includes 8 designated accessible spaces, which may be helpful for families planning ahead.
- Families may need to wait in a queue depending on their entry time before entering the security screening area.
- Visitor Services can help answer questions on arrival and provide sensory items to support the visit.
- Strollers are not allowed inside the exhibition unless they are being used as a wheelchair, so families may want to plan for that in advance.
- For children who may wander, Meow Wolf recommends taking a photo before arrival so staff can more quickly help if anyone gets separated.
- Additional accessibility information, including sensory sensitivity support, mobility access, service animals, and other accommodations, is available on Meow Wolf's Accessibility Page.
- Families can review the official House of Eternal Return Sensory Guide before their visit.

Meow Wolf's Omega Mart

Omega Mart is Meow Wolf's second permanent exhibition, which opened in February 2021 in Las Vegas, Nevada. This sprawling exploration of commerce was brought to life by hundreds of Meow Wolfers and dozens of collaborating artists from Las Vegas and around the world. Omega Mart promises deals on strange and beguiling products that are Sourced on-site in a supernatural factory. Guests to Omega Mart may shop for one-of-a-kind products, contribute their human element to the factory production process, and explore the ruins of an alien world. Omega Mart: "You have no idea what's in Store for you!"

Contact Info

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Las Vegas, Nevada, 89102

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www.meowwolf.com/visit/las-vegas

Here's what families can expect when visiting Omega Mart:

- Trained Meow Wolf team members are available throughout the exhibit to help with navigation and support if a guest needs assistance.
- A highly immersive, sensory-rich environment with the possibility of crowds, dark spaces, loud noises, projections, waiting in line, and extensive specialty lighting throughout the experience. Lighting effects may include strobe lights, pulsating lighting, dance-club lighting, and chaser lights.
- The arrival experience begins through AREA15, where guests may also encounter bright lights, loud sounds, and crowded spaces before entering Omega Mart.
- Low-stimulation spaces are available for guests who need a break, and families are welcome to return to those spaces at any time during their visit.
- If a guest needs to step out of the exhibition for a longer break, staff can assist with a temporary exit and help with re-entry when they are ready to return.
- Additional accessibility information, including sensory sensitivity support, mobility access, service animals, and other accommodations, is available on Meow Wolf's Accessibility Page.
- Families can also review the official Omega Mart Sensory Guide before their visit.

Meow Wolf's Convergence Station

Convergence Station is Meow Wolf's third permanent exhibition, which opened in September 2021. The exhibition is Meow Wolf's largest project to date and was brought to life by hundreds of Meow Wolfers and 110+ collaborating artists from Colorado. Convergence Station is home to sprawling city streets, alien biomes, sentient mechs, and more! The Quantum Department of Transportation (QDOT) has created an exclusive travel opportunity from their station in Denver, Colorado, to the Convergence of Worlds, where memories are currency. Just under the surface of Convergence Station lies a cosmic mystery about four forgotten women, and a mythological gateway to the infinite.

Contact Info

1338 1st Street
Denver, Colorado, 80204

(866) 636-9969

www.meowwolf.com/visit/denver

Here's what families can expect when visiting Convergence Station:

- A highly immersive, sensory-rich environment with the possibility of crowds, dark spaces, loud noises, projections, waiting in line, and extensive specialty lighting throughout the exhibition. Lighting effects may include strobe lights, pulsating lighting, dance-club lighting, and chaser lights.
- Parking is available nearby, with accessible parking in all parking areas and 8 designated accessible spaces in the main lot, though availability may be limited.
- Families may need to wait in one of two outdoor queues depending on their entry time before proceeding through security.
- The Information Desk on the first floor can help answer questions on arrival.
- Strollers are not allowed in the exhibition unless they are being used as a wheelchair, and families should plan to use the stroller parking area before entering.
- Additional accessibility information, including sensory sensitivity support, mobility access, service animals, and other accommodations, is available on Meow Wolf's Accessibility Page.
- Families can review the official Convergence Station Sensory Guide before their visit.

Meow Wolf's The Real Unreal

THE REAL UNREAL

Reality is unreal-ing at the fourth permanent addition to the Meow Wolf universe, aptly titled The Real Unreal. When an ordinary family encounters the extraordinary, an inspiring tale of creativity, community, and the power of imagination unfolds within a mesmerizing, interactive artscape. Featuring a massive collaboration between Texas and Santa Fe based artists, Meow Wolf Grapevine takes inspiration from our humble beginnings and expands into a new era of art and storytelling.

Contact Info

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Suite 253 Grapevine, TX, 76051

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www.meowwolf.com/visit/grapevine

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Here's what families can expect when visiting The Real Unreal:

- A highly immersive, sensory-rich environment with the possibility of crowds, dark spaces, loud noises, projections, waiting in line, and extensive specialty lighting throughout the exhibition. Lighting effects may include strobe lights, pulsating lighting, dance-club lighting, and chaser lights.
- Free parking is available at Grapevine Mills, including accessible parking near entrances 2 and 3, which may be helpful for families planning ahead.
- Families may need to wait in a queue depending on their entry time, and all guests pass through a screening area before entering the exhibition.
- Guest Services can help answer questions on arrival and provide sensory items to support the visit.
- Strollers are not allowed inside the exhibition unless they are being used as a wheelchair, so families may want to plan for that in advance.
- For children who may wander, Meow Wolf recommends taking a photo before arrival so staff can more quickly help if anyone gets separated.
- Additional accessibility information, including sensory sensitivity support, mobility access, service animals, and other accommodations, is available on Meow Wolf's Accessibility Page.
- Families can review the official The Real Unreal Sensory Guide before their visit

Meow Wolf's Radio Tave

Radio Tave is Meow Wolf's fifth permanent exhibition in Houston, Texas. A multidimensional radio station made by Meow Wolf and Texan artists pulses with Houston's spirit, blending surreal soundscapes, unexpected portals, and immersive environments - both local and otherworldly. Guests at Radio Tave tune into ETNL, a cross-dimensional radio station where portals offer unique experiences, including a house party, a cosmic cavern, and a cowboy dive bar on the brink of realms.

Contact Info

2103 Lyons Ave Building 2
Houston, TX 77020

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https://meowwolf.com/visit/houston

Here's what families can expect when visiting Radio Tave:

- A highly immersive, sensory-rich environment with the possibility of crowds, dark spaces, loud noises, projections, waiting in line, and extensive specialty lighting throughout the exhibition. Lighting effects may include strobe lights, pulsating lighting, dance-club lighting, and chaser lights.
- Families may need to wait in a queue depending on their entry time before moving into the security line.
- Guest Services can help answer questions on arrival and provide sensory items and sensory guides to support the visit.
- Strollers are parked in the locker area before entering, so families may want to plan for that in advance.
- Additional accessibility information, including sensory sensitivity support, mobility access, service animals, and other accommodations, is available on Meow Wolf's Accessibility Page.
- Families can review the official Radio Tave Sensory Guide before their visit.

Mercedes-Benz Off-Road Experience Center

Mercedes-Benz
OFF-ROAD EXPERIENCE CENTER

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“Achieving the Certified Autism Center™ designation reinforces our belief that true excellence goes beyond performance — it’s also about creating experiences that are accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to everyone. At the center, we aim to ensure that every guest feels comfortable, supported, and empowered to enjoy the thrill of off-road driving.”

- Victor Arce, Director of Operations at the Mercedes-Benz Off-Road Experience Center

Located in Dubai Design District (d3), the Mercedes-Benz Off-Road Experience Center is a one-of-a-kind destination designed to showcase the performance, safety, and innovation of Mercedes-Benz vehicles across diverse terrains. Blending advanced driving experiences with luxury hospitality, the Center hosts public drives, corporate events, and educational programs, creating unforgettable experiences that celebrate precision, innovation, and inclusion.

Miami Beach Convention Center

MIAMI BEACH
CONVENTION CENTER

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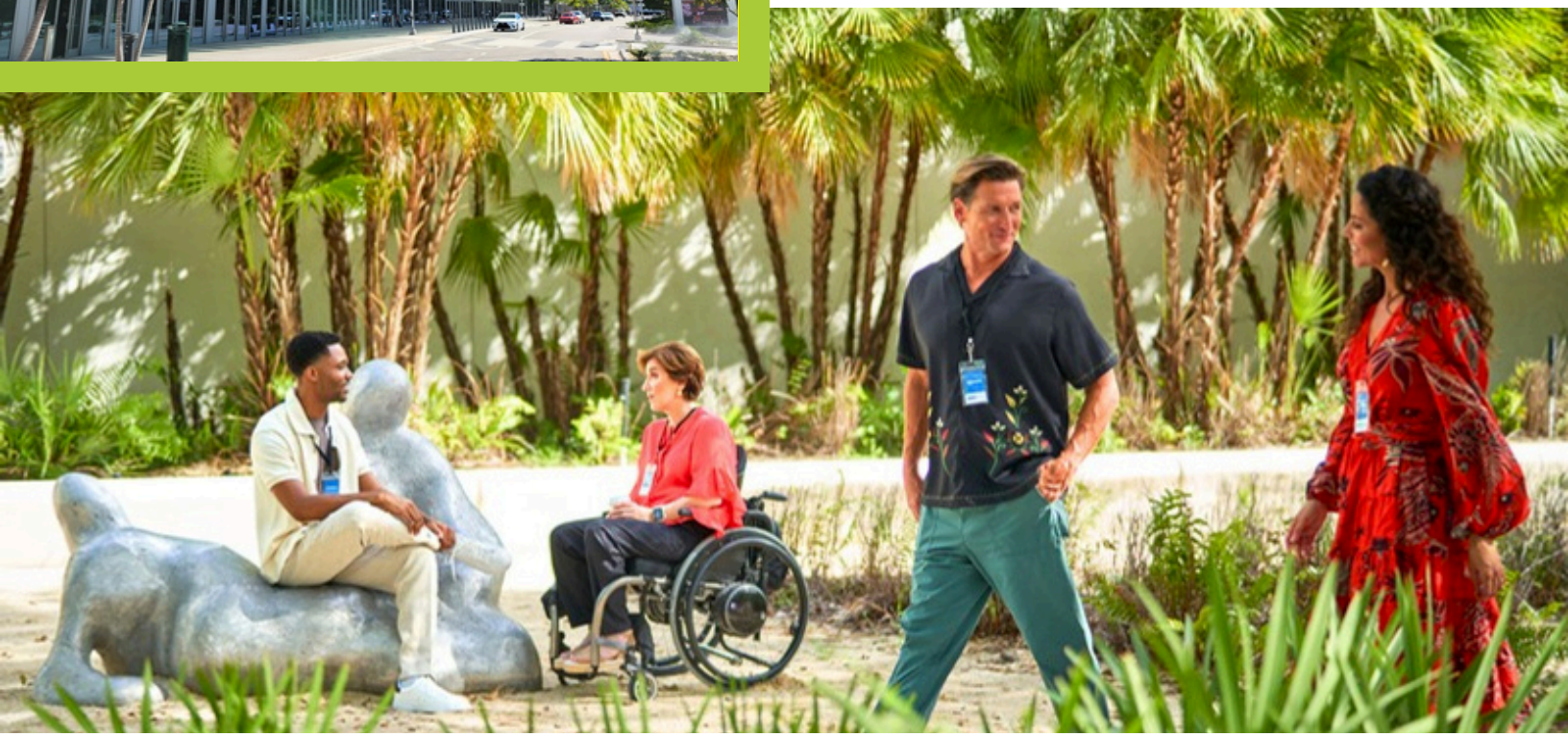
“Achieving the Certified Autism Center™ designation marks a pivotal next step in our commitment to inclusivity, and I am extremely proud of our staff’s dedication and achievement. This autism certification enables the Miami Beach Convention Center, owned by the City of Miami Beach and proudly managed by Oak View Group, to better serve visitors with special needs, setting a new standard for accessibility in the events industry.”

- MBCC General Manager Freddie Peterson



Re-imagined following a $640 million renovation, the expanded MBCC includes a new 60,000 -sq.-ft. grand ballroom, four junior ballrooms, almost 500,000 sq. ft. of exhibition space, an expanded grand lobby, pre-function areas that are bathed in natural light, up to 84 breakout rooms, approximately 800 roof deck parking spaces, almost 2,100 miles of cabling to support all IT communications, $10.2 million worth of art curated by the City of Miami Beach Art in Public Places program, a six-acre (Pride Park) and three-acre (Collins Canal Park) public green spaces that can serve as incremental event space. The MBCC campus includes two new event spaces: Venu, a space for private events and upscale meetings, and Rum Room, a 1920s restaurant with an enticing tapas-style menu and local South Florida rums. The MBCC is proud to have earned Global Biorisk Advisory Council® (GBAC) STAR™ Facility Accreditation, and LEED® Silver Certification as part of the venue’s expansion project, which includes many environmentally friendly features.

Old Town Trolley Tours of St. Augustine

“At Old Town Trolley Tours & Attractions, our mission is to be the nation’s storyteller, sharing the positive and inspiring stories of America’s past. Our recertification as a Certified Autism Center™ reinforces our commitment to creating amazing experiences for all guests. We are proud to equip our frontline team with the training needed to ensure every visitor feels welcomed, supported, and fully able to enjoy the history we bring to life.”

-David Chatterton, General Manager of Old Town Trolley Tours & Attractions

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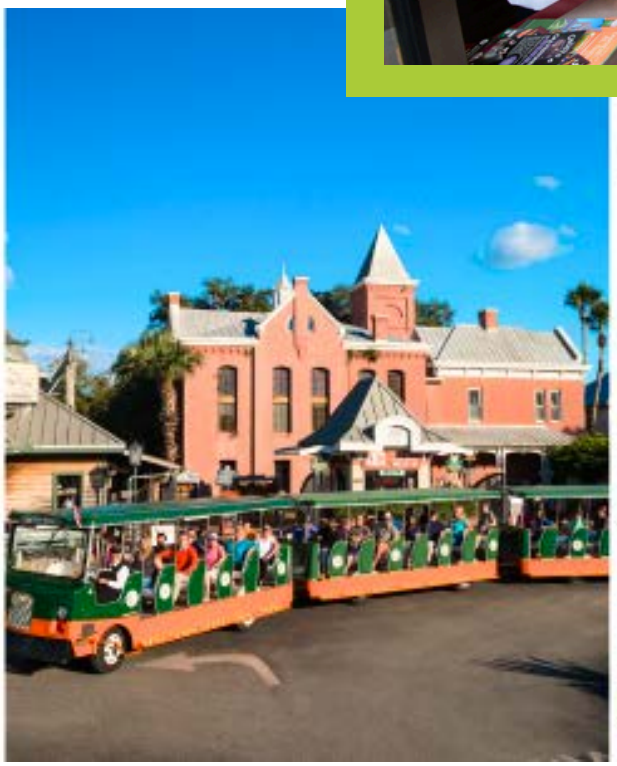

Start your tour or plan time to visit Old Town St. Augustine, 167 San Marco Ave, where you will be able to enjoy FREE Admission to the St. Augustine History Museum. Stop #1 on the trolley route, Old Town St. Augustine is a one-of-a-kind experience home to several of St. Augustine’s BEST attractions. Step back in time and discover the Oldest Store Museum or get “locked up” for a tour at the Old Jail Museum. Shop for gifts and souvenirs or enjoy a quick bite at Gator Bob’s Treats. Old Town has something to offer for everyone!

Palm Springs Convention Center

Like no place else™
Palm Springs
CALIFORNIA CONVENTION CENTER BUREAU OF TOURISM

“We are proud to be the first convention center in California to receive this important designation. This represents our ongoing commitment to inclusivity and creating a welcoming environment for autistic individuals and their families. Through our dedicated staff completing autism training and certification, we aim to ensure that everyone can fully enjoy the experiences and events hosted at our convention center.”

-Rob Hampton, General Manager

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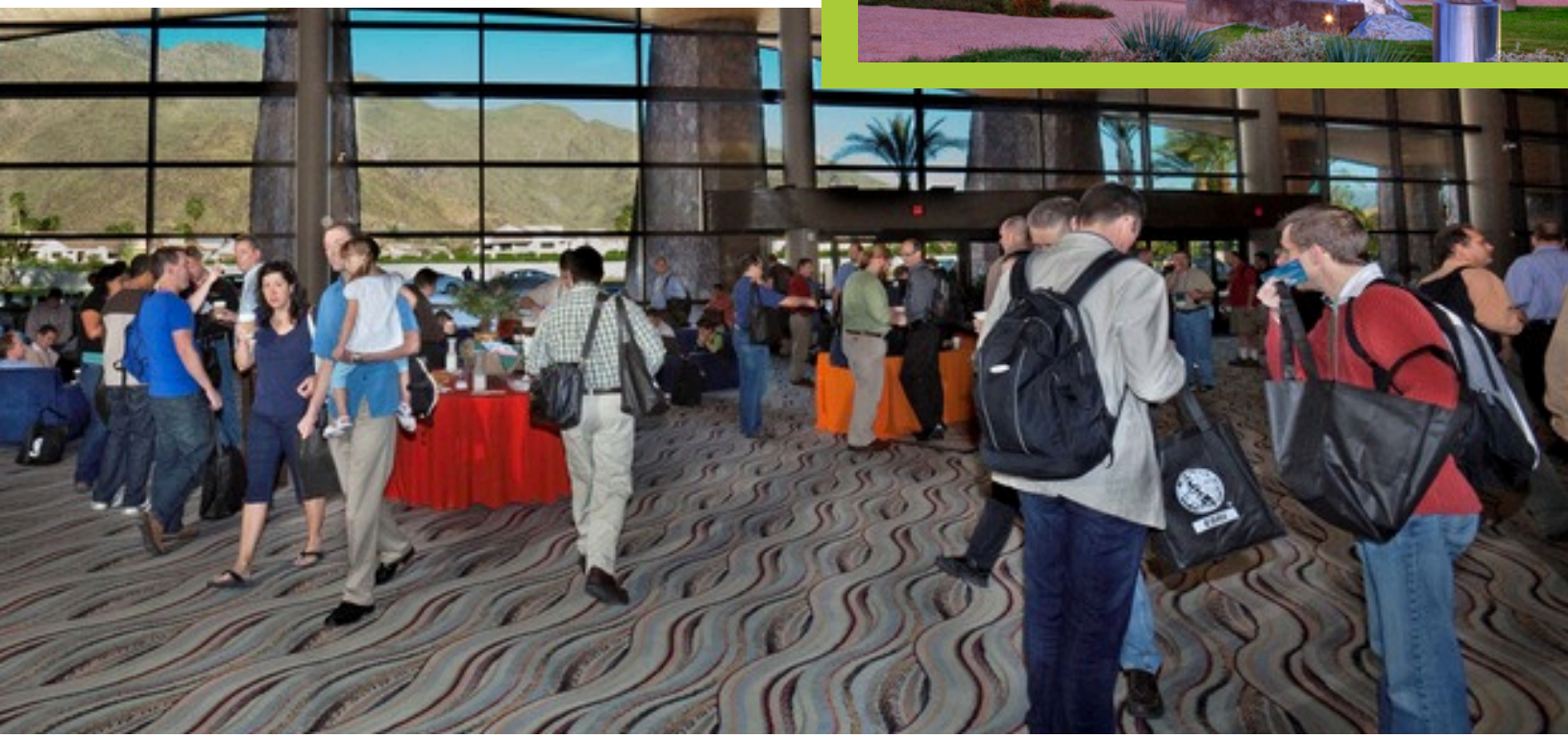

The Palm Springs Convention Center is a 250,000 sq. ft. facility offering a 92,000 sq. ft. fully-carpeted, pillarless exhibit hall. There are several outdoor areas, including the Jackie Lee Houston Plaza which provide quiet spaces to enjoy the surroundings. All meeting space is on one floor and the facility is connected to the 410-room Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel, which provides additional meeting opportunities. Both facilities are ADA-compliant allowing easy access for all guests. In addition to the Center, ASM Global also manages the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism and two Visitor Centers. Downtown Palm Springs is only four blocks from the front doors of the Convention Center and offers a variety of attractions, restaurants and retail stores. With 360 days of sun-kissed weather and gorgeous scenery, Palm Springs is a welcoming destination for everyone and is the perfect destination to spend time outdoors. It’s no wonder Palm Springs is like no place else.

Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

Contact Info

1 Tram Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

760-325-1449

www.pstramway.com

> **We are delighted to be designated as a Certified Autism Center™ from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards. Following the completion of staff training, we have developed a greater understanding of the needs of autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals, which we believe will assist us in better serving our guests."**

- Marjorie De La Cruz, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway vice president of HR and risk, ADA coordinator

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway is the world's largest rotating tram car. Opened in 1963, the Tram's 80-passenger cars travel along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon from the Valley Station (elevation 2,643 ft.) to the Mountain Station (elevation 8,516 ft.) in approximately 10 minutes. For more information, please call 888-515-TRAM or 760-325-1391 or visit www.pstramway.com. Also, download the Tramway's free mobile tour in the App Store or Google Play.

Play DXB

Play DXB is a cutting-edge indoor playground located in two key destinations – Dubai Mall and Dubai Hills Mall. Spanning 76,000 sq. ft. across two levels at Dubai Mall, Play DXB provides a diverse range of experiences catering to various ages and interests, including adrenaline-pumping rides, VR experiences, arcade games, skill challenges, and multiplayer experiences.

Contact Info

Level 2, Dubai Mall, Financial Center Rd - Downtown Dubai, UAE

800-DUBAI-MALL
(800-38224-6255)

www.entertainment.emaar.com/attraction/play-dxb

Additionally, a second location at Dubai Hills Mall, features 30 rides and experiences designed for all ages, combining both immersive and arcade fun.

Rainbow Valley Family Farms

“It is important to us to provide the very best experience for each and every one of our visitors. We believe it is important to have a broad understanding of the needs of all individuals we encounter, making it the most enjoyable opportunity for all.”

Rebecca Sanford, Owner of Rainbow Valley Family Farms

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Rainbow Valley Family Farms is a family-friendly alpaca farm in Northern Michigan. We offer personal tours and have alpaca products for sale in our quaint farm store. Many of the products are made locally from our alpaca's beautiful fiber. Visit us for a relaxing and fun time with our amazing animals. You will get to enjoy our pastures and be up close, feeding and petting the alpacas. It makes a wonderful photo opportunity for great family memories.

A short social story is available for anyone who would like some preparation before visiting the farm. It can be emailed, sent via text, or read upon arrival.

Reel Cinemas

Reel Cinemas redefines the movie experience with state-of-the-art technology, luxurious comfort, and a variety of cinematic experiences, from blockbuster screenings to immersive formats that bring stories to life in spectacular detail. From the immersive experience of Dolby Cinemas to the luxurious Platinum Suites, combined with a wide range of food and beverage options Reel Cinemas delivers a truly next-level cinematic experience for every kind of movie lover.

Contact Info

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With flagship locations in Dubai Mall, Dubai Marina Mall, and The Springs Souk in the U.A.E., Reel Cinemas continues to grow its footprint across the GCC. Recent expansions include new branches in Granada Mall, Saudi Arabia and Marassi Galleria, Bahrain.

Ric & Jean Edelman Planetarium at Rowan University

“Our designation as a Certified Autism Center™ reflects our commitment to making the planetarium a place where everyone feels welcome and supported. For us, this project is about fostering an environment where curiosity and learning are accessible to all. Nothing should prevent someone from learning about the universe, and this designation helps every visitor experience the joys of discovery,”

-Amy Barraclough, Director of Edelman Planetarium

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www.sites.rowan.edu/planetarium

The Ric & Jean Edelman Planetarium is a premier destination for astronomy education and public engagement in southern New Jersey. Located on Rowan University’s campus, the planetarium offers immersive planetarium shows, interactive programs, and special events that spark curiosity and inspire a lifelong love of science. Its facilities include a cutting-edge digital dome and a 0.4-meter research observatory, allowing visitors to explore the universe up close. Serving more than 35,000 guests annually, including thousands of students who attend free thanks to its founders, the planetarium is committed to making the wonders of the cosmos accessible to all.

Roxy Cinemas

Launched in January 2017, ROXY Cinemas has redefined the movie-going experience, offering a blend of comfort, style and cutting-edge technology. With plush reclining seating, gourmet dining options delivered right to your seat, and state-of-the-art audio-visual technology, ROXY Cinemas caters to film lovers, sports fans, and event-goers alike. Located at Dubai Hills Mall, City Walk, The Beach JBR, Al Khawaneej Walk, Box Park, Galleria Mall Al Barsha, and Circle Mall, each venue provides a luxurious setting to enjoy the latest Hollywood blockbusters, live sporting events, and exclusive themed nights.

Contact Info

Dubai Hills | Al Khawaneej | The Beach
City Walk | Boxpark | Galleria Mall
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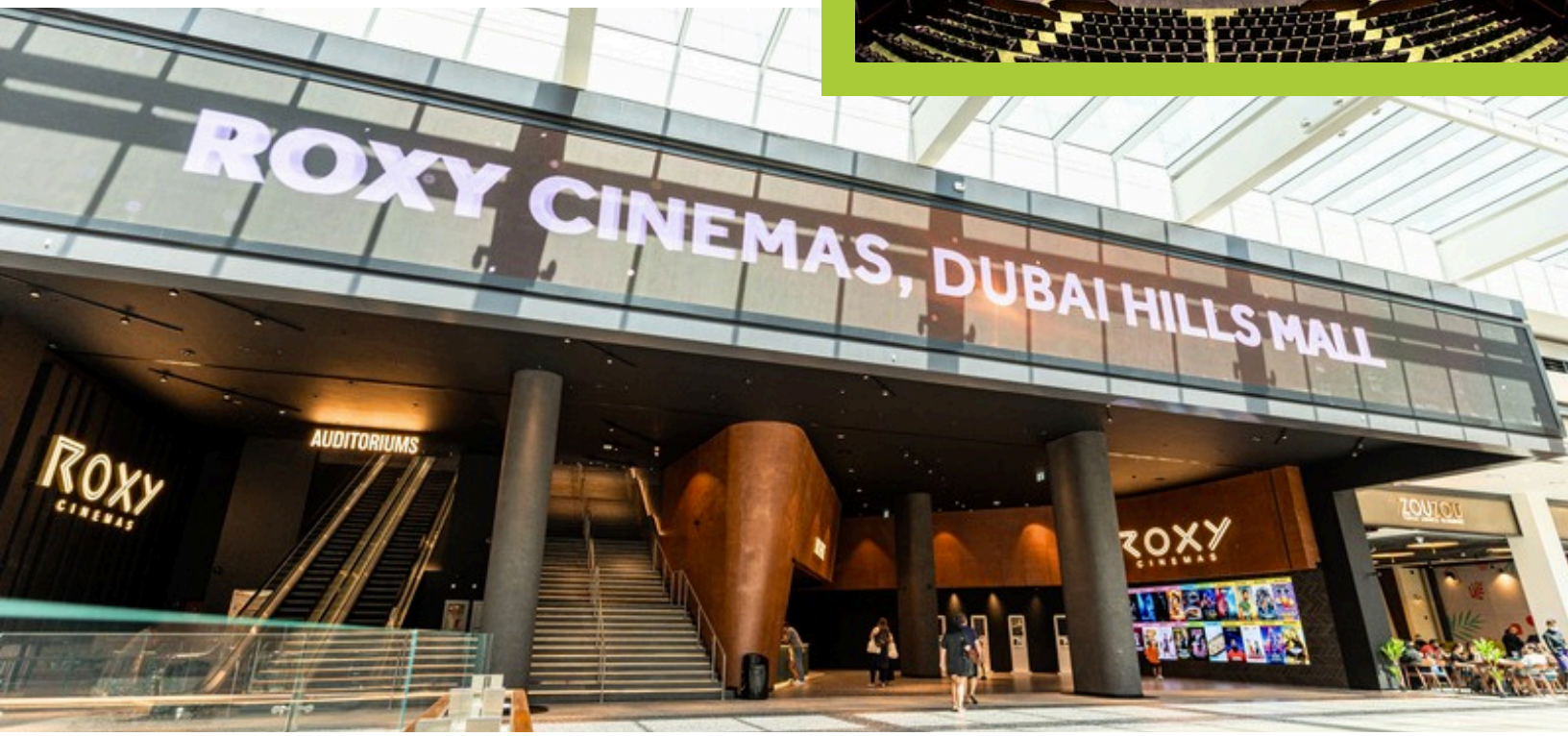
www.theroxycinemas.com



ROXY Cinemas at Dubai Hills Mall is home to 'ROXY Xtreme', the largest screen in the Middle East & North Africa, featuring 418 fully reclining seats with standard and premium seating categories, Director Boxes with 36 luxurious seats, a lounge, and a wide range of F&B options. The 'Platinum' experience, available at The Beach JBR, Boxpark, City Walk, and Dubai Hills Mall, includes an exclusive F&B menu that can be ordered in the lounge or auditorium. The 'Gold' experience, only at Al Khawaneej, offers reclining leather seats and in-seat dining service. The 'Silver' experience, available at The Beach JBR, City Walk, and Dubai Hills Mall, provides standard seating with F&B options at the counters. ROXY Cinemas feature various promotional offers including the weekly 'Date Nights' and monthly 'Ladies Night' at ROXY Cinemas. ROXY Cinemas is part of Dubai Holding Entertainment, one of the largest diversified entertainment groups in the region. For more information, please visit www.theroxycinemas.com.

SkyPark At Santa's Village

SKYPARK AT SANTA'S VILLAGE

“At SkyPark, we endeavor to provide our guests with outdoor experiences and adventure-based activities that create memories of wonder, thrill, and camaraderie. It is essential to ensure accessibility for all guests, including neurodivergent individuals. We are committed to ensuring sensory-friendly spaces, clear communication, and accommodations that allow everyone to fully participate and enjoy their time at SkyPark.”

-Bill and Michelle Johnson, Owners of SkyPark at Santa's Village

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Skyforest, CA 92385

909-744-9373

www.skyparksantasvillage.com

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SkyPark at Santa's Village provides guests with adventure-based experiences set within a canopy-covered forest, nestled in the serene San Bernardino Mountains. We promote clean-living, an active lifestyle, and conservation in a fun and interactive exchange with the environment. Our year-round theme park features a renowned mountain bike park as well as a magical cast of characters, outdoor attractions, restaurants, shops, summer concerts, and entertainment all set in the historic Santa's Village. Experience the wonder of nature as you enjoy mountain biking, hiking, fly fishing, archery, seasonal roller skating and ice skating, climbing, and much more. No matter the age, there's something for everyone at our family-friendly destination.

Enjoy SkyPark with ease! Our trained staff, backed by IBCCES Certified Autism Center™ expertise, are here to support guests who may need accommodations—whether for sensory needs, mobility, or other considerations. Learn about our Golden Ticket Program, pre-travel survey, and available services: https://skyparksantasvillage.com/trip-planning/accessibility/.

Sky Views Observatory

SKY VIEWS
OBSERVATORY

Soar above the city at Sky Views Observatory, Dubai's most thrilling vantage point. Located opposite Burj Khalifa, this architectural marvel rises 219.5 metres high, offering sweeping, floor-to-ceiling views of Downtown Dubai. Step onto the Glass Walk for a breathtaking perspective of the city beneath your feet, or take your experience to new heights with the region's first Glass Slide gliding you from Level 53 to 52.

Contact Info

The Address Sky Views Tower 1, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

800-28843867

www.skyviewsdubai.com

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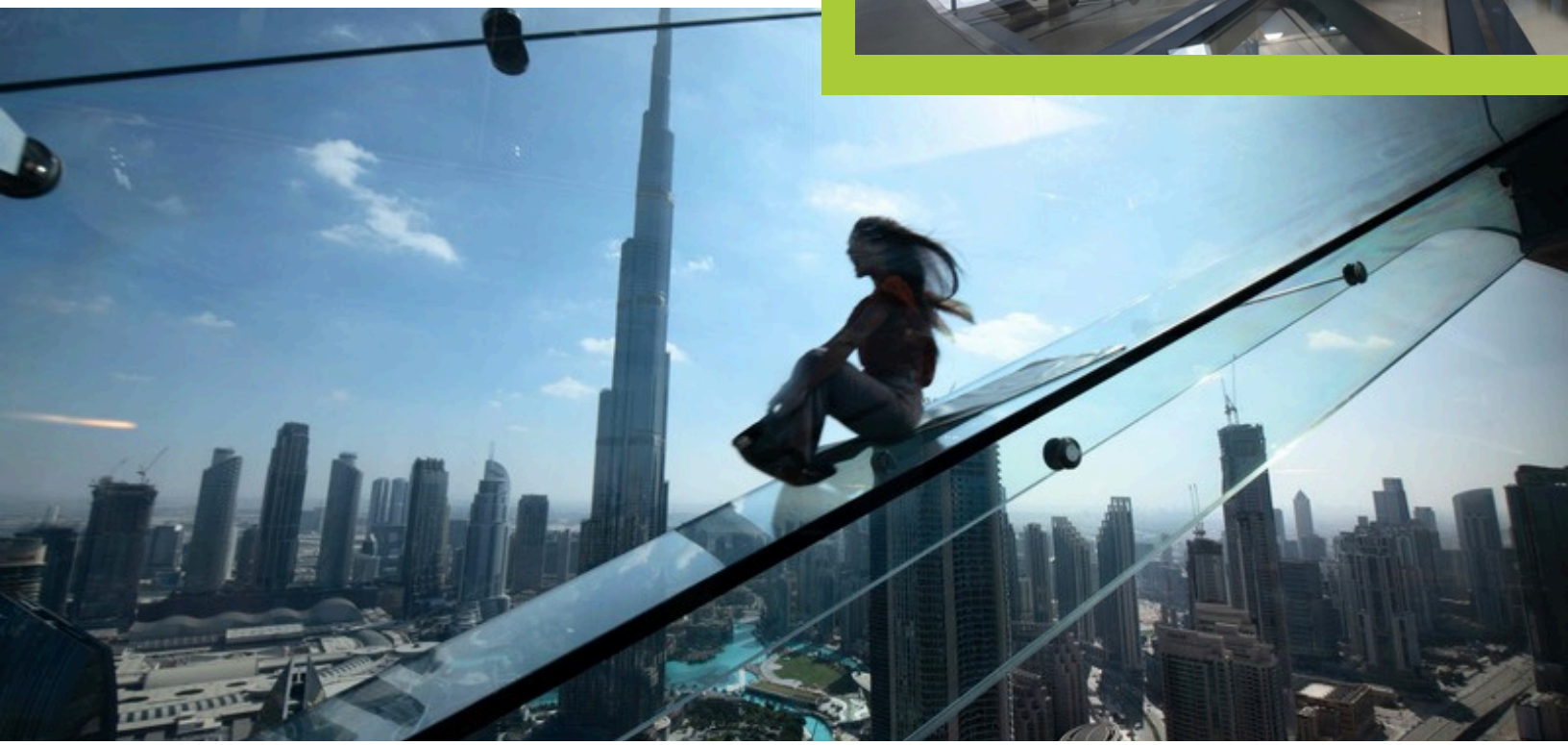

Sky Views Observatory is fully equipped to support all visitors with wheelchairs and any disability. For support before your visit, please email info@skyviewsdubai.com. All employees have undergone the necessary training and are certified to support with guests with autism.

Spinners Pinball Arcade: A Pinball EDU Center

“Spinners isn’t just an arcade; we're a community hub. As we continue to grow and evolve, our dedication to serving our diverse guests is always our highest priority. With a team that includes neurodivergent members, we back up our commitment with proper training and genuine care for all our Spinheads.”

-Cat Hodge, Arcade Manager

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919 N East Market St.
Frederick, MD, 21701

610-395-3724

www.spinnerspinball.org

At Spinners Pinball Arcade, we redefine the gaming experience by offering a unique fusion of retro arcade fun and a commitment to being an inclusive community center. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a focus on individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and diverse abilities, we provide a safe, inclusive haven where patrons of all ages can socialize, build skills, and enjoy over 100 games spanning various eras. Our dedicated team is passionate about creating a welcoming environment, fostering community connections, and constantly evolving to meet the diverse needs of our patrons. Learn more about and donate to the Spinners 2.0 campaign here: www.chuffed.org/project/spinners.

Story Land

Contact Info

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603-383-4186

www.storylandnh.com

> **“Here at Story Land and Living Shores, we pride ourselves on making both parks accessible to all of our guests. Our certification with IBCCES is just one way we educate our team members on how we can continue to offer an enjoyable experience for everyone who walks through our gates.”**

- Chris Kearsing, General Manager

Story Land, one of New England's premier family attractions, brings a world of fantasy and timeless characters to life in a safe and natural setting. Children and their imaginations run free, enjoying all-inclusive rides, shows, and attractions, punctuated by the beautiful setting in New Hampshire's White Mountains. Featuring the new Moo Lagoon water play area and memorable character cxperiences, Story Land is a celebration for the young at heart. Beloved characters like Humpty Dumpty and the Old Woman in the Shoe came to life here in 1954.

The Comcast Center Campus

At Comcast, we create accessible, inclusive experiences across a wide range of products and services for all. At our headquarters campus in Philadelphia, we welcome the public into our lobbies and offer free experiences for the community to enjoy. As part of our longstanding commitment to accessibility, we are proud that public spaces at the Comcast Center Campus have been designated as a Certified Autism Center™ (CAC).

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Our campus is wheelchair accessible and service-animal friendly, and CAC-certified ambassadors are committed to welcoming all guests. A Sensory-Friendly Room, located in The Concourse at Comcast Center, is open to the public. Accessibility devices are available for guests to enjoy programming on The Comcast Experience video wall in the Comcast Center lobby, and The Universal Sphere in the upper lobby of the Comcast Technology Center.

The Universal Sphere at the Comcast Center Campus

UNIVERSAL SPHERE

“Comcast has a longstanding commitment to accessibility that touches every area of our company. We believe passionately in the power of creating experiences that can be enjoyed by everyone. The Universal Sphere is a great example of Comcast NBCUniversal bringing together inclusive technology and a showstopping entertainment experience to do just that.”

- Tom Wlodkowski, Vice President of Accessibility at Comcast

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IBCCES CAC CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER™

This free, cinematic experience is presented in a dome theater in the Comcast Technology Center lobby. Our trained Experience Guides are committed to welcoming the widest audience possible. The experience is wheelchair accessible and service-animal friendly, and closed captioning and audio description devices are available in English and Spanish. For a full translation of the experience, audio listening devices are available in Spanish and Mandarin. Sensory-friendly shows play daily, and sensory kits are available upon request. Visit our online reservation site to plan your trip and access your complimentary ticket. TheUniversalSphere.com

The Garden Theater

“The Garden Theater has always been a beacon of culture and community. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ only furthers our mission by ensuring that our staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge and skills to meet the needs of all our patrons. We strive to be a venue that is accessible and welcoming to everyone.”

-Katie Jones, Executive Director of the Garden Theater

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www.gardentheater.org

Situated mere blocks from Lake Michigan, the theater is ideally located in the vibrant tourist community. The Friends of The Garden Theater non-profit was formed and purchased the theater in 2020, embarking on a mission to revitalize and renovate the space. Since then, the Garden has provided top-tier entertainment in the form of first-run movies, live music, dance, theater to the Benzie County community and beyond. The Garden is equipped with newly renovated handicap accessible bathrooms, as well as a handicapped designated area among the theater seats. The theater is also equipped with a hearing loop system including T-coil technology. Headsets can be used to connect to one’s hearing aid via Bluetooth to elevate the sound. Open captioning showings of films are provided once a week.

The Green Planet

“We are constantly striving to bring the best-in-class activities and entertainment experiences to all our guests, including those with autistic and sensory needs. This partnership with IBCCES delivers on Dubai Holding Entertainment’s commitment to provide guests with an accessible and inclusive experience for families across our destinations.”

-Fernando Eiroa, Chief Executive Officer at Dubai Holding Entertainment

Contact Info

City Walk Al Wasl, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

800 7699

www.thegreenplanetdubai.com

Situated in City Walk, Dubai, The Green Planet is the Middle East's only Indoor Rainforest and MENA's Best Edutainment Attraction with over 3,000 plants and animals. It is an extraordinary four-story biodome that has captivated both residents and tourists. Recognized as one of the world’s most marvelously designed biodomes, its canopy soars to an astonishing height of 30-45 meters above the ground, serving as the rainforest’s roof and offering a breathtaking panoramic view of the entire ecosystem. A trip to The Green Planet presents a fantastic educational opportunity for both adults and children, offering a range of experiences to make the most of your visit. Whether it’s participating in school trips, witnessing tropical thunderstorms, or even assuming the role of “Zookeeper of the day” with the guidance of field experts, there are countless ways to enrich your knowledge and engagement with the natural world.

The Packhouse at Aziz Farms

“We pride our education initiative in providing what is needed for the community. This is needed. Children with support needs thrive in healthy outdoor environments like ours.”

-Mark Tadros, President and Owner of The Packhouse at Aziz Farms

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Mark, Nicole, and their two children opened The Packhouse at Aziz Farms three years ago. The Packhouse is an expansion of Aziz Farms, a date growing and packing business Mark's father started in the mid 1980's. With Mark's background in culinary arts and agriculture and Nicole's experience as an educator, the pair designed every facet of their family farm to showcase their operation with a passion to infuse the Coachella Valley with an appreciation for the area's agriculture industry.

The View Palm Jumeirah

THE VIEW
PALM JUMEIRAH

“Achieving IBCCES certification for The View Palm Jumeirah is a significant accomplishment for the team and marks its place within our growing network of IBCCES-certified autism-friendly spaces at Dubai Holding Entertainment. We continue to remain committed to providing welcoming, supportive, and accessible experiences for all our guests.”

-Al Anood Al Hashemi, Vice President of Organisational Culture & Impact at Dubai Holding Entertainments

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An iconic 360-degree observation deck that offers an extraordinary perspective of the world-renowned man-made island Palm Jumeirah, the stunning Arabian Gulf, and the breathtaking Dubai skyline. As the highest vantage point on the Palm, it promises unparalleled views that captivate visitors from around the globe.

The View Palm Jumeirah is more than just an observation deck; it’s a multifaceted experience that combines breathtaking views with rich storytelling and culinary delights. Whether visitors are looking to explore the history of Palm Jumeirah, enjoy fine dining, or simply take in the stunning vistas, The View Palm Jumeirah promises an unforgettable adventure for all.

Traverse Tall Ship Company

“Traverse Tall Ship Company strives to provide the peak summer experience for all visitors and residents. We are pleased to make our vessels places where autistic people feel safe and welcome to enjoy the magic of Grand Traverse Bay. The landscape of Grand Traverse Bay is the true star of the show on our sails; it is magic to witness and has a real power to both inspire and soothe. We feel it should be accessible to everyone.”

-Jamie Trost, Senior Captain and Manager of Traverse Tall Ship Company

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Traverse Tall Ship Company strives to provide the best summer experience for all visitors and residents of the Grand Traverse Bay region. Aboard the Schooner Manitou or the Sailing Yacht Scout, passengers can experience the wonder and magic of the Bay in a timeless and awe-inspiring way. Both vessels sail multiple times daily from Discovery Pier in Traverse City.

Turkey Hill Experience

“We are committed to providing an inclusive environment for all guests. It is important for us to continue our commitment to our certification to strengthen our positive workplace culture and connections with guests.”

- Rebecca Carroll Baltozer, Asst. Manager

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www.turkeyhillexperience.com

The Turkey Hill Experience features interactive exhibits allowing you to learn about dairy culture, the story of Turkey Hill Dairy, and how the company’s ice cream and iced tea flavors are selected and created. You will truly experience what it’s like to be a Turkey Hill Dairy ice cream maker for a day, including the opportunity to create your own virtual ice cream flavor. In addition, you can sit in our vintage milk truck, milk our mechanical cows, star in your very own Turkey Hill commercial, and enjoy plenty of free samples of iced tea and ice cream! Visit the Turkey Hill Experience in Columbia, Pennsylvania – right here in Lancaster County, PA.

Valentine Theatre (Toledo Cultural Arts Center)

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www.valentinetheatre.com

"The Valentine Theatre is truly the heart of the arts in downtown Toledo, and as such, we take very seriously the responsibility to ensure that everyone feels welcome here. We are incredibly proud of the diverse, educational, and inspiring programming we bring to the area and our designation as a Certified Autism Center™ means that educators, social service organizations, and families can count on us to provide an inclusive environment for experiencing the magic of the performing arts. It is a privilege to be able to support the community in this way and the training that our staff and volunteers receive through IBCCES is a tremendous asset in helping us better serve all of our patrons."

- Abby Glanville, Executive Director of The Valentine Theatre

The Valentine Theatre is a 130-year-old 901-seat facility operated by the Toledo Cultural Arts Center, Inc. After a 21-year effort by the Board of Trustees and the community, the $28 million renovation was unveiled on October 9, 1999. Since the Gala re-opening, nearly 1,340,000 people have attended 2,760 international, national and area presentations, weddings and events.

Visalia Fox Theatre

“Renewing our certification reaffirms our commitment to accessibility and inclusion, ensuring that our historic theatre continues to be a place where all individuals, regardless of their abilities, can engage with the arts and history.”

- Monse Meza, Marketing Coordinator of Visalia Fox Theatre

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The Visalia Fox Theatre is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that was originally opened in 1930. The theatre has been operated by the formed group, Visalian Friends of the Fox Theatre, since 1996 to acquire, restore and reopen the theatre. As such, the theatre has been preserved and has operated as a performing arts venue, gathering place, and focal point of cultural activity and educational outreach for our community.

Western Maryland Scenic Railroad

“The wheels are constantly turning on how we can work together to provide the best experience for individuals and families visiting Western Maryland. We recognize that each person has unique needs, and by obtaining training in autism and sensory-friendly strategies, we can make each visitor as comfortable as possible. Ultimately, our goal is to provide quality family experiences and be a business that is inclusive of all people, regardless of disability or diagnosis.”

-Wesley Heinz, WMSR Executive Director

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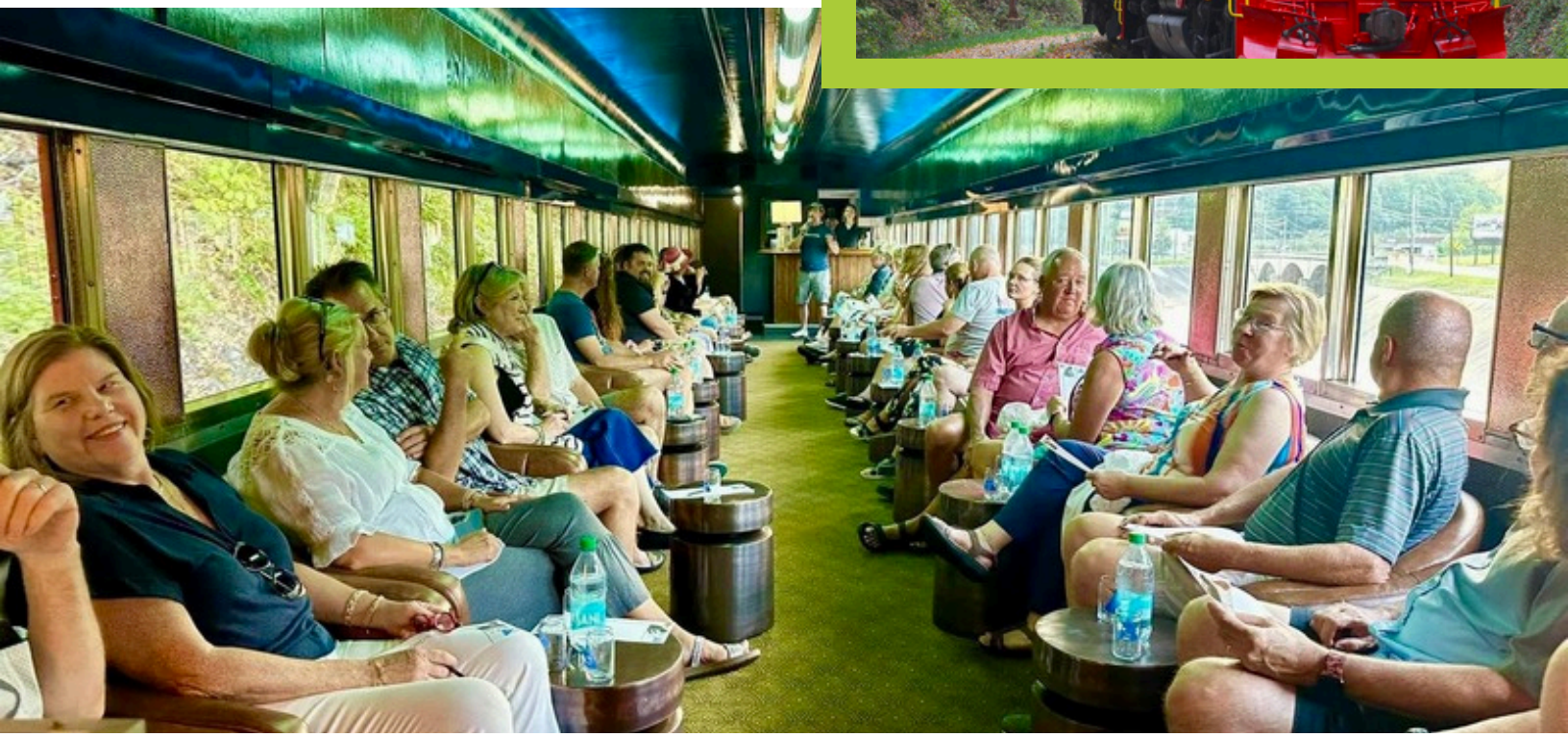

Built to haul coal out of Maryland and Western Virginia, the Western Maryland Railway was one of the great railroads of the Appalachian Mountains. Today, the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad has revived the mountain spirit of Western Maryland, and one can now experience the scenic Allegheny Mountains from inside a comfortable streamline era passenger car.

Qasr Al Watan Abu Dhabi

Qasr Al Watan offers visitors a unique opportunity to witness the rich heritage and traditions of the United Arab Emirates through a series of captivating performances and displays. The visitor experience at Qasr Al Watan is an inspiring and educational tour of Emirati and Arabian excellence. Visitors will learn about the principles that have propelled traditional Arabian design to remarkable status, gain rare insight into Emirati governance and culture through the Palace's exhibits. Most notably, visitors will enjoy exploring the expansive selection of timeless books and manuscripts at House of Knowledge and Qasr Al Watan Library.

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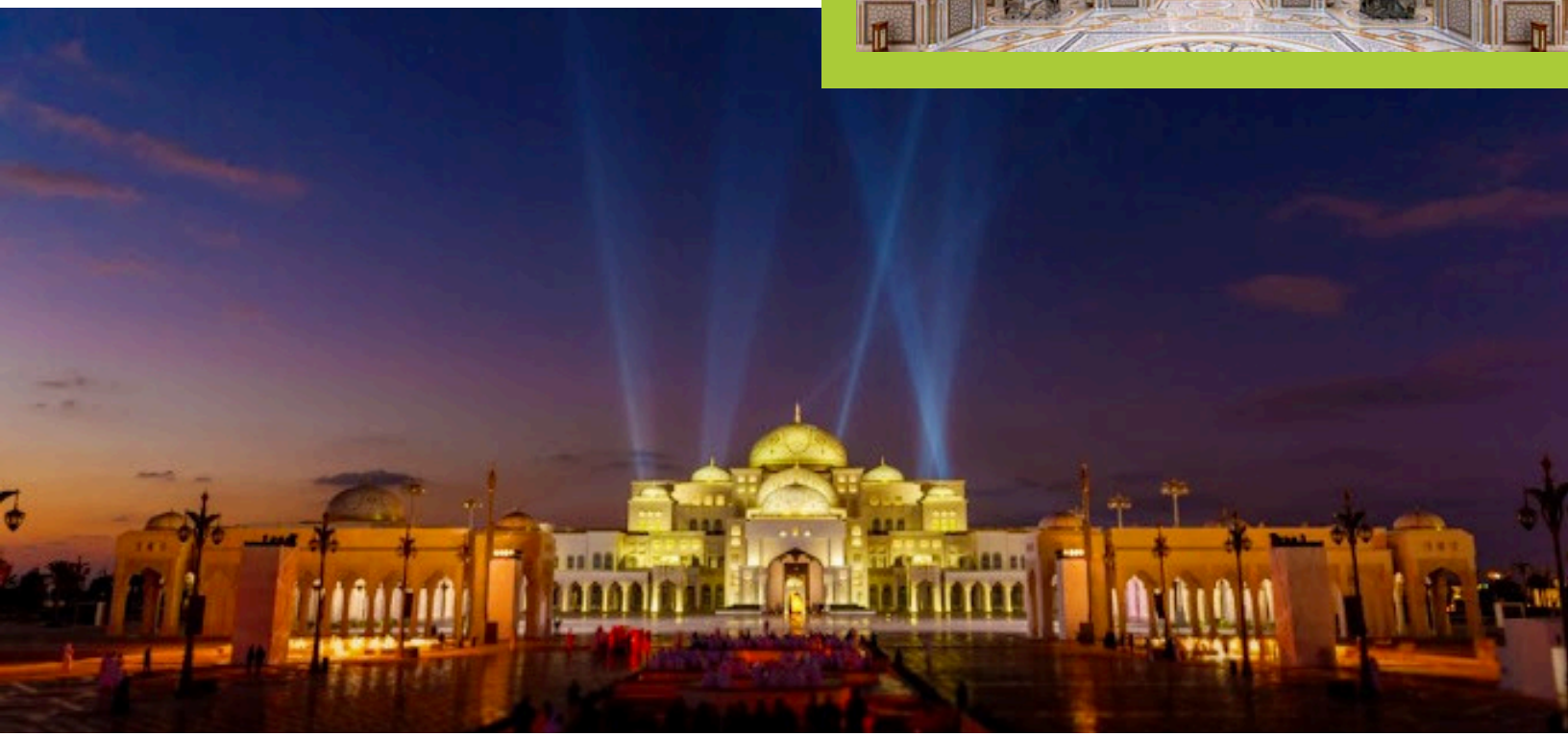

Qasr Al Watan is more than an imposing Royal palace in Abu Dhabi, it is a unique testament to the spirit of the United Arab Emirates' people and its leaders. The Presidential Palace invites the world to share our culture, knowledge, and inspiring journey. Qasr Al Watan offers an enriching interactive journey in a contemporary setting that reveals and reflects on governance, knowledge, and craftsmanship. Majestic and stunning, immersive and moving, a visit to the presidential palace of the Emirates grants an illuminating view of the region's rich heritage and bright future.

HOTELS/RESORTS

LEGOLAND® FLORIDA RESORT:
LEGOLAND® Pirate Island Hotel

Address Beach Resort

Address Beach Resort is an iconic beachfront resort in Jumeirah Beach Residence. This stunning architectural masterpiece features two 77-story towers seamlessly connected by a sky bridge. All 217 rooms and suites, located up to the 16th floor, offer breathtaking views of the Arabian Gulf, Bluewaters Island, and the iconic Ain Dubai. The property boasts direct beach access and some of the finest F&B outlets including Li'Brasil and the outdoor oasis, ZETA Seventy Seven.

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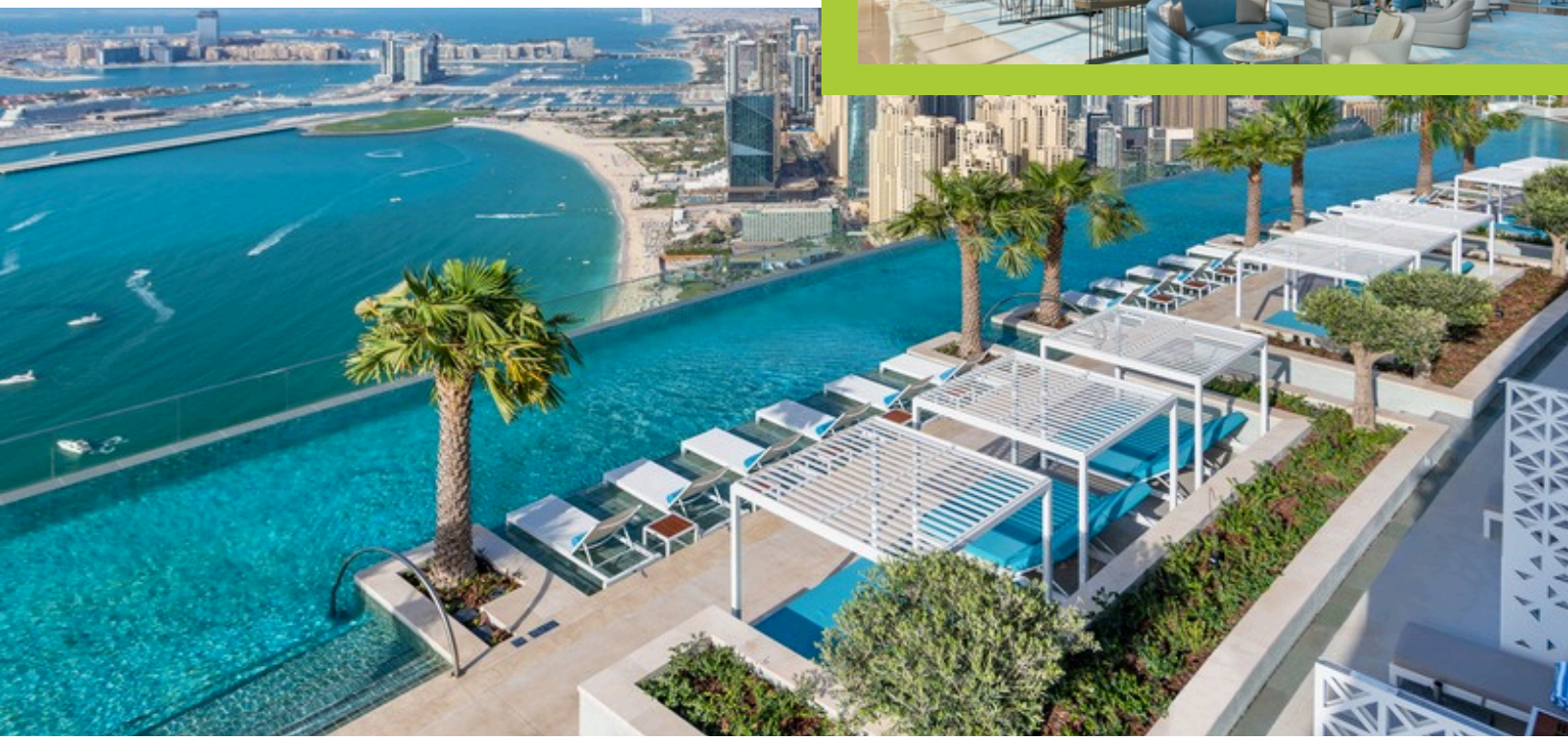

Standing at 301 meters tall, the resort features the Guinness World Record's "Highest outdoor infinity pool in a building in the world," from which guests can enjoy unbeatable views of the glittering skyline of Dubai and the azure waters of JBR Beach. The hotel features 217 hotel guest rooms and suites, superb dining outlets and unparalleled facilities from the multiple swimming pools, a state-of-the-art gym and the award-winning The Spa at Address. The fantastic property is perfect for the whole family as there is so much to do at the exciting Qix kid's club, and the Splash Pad is ideally designed for the little ones to enjoy some water-based activities. With so much to do and the beautiful aesthetics of the property, it is the pinnacle of luxury in the heart of Dubai.

Address Downtown

Welcome to Address Downtown, where luxury meets unparalleled sophistication in the heart of glamorous Downtown Dubai.

Immerse yourself in the epitome of luxury and extravagance as you explore the vibrant Downtown Dubai district, with its upscale shopping, exclusive entertainment options, and cultural delights. Whether you're here for business or leisure, our dedicated team is committed to curating an unforgettable stay, attending to your every need with impeccable service and attention to detail.

Contact Info

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www.addresshotels.com/en/hotels/address-downtown

Address Downtown boasts an enviable and prestigious location, surrounded by iconic landmarks, the hotel exudes exclusivity and luxury. The hotel is conveniently linked to two world-famous attractions – the colossal Dubai Mall, offering an array of high-end boutiques and designer labels, and the awe-inspiring Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world. Beyond the Address property, lies a treasure trove of captivating experiences, from witnessing the architectural brilliance of the Burj Khalifa to being enchanted by the mesmerizing performances of the Dubai Fountain. The vibrant Downtown Dubai district beckons with its upscale shopping, exclusive entertainment options, and cultural experiences, making Address Downtown the perfect gateway to explore the epitome of luxury and extravagance in this dazzling city.

Address Dubai Mall

ADDRESS
DUBAI MALL

Welcome to Address Dubai Mall, where luxury and convenience converge in the city's heart. As one of the premier hotels in Dubai, it offers elegance and comfort with direct access to Dubai Mall and Chinatown. Enjoy a perfect blend of sophistication, world-class amenities, and stunning city views, all just steps away from the iconic Burj Khalifa and Downtown Dubai.

Address Dubai Mall. Where life happens.

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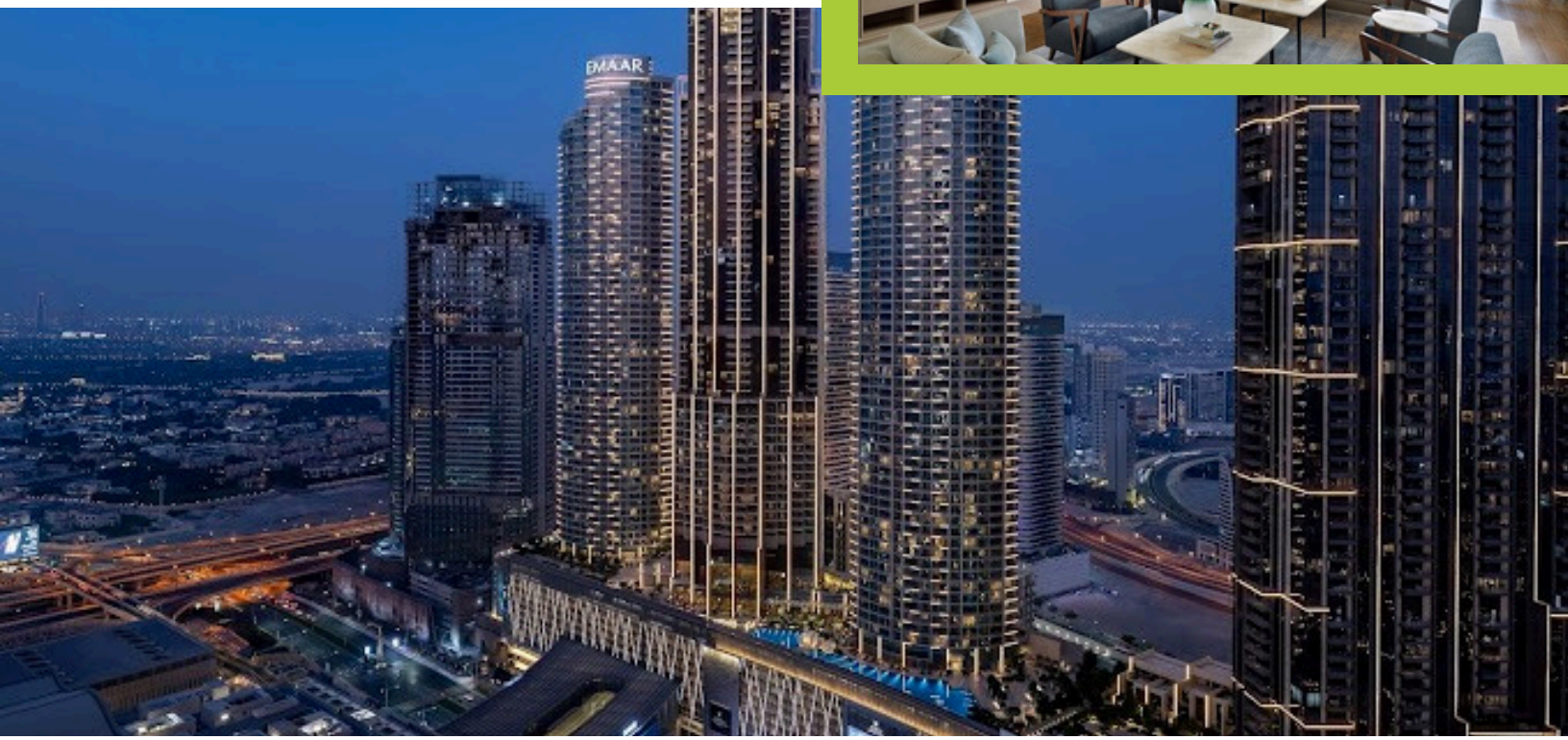

Address Dubai Mall is a visually striking three-tower marvel combining unobstructed, mesmerizing views of Burj Khalifa and Dubai Fountains with unfettered access to peerless entertainment at Dubai Mall.

This premium entertainment gateway presents a scintillating spectrum of rooms, suites, and residences furnished with some of the finest natural and man-made materials in the world, benchmark-setting dining venues, and avant-garde indulgences at The Spa at Address Dubai Mall. Travelers who span the spectrum from aficionados of high luxury to business leaders can enjoy every imaginable occasion at the Address Dubai Mall, whether corporate or social, amidst a collection of venues that extend from banquet rooms to boardrooms, as well as an outdoor terrace for enchanting get-togethers.

Address Creek Harbour

Address Creek Harbour is a five-star luxury hotel located in Dubai's newest waterfront district, Dubai Creek Harbour. An unmatched destination for world-class hospitality, dining, and recreation, this splendid hotel boasts breathtaking views of the creek and the city's skyline.

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www.addresshotels.com/en/hotels/address-grand-creek-harbour

Well-appointed rooms that leave nothing to be desired, Address Creek Harbour is directly connected to the harbourside promenade revealing a range of retail and entertainment outlets. Assuring an atmosphere of utmost serenity and featuring a myriad of facilities, this hotel is an ideal choice for corporate, leisure, and family travelers alike. The business visitors may indulge in top-tier dining options and other guests can enjoy a refreshing swim at the infinity pool or retreat to The Spa while the little ones make memories of their own at Qix Club. Effortlessly close to world-famous attractions, from Burj Khalifa in Downtown Dubai to majestic souks in Deira, Address Creek Harbour is just within a 15-minute drive from Dubai International Airport. Experience a new precedent in waterfront living when you choose to stay in this iconic location.

Address Sky View

Address Sky View is a panoramic city viewpoint gracing Dubai's skyline with two resplendent towers conjoined at the summit by an architecturally marvellous Sky Bridge, in the heart of Downtown Dubai.

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At Address Sky View, guests and visitors are welcomed into a space where comfort, elegance, and exceptional experiences converge. Our rooms, suites, and residences are thoughtfully designed with every detail in mind, while the infinity pool offers unparalleled views of the city skyline. Culinary innovation and refined dining experiences are at the heart of the hotel, complemented by a holistic approach to wellness through our spa and state-of-the-art fitness facilities. For social and corporate gatherings alike, the Ballroom sets the stage for unforgettable celebrations, while our contemporary meeting rooms and amphitheatres provide progressive, inspiring spaces for business events and initiatives.

Al Jaddaf Rotana Suite Hotel

“Inclusivity is at the heart of our hospitality philosophy. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is a testament to our commitment to providing a welcoming and supportive environment for all our guests. This milestone reflects our dedication to creating an environment where individuals with autism and their families feel welcome, supported, and comfortable.”

-Stefan Schmidt, Complex General Manager of Al Jaddaf Rotana Dubai, Arabian Park Dubai – Edge by Rotana, and Park Apartments Edge by Rotana

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Perfectly positioned in Dubai’s vibrant Al Jaddaf district, Al Jaddaf Rotana Suite Hotel offers five-star comfort and modern sophistication just minutes from Downtown Dubai, Dubai Frame, Dubai Mall, and Dubai Festival City.

The hotel features 318 spacious rooms and suites with elegant interiors and fully equipped kitchens or kitchenettes, ideal for short stays and long-term guests. Guests can choose from five distinctive dining venues, offering everything from Mediterranean cuisine to casual bites.

For relaxation and wellness, the pool, fully equipped gym, sauna, and steam rooms provide a refreshing escape. With flexible meeting spaces, warm hospitality, and convenient access to key city attractions, the hotel combines contemporary luxury with thoughtful convenience for both business and leisure stays.

Al Seef Heritage Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton

فندق السيف التراثي
al Seef heritage hotel
CURIO COLLECTION by Hilton™

The wonders of Emirati culture in Dubai Old City

On the banks of Dubai Creek, we're located in the Al Seef heritage district, opposite famous spice and gold souks via water taxi. The Burj Khalifa is 10 km away. Access the pool, spa, and fitness center at Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef with free transportation to and from. Our hotel offers a vintage playground, outdoor Majlis, and connecting rooms.

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We strive to provide a comfortable stay for every guest. If you have additional questions about the hotel's accessibility features or a request related to a disability of any kind, please contact the hotel directly and select the option to reach the front desk. Learn more about Al Seef Heritage Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton, and its accessibility features: www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dxbasqq-al-seef-heritage-hotel-dubai/hotel-info/.

Anantara Downtown Dubai Hotel

ANANTARA
DOWNTOWN DUBAI HOTEL

Anantara Downtown Dubai Hotel places you in refined comfort at the heart of the city. Stay just moments away from some of Dubai's most iconic attractions, surrounded by spectacular views of the breathtaking Burj Khalifa throughout the hotel. Contact us directly to plan your stay at one of the most conveniently located Dubai luxury hotels in central Dubai.

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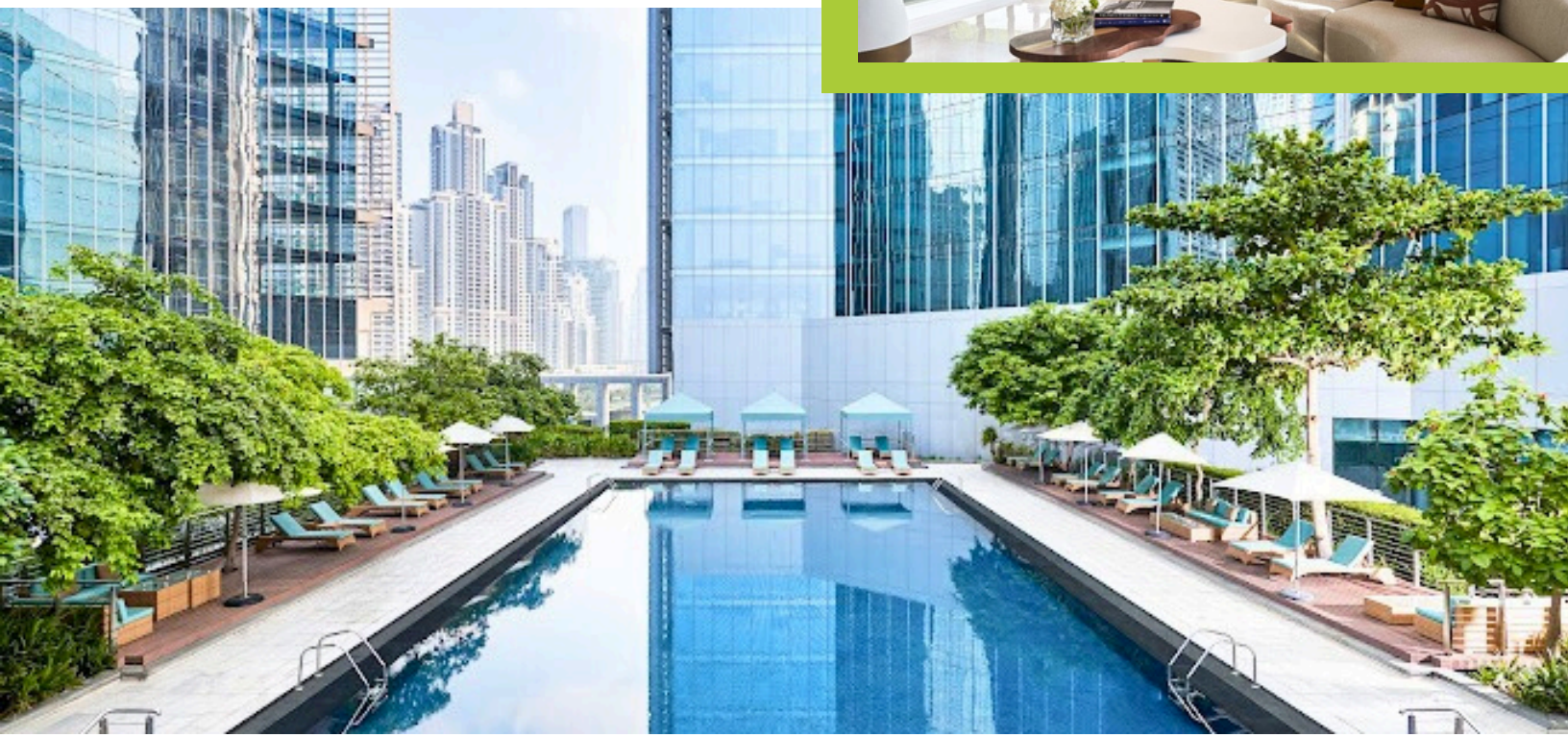

Anantara Downtown Dubai Hotel places you in refined comfort at the heart of the city. Delight in the wonders of the city on the doorstep as you are enveloped in tranquil tropical refinement, just moments from Dubai Mall and the iconic Burj Khalifa. Retreat into spacious convenience at the edge of Dubai's bustling centre when you select Anantara Downtown Dubai Hotel. Stay in your choice of 252 elegant rooms and suites with stunning cityscape and Burj Khalifa views. Floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies keep you connected to the dynamic city at your fingertips. All suites come with generous balconies and separated living spaces for maximum comfort and convenience, while the Anantara Royal Suites with Pool offer a private outdoor plunge pool for the ultimate in city pleasure. Contact us directly to plan your stay at one of the most conveniently located Dubai luxury hotels in central Dubai.

Armani Hotel Dubai

ARMANI
Hotel Dubai

Nestled in the world's tallest tower, occupying concourse level through to level 8 and levels 38 and 39, Armani Hotel Dubai offers sweeping views across the city and Arabian Gulf from its 160 rooms and suite. With its own dedicated entrance, it is situated within walking distance of The Dubai Mall, the world's largest retail destination, set within the vibrant Downtown Dubai business and leisure district

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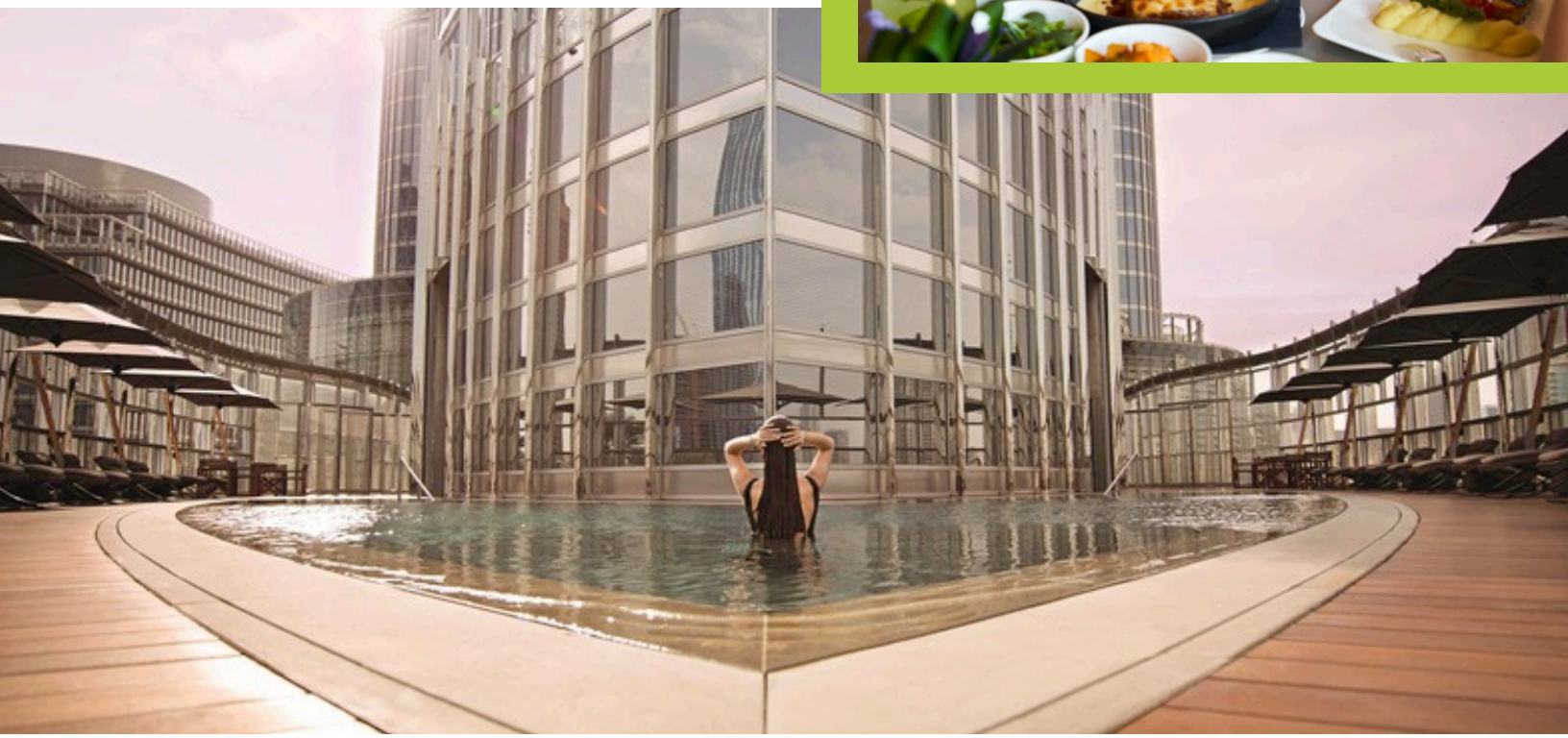

Each individual detail in the hotel bears the Armani signature from genuine Italian hospitality with an Arabian twist, moving through to bespoke design motifs, from Eramosa stone floors to zebrawood panels, Armani/Casa furnishings and Giorgio Armani-designed hotel amenities. The property offers its guests and social diners a selection of world cuisines ranging from Japanese and Indian to Mediterranean and authentic, Michelin-starred Italian fine dining.

In addition to having dedicated rooms for guests of determination, Armani Hotel Dubai has a special pre-arrival online booking tool for guests to request additional services and dietary options, such that special needs can be accommodated.

Atlantis, The Palm

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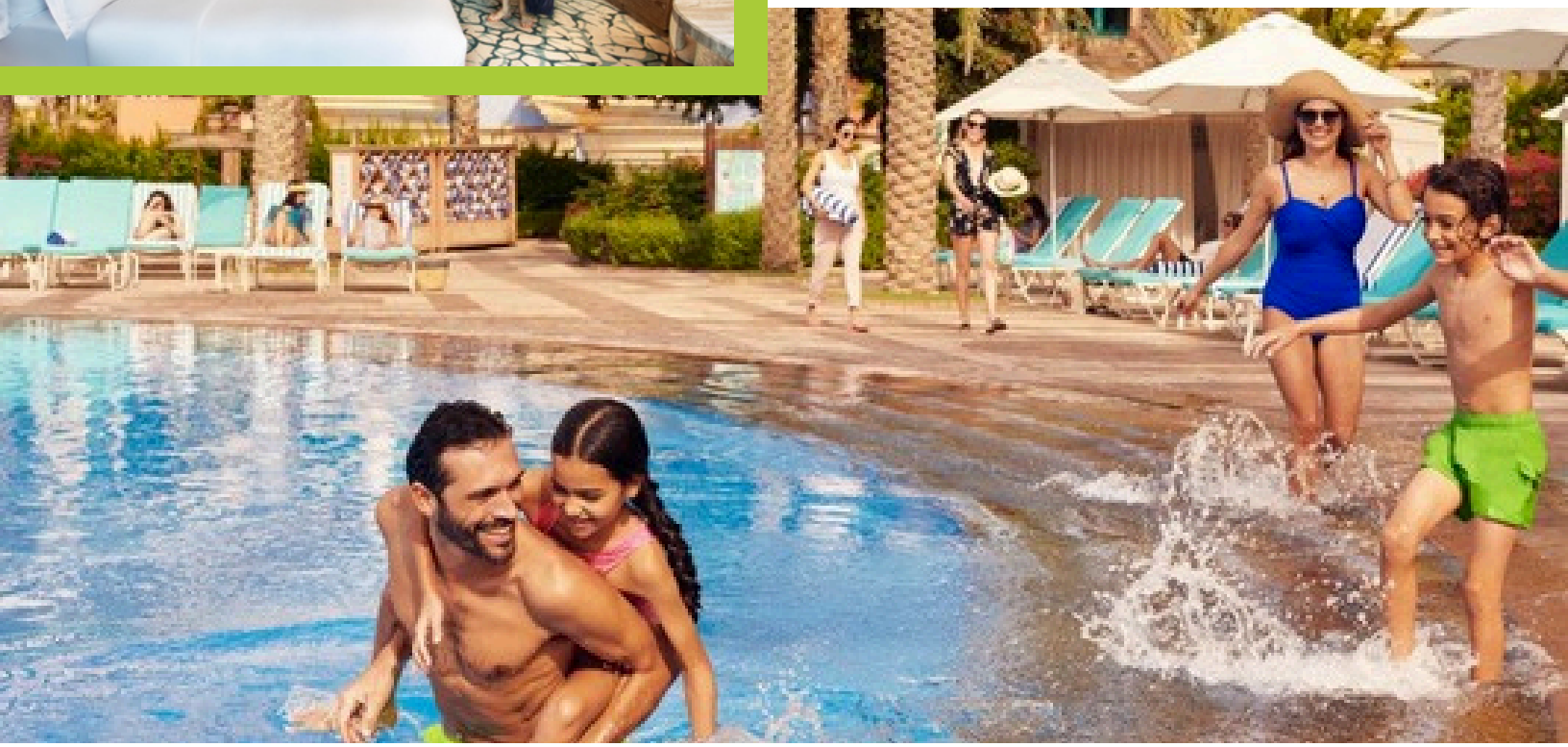
www.atlantis.com/atlantis-the-palm

Located at the centre of the crescent of The Palm in Dubai, Atlantis, The Palm is the first entertainment resort destination in the region. Opened in September 2008, the unique ocean-themed resort features a variety of marine and entertainment attractions, as well as 22 hectares of amusement at Aquaventure World, all within a 46-hectare site.



It is home to the biggest waterpark in the world and one of the largest open-air marine habitats, with more than 65,000 marine animals in lagoons and habitats, including The Lost World Aquarium—a maze of underwater corridors and passageways providing a journey through ancient Atlantis. Aquaventure World features 23.5 million litres of fresh water used to power 105 thrilling waterslides and attractions, including several world record-breaking slides, and two river rides featuring tidal waves and pools, water rapids and white-water chargers. Dolphin Bay, the unparalleled dolphin conservation and education habitat, and Sea Lion Point were created to provide guests with a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn more about some of nature's most friendly mammals.

Atlantis The Royal

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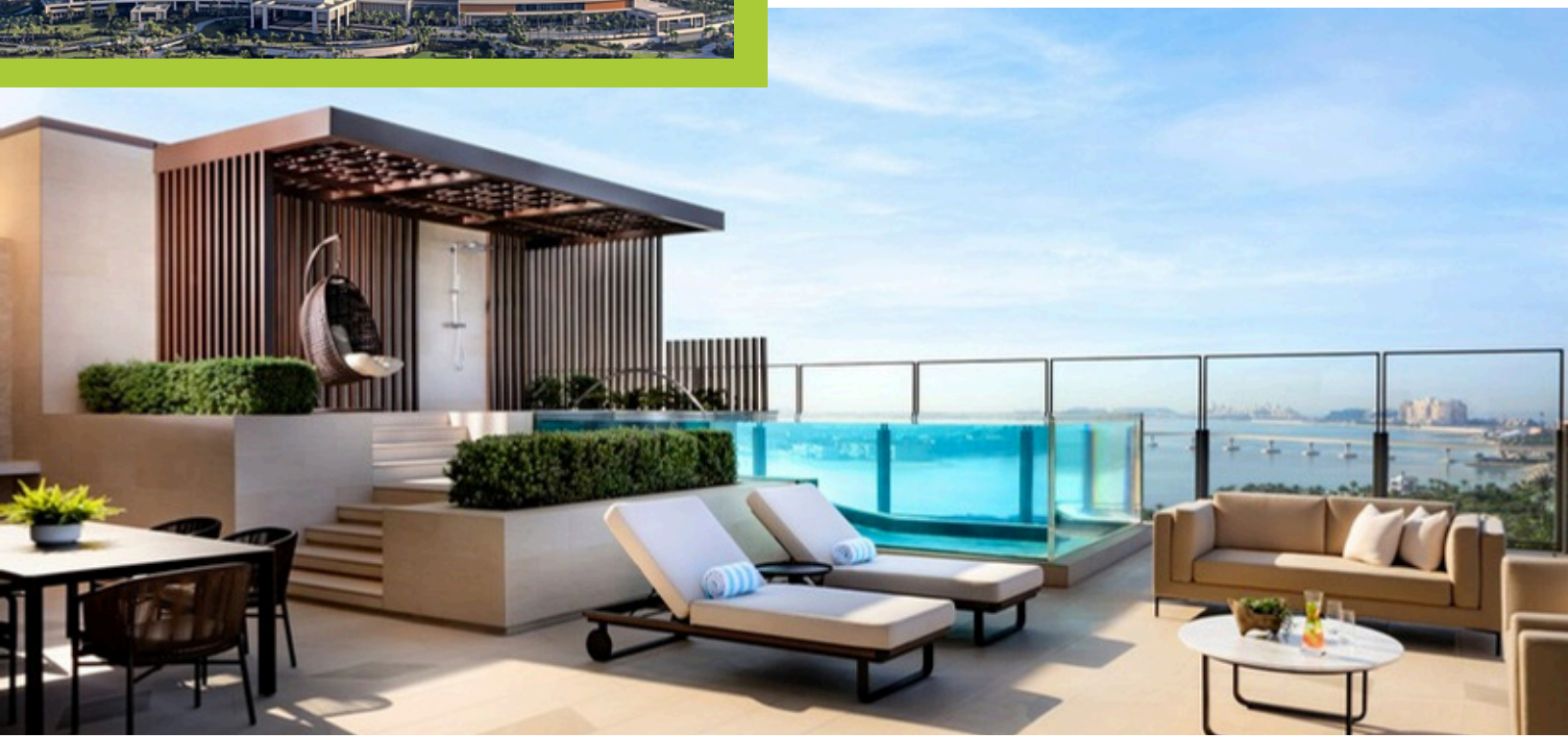
www.atlantis.com/atlantis-the-royal

The new iconic landmark of Dubai, Atlantis The Royal welcomes guests to an experience that will completely redefine their perspective of luxury. Crafted by the world's leading designers, architects and artists, this is a destination where everything has been designed to challenge the boundaries of imagination. Atlantis The Royal ignites the horizon with a collection of 760 elegant Rooms, Suites and Signature Penthouses.



Featuring stunning views of the Dubai skyline and Arabian Sea, the resort delivers a curated array of awe-inspiring experiences, inviting guests to swim amongst the clouds in sky pools, be dazzled by fountains that breathe fire or dine at more celebrity chef restaurants than anywhere else in the world. Guests are taken on a journey of the impossible, with artful masterpieces, iconic entertainment and beautiful craftsmanship.

Best Western Plus Beach View Lodge

“At Best Western Plus Beach View Lodge, our mission has always been to create a welcoming, inclusive environment for every guest who walks through our doors. Earning the Certified Autism Center™ designation is a meaningful step forward in that commitment. This certification reflects our team’s dedication to understanding the diverse needs of travelers and ensuring that individuals with autism and their families feel seen, supported, and truly at ease during their stay. We’re proud to be part of a growing movement that champions accessibility, empathy, and hospitality for all.”

-Heather Scott, General Manager of
Best Western Plus Beach View Lodge

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www.beachviewlodge.com

Best Western Plus Beach View Lodge is a beachfront hotel located in the heart of Carlsbad, California. Independently owned and operated, the hotel combines the consistency of the Best Western Plus brand with the personalized service of a boutique coastal property. Guests enjoy ocean-view accommodations, complimentary breakfast, a heated pool, and easy access to Carlsbad State Beach and Carlsbad Village. The hotel offers ADA-accessible rooms to ensure a welcoming experience for all. Whether visiting for a family vacation, romantic getaway, or coastal road trip, Best Western Plus Beach View Lodge provides a relaxed, sun-soaked stay just steps from the sand. For more information, visit www.beachviewlodge.com.

Best Western Plus ClockTower Inn and Stella's Kitchen & Bakery

ClockTower Inn
Billings, Montana

STELLA'S BILLINGS, MONTANA

> **"Any way we can educate ourselves to better serve our guests is welcomed, which is why we are so grateful for the opportunity to work with IBCCES. Getting certified as an CAC has not only taught our employees valuable skills but will also allow us to cater that personalized stay to autistic and sensory-sensitive guests."**

-Blake Wahrlich, Manager at Best Western Plus Clocktower Inn

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Set within the heart of downtown Billings, and only a few steps away from local restaurants, shops, and breweries, The ClockTower Inn and Stella's Kitchen & Bakery offer just the right balance of consideration & hospitality. As a locally owned and family-operated business since 1967, we strive for a personalized experience for every customer. When staying at The ClockTower Inn each guest will be welcomed with numerous amenities upon each arrival. One of many hotel guest highlights is the complimentary breakfast at Stella's Kitchen & Bakery, which has been voted best breakfast in Billings 13 years in a row! Along with complimentary breakfast, hotel guests also receive complimentary parking, high-speed internet and airport shuttles. We partner with local downtown businesses for guests to receive 20% off certain services through The Key to The City.

Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef

A vibrant retreat along Dubai Creek

Experience the waterfront charms of Al Seef at our thoughtfully curated hotel next to Dubai Creek. Our prime location is surrounded by boutiques, art galleries, and markets. Enjoy nearby attractions like the Museum of Illusions and the Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood. We offer a rooftop pool, on-site spa, riverside lounge, and elevated dining.

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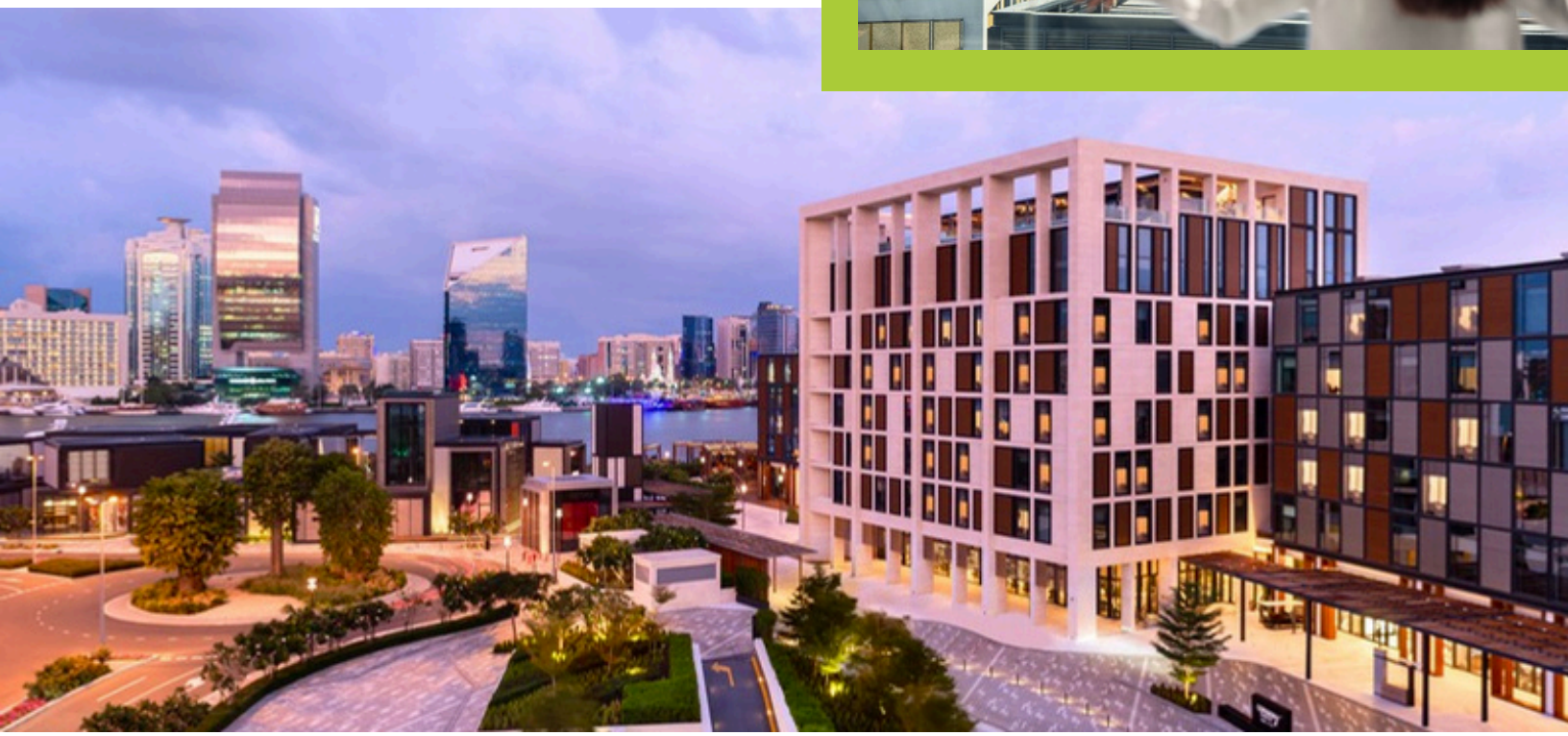

We strive to provide a comfortable stay for every guest. If you have additional questions about the hotel's accessibility features or a request related to a disability of any kind, please contact the hotel directly and select the option to reach the front desk. Learn more about Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef and its accessibility features: www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dxbsepy-canopy-dubai-al-seef/hotel-info/.

Comfort Suites Visalia

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“Comfort Suites and Hampton Inn are excited to be the first hotels in Visalia to become Certified Autism Centers™. Our staff completed autism-specific training and certification to ensure both teams are better equipped to provide excellent service and experiences to all our guests.”

- Anil Chagan, President of Infinite Hospitality

The Comfort Visalia Convention Center is located in the heart of downtown Visalia, just across the street from the Convention Center. We are close to many fine restaurants, hospital and shopping.

Courtyard by Marriott-High Point

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“We are excited that we are able to be a partner in this important initiative to serve our community, our guests, and visitors to the area. This certification is a refresher that equips us with the knowledge necessary to best serve our guests.”

-Amoy Lindo-Coleman, Courtyard by Marriott High Point’s General Manager

Courtyard by Marriott High Point offers world-class hospitality with a Southern flair. Our comfortable accommodations are conveniently located minutes from dining, entertainment, and one-of-a-kind shopping experiences in High Point—the Home Furnishing Capital of the World. Enjoy family fun just minutes away at City Lake Water Park; explore Highpoint University, or catch some High Point Rockers Baseball. You’ll find our 24-hour fitness center an invigorating way to energize your day.

Courtyard has more than 1,200 properties in more than 60 countries and is expanding into new locations every day, with new openings in Paris, Iceland, and Croatia and more locations in New York and San Francisco. No matter where your passion takes you, we’ll be there with you every step of the way with trusted associates, there to help you move forward.

Courtyard by Marriott Mesa at Wrigleyville Wes

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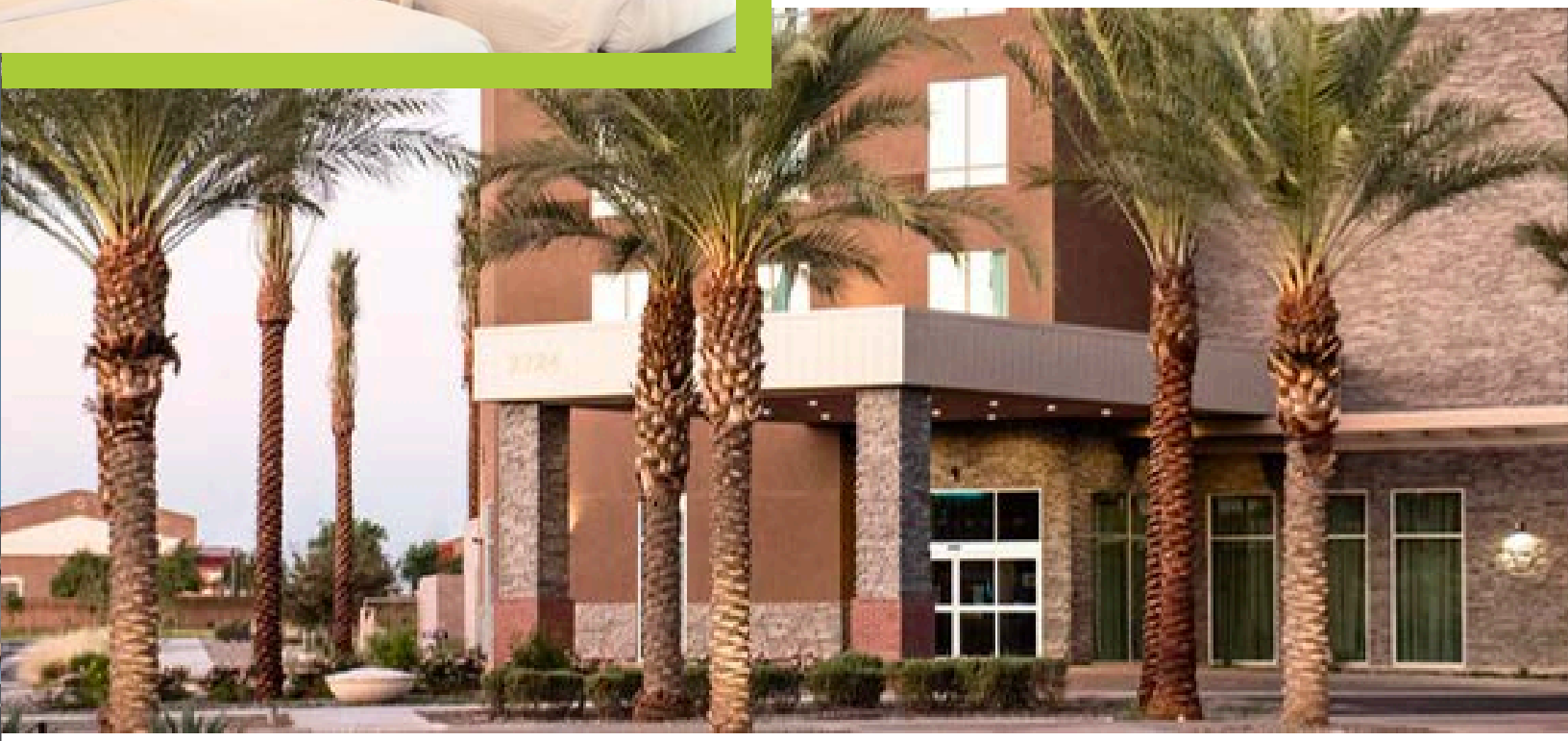
Courtyard Mesa at Wrigleyville West lifts, energizes you to achieve your best while traveling. Located in Mesa and directly across the street from Sloan Park, the spring training home of the Chicago Cubs, our hotel is centrally located off Loop 202 and Loop 101 freeways.



Our hotel in Mesa, AZ is just a short drive from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and all the local area's major cities. Visit the open air shops and restaurants at nearby Mesa Riverview and Tempe Marketplace, or attend a business conference at the Mesa Convention Center. Spread out in stylish, well-appointed hotel rooms and suites while staying connected with fast and free Wi-Fi. Get your energy flowing in our state-of-the-art gym or take a swim in the outdoor pool. Kickstart your morning in Mesa with a meal at The Bistro, our on-site restaurant. With flexible meeting space, technology and outdoor spaces to kick back and relax, our pet friendly hotel in Mesa, AZ has everything you need for your next stay in Mesa, Arizona.

Courtyard by Marriott Phoenix Mesa

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www.marriott.com/phxme

Take in a perfect blend of comfort and convenience at Courtyard Phoenix Mesa. Our hotel features easy access to popular desert destinations including, Hohokam Stadium and Sloan Park, perfect for baseball fans. Mesa Convention Center, Arizona Museum of Natural History and Mesa Arts Center are also nearby.

After a busy day, refuel at our on-site restaurant, The Bistro. Enjoy breakfast and dinner, paired perfectly with a refreshing Starbucks® drink or cocktail. Retire to your room or suite outfitted with contemporary décor, a plush mattress and ergonomic workstation. Entertainment is always within reach with our flat-panel TVs and complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi. If you're here for business, our flexible meeting spaces are ideal for corporate events of all types. In your downtime, work out at our fitness center featuring cardio equipment and free weights. Transition from working out to working on your tan at our outdoor pool. Easily balance work with play while on the road at Courtyard Phoenix Mesa.

Crystal Mountain

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> **By equipping our staff with specialized training and exploring sensory-sensitive amenities, we hope to ease potential anxieties and establish Crystal as a place for everyone to create lasting memories. And while it is an honor and a privilege to be the first four-season resort destination in Michigan to achieve CAC distinction, we hope it also inspires other businesses across the state, big and small, to explore this option and embrace inclusivity."**
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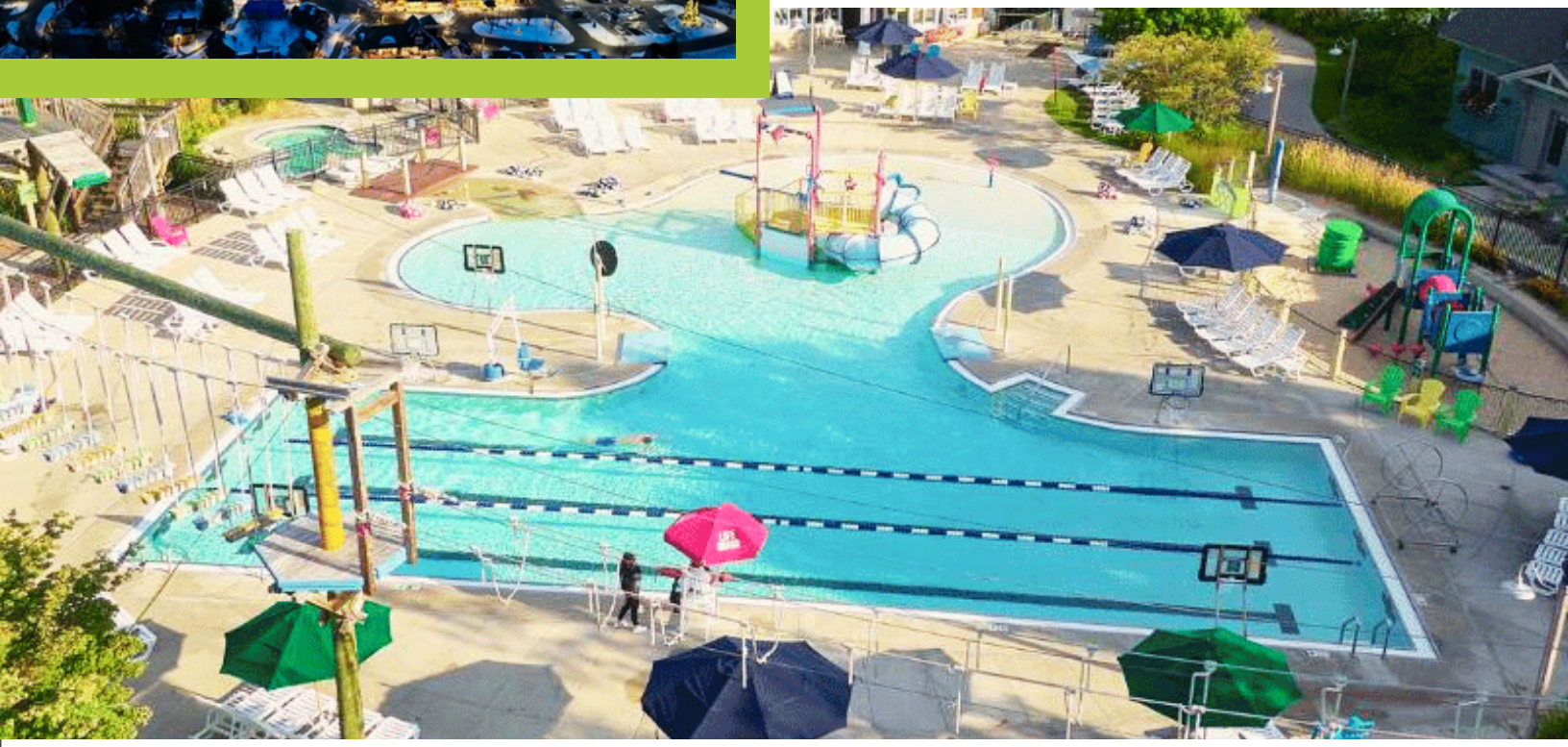
> - Crystal Mountain's CEO, John Melcher



The 1,500-acre resort offers lodging, dining, shopping, and an abundance of seasonal activities including skiing, golf, hiking, biking, swimming, archery, pickleball, tennis and more – all right on site. Plus, it is home to the LEED-Certified Crystal Spa and nationally recognized Michigan Legacy Art Park. There is also a conference center and real estate office. Crystal Mountain offers a variety of year-round activities suitable for all ages, with options for quieter experiences like family crafts, scenic hikes, or movie nights in your room. They're also exploring dedicated quiet areas, designated break spaces, and the incorporation of sensory toys. Plus, with diverse dining options and a range of lodging choices, from standard hotel rooms to full-kitchen cottages, Crystal Mountain offers the flexibility and comfort your family needs for a truly enjoyable getaway.

Delta Hotel Phoenix Mesa

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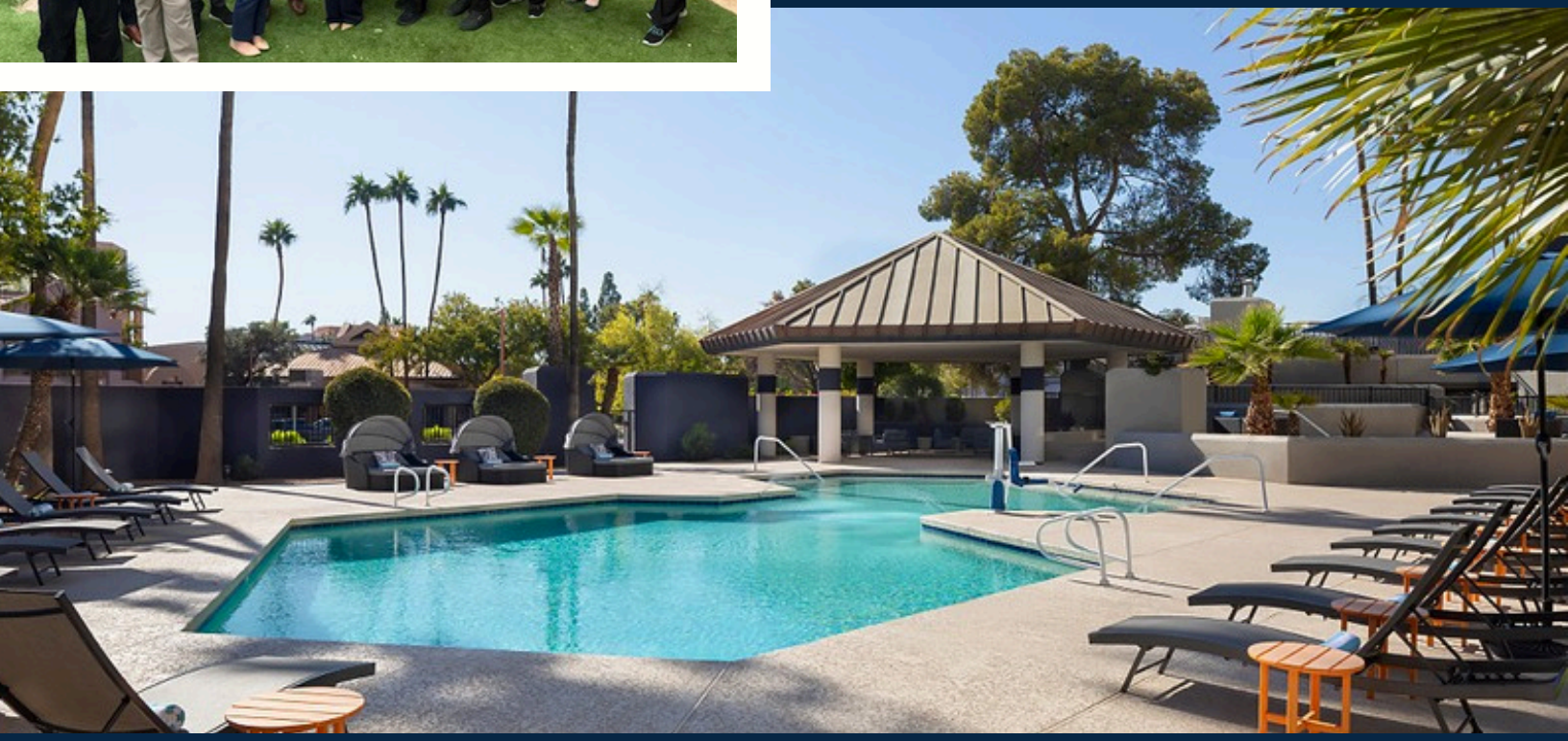
“The training that was provided to our team from the IBCCES was exceptional and will enable us to provide a best-in-class experience for travelers with autism and their families. We are proud to be a part of this initiative between the IBCCES and Visit Mesa.”

- General Manager of Delta Hotel Phoenix Mesa



Delta Hotels by Marriott Phoenix Mesa is located in the heart of downtown Mesa, Arizona, and a short 12 miles from Phoenix Sky Harbor airport. Our location provides you close access to the Oakland A’s and Chicago Cubs spring training games, as well as other local things to do, such as a visit to the Queen Creek Olive Mill.

Dolphin Sands Clearwater Beach

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“Becoming a certified autism friendly hotel through IBCCES isn’t just about a plaque on the wall; it's about making sure every guest - regardless of their sensory needs feels truly welcome at Dolphin Sands Clearwater Beach.”

-David Giaco, General Manager

Welcome to our oasis in Clearwater Beach, Florida. Inspired by the serene waters of Clearwater Beach and its beloved marine inhabitants, our hotel is family-friendly. Relax in nautical surroundings featuring a fun, ocean-inspired theme inside, while a stunning pool and pristine beach await you outdoors. We are the first Clearwater Beach hotel with measures to protect marine life, including sea turtle safe lighting and special window treatments to reduce energy use while minimizing the harmful effects of sun glare off of the Gulf.

We have two food and beverage outlets on-site: Cabanas Coastal Grill & Beach Birds Beach Bar. These awesome Dining Experiences founded on three things: great food, great drinks, and great service! Sip the day away surrounded by warm tropical breezes, white sugar sand, and endless water views at Beach Birds Beach Bar. Or join us inside at Cabanas Coastal Grill, offering delicious breakfast, lunch, and dinner fare with a local flair. Try a fresh Gulf Grouper sandwich or our best on-the-beach crab cakes and wash it all down with one of our tropical drinks!

DoubleTree by Hilton Dubai – Business Bay

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“Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ reflects our commitment to delivering a truly inclusive hospitality experience. Our team takes pride in leading with empathy and understanding, ensuring that every guest feels safe, respected, and genuinely welcomed. This certification represents more than an achievement; it reflects how we care for people and how we operate every day.”

-Ozge Yilmaz, General Manager at
DoubleTree by Hilton Dubai – Business Bay

DoubleTree by Hilton is a fast-growing, global portfolio of more than 700 hotels across 61 countries and territories. For more than 55 years, DoubleTree by Hilton has continued to be a symbol of comfort for business and leisure travelers around the world, welcoming guests with the beloved DoubleTree chocolate chip cookie and prioritizing the spaces and human moments that make travelers feel good. DoubleTree by Hilton offers contemporary accommodations and amenities, including unique food and beverage experiences, state-of-the-art fitness offerings and meetings and events spaces. Experience a comfortable stay at DoubleTree by Hilton by booking at doubletree.com or through the industry-leading Hilton Honors app. Hilton Honors members who book directly through preferred Hilton channels have access to instant benefits. Learn more about DoubleTree by Hilton at stories.hilton.com/doubletree, and follow the brand on Facebook, X and Instagram.

DoubleTree by Hilton Dubai M Square Hotel & Residences

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“At DoubleTree by Hilton Dubai M Square Hotel & Residences, we believe that true hospitality means creating an inclusive environment where every guest feels seen, valued, and supported. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is a meaningful step forward in our ongoing commitment to accessibility and compassion. We are proud to empower our team with the knowledge and tools needed to welcome all travelers and create a welcoming space for individuals of all abilities, by offering the respect, understanding, and gentle care each person deserves."

-Elif Yazoglu, General Manager

Located in the heart of Dubai, DoubleTree by Hilton Dubai M Square Hotel & Residences blends modern industrial-chic design with the warmth of Hilton hospitality. Just a few steps from BurJuman Mall and BurJuman Metro Station, the hotel offers easy access to Downtown Dubai, Dubai World Trade Center, beaches, and Dubai International Airport. The property features 458 rooms and serviced apartments, ideal for solo travelers, families, and extended stays. Guests can enjoy a family-friendly swimming pool and a dedicated adults-only pool, a fully equipped fitness center, dining outlets, and 8 flexible meeting rooms for business or social events. Guests are welcomed with the signature DoubleTree Cookie on arrival and can enjoy views of the Dubai city view and Dubai Skyline, making it a convenient and comfortable base to explore the city.

DoubleTree By Hilton Phoenix Mesa

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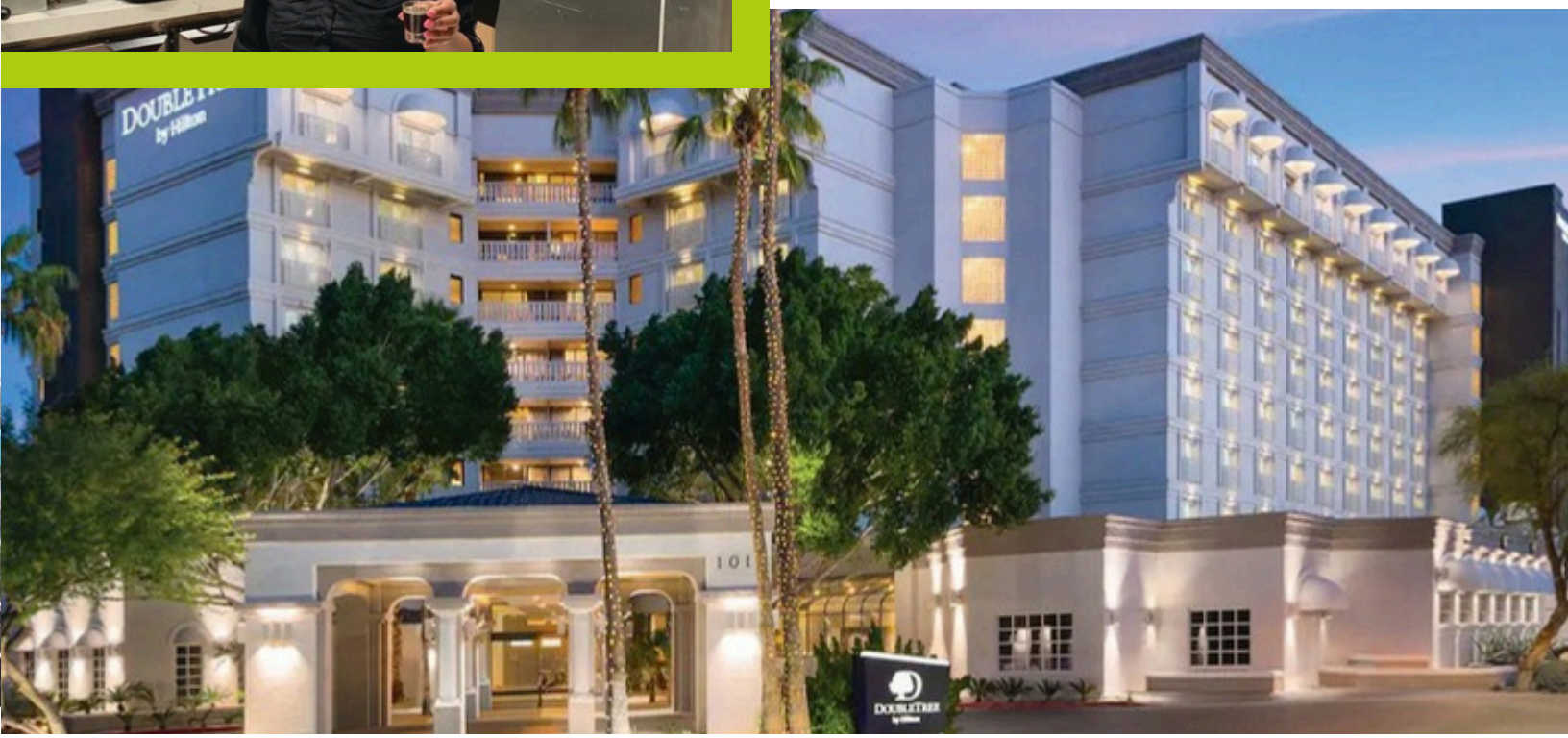
“We are committed to serving all guests and looking for ways to best accommodate their needs. Since becoming certified, our team feels more confident about how to service all guests and apply the training and knowledge gained at work as well in everyday life.”

-Bryan Heintz, General Manager of DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix Mesa



Find us off US 60, 12 miles from Sky Harbor Airport and 10 minutes from Arizona State University. Legacy Sports Park is less than 15 minutes away. There’s a golf course next door, and we’re three miles from baseball spring training facilities. Enjoy a warm chocolate chip cookie at check-in. We have 262 rooms and suites, 20,495 sq. ft. of event space, on-site dining, and more.

Embassy Suites by Hilton Dubai, Business Bay

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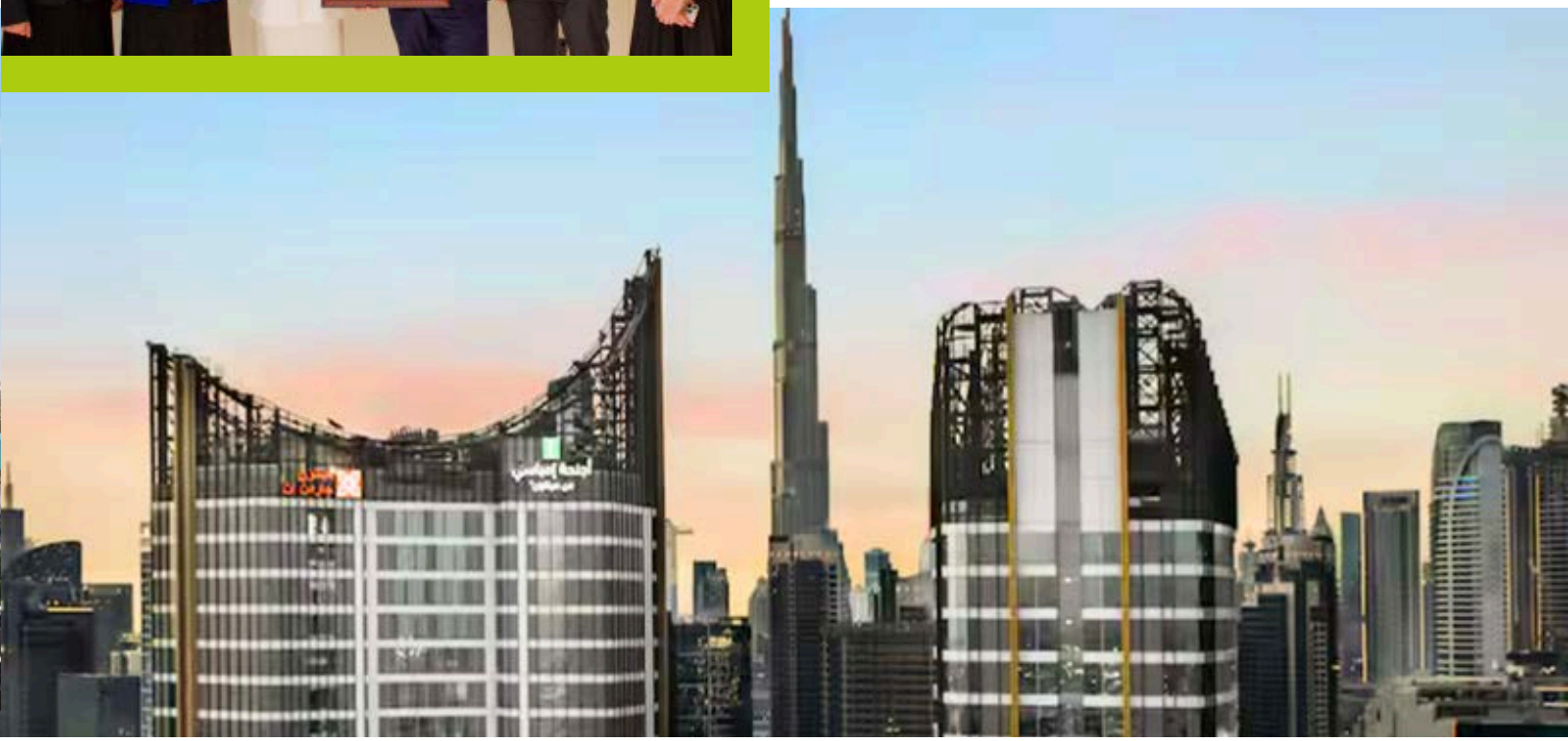
“At Embassy Suites by Hilton Dubai & Hilton Garden Inn Dubai Business Bay, our vision of hospitality goes beyond exceptional service—it is about fostering an inclusive environment where every guest, regardless of their needs, feels seen, supported, and celebrated. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is not just a milestone; it’s a manifestation of our values. We are proud to lead with empathy, invest in awareness, and champion neurodiverse inclusion as part of our service culture.”

-Ziad Tantawi, Cluster General Manager, Embassy Suites by Hilton Dubai & Hilton Garden Inn Dubai Business Bay



Embassy Suites by Hilton offers guests a welcoming, upscale stay through spacious two-room suites, made-to-order breakfast, and complimentary evening receptions. With nearly 270 properties open and more than 30 in development, the brand is known for thoughtful amenities and flexible meeting spaces ideal for business or leisure. Discover more at embassysuites.com or visit stories.hilton.com/embassysuites.

Emirates Park Zoo and Resort

“We believe that every visitor deserves to feel welcomed, valued, and supported. Earning the IBCCES certification is a significant milestone for us, reinforcing our commitment to accessibility and providing exceptional experiences for all. This certification ensures that our team is equipped with the knowledge and tools to better serve individuals with diverse needs, making our space even more accessible for every guest who walks through our doors.”

- Dr.Walid Shaaban, CEO Emirates Park Zoo and Resort

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Emirates Park Zoo and Resort in Abu Dhabi, globally acclaimed for its wildlife haven, is a unique attraction. Holding prestigious awards such as best zoo operator in the Middle East and full institutional memberships such as WAZA (The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums) and AZA (The Association of Zoos & Aquariums), the facility seamlessly integrates a zoo, resort, veterinary clinic, retail store, restaurant, cafe, catering, and pet hotel. The visitors can witness around 250 species, comprising 1,125 fascinating animals, ranging from majestic mammals, diverse birds, and intriguing reptiles to enchanting aquatic life. From mighty elephants to tiny wonders like snails, the collection offers a diverse and captivating experience. The diverse animal encounters such as breakfast with giraffes, lunch with big cats, and dinner with majestic elephants, each encounter is uniquely tailored to visitors’s delight. Last but not least, guests engage in conservation education through interactive exhibits, guided tours, and educational programs, ensuring a memorable retreat. Promoting animal welfare awareness and actively engaging in conservation research to safeguard wildlife at the zoo is at the heart of our mission. Explore the wonders of nature and wildlife at your convenience throughout the week from 9 AM to 9 PM.

Galaxy Macau Integrated Resort

Galaxy Macau™, The Most Awarded World-class Luxury Integrated Resort, spans over 1.1 million square meters and offers visitors unlimited experiences with award-winning hotel indulgence, resort fun, outstanding gastronomy, luxury shopping, diverse entertainment and amazing events in one spectacular location.

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Grand Beach Resort

“At Grand Beach Resort, we believe every guest deserves to feel welcomed, understood, and valued. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is an important step toward ensuring that our resorts are inclusive and supportive environments for all families, including autistic or sensory-sensitive individuals. We’re proud of our team for completing the training and for embracing our mission of hospitality with empathy.”

-Heather Gates, Director of Hotel Operations at Grand Beach and Sugar Beach Resorts

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Grand Beach Resort is a beachfront hotel in Traverse City, Michigan, offering direct access to East Grand Traverse Bay. Guests enjoy comfortable accommodations, indoor pool and hot tub, a fitness room, and a complimentary breakfast, all just minutes from downtown attractions. Grand Beach is committed to providing a warm, relaxing, and inclusive experience for every guest.

Hampton by Hilton Dubai Al Barsha

We're off Sheikh Zayed Road, five minutes from Mall of the Emirates, and under ten minutes from family-friendly attractions including Wild Wadi Water Park and Ski Dubai. Downtown Dubai, the Dubai Mall, and the Burj Khalifa can be reached in half an hour. Enjoy our rooftop pool, fitness center, free WiFi, and free hot breakfast.

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The hotel offers multiple room types specifically designed for guests requiring accessibility support, including:

- King Room – Disability Access / Non-Smoking, equipped with:
  - Wheelchair-accessible layout
  - Essential bathroom amenities
  - Safety deposit box
  - Air-conditioning, flat-screen TV, and other standard features

Hampton by Hilton Dubai Al Seef

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Quirky, bright hotel in Dubai

Located along Dubai Creek and surrounded by consulates, restaurants and shops, our hotel is perfectly suited for exploring the historic and cultural sites of the city. Nearby activities are great for families, including the Museum of Illusions, a fun and immersive experience for all ages. Enjoy free breakfast and Wi-Fi during stay.

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We strive to provide a comfortable stay for every guest. If you have additional questions about the hotel's accessibility features or a request related to a disability of any kind, please contact the hotel directly and select the option to reach the front desk. Learn more about Hampton by Hilton Dubai Al Seef and its accessibility features: www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dxbalhx-hampton-dubai-al-seef/hotel-info.

Hampton Inn Visalia

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-Anil Chagan, President of Infinite Hospitality

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The Hampton Inn is located just a short drive from downtown Visalia. We are close to many fine restaurants and local attractions.

Hampton Inn & Suites–Palm Desert

“Being IBCCES certified is essential for our hotel because it demonstrates a commitment to inclusivity and accessibility for individuals with autism and other sensory needs. It ensures that we create an environment where all guests feel valued and supported, ultimately leading to long-term business success.”

-Cornelia Balmer, Regional Director of Operations

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The Hampton Inn & Suites-Palm Desert is a modern hotel located near California Interstate I-10 and Cook Street. It offers convenient access to local attractions and shopping. Various dining options are within walking distance. The hotel is approximately nine miles from Palm Springs International Airport and close to attractions like the Children’s Discovery Museum, Living Desert Zoo and Botanical Gardens and many hiking trails.

The Hampton Inn and Suites Palm Desert is designed with accessibility in mind, offering features to ensure a comfortable stay for guests with mobility challenges or special needs. Accessible guest rooms feature wide doorways, open spaces for easy maneuverability, lowered amenities and handlebars in bathrooms.

Hilton Abu Dhabi Yas Island

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“This certification strengthens our commitment to ensuring every guest feels comfortable and supported at Hilton Abu Dhabi Yas Island. With enhanced training and awareness, our team is better prepared to welcome autistic and sensory-sensitive travellers and create a great experience for all. It’s a meaningful step that will benefit our guests today and strengthen our service for the long term.”

-Nader Halim, Cluster General Manager for Hilton Abu Dhabi Yas Island, The WB™ Abu Dhabi, Curio Collection by Hilton™, and DoubleTree by Hilton Abu Dhabi Yas Island Residences

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Set on the banks of Yas Bay lies Hilton Abu Dhabi Yas Island. Architecturally it wraps its bold and modern arms around the luminous pool, while also creating a nest of protection for its little ones as they play and enjoy their own world of adventure. Undertaking a journey in the heart of this magnificent property, guests can visually travel for miles as their eyes catch a glance of the refreshing infinity pool – leading to vibrant dining destinations overlooking the waters of Yas Bay. A meandering journey begins along the corridors depicting the colours of the ocean as its waves meet the shoreline, leading you to your escape. Standing proud, one can be mesmerized by the glistening waters of the ocean and the reflections of the golden edges of the Etihad Arena creating a mirage of wonder that surrounds this magnificent hotel.

Hilton Dubai Jumeirah

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“Achieving Certified Autism Center™ status reinforces our vision to create a welcoming environment where every guest, regardless of their sensory needs, feels respected and cared for.”

-Jean-Sébastien Kling, Cluster General Manager of Hilton Dubai Jumeirah and Hilton Dubai The Walk

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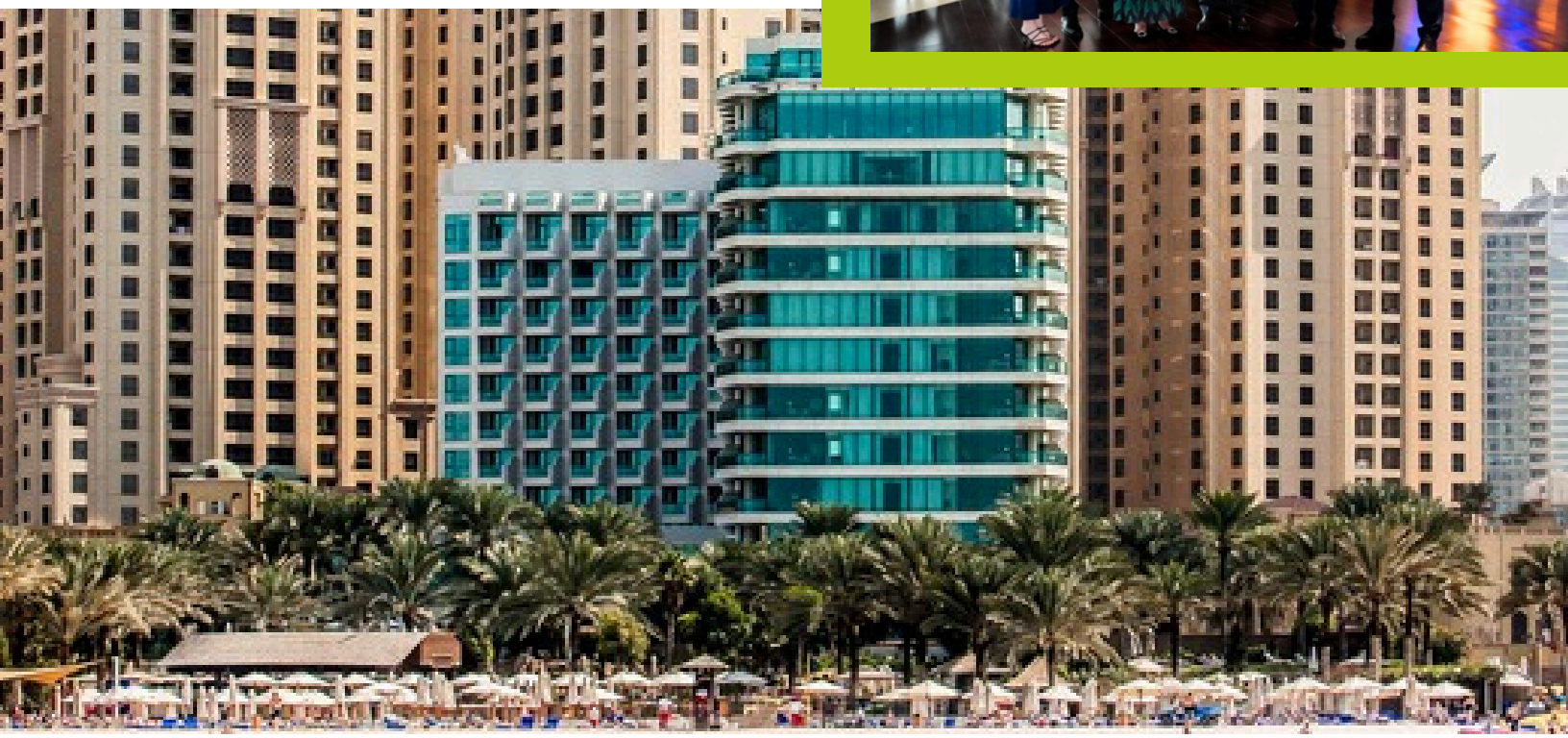

Located in the heart of Jumeirah Beach Residence (JBR), Hilton Dubai Jumeirah offers direct beach access and is just steps away from The Walk, where guests can explore cafés, boutiques, and vibrant local life. The hotel is also close to Dubai’s major attractions and shopping malls, making it an ideal base for exploring the city. With a private beach, a variety of water sports, a kids’ club, and a games room, the hotel offers plenty of options for relaxation and entertainment. Guests can enjoy 10 restaurants and bars, featuring international cuisines, casual beachfront bites, and lively evening spots. Hilton Dubai Jumeirah features 19 different room types to accommodate a range of needs and preferences, including two accessible room categories designed for guests with limited mobility. Many rooms offer beautiful views of the Arabian Gulf or Dubai Marina skyline.

Hilton Dubai The Walk

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“We are honored to be among the first Hilton properties in the region to receive this certification. It’s a proud moment for our teams to help set the standard for inclusive travel experiences in Dubai and beyond. We are committed to leading the way in inclusive hospitality within the Hilton portfolio.”

-Gisele Clark, Hotel Manager of Hilton Dubai The Walk

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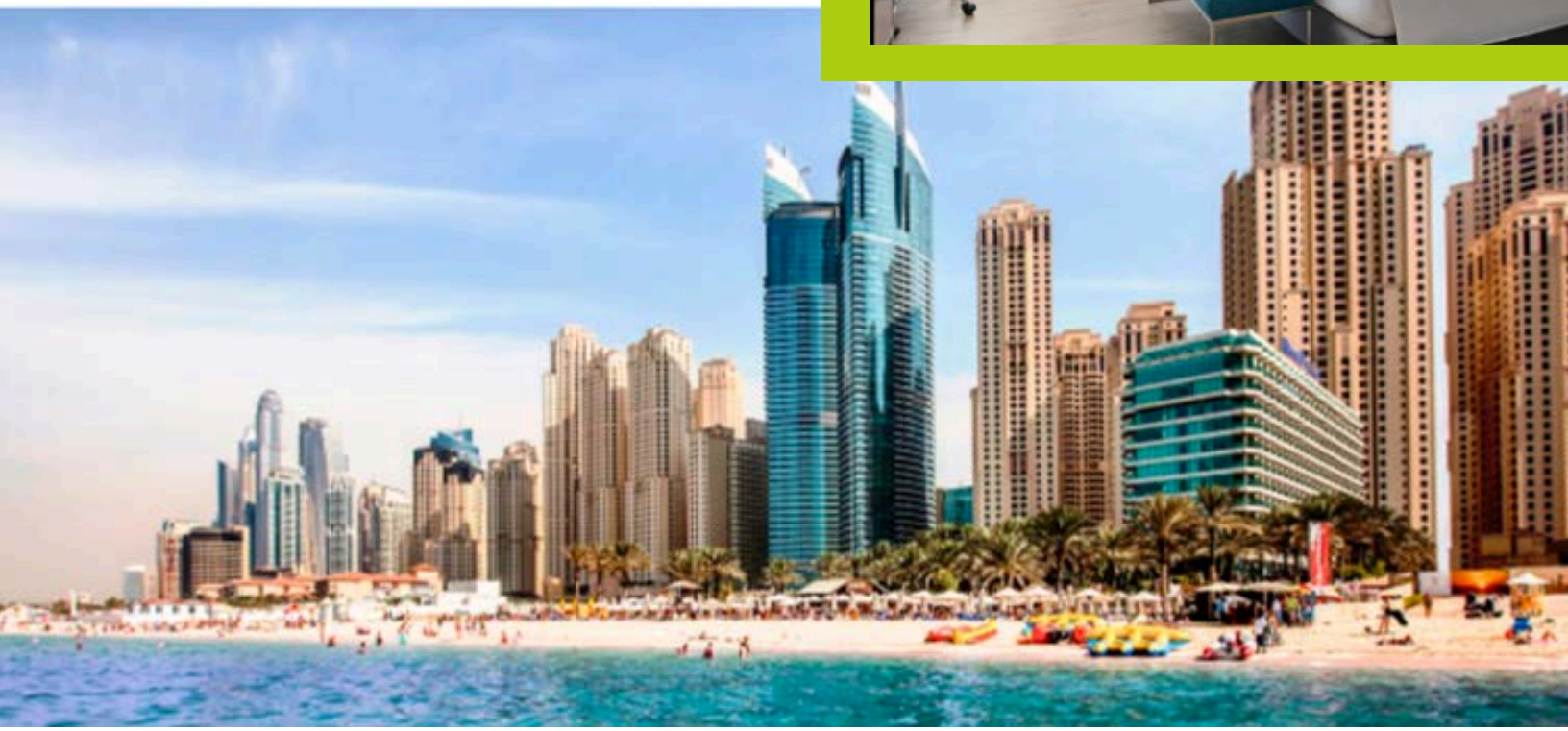

Located along The Walk in the heart of Jumeirah Beach Residence (JBR), Hilton Dubai The Walk places you at the center of Dubai’s famous beachfront and shopping district. Just steps away from the beach and surrounded by cafés, shops, and entertainment, it’s an ideal spot for both short stays and longer visits. Guests at Hilton Dubai The Walk enjoy access to two outdoor pools, a relaxing spa, and a fully equipped gym. The hotel is directly connected to Hilton Dubai Jumeirah, giving you access to its private beach and 10 restaurants and bars—including the rooftop Pure Sky Lounge, known for its panoramic views of Ain Dubai and the Arabian Gulf. Whether you're looking for a city escape by the sea, a family-friendly retreat, or a longer Dubai stay, Hilton Dubai The Walk offers flexibility, comfort, and convenience in a lively beachfront setting.

Creating an Inclusive Stay:
How Hilton Dubai Jumeirah and Hilton Dubai the Walk Support Every Family

Travel should be joyful, accessible, and welcoming for everyone. For many families, particularly those travelling with children or loved ones who have sensory needs, hidden disabilities, or mobility needs - choosing the right hotel can make all the difference between a stressful trip and a truly relaxing holiday.

At Hilton Dubai Jumeirah and Hilton Dubai, The Walk, inclusive hospitality is not simply a feature; it is part of the guest experience philosophy. Through staff training, thoughtful design, and internationally recognized accessibility initiatives, the hotels aim to create an environment where every guest, regardless of ability, feels comfortable, respected, and cared for.

From autism-inclusive guest experiences to discreet support programs and accessible design features, these hotels are working to ensure that families of all needs can travel with confidence.

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A More Inclusive Approach to Family Travel

For families travelling with neurodivergent children or relatives with hidden disabilities, unfamiliar environments can sometimes feel overwhelming. New sounds, crowds, and routines may cause anxiety or sensory overload, making holidays more challenging.

Recognizing these realities, Hilton Dubai Jumeirah and Hilton Dubai the Walk have taken meaningful steps to make their properties more accommodating and understanding. Both hotels have earned recognition as Certified Autism Centers™, a designation provided by IBCCES.

This certification reflects a commitment to better understanding and supporting guests with autism and sensory needs. Staff members across departments from front desk teams to restaurant hosts and housekeeping receive specialized training to help them recognize and respond to the unique needs of neurodivergent guests.

For families, this means arriving at a hotel where the team is already prepared to provide patience, flexibility, and understanding.

Small gestures can have a big impact: giving a child extra time to settle in, offering clear communication, or helping families locate to quieter areas within the hotel. These thoughtful touches can transform the travel experience and help families feel truly welcomed.

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Supporting Guests with Hidden Disabilities

Not all disabilities are visible. Many individuals live with conditions such as autism, anxiety disorders, sensory processing challenges, or other invisible disabilities that may require additional understanding.

To support these guests in a respectful and discreet way, the hotels participate in the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower initiative.

The program allows guests to request a Sunflower lanyard, badge, or bracelet at reception. Wearing the sunflower symbol signals to trained team members that the guest may require additional patience, assistance, or understanding.

Importantly, this system removes the need for guests or families to repeatedly explain their circumstances.

Instead, trained team members can simply recognize the symbol and respond with empathy, whether that means providing clearer directions, allowing extra time during check-in, or helping a guest navigate busy spaces more comfortably.

For families travelling with children who may feel overwhelmed in crowded environments, this discreet support system can offer reassurance and peace of mind.

It sends a powerful message: your needs are understood, and you are welcome here.

Designing Spaces That Work for Everyone

Inclusive hospitality goes beyond training; it also requires thoughtful design.

Both hotels incorporate accessible features throughout their rooms and public spaces to ensure guests with mobility challenges or sensory needs can navigate the property comfortably.

Accessible guest rooms may include:

- **Wider doorways and wheelchair-friendly layouts**
- **Bathrooms with grab bars and accessible fixtures**
- **Walk-in or roll-in showers**
- **Lowered controls, wardrobes, and switches**

Public areas across the properties are designed to be equally accommodating, with ramps, accessible pathways, and facilities that allow guests with mobility devices to move around easily.

For families travelling with elderly relatives or individuals with physical disabilities, these features allow everyone to enjoy the stay together without unnecessary barriers.

The result is a more relaxed and inclusive atmosphere where guests can focus on spending time together rather than navigating obstacles.

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Creating Sensory-Friendly Experiences

For some travelers—particularly individuals with autism or sensory sensitivities—busy resort environments can feel overwhelming. Loud music, bright lighting, and crowded spaces may lead to discomfort or stress.

Hilton Dubai Jumeirah and Hilton Dubai the Walk are mindful of these factors and work to provide calmer, low-sensory spaces where guests can unwind.

These quieter areas allow guests to step away from busy public environments when needed. Staff are also trained to assist families in identifying comfortable spaces around the property.

The goal is not to change the vibrant atmosphere of a beachside destination, but to ensure that guests always have options that suit their comfort level.

For families traveling with neurodivergent children, this flexibility can make a meaningful difference.

Training the Team: The Heart of Inclusive Hospitality

While infrastructure and programs are important, the most powerful part of inclusive hospitality is people.

Team members at both hotels undergo training that helps them better understand neurodiversity, hidden disabilities, and accessible service practices. This knowledge empowers staff to respond confidently and compassionately to a wide range of guest needs.

Rather than relying on rigid procedures, employees are encouraged to approach each situation with empathy and adaptability.

For example, a family arriving after a long journey might appreciate a smoother, quieter check-in process. A guest wearing a sunflower lanyard may simply require additional time to process information or assistance navigating the hotel.

By fostering awareness and sensitivity among staff, the hotels create a culture where inclusivity becomes part of everyday service.

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Why Inclusive Travel Matters for Families

For many families, accessible travel is not just about convenience; rather, it is about dignity, independence, and the opportunity to create shared memories.

When hotels actively invest in accessibility and inclusion, they help remove barriers that may otherwise discourage families from traveling.

Programs like IBCCES' autism certification and the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower initiative demonstrate that hospitality can evolve to meet the needs of a more diverse world.

Families who feel supported are more likely to relax, explore, and enjoy their time together whether that means spending a day by the beach, sharing meals, or discovering the surrounding destination.

A Commitment to Welcoming Every Guest

At Hilton Dubai Jumeirah and Hilton Dubai, The Walk, inclusive hospitality continues to evolve as teams learn from guest feedback and industry best practices.

By combining staff education, accessible design, and globally recognized inclusion initiatives, the hotels aim to create a welcoming environment for guests of all abilities.

For families traveling with different needs, this commitment can transform a simple stay into something far more meaningful: a place where everyone feels comfortable, valued, and included.

Because at its heart, travel is about connection and every family deserves the opportunity to experience it together.

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Hilton Dubai Palm Jumeirah

“Hospitality is about people, and becoming a Certified Autism Center™ allows us to serve our guests with even greater empathy and awareness. This certification represents our dedication to creating diversification in a space where everyone—regardless of their needs—can relax, connect, and feel truly at ease.”

-Andreas Searty, Managing Director, Hilton Dubai Palm Jumeirah

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As Hilton Hotels and Resorts’ latest hotel in Dubai, Hilton Dubai Palm Jumeirah is the city’s leading leisure hotel owing to its scenic beachfront location. Overlooking Palm West Beach and with sunset views over the Palm Crescent, Ain Dubai and Dubai Marina skyline, the premium property boasts 605 premium guestrooms and suites, each with a private balcony. Relax and unwind at the award-winning eforea spa or enjoy exquisite dining experiences across any of the ten unique bars and restaurants. With its 5-star facilities, prime locale and intuitive Hilton service, Hilton Dubai Palm Jumeirah promises to be a perfect destination for leisure and business travellers alike.

Hilton Garden Inn Dubai Business Bay

“At Embassy Suites by Hilton Dubai & Hilton Garden Inn Dubai Business Bay, our vision of hospitality goes beyond exceptional service—it is about fostering an inclusive environment where every guest, regardless of their needs, feels seen, supported, and celebrated. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is not just a milestone; it’s a manifestation of our values. We are proud to lead with empathy, invest in awareness, and champion neurodiverse inclusion as part of our service culture.”

-Ziad Tantawi, Cluster General Manager, Embassy Suites by Hilton Dubai & Hilton Garden Inn Dubai Business Bay

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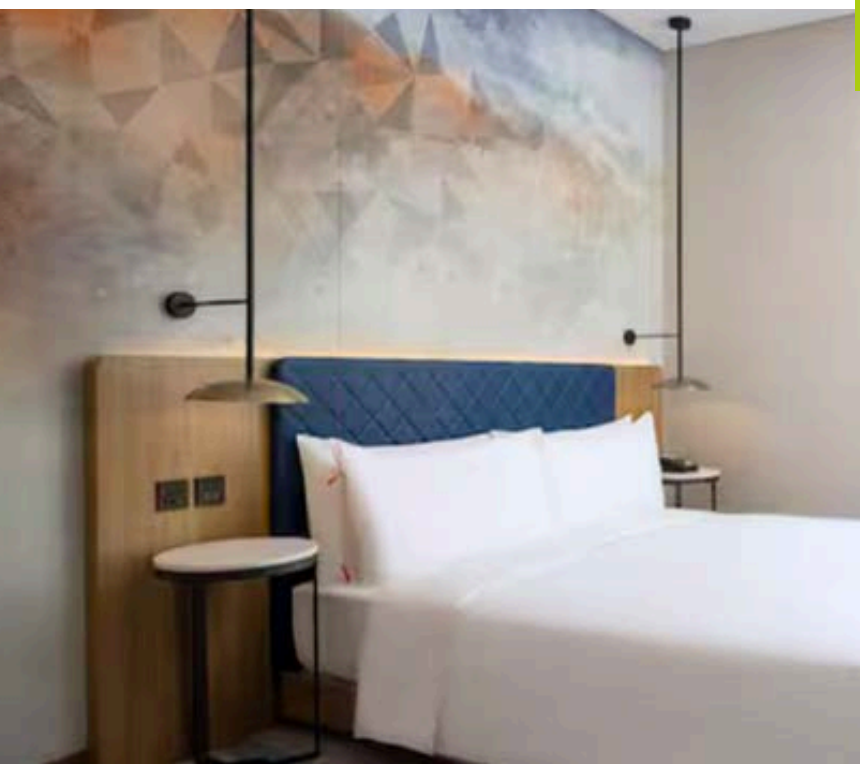

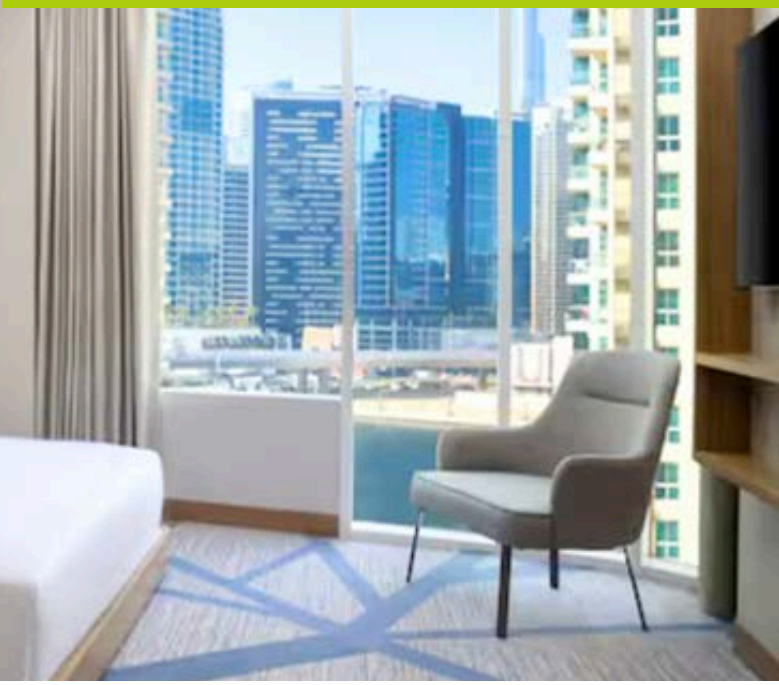

The award-winning Hilton Garden Inn brand offers upscale, affordable accommodations with modern amenities. With more than 1,000 hotels in 62 countries and territories, the brand is committed to a brighter, more satisfying experience from the first hello. Learn more at stories.hilton.com/hgi.

Home2 Suites by Hilton Mesa Longbow

“Hospitality is about making people feel comfortable and cared for, and that means meeting the unique needs of all individuals and families who stay with us. By becoming a Certified Autism Center™, our team has gained valuable skills to better communicate, anticipate, and accommodate guests with sensory sensitivities or specific behavioral needs. We believe that true hospitality embraces everyone, and this certification is an important step in ensuring every guest feels welcome and relaxed at Home2 Suites Mesa.”

-Alana Ashman, Director of Sales at Home2 Suites Hilton, Mesa, Longbow

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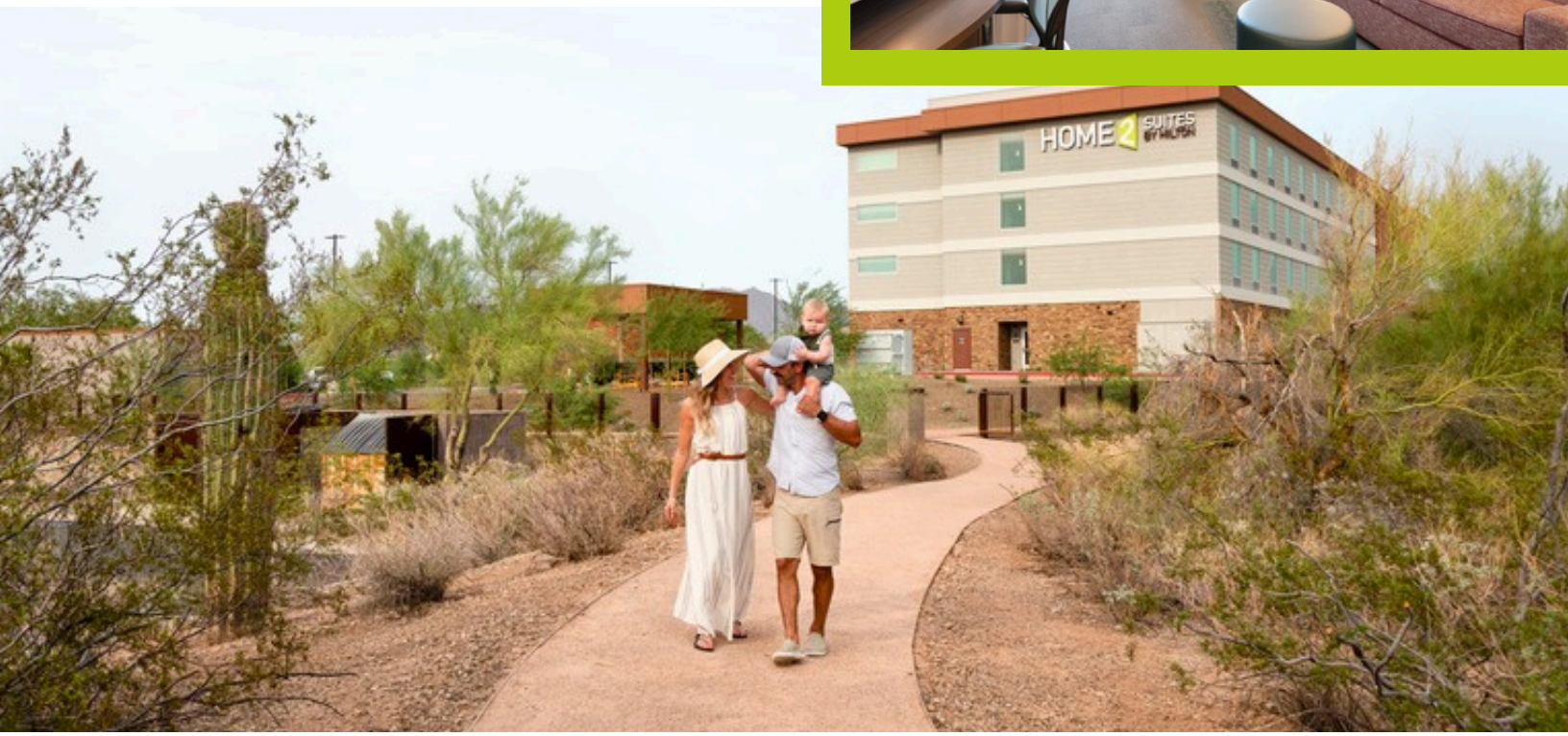

Home2 Suites by Hilton, Mesa, Longbow offers modern, all-suite accommodations in the heart of Arizona’s vibrant East Valley. Conveniently located near Falcon Field, Mesa Gateway Airport, and adjacent to Longbow Golf Club, the hotel is ideal for both extended stays and weekend getaways. Guests are just minutes from downtown Mesa’s arts and culture scene, outdoor adventures at Usery Mountain Regional Park, and only a short commute to other neighboring cities such as Tempe, Scottsdale and Gilbert. Guests enjoy spacious suites featuring in-suite kitchens, free WiFi, and flexible living areas designed for both work and relaxation. Complimentary breakfast, a fitness center, outdoor pool, and pet-friendly accommodations make every stay easy and enjoyable. Whether visiting for business or leisure, Home2 Suites Mesa delivers the warm hospitality and thoughtful design that define the Hilton brand.

Hilton St. Augustine Historic Bayfront Hotel

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ST. AUGUSTINE HISTORIC BAYFRONT

“The Hilton St Augustine Historic Bayfront Hotel is proud to be a Certified Autism Center. We strive to be welcoming to all, and the training our staff has done to earn the certification has not only prepared us to welcome neurodivergent guests, but also has helped our staff to be more sensitive to all guests. The benefits go far beyond the requirements for certification, and we look forward to continuing to build our relationships and trust within the autism and neurodivergent community.”

-Chris Quinlan, Director of Sales
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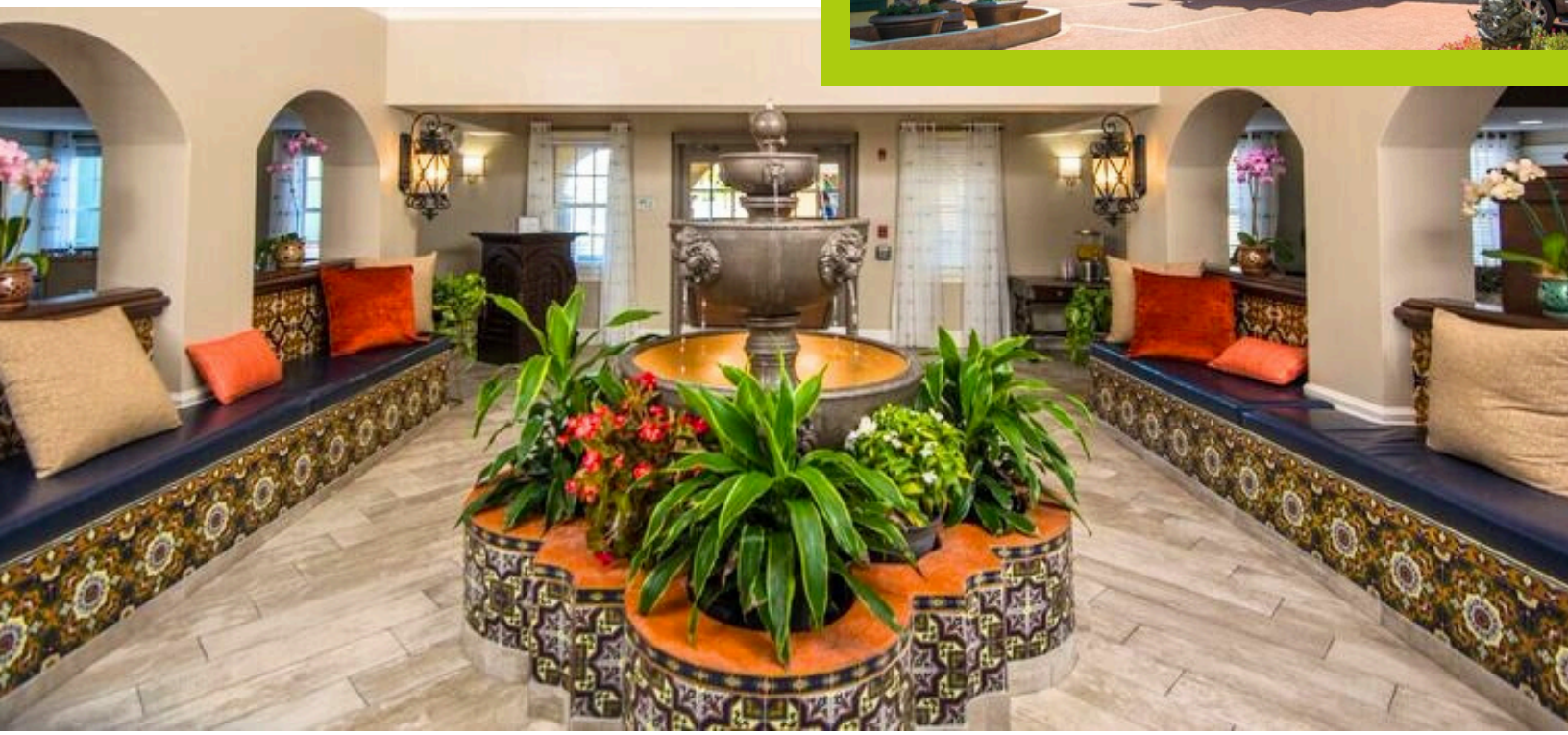

The smallest full-service Hilton in the world, we are located in the heart of the historic district of St Augustine, steps away from numerous restaurants, bars, attractions, and shopping. For guests who don’t want to walk, the hop-on/hop-off trolley stops adjacent to the hotel and will take guests to all of the major historical sites in our city, allowing guests to explore each site at their leisure.

Hotel Boulevard, Autograph Collection

AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION® HOTELS

Whether you're seeking an urban experience or a cultural adventure, Hotel Boulevard, Autograph Collection is your gateway to an extraordinary stay in sync wit's upbeat pulse. With its proximity to iconic landmarks, bustling souks, cultural sites, and entertainment hubs, Hotel Boulevard, Autograph Collection serves as the perfect launchpad for discovering the rich tapestry of experiences that the local area has to offer.

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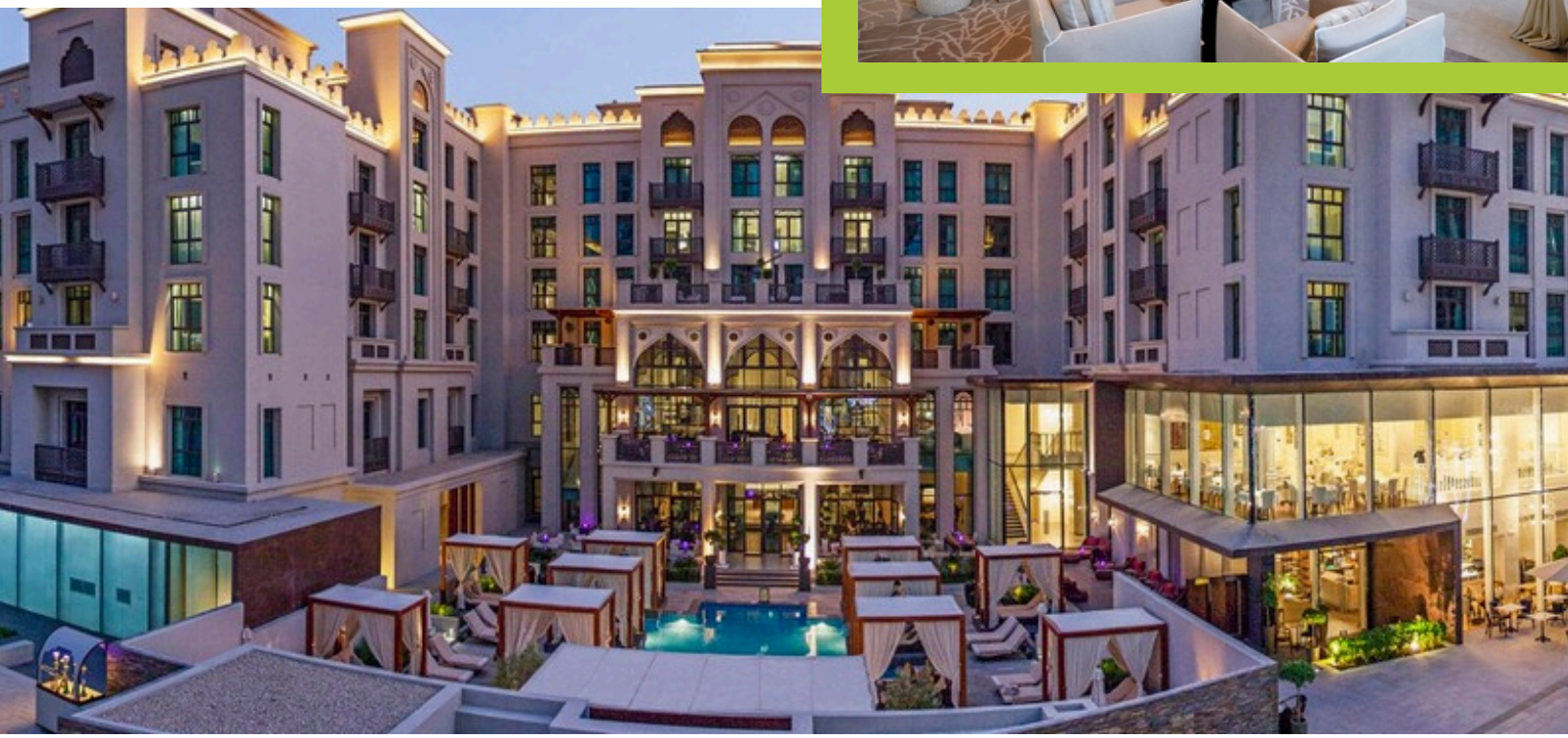

Located in the heart of dynamic Dubai, Hotel Boulevard, Autograph Collection is an urban oasis amid the vibrant energy of the city. The hotel offers meticulously designed rooms and suites, providing thoughtfully appointed amenities and stunning cityscape views. Culinary experiences at Hotel Boulevard, Autograph Collection are nothing short of exceptional, from innovative international cuisines to tantalizing local flavors. A range of facilities promotes well-being, including a state-of-the-art fitness center and a tranquil pool area for guests to unwind and recharge.

Hyatt Regency Aqaba Ayla Resort

HYATT REGENCY
AQABA AYLA RESORT
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العقبة أيلة

“Hyatt Regency Aqaba Ayla Resort is deeply committed to learning, accepting, and celebrating people’s differences. Our mission to care for people is deeply rooted in our culture to embrace diversity. At Hyatt Regency, we understand the challenges autistic individuals and families can face when venturing outside of their comfort zone, so we prioritized integrating better knowledge and understanding for our team.”

- General Manager of Hyatt Regency Aqaba Ayla Resort

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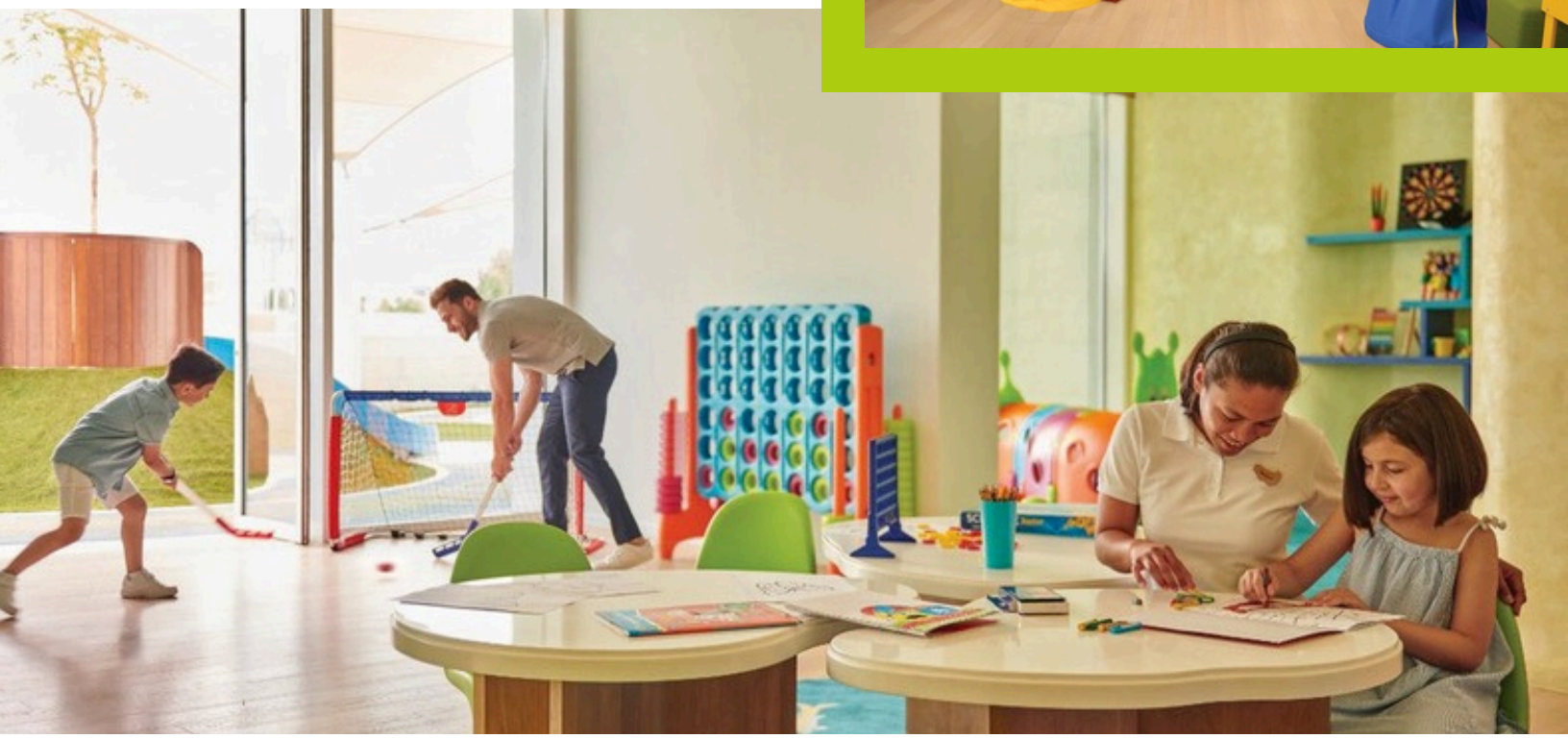

Hyatt Regency Aqaba Ayla Resort is a scenic retreat nestled amidst towering mountains, dazzling blue lagoons, an exclusive marina, and the fairways of the 18-hole Ayla Golf Club. Indulge yourself at our tranquil spa, build sand castles with the kids, or simply sit back and relax by one of our pools.

ibis Styles Dragon Mart Dubai

“At Ibis Styles Dragon Mart Dubai, we are dedicated to ensuring that everyone, especially autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals, experiences comfort, safety, and exceptional service. This certification reflects our commitment to inclusivity and continuous efforts to enhance our staff's understanding and capabilities. We believe that embracing such initiatives will not only elevate our standards but also set a benchmark for the hospitality industry.”

- Deepika Biju, General Manager of Ibis Styles Dragon Mart

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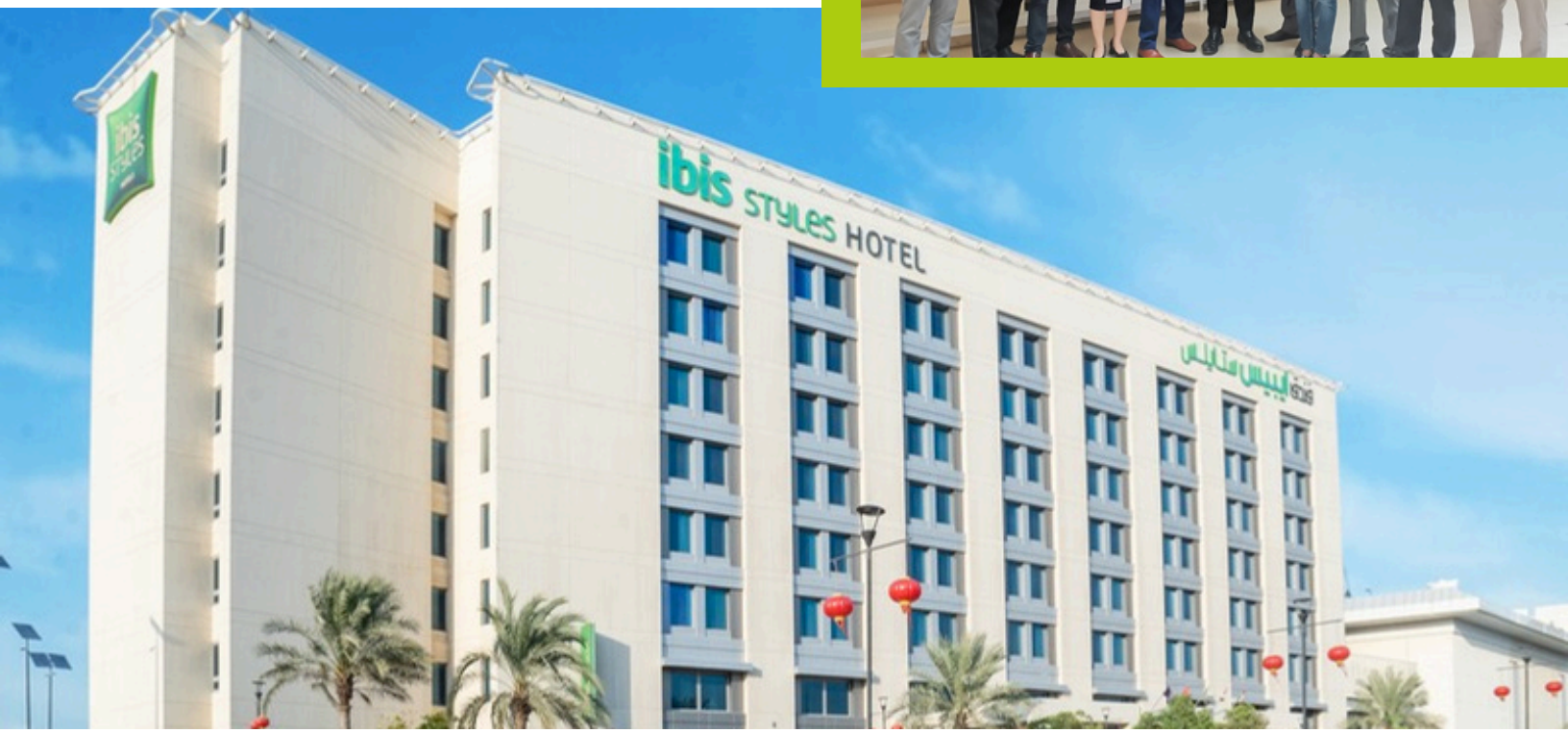

ibis Styles Dragon Mart Dubai is a vibrant, contemporary hotel strategically located in International City, Dubai. Nestled amidst the bustling commercial hub of Dragon Mart, the hotel offers unparalleled convenience for shopping, dining, and entertainment options. Its close proximity to Dubai International Airport, just a 15-minute drive away, makes it an ideal choice for both business and leisure travelers. ibis Styles Dragon Mart Dubai offers all-inclusive packages, ensuring that guests can enjoy a worry-free stay. The hotel boasts modern amenities, including high-speed Wi-Fi, a fully-equipped fitness center, and a relaxing lounge area. For families, the hotel provides family-friendly facilities such as a dedicated kids' play area and spacious family rooms. Whether you are in town for business or leisure, this hotel offers a welcoming retreat with modern comforts and a touch of Arabian charm.

Inn at Black Star Farms

BLACK STAR FARMS

“At Black Star Farms, we are committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment where every guest can feel at ease and enjoy memorable experiences. Achieving the Certified Autism Center™ designation reflects our dedication to fostering accessibility and understanding.”

-Sherri Campbell Fenton, Owner of Black Star Farms

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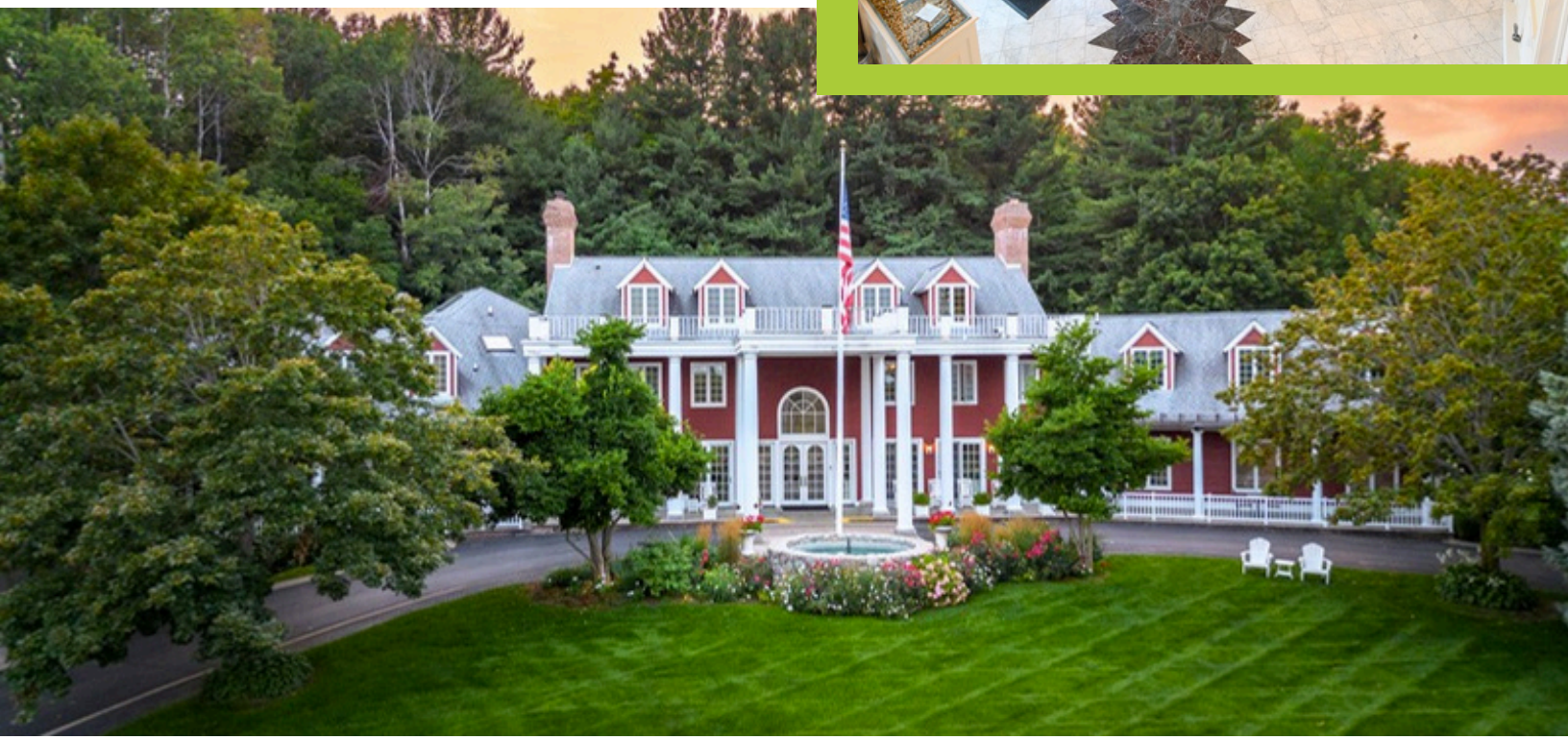

Nestled amidst the rolling vineyards of Leelanau Peninsula, the Inn at Black Star Farms offers an unparalleled escape in the heart of Northern Michigan wine country. Welcoming guests ages 18 and older, the Inn is recognized for its thoughtful hospitality and serene surroundings, providing a haven for couples and friends, including those seeking sensory-friendly accommodations. Located just minutes from Traverse City and the shores of Lake Michigan, the Inn features 10 luxurious guest rooms, community library, lounge, and sauna, all designed with relaxation in mind. Each room boasts comfortable furnishings, private baths, and scenic views of the lush vineyards or tranquil woods. Guests are invited to explore our 160-acre estate, which includes accessible walking trails, gardens, stables, our world-class winery, and closely located to sandy beaches, ski areas, stunning parks, and quaint villages; making this a perfect place to begin your up north adventures.

JH Adams Inn

“It is very exciting for us to continue as a Certified Autism Center™. Our team takes pride in our staff and facility, offering knowledge and tools to individuals with autism when they visit our property. We hope this sets us apart from other hotels and venues, and that other businesses will follow suit to embrace individuals with special needs.”

- Derek Cress, JH Adams Inn General Manager

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The JH Adams Inn, Trademark Collection by Wyndham, is a historic boutique hotel, upscale casual restaurant and premier event venue located in the heart of High Point, North Carolina. Our relaxing retreat and premier event venue welcomes you with free breakfast and Wi-Fi, a fitness center, and on-site restaurant.

Jumeirah Creekside Hotel

Jumeirah
CREEKSIDE HOTEL
DUBAI

"The autism certification holds immense importance for Jumeirah Creekside Hotel. It signifies our continuous effort to create an environment where empathy, understanding, and inclusivity are paramount. It's about fostering an atmosphere where every guest, including those on the autism spectrum, feels supported and valued throughout their experience."

-Andy Cuthbert, General Manager of Jumeirah Creekside Hotel

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A modern and vibrant city hotel situated in the heart of Dubai. Fusing contemporary design and distinct architectural features, Jumeirah Creekside Hotel is a striking backdrop to the antique beauty of Dubai Creek. The hotel offers 292 rooms and suites, 21 meeting rooms, four restaurants and is ideal for stop overs and business travelers. Jumeirah Creekside Hotel has unrivalled connectivity, making it ideal for both business and leisure trips. It is situated amongst some of the key tourist locations of old Dubai, and just a 2km drive from both the city's largest transport hub - Dubai International Airport - as well as a short drive to Dubai's newer districts including DIFC and Downtown Dubai.

JW Marriott Hotel Marina

Discover a luxurious waterfront escape at JW Marriott Hotel Marina, a top luxury hotel in Dubai. Situated amidst the stunning skyline of Dubai Marina, this 5-star hotel in Dubai Marina boasts meticulously designed rooms and suites. Each space is a haven of comfort and style, complemented by breathtaking views of the marina or the city skyline.

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As a premier Dubai Marina hotel, JW Marriott offers an exceptional culinary journey, from innovative international cuisine to enticing local flavors. Guests can rejuvenate mind and body at the luxurious spa, stay active in the well-equipped fitness center, or relax by the infinity pool overlooking the marina. The hotel also provides excellent facilities for meetings and events, effortlessly blending business with leisure. Nestled within Dubai Marina, one of the city's most vibrant neighborhoods, the hotel provides easy access to iconic landmarks, upscale shopping, dining, and entertainment options. Experience the epitome of a luxury hotel in Dubai.

JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa

JW MARRIOTT
DESERT SPRINGS PALM DESERT
RESORT & SPA

“We are dedicated to deepening our commitment to our guests, including those with autism or sensory processing disorders. The CAC training and designation continues this initiative, in preparing our staff to best provide service, recognize areas for support and assist guests of all interests and needs, ensuring they have equal opportunities and, ultimately, an enjoyable stay.”

-Nusrat Mirza, JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort’s General Manager

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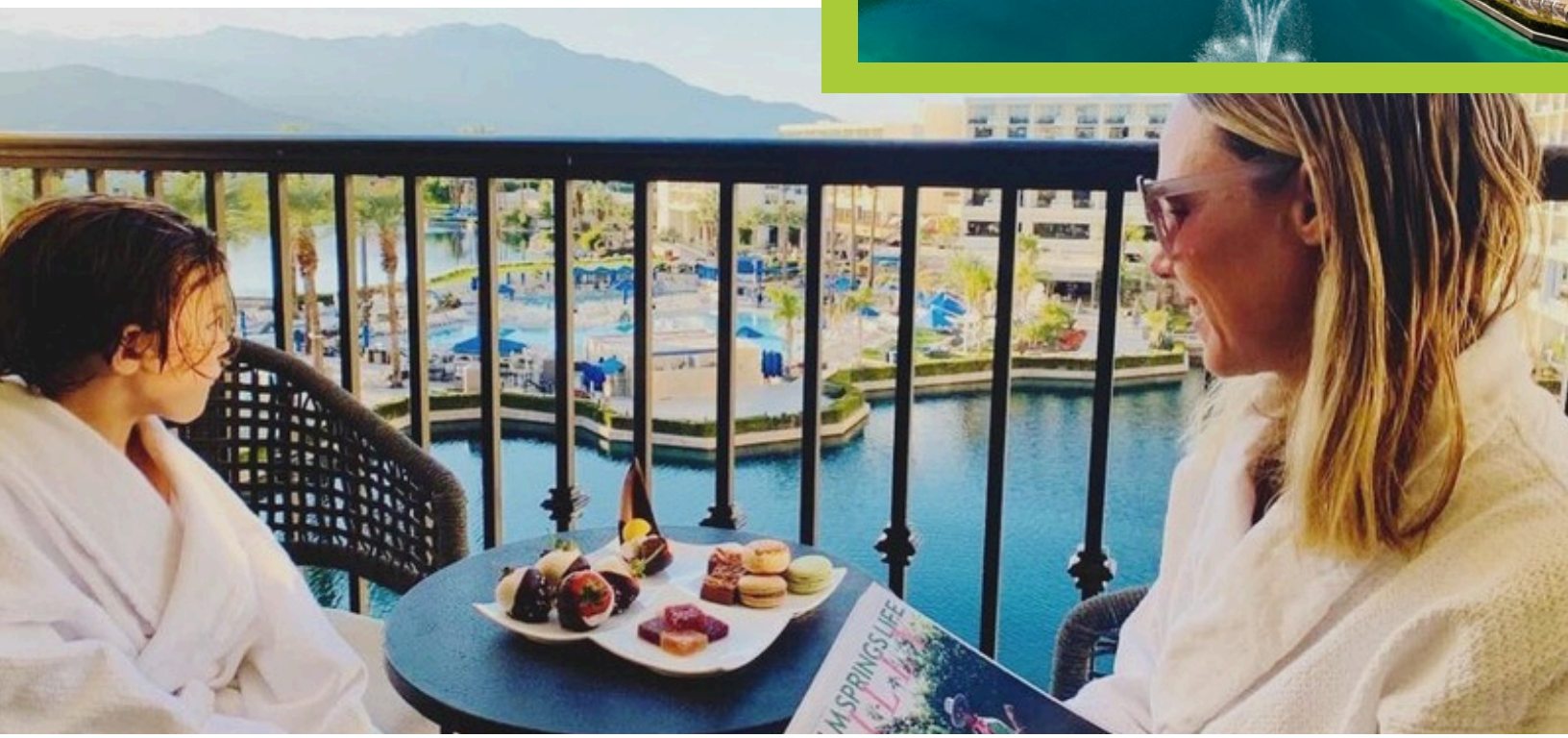

JW Desert Springs Resort & Spa features low sensory indoor and outdoor spaces along with useful tools such as sensory bags, weighted blankets, sound machines, headphones and fidget toys. Outdoor spaces include large lawns for exercise or play as well as a mini golf course and a designated low sensory pool area. If guests are seeking indoor high-sensory experiences, they can visit the 12,000 Sq.-ft, state-of-the-art JW Entertainment Zone – the largest hotel resort arcade in California, which caters to all ages – and play duck bowling, skee-ball, virtual reality games or other interactive games. The hotel will provide sensory maps and information packets, given out upon arrival, that describe the level and types of stimulation as well as sensory guides posted in high sensory locations throughout the hotel.

Kempinski The Boulevard Dubai

Kempinski
The Boulevard
DUBAI

Located in the heart of Dubai, with breathtaking views of iconic landmarks, our luxury 5-star hotel has a selection of 198 well-appointed rooms and suites. Exceptional dining options, lifestyle facilities, and direct access to the world-renowned Dubai Mall complete the luxurious offering.

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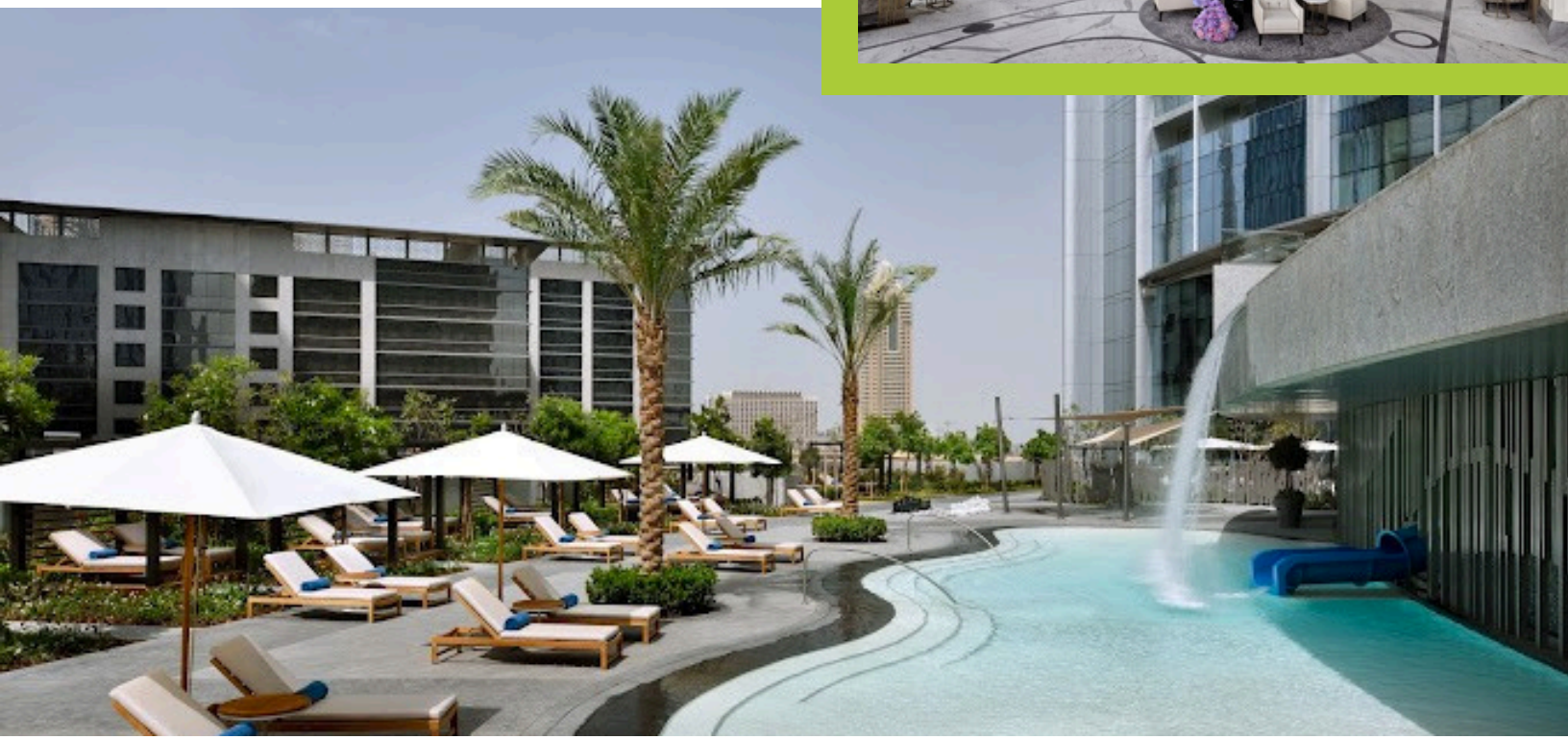

The epitome of luxury lifestyle and sophistication, Kempinski The Boulevard Dubai stands majestically in the vibrant heart of Dubai. Offering an unrivaled experience, our luxury 5-star hotel has a selection of meticulously-designed rooms and suites, characterized by contemporary elegance, breathtaking vistas of the iconic landmarks, and the bustling city skyline.
A haven of indulgence, warm hospitality, and world-class amenities welcome each and every guest. Our exceptional dining venues offer a culinary journey through a variety of cuisines, ensuring every palate is delighted. Whether you seek fine dining or to savor artisanal creations, our gastronomic experiences are nothing short of extraordinary. With an extensive array of facilities including a revitalizing spa, an infinity pool with stunning skyline views, and state-of-the-art fitness facilities, guests can unwind and rejuvenate in absolute luxury. Direct access to the world's largest shopping destination, Dubai Mall, will further enhance your experience, providing seamless access to endless retail therapy and entertainment.

Kempinski Central Avenue Dubai

Kempinski Central Avenue DUBAI

Indulge in sophisticated luxury at our 5-star hotel, conveniently situated in Dubai Mall, one of the world's largest retail and entertainment hubs. Choose from 245 rooms and suites with iconic views and an array of dining experiences to elevate every moment of your stay. Experience a stylish stay where modern design seamlessly fuses a touch of Arabic and local influences.

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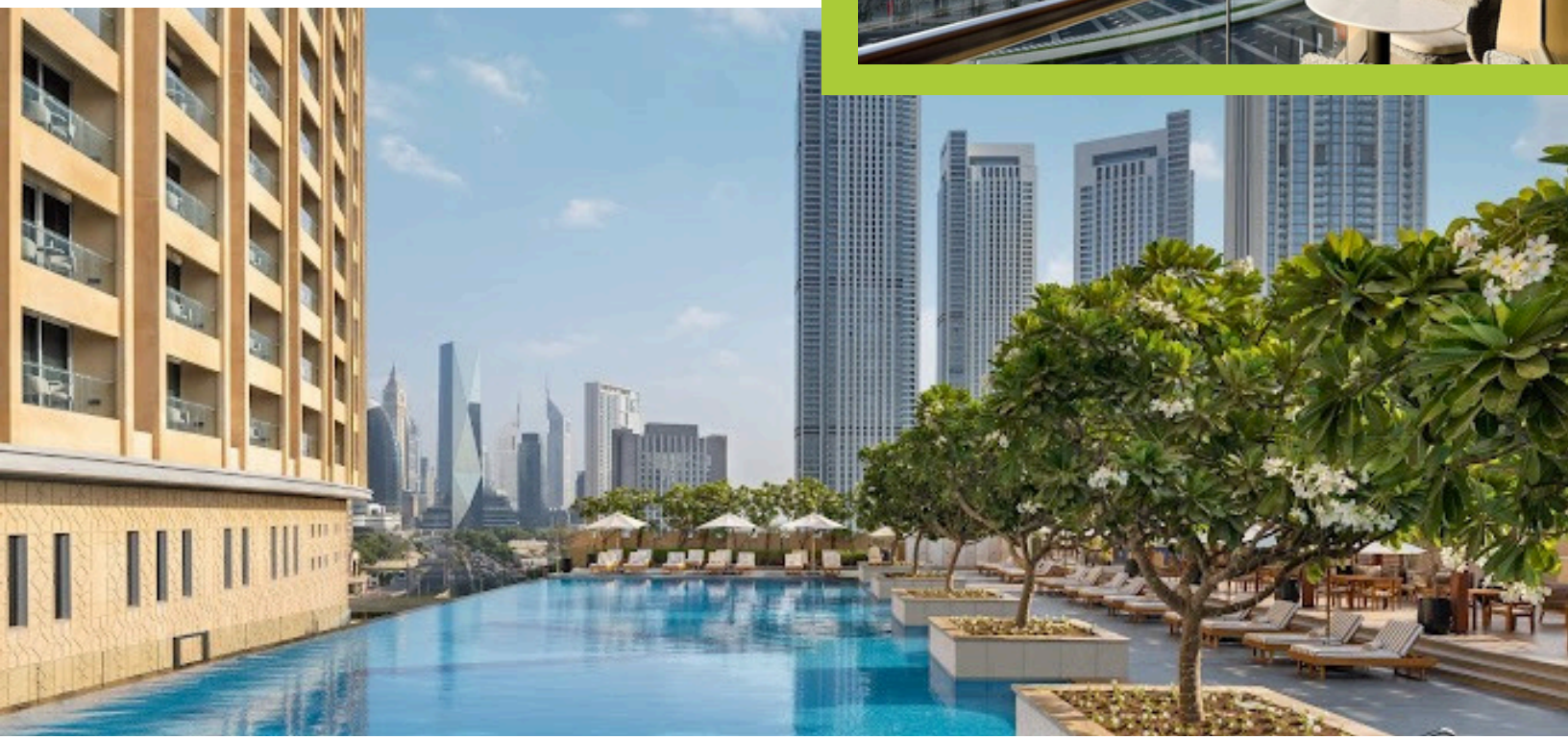

Located within Dubai Mall, in the vibrant core of Dubai where the city's pulse meets refined luxury, you will find Kempinski Central Avenue Dubai. The journey unfolds against the backdrop of iconic landmarks such as Burj Khalifa showcasing architectural marvels, reflected in the grandeur of Kempinski Central Avenue. Our story is one of seamless experiences, where every element is carefully curated to elevate your stay. Awake in meticulously designed rooms that exude comfort and style, a cocoon of tranquility amid the energetic cityscape. Take in the aroma of diverse culinary delights, where international and Middle Eastern flavors dance on your palate. Our versatile event spaces will become the canvas for your most cherished memories, be it a business gathering or a social soirée. Every interaction with our attentive team is a chapter in personalized service, ensuring your stay is nothing short of extraordinary. In this narrative of luxury, Kempinski Central Avenue Dubai is more than a hotel; it's a haven where every detail tells a story, and every moment is a celebration. Welcome to a world where opulence meets the heart of Dubai.

KOTI Community

“We are thrilled to achieve this certification, providing guests with confidence to travel and stay at our inclusive, safe, and unique Scandinavian cabin community. We understand that some travelers are looking for something different than a standard hotel room but may be hesitant about the accommodation options available in an unfamiliar town. For that reason, our cabins were intentionally designed, and our staff is prepared to offer a reliably peaceful, consistent, and private retreat.”

-Sam Kelly, KOTI General Manager

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The KOTI community is located just outside of Traverse City, making it an ideal basecamp for those looking to enjoy an easy jump to downtown’s restaurants and boutiques from a peaceful perch in the countryside. The Nordic dwellings look striking against a forested backdrop that allows you to feel at one with nature. When the snow begins to fall, don’t be surprised if you feel as though you’ve been transported to a Nordic country—the Scandi vibes and minimalist luxury are spot on.

Lapita, Dubai Parks and Resorts, Autograph Collection

From the moment families arrive, the resort welcomes guests with a warm Polynesian spirit—complete with flower leis and a lively traditional performance that delights all ages. The resort's architecture offers a modern interpretation of Polynesian design, creating a vibrant yet comfortable setting. Pathways lined with tiki-inspired features bring the culture to life in a fun and engaging way, fostering a welcoming atmosphere and memorable experiences for families throughout their stay.

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Lapita brings families together with experiences designed to create unforgettable moments. From playful adventures along the lazy river to engaging children's activities and shared experiences inspired by Polynesian culture, every part of the resort encourages connection and joy. The environment is thoughtfully welcoming and inclusive, ensuring that all families feel comfortable, supported, and able to enjoy meaningful time together. Whether spending the day by the pool or exploring the exciting attractions just steps away, families can celebrate togetherness and create memories to cherish.

LEGOLAND® California Resort

LEGOLAND® Hotel and LEGOLAND® Castle Hotel

“With 1 in 31 children diagnosed with autism in the U.S.A., we want to build understanding and empathy while also ensuring our teams have the tools and support strategies when engaging with a neurodiverse population. Through this certification, we’re providing our guests with more opportunities to create and play their way, while supporting parents through every step of the vacation planning journey.”

-Scott O’Neil, CEO of Merlin Entertainments

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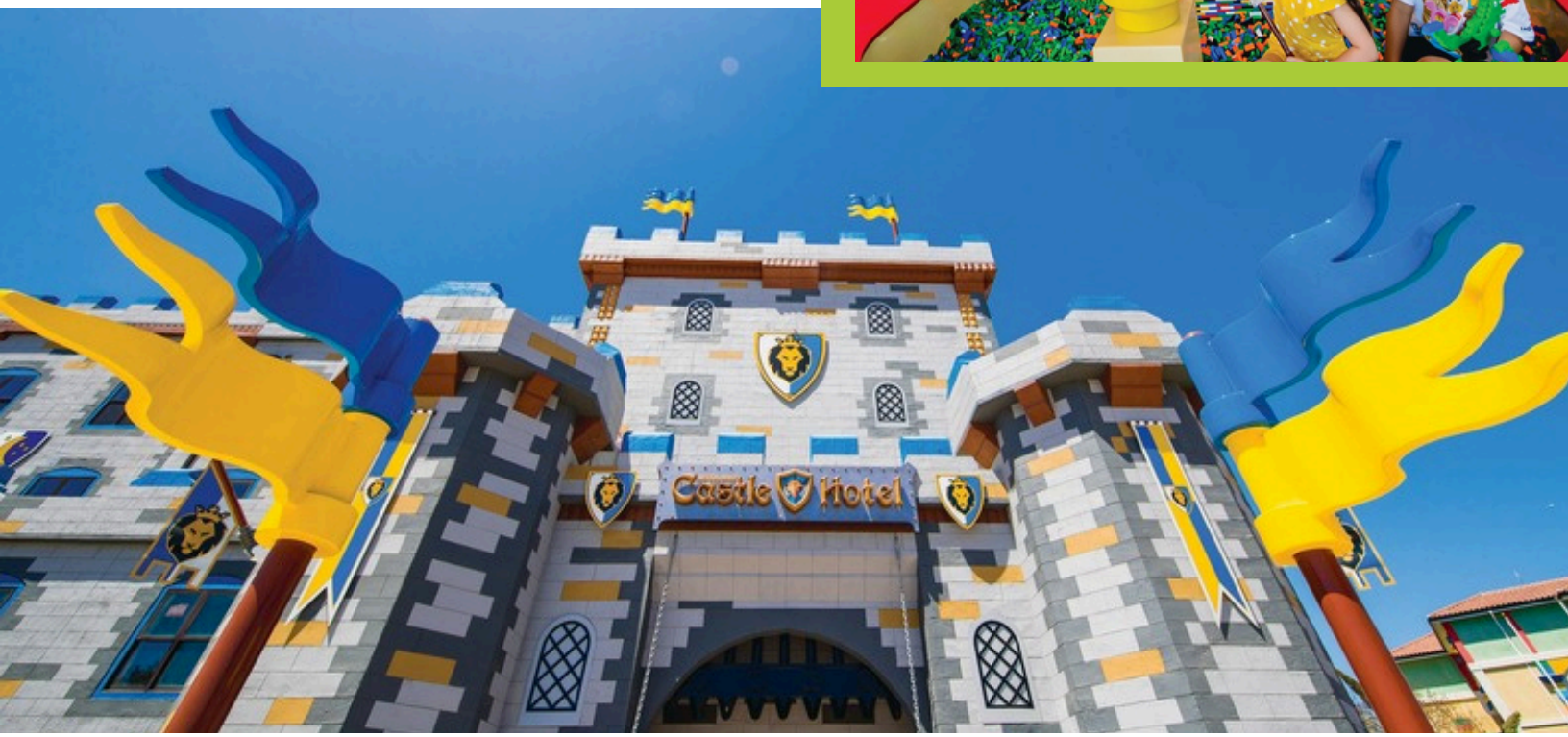

LEGOLAND® Hotel and LEGOLAND® Castle Hotel, both geared for families with children between the ages of 2 and 12, offer an immersive experience. The nation’s first LEGOLAND Hotel features 250 rooms, each themed as pirate, adventure, kingdom, LEGO® Friends, or LEGO® NINJAGO™. Meanwhile, North America’s first LEGOLAND Castle Hotel features 250 rooms, fully themed as Knights and Dragons, Royal Princess, and Magic Wizard.

LEGOLAND® Dubai Resort

LEGO® Pirates, Kingdom, Adventure, LEGO® Friends and LEGO® NINJAGO®

“Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is not just an achievement—it’s a testament to our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and accessibility, aligning with DET’s visionary pursuit of becoming a Certified Autism Destination™. This CAC certification empowers our Model Citizens (employees) to provide a safe, welcoming, and joyful environment where families with autistic members and those with sensory sensitivities can connect, explore the magic of LEGO® bricks come to life and create cherished memories together.”

- Tim Harrison-Jones, General Manager at LEGOLAND® Dubai Resort

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After a day filled with fun and excitement, retreat to the LEGOLAND® Hotel, where the adventure never stops. Say goodbye to boring hotel rooms and hello to an immersive, playful world. Enter through a dragon-guarded entrance, dance your way up in a disco elevator, and settle into a LEGO® themed family bedroom that sleeps up to five people, complete with a separate kids' area. The hotel is brimming with LEGO® awesomeness, including daily breakfast at Bricks Family Restaurant, in-room treasure hunts, Creative Workshop with a LEGO® Master Builder, and non-stop LEGO® themed entertainment. Visit https://www.legoland.com/dubai/explore/legoland-dubai/accessibility-guide/ to learn about our accessibility options.

LEGOLAND® Florida Resort:

LEGOLAND® Hotel & LEGOLAND® Pirate Island Hotel

“We’re proud that LEGOLAND® Florida Resort has partnered with IBCCES to earn designation as a Certified Autism Center™ across our theme park, water park, on-site hotels, and PEPPA PIG Theme Park Florida. Creating inclusive, welcoming experiences for all families, especially those with sensory needs, is central to everything we do.”

- Head of Marketing & Communications,
LEGOLAND® Florida Resort

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Located 130 kid-steps away from the Theme Park’s front gate, LEGOLAND® Hotel and the new LEGOLAND® Pirate Island Hotel bring the Theme Park fun into the hotel with nightly entertainment, resort pools, and guest rooms with separate adult and child sleeping areas, and in-room treasure hunts. Just across the street, LEGOLAND® Beach Retreat features beach-themed bungalows in village-style layout, centered around outdoor play areas and unforgettable Florida lake views. More information is available at LEGOLAND.com/Florida.

LEGOLAND® Japan Resort:

LEGO® Pirates, Kingdom, Adventure, LEGO® Friends and LEGO® NINJAGO®

“During the IBCCES certification process, I realized there was so much I did not know about the autism spectrum. I am glad that all of the LEGOLAND® Japan employees also had the opportunity to learn about it as well.”

- Yoshi Honda, Resort’s Divisional Director

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LEGOLAND® Japan Resort is a theme park located in Nagoya city in Japan, providing a full day of fun and excitement for children aged 2 through 12 and their families. The whole family can enjoy the many rides, LEGO® models to play and build with, and interactive, adventurous attractions themed on the LEGO® brick world. We provide various services for our guests with disabilities, so that they can enjoy our park in the same way as other guests. Prior to visit, please check the latest details on our website: 【Official】 To our guests with disabilities | Service Guide | LEGOLAND® Japan Resort.

LEGOLAND® Malaysia Resort:

LEGO® Pirates, Kingdom, LEGO® Friends and LEGO® NINJAGO®

Becoming Malaysia's first Certified Autism Center™ is a meaningful milestone for us and we're proud to achieve this distinction. LEGOLAND® Malaysia has always been focused on delivering an educational, fun, and memorable experience to children and families of all backgrounds. As a leading tourist destination in Malaysia, we're committed to paving the way forward in creating an accessible, flexible environment that will cater to our guests' diverse needs and will continue doing our part to making the park inclusive and welcoming to all."

-CS Lim, Vice President of LEGOLAND® Malaysia Resort

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LEGOLAND® Hotel Malaysia is the first LEGO® themed hotel in Asia. Choose your preferred theme room at a hotel all equipped with LEGO® theming elements, giving you choices to be trained like a NINJA, playing pirate, commanding a Kingdom or embarking on an adventure option. All rooms include a king-sized bed for parents and a separate private sleeping area for 3 kids. Participate in our in-room treasure hunt activity and stand a chance to win cool LEGO® gifts.

LEGOLAND® Korea Resort:

LEGO® Pirates, Kingdom, LEGO® Friends and LEGO® NINJAGO®

“LEGOLAND Korea Resort continues to operate programs like Merlin Magic Wand throughout the year to ensure that all children have the right to play happily. Furthermore, with certification programs like the CAC, LEGOLAND will continue to make efforts to ensure that children with disabilities, including those with autism, can visit LEGOLAND Park and enjoy a happy time."

-Lee Soon-gyu, Divisional Director at LEGOLAND Korea Resort.

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The LEGOLAND Hotel, built with the Lego theme, is a complex resort where you can enjoy a comprehensive range of Lego entertainment elements while providing a comfortable resting place for children and families. A total of 154 rooms are themed in four popular Lego series, including Friends, Ninjago, Pirates, and Kingdom. Depending on the size and location, the rooms are divided into premium (33~44 ㎡), suite (47 ㎡), and deluxe suite (58 ㎡). Looking to the future, Merlin and LEGOLAND® are committed to providing improved facilities and expanded services through ongoing investments in LEGOLAND® Korea Resort, ensuring the continuous delivery of unforgettable experiences to children and families visiting the resort. Link to Accessibility Page: Special Situations (legoland.kr)

LEGOLAND® New York Resort:

LEGO® Pirates, Kingdom, LEGO® Friends and LEGO® NINJAGO®

“With 1 in 31 children diagnosed with autism in the U.S.A., we want to build understanding and empathy while also ensuring our teams have the tools and support strategies when engaging with a neurodiverse population. Through this certification, we’re providing our guests with more opportunities to create and play their way, while supporting parents through every step of the vacation planning journey.”

-Scott O’Neil, CEO of Merlin Entertainments

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Making LEGOLAND New York a multi-day destination, the bricktastic fun continues at LEGOLAND Hotel, open year-round! The only LEGO themed hotel in the Northeast, it features 250 rooms in four themes: LEGO® Pirates, Kingdom, LEGO® Friends and LEGO® NINJAGO® – all just steps away from the theme park. LEGOLAND New York Resort is easily accessible by car, Metro-North train and direct bus service on Coach USA from Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York City. For more information, visit https://www.legoland.com/new-york/.

Makkah Clock Royal Tower, a Fairmont Hotel

MAKKAH CLOCK ROYAL TOWER
A FAIRMONT HOTEL

“We are proud to play an important role in welcoming People of Determination, including autistic guests, by training our team on how to communicate with and support them effectively, while providing every comfort they may require.”

- Salem Al Shahrani, Managing Director, Makkah Clock Royal Tower, A Fairmont Hotel, Raffles Makkah Palace, Swissotel Makkah and Swissotel Al Maqam

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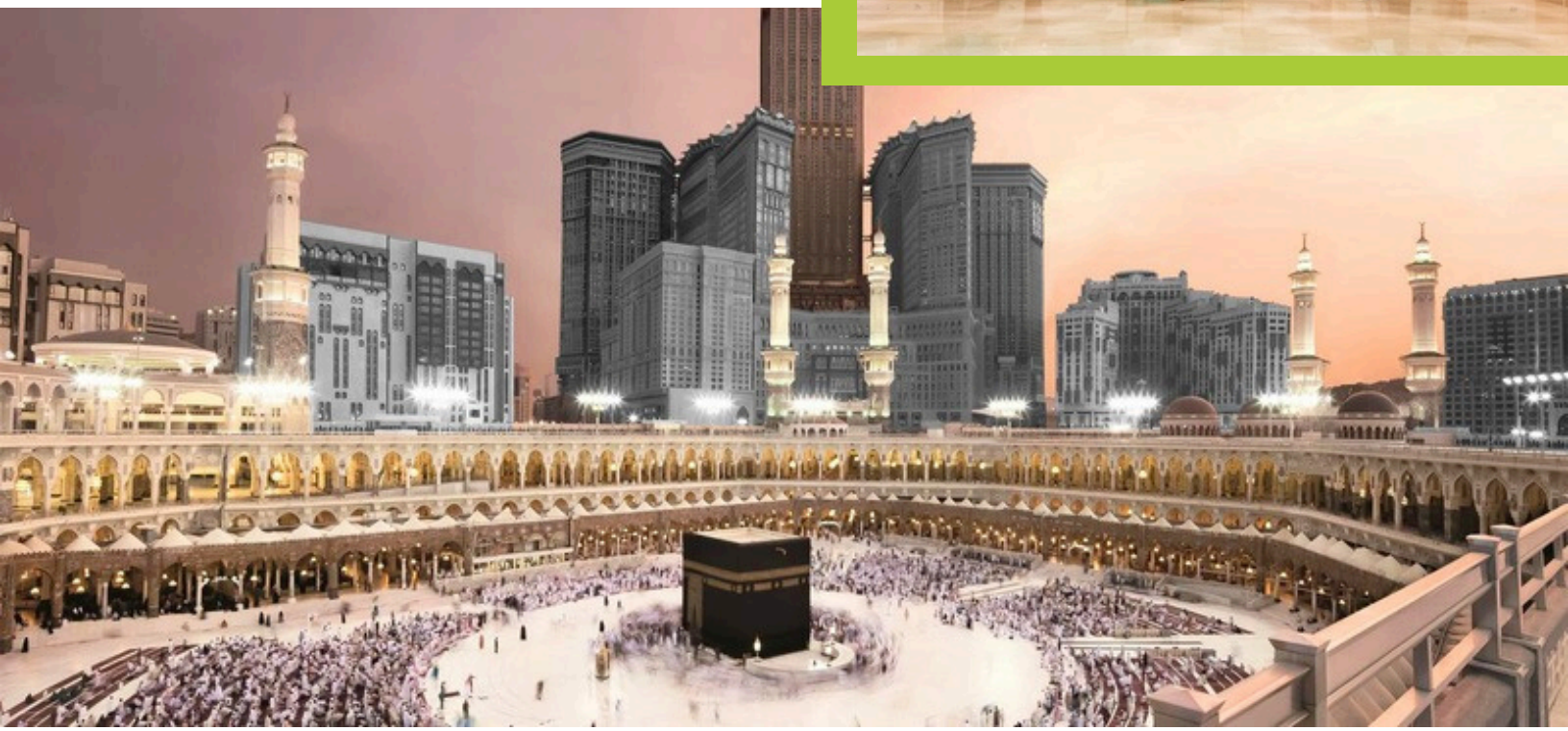

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts is where the intimate equally coexists with the infinite – an unrivaled portfolio of more than 80 extraordinary hotels where grand moments of life, heartfelt pleasures and personal milestones are celebrated and remembered long after any visit. Since 1907, Fairmont has created magnificent, meaningful and unforgettable hotels, rich with character and deeply connected to the history, culture and community of its destinations – places such as The Plaza in New York City, The Savoy in London, Fairmont San Francisco, Fairmont Banff Springs in Canada, Fairmont Peace Hotel in Shanghai, and Fairmont The Palm in Dubai. Famous for its engaging service, awe-inspiring public spaces, locally inspired cuisine, and iconic bars and lounges, Fairmont also takes great pride in its pioneering approach to hospitality and leadership in sustainability and responsible tourism practices. Fairmont is part of Accor, a world leading hospitality group consisting of more than 5,200 properties and 10,000 food and beverage venues throughout 110 countries.

Millennium Madinah Airport Hotel

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مـطـار الـمـديـنـة
MADINAH AIRPORT

“Receiving the Certified Autism Center™ designation is an important step in our journey toward more inclusive hospitality. It reflects our dedication to understanding our guests’ diverse needs and ensuring that every stay at Millennium Madinah Airport Hotel is filled with comfort, care, and genuine warmth.”

- Anas Almaimani, Area General Manager, Makkah & Madinah, Millennium Madinah Airport Hotel

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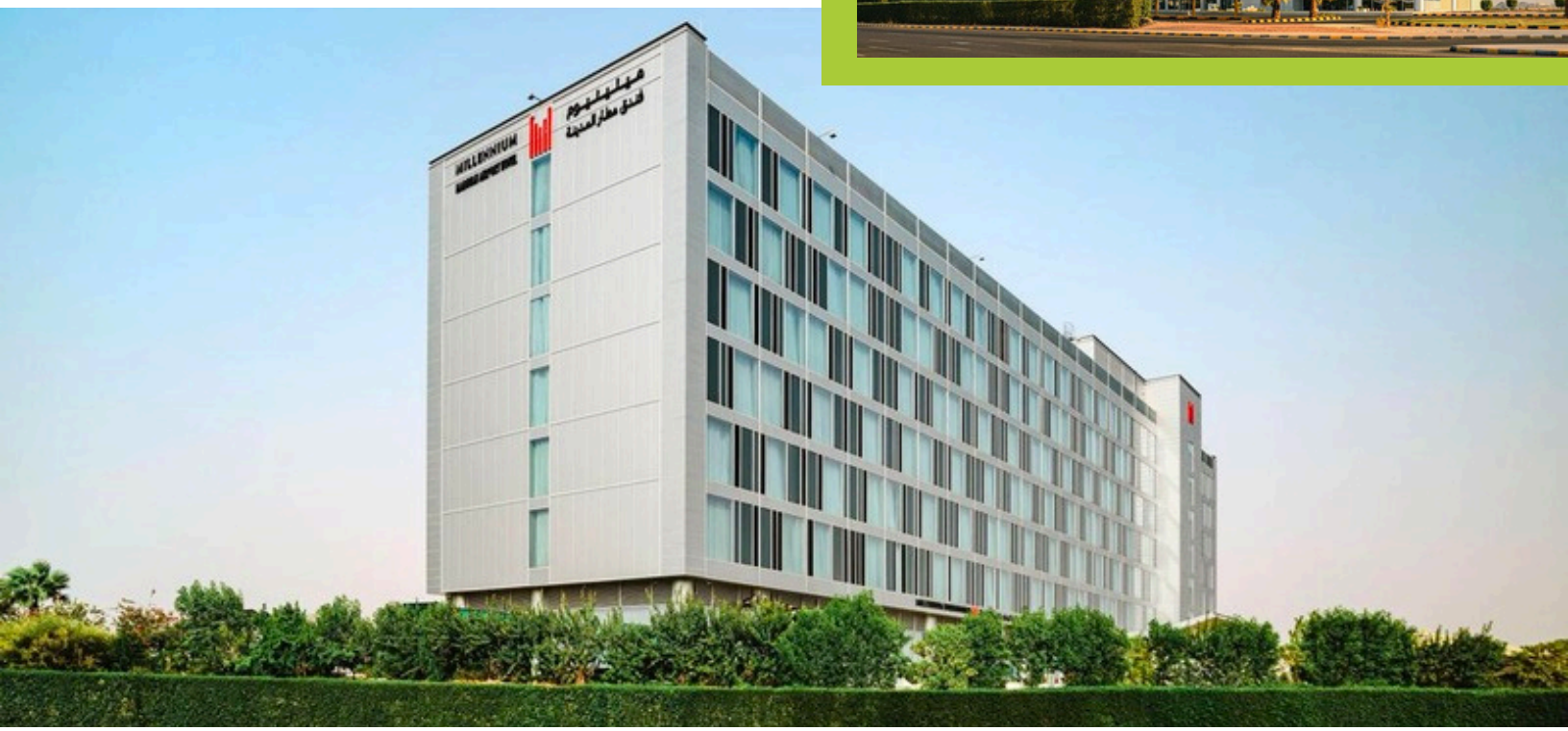

Located within Prince Mohammad Bin Abdulaziz International Airport, Millennium Madinah Airport Hotel offers travelers a calm and convenient stay with easy access to the holy city. The hotel features 227 guest rooms and suites, Sky Restaurant for all-day dining, Boarding Café, and versatile event spaces. As a Certified Autism Center™, the property is committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all guests.

Mövenpick Hotel & Apartments Bur Dubai

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HOTEL & APARTMENTS
BUR DUBAI

“At Mövenpick Hotel & Apartments Bur Dubai, becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is a proud step toward our mission of providing exceptional, inclusive hospitality. This certification reflects our commitment to understanding the unique needs of every guest and creating an environment where all feel welcome, supported, and valued.”

-Damir Kartal, Cluster General Manager

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Mövenpick Hotel & Apartments Bur Dubai is a centrally located five-star hotel in Oud Metha, close to major business hubs, shopping destinations, and key attractions including Dubai Healthcare City, Dubai World Trade Centre, Dubai International Airport, and Dubai Frame. The hotel features 256 rooms and suites, 57 fully renovated serviced apartments with up to three bedrooms, and newly renovated meetings and events spaces, offering a modern and comfortable stay for business travellers, families, and long-stay guests.

Mövenpick Hotel & Residences Riyadh

“We are honored and proud to receive a certificate from IBCCES recognizing our efforts to keep all our autistic guests satisfied and happy. Our staff is highly trained, well-equipped, and always ready to go the extra mile to support guests with cognitive disorders. Being awarded this certificate grants us great pleasure and happiness because it means we have accomplished our purpose.”

-Peter Hoesli, Hotel Manager

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Our 5-star hotel is the perfect destination for business or leisure travelers seeking genuine Swiss hospitality. We offer 269 sophisticated rooms, suites, and 90 spacious residences. Our outstanding, 4000 sqm, meeting and events facilities are complimented with wonderful restaurants and a unique outdoor plaza on the second floor with views over Riyadh. The hotel is located next to King Abdullah Financial District, the new CBD in the north of Riyadh.

Mt. Holiday Ski Resort

“Obtaining the Certified Autism Center™ designation is crucial for Mt. Holiday to ensure inclusivity and a positive experience for all visitors. It positions Mt. Holiday as a leader in accessibility and equips staff with the essential skills in communication and understanding sensory sensitivities, fostering empathy and respect throughout the resort.”

-Jim Pearson, Mt. Holiday Executive Director

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Mt. Holiday is more than just a ski hill. We’re a pillar of community, contributing through scholarship programs, partnerships with organizations like Kiwanis, and hosting events that bring people together. We’re a champion of accessibility, offering affordable programs and lessons so everyone, regardless of background, can experience the joy of winter sports and outdoor activities. As a steward of the environment, we’re committed to sustainable practices and environmental education, preserving Mt. Holiday’s natural beauty for generations to come. Finally, we’re your four-season escape! From skiing and snowboarding to hiking, biking, and scenic lift rides, Mt. Holiday offers year-round activities for families and individuals.

Mt. Holiday offers handicap ramp to front of lodge and accessible bathrooms.

NH Collection Dubai The Palm

“At NH Collection Dubai The Palm, inclusivity is at the heart of what we do. Receiving the Certified Autism Center™ designation from IBCCES is more than just an achievement—it’s a reflection of our commitment to creating a space where every guest feels understood, valued, and at ease. As a team, we’ve taken steps to truly learn and adapt so that families and individuals on the autism spectrum can have the best possible experience with us.”

-Manish Jha, General Manager, NH Collection Dubai The Palm

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www.world.nh-hotels.com/en/nh-collection-dubai-the-palm

NH Collection Dubai The Palm is a luxury hotel in Dubai featuring upscale amenities at an accessible cost, with guest suites and amenities brimming with energy and local character. Visitors to the hotel can experience a wide range of premium offerings to make their stay an enjoyable one, including View 180 rooftop infinity pool with 360-degree views, access to the beach, Soul Senses Spa, 7 Sports Bar and two different dining locations. NH Collection Dubai The Palm is situated at the heart of Dubai’s famous Palm Jumeirah, with direct access to West Palm Beach and 360-degree views across the city. The hotel is centrally located near all the attractions of The Palm and Downtown Dubai, while also being easily accessible from Dubai International Airport, Dubai Old Town and business zones throughout the emirate and the wider UAE. NH Collection Dubai The Palm represents the brand’s debut both in the United Arab Emirates and the wider Middle East region, and is part of an existing portfolio of over 90 NH Collection properties worldwide, known for their outstanding services and facilities.

One&Only One Za'abeel

Situated in Dubai's exclusive Za'abeel neighbourhood, One&Only One Za'abeel Hotel and Private Homes places you in the beating heart of the world's most dynamic city.

An exceptional city retreat, One&Only One Za'abeel is more than Dubai's place to be seen, it's the place you'll never want to leave.

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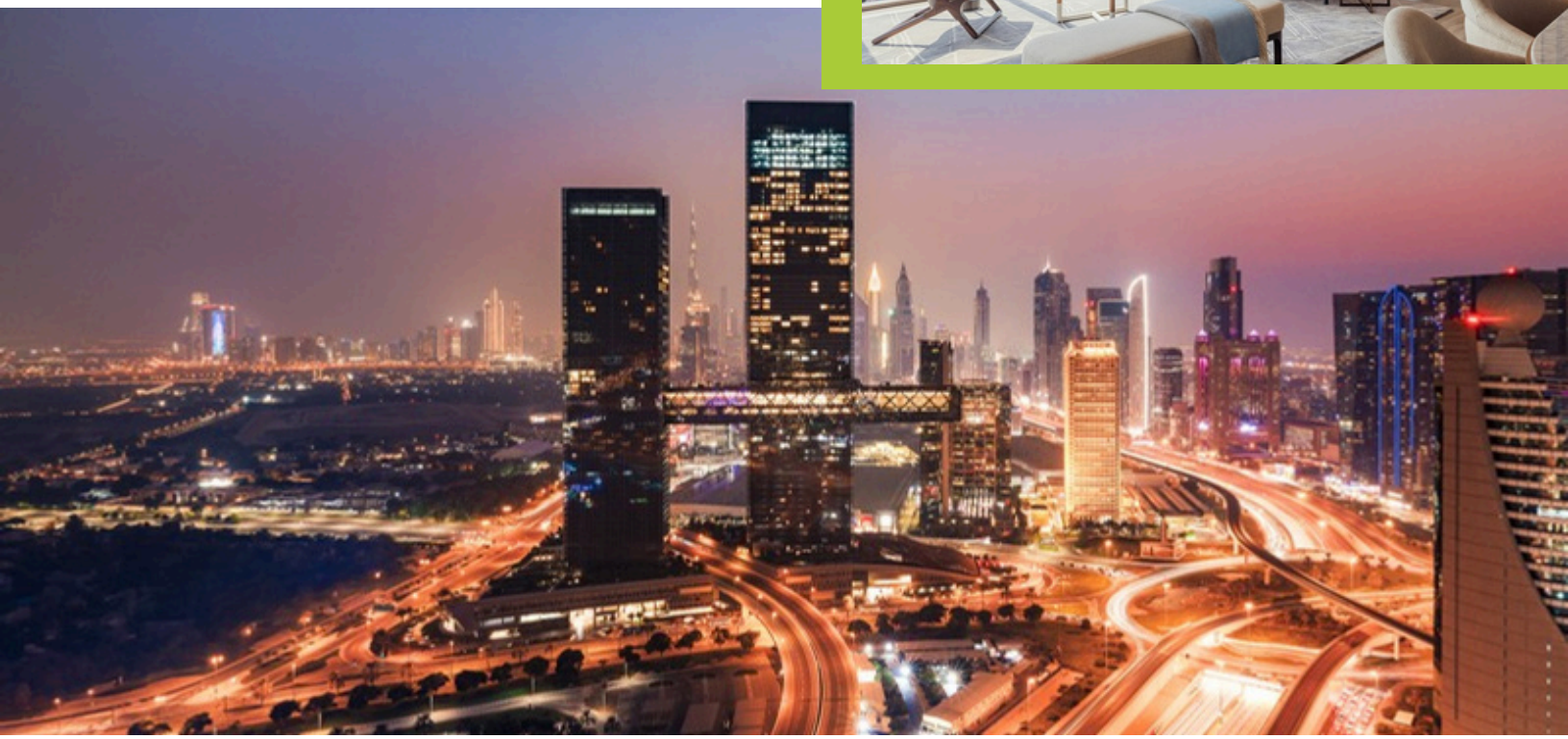

With immersive dining experiences and signature restaurants from Michelin-lauded chefs located within The Link, a state-of-the-art wellness facility and breathtaking views of the city, One&Only One Za'abeel is an unrivalled lifestyle destination. Located within easy reach of the city's thriving business hubs, pristine beaches and record-breaking attractions, this sophisticated city sanctuary provides the ultimate setting to connect, collaborate and recalibrate amid the pulsating energy of the City of Gold.

- Staff Trained in Autism Awareness: Hotel team members have received specialized training to support autistic and sensory-sensitive guests.
- Low-Sensory Room: A dedicated space for guests who may need a quieter, calming environment.
- Personalized Check-in/Check-out: Tailored to reduce stress and streamline the guest experience.
- Dining Accommodations: Early seating and accelerated service are available at hotel restaurants and through in-room dining.

One&Only Royal Mirage

“At One&Only Royal Mirage, true luxury is defined by empathy, inclusivity, and the ability to create exceptional one-off experiences for every guest. Gaining the Certified Autism Center™ accreditation reflects our deep commitment to delivering that experience for all. This certification ensures our team is equipped with the knowledge and compassion to provide thoughtful, personalized service—allowing every guest to feel seen, supported, and celebrated.”

-Heiko Schreiner, General Manager at One&Only Royal Mirage

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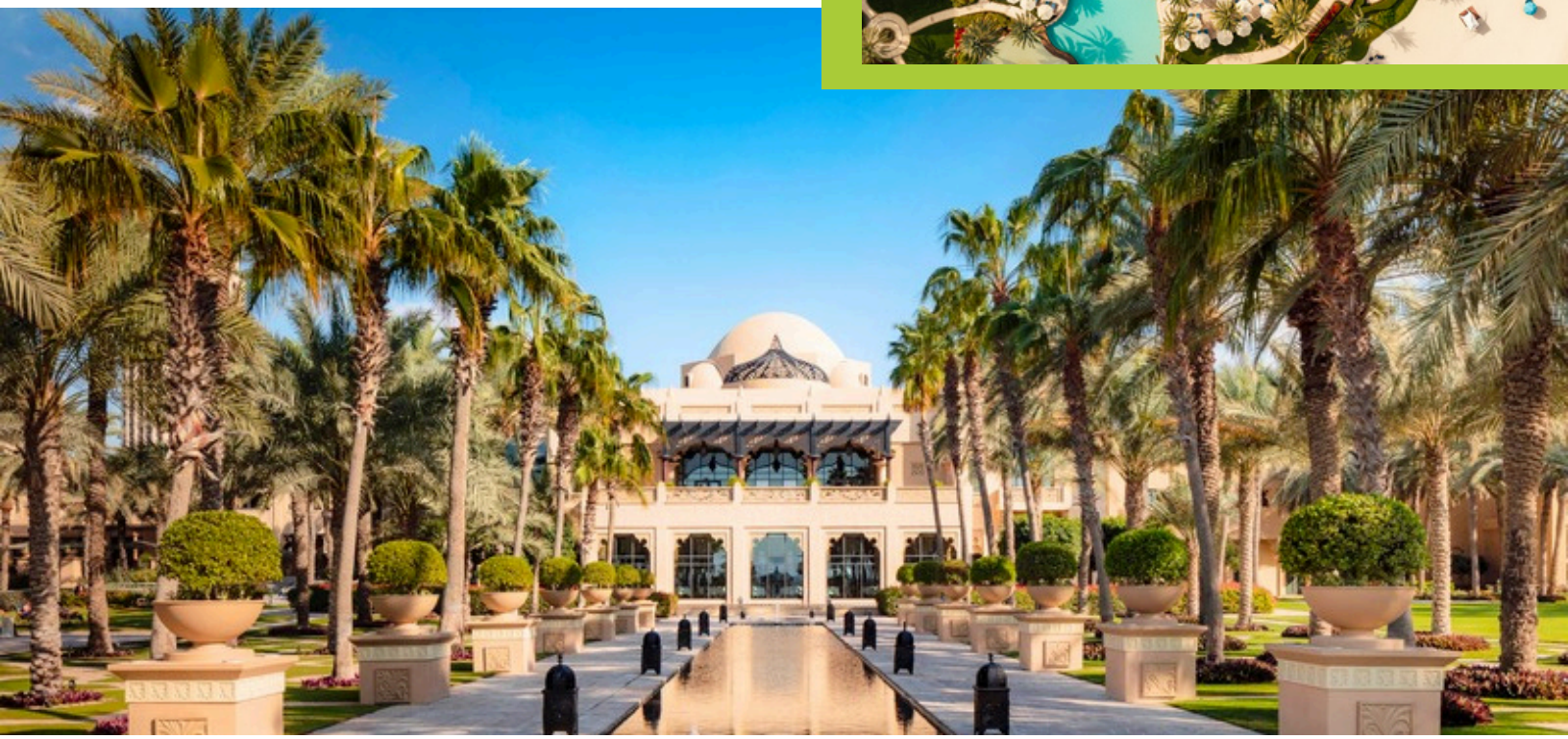

An exceptional one-off resort in Dubai, One&Only Royal Mirage blends timeless Arabian architecture with modern energy. Set on one kilometre of private beach and nestled within 65 acres of landscaped gardens, it offers three distinct experiences: The Palace, Arabian Court, and The Residence. This iconic beachfront retreat is crafted for connection across generations, with elegant accommodation, destination dining, and immersive wellness experiences.

One&Only The Palm

One&Only
THE PALM
Dubai

Perched on a secluded peninsula of the iconic Palm Jumeirah in Dubai, One&Only The Palm is an intimate five-star beachfront resort that seamlessly blends refined sophistication with understated Arabian charm. Set against the shimmering backdrop of the Arabian Gulf and framed by lush landscaped gardens, the resort offers a tranquil sanctuary where guests can unwind in elevating style yet remain connected to Dubai's vibrant cosmopolitan spirit.

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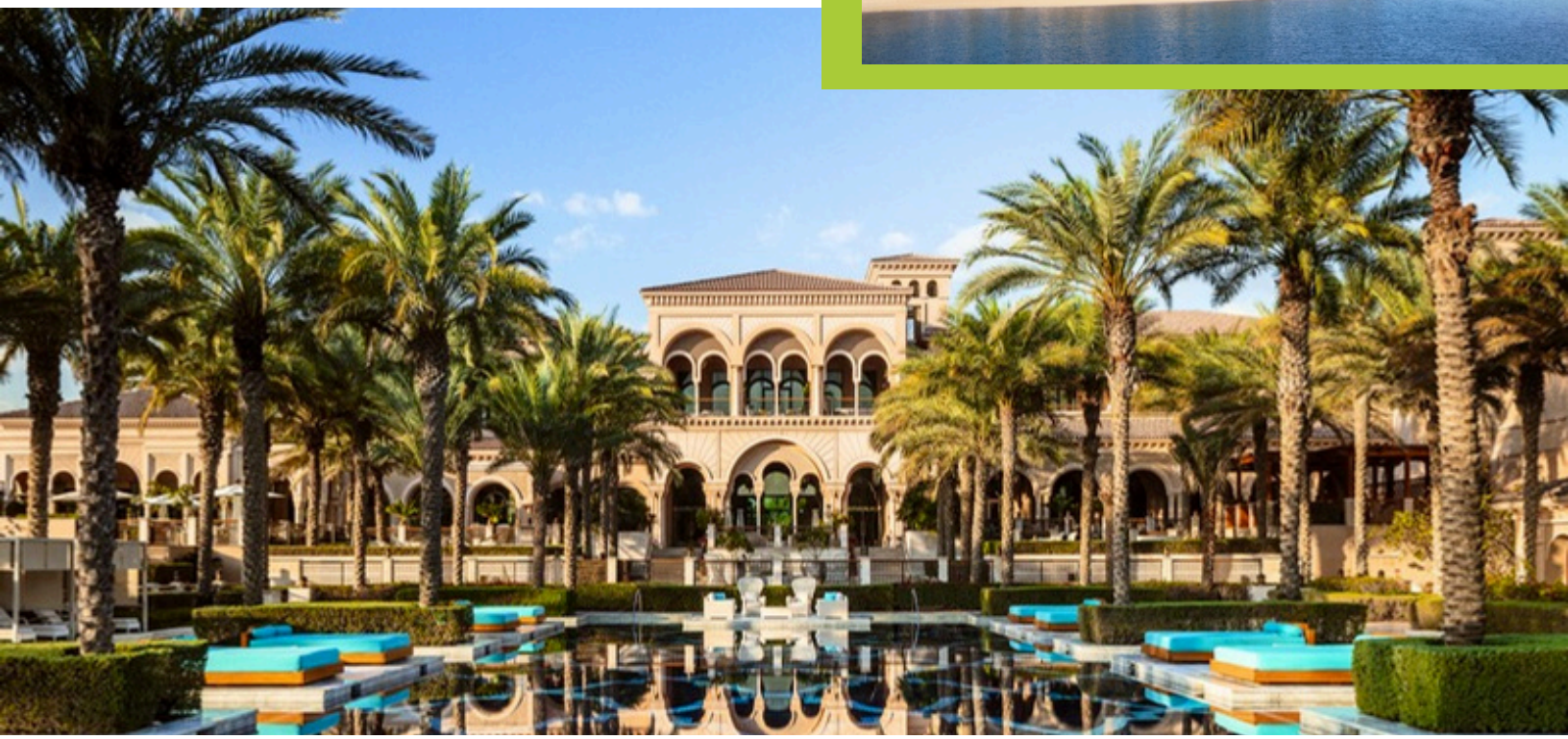

The resort's distinctive low-rise Andalusian-inspired architecture and elegantly appointed accommodations – ranging from stylish suites to private beachfront villas – create a serene provenance that contrasts with the dynamic skyline beyond.

Just a short drive from Dubai International Airport, One&Only The Palm remains an oasis of calm that anticipates each guest's desires with bespoke service and warm Arabian hospitality. Whether savouring gastronomic delights, indulging in wellness rituals at the Guerlain Spa, or basking on its private sandy beach, every moment here is designed to feel exclusive and effortless.

Palace Downtown

PALACE
DOWNTOWN

You'll find Palace Downtown overlooking a sensational, one of a kind water, music, and light spectacle - The Dubai Fountain in Downtown Dubai, which attracts thousands of visitors every day. It's minutes from Souk Al Bahar - a nostalgic retail destination marrying old Arabian architecture with modern boutiques, shops, restaurants and cafes - and the iconic Burj Khalifa.

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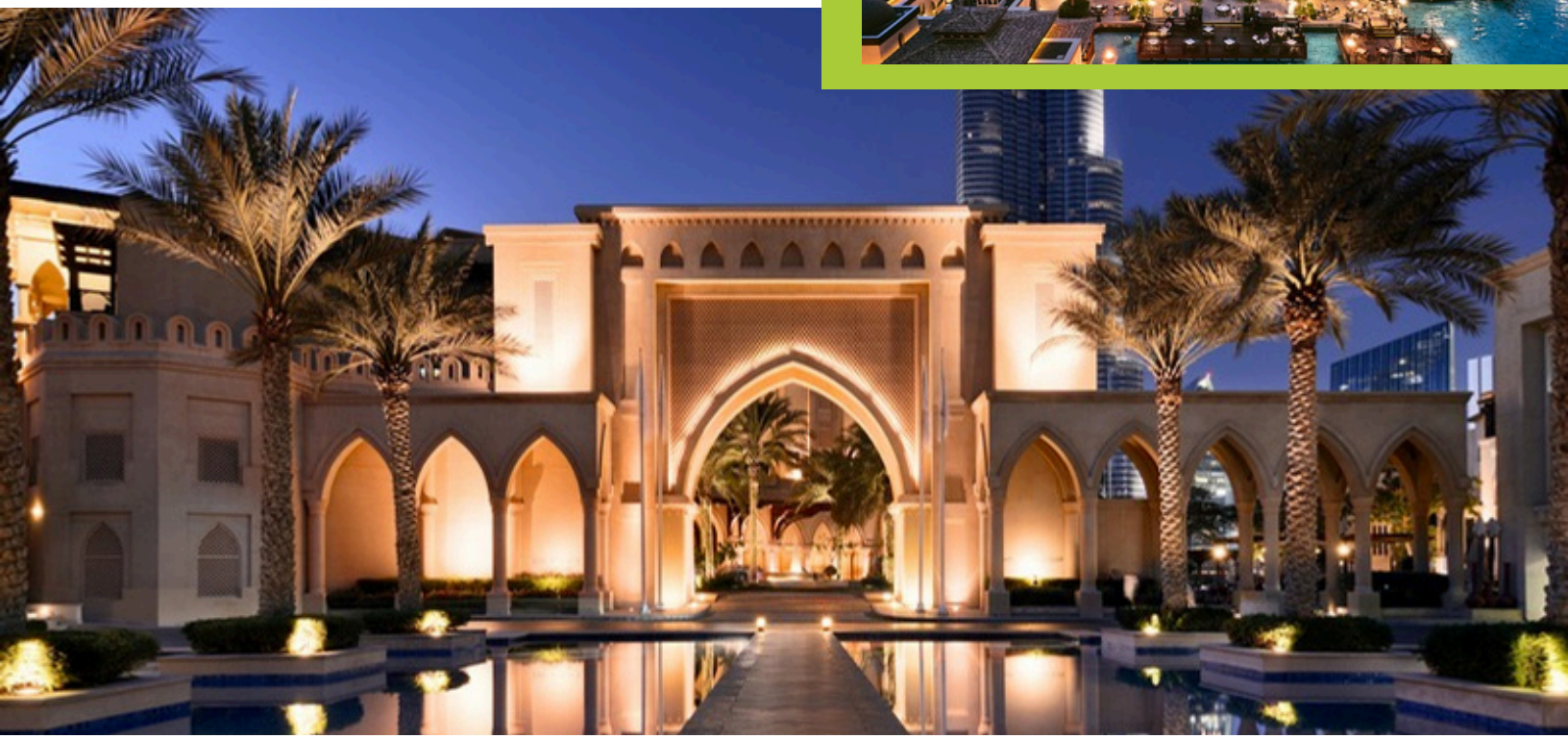

This Middle-Eastern style hotel combines the romance and charm of the traditional Arabian aesthetic with contemporary comforts. It's a sensory journey as you experience the atmosphere of its award-winning restaurants and lounges overlooking The Dubai Fountain and Burj Khalifa, or soak up the tranquility of the Arabesque spa and its traditional hammams.

Pullman Dubai Creek City Centre

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HOTELS AND RESORTS
DUBAI CREEK CITY CENTRE

“We are very proud to have received the Certified Autism Center™ designation from IBCCES. This only reiterates our belief and commitment to providing equal opportunities and fostering a culture of respect and support for all our Heartists (employees). Hiring autistic people at our hotel not only promotes an inclusive approach but also enhances our capabilities to continue to deliver exceptional service to our guests, reflective of the diverse world we live in.”

-Laura Nicli, General Manager of Pullman Dubai Creek City Centre Hotel & Residences

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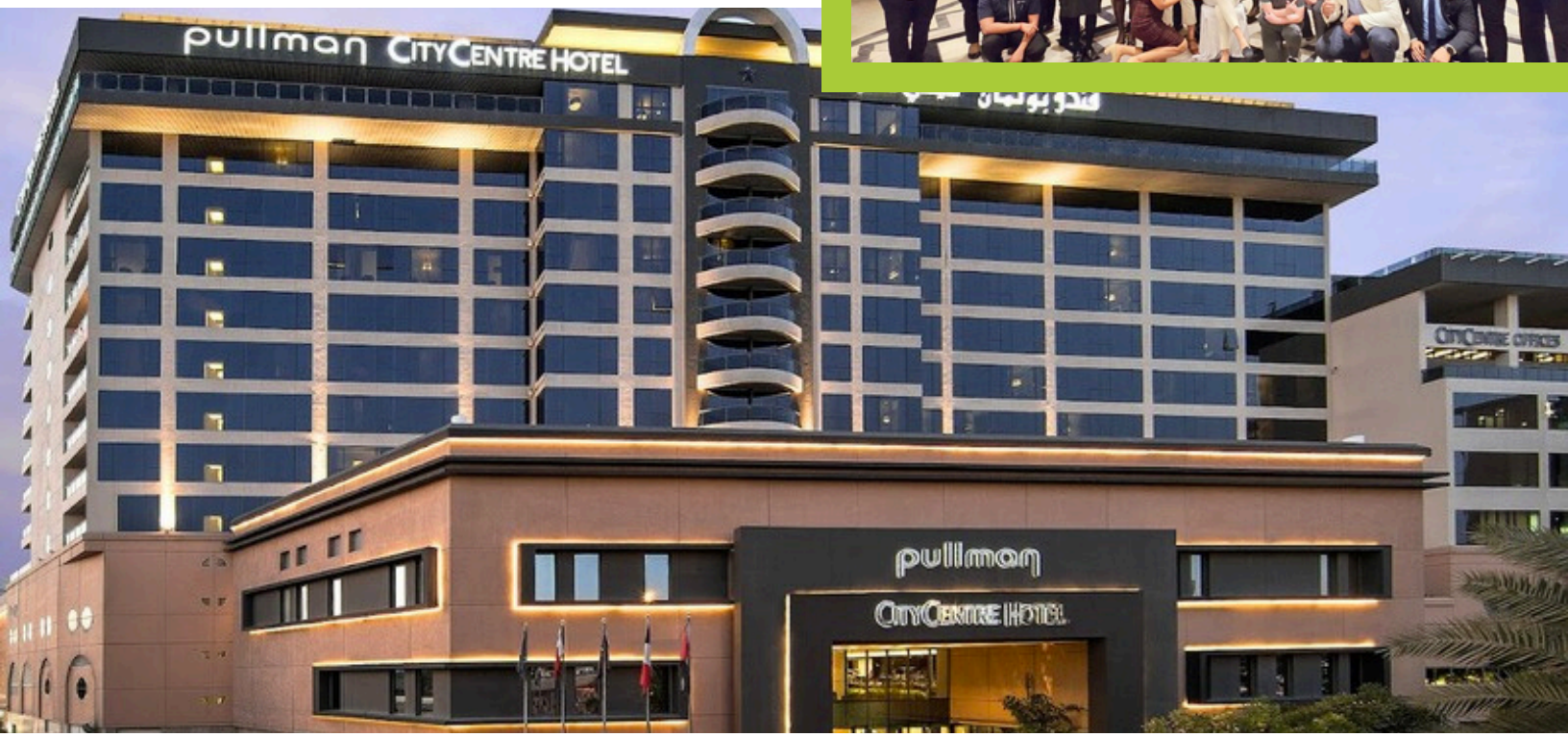

Located 10 minutes’ away from Dubai International Airport, we are a perfect base for business and leisure travelers. The hotel combines lifestyle and design, for business and leisure. Pullman Dubai Creek City Centre stands watch over the historic Dubai Creek and the rolling green fairways of Dubai Golf and Yacht Club. Its superb location close to the Dubai International Airport and City Centre Deira shopping mall lets guests capture the essence of the city, which is just one of this luxury 5-star hotel’s many assets. A few minutes away from Dubai Metro Station, it is easier to explore Dubai and visit the world’s renowned structures such as Burj Khalifa, the new Dubai Frame, Dubai Water Canal, Dubai Marina, and Palm Jumeirah to name a few. From the superior Family Room to the Grand Suite, each of the hotel’s ultra-spacious luxury rooms and suites cater to the individual needs of its guests and offer panoramic views of the creek and Dubai cityscape.

Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa

RENAISSANCE®
ESMERALDA RESORT & SPA
INDIAN WELLS

“At Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa, we believe travel has the power to spark growth, connection, and self-discovery. Achieving IBCCES certification reflects our commitment to creating an inclusive environment where individuals with autism and sensory sensitivities feel truly supported. By thoughtfully meeting their needs, we help open doors to new experiences, greater confidence, and lasting memories.”

-Tim Pyne, General Manager of
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The Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa at Indian Wells recently completed an exciting makeover of its 560 guest rooms, including 103 suite,s to create one of the most breathtaking resort locations in the Coachella Valley. With some of the largest accommodations in the greater Palm Springs area, the mid-century modern-inspired design embraces the spirit of the desert and offers spontaneous discoveries at every turn. Set on 23 acres of lush Mediterranean-inspired grounds featuring gardens, waterfalls, and surrounding lakes, the property features a sandy beach pool with oversized cabanas and plenty of space to relax and roam. For more information about Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa at Indian Wells, please visit www.renhotels.com or the resort’s social media channels @renesmeralda.

Rixos Bab Al Bahr

Discover the ultimate all-inclusive family getaway at Rixos Bab Al Bahr, nestled on the pristine shores of Ras Al Khaimah's Al Marjan Island. With 702 rooms and suites tailored for family stays, our resort is your playground with 8 swimming pools, basketball, tennis courts and an aqua park.

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Feast at any of our 16 vibrant restaurants and bars, and dive into endless activities! Kids and teens can revel in their dedicated clubs, packed with games and activities that spark joy and friendships, while parents can keep active with daily fitness classes at our exclusive sports club. As the sun sets, the resort comes alive with vibrant shows, live bands, and our resident DJ, making every evening an unforgettable event. Hosting family gatherings? Our spacious suites and family-friendly facilities ensure everyone from toddlers to grandparents has space to play, laugh, and relax together. Come and play at Rixos Bab Al Bahr, where family fun never ends, and every moment is filled with smiles and excitement! Learn more about our accessibility options at https://www.rixos.com/sites/default/files/2025-10/RBAB%20-%20IBCCES%20Sensory%20Guidelines.pdf.

Rixos Marina Abu Dhabi

Rixos Marina Abu Dhabi is a distinctive resort destination blending contemporary design with Arabian influences, offering a vibrant and comfortable stay for both couples and families. The resort features spacious one, two, three, and four-bedroom suites, along with flexible multi-board options to suit different travel needs. Guests can enjoy 24/7 dining across a variety of outlets, including international buffets and world cuisines, ensuring convenience and variety throughout their stay.

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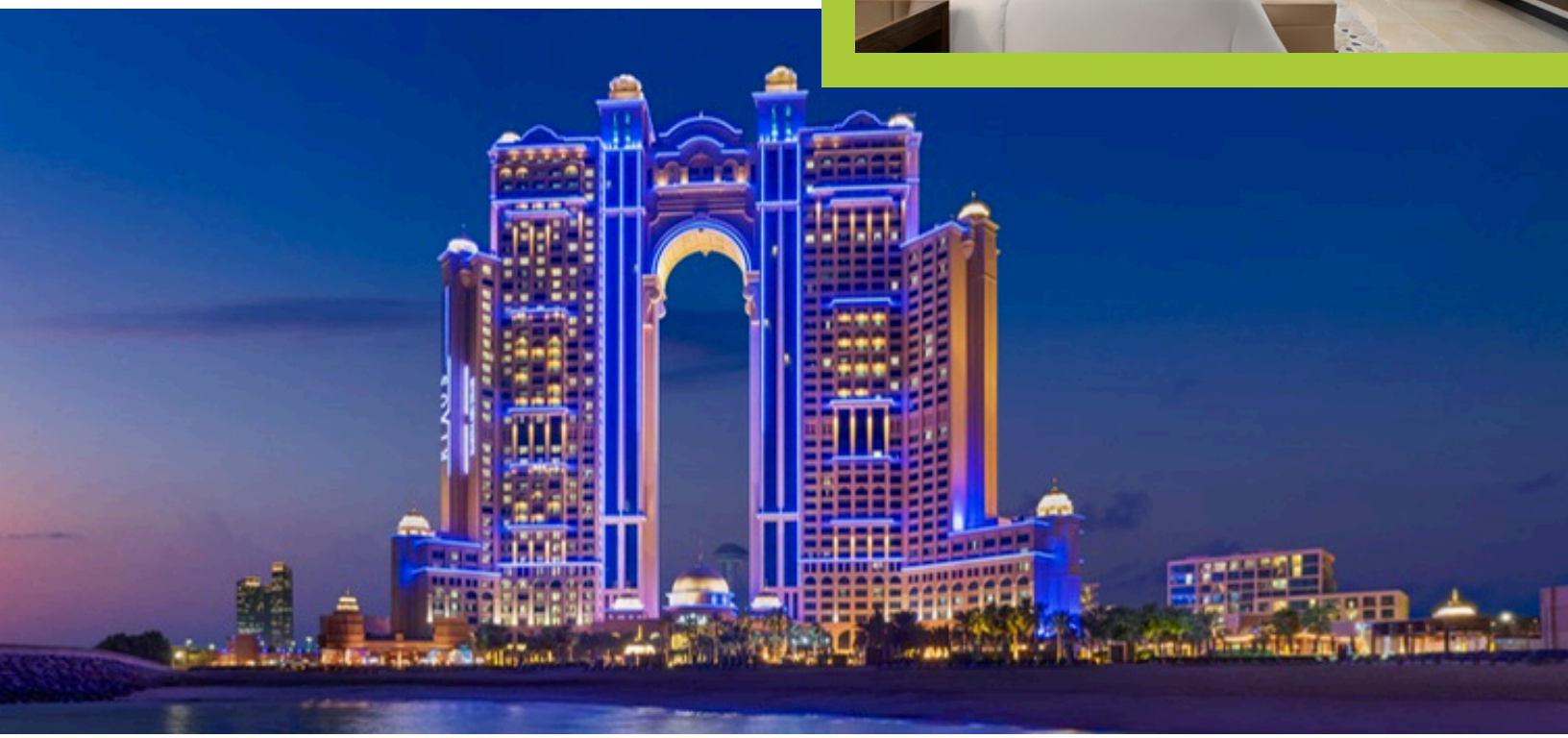

Rixos Marina Abu Dhabi stands as a landmark destination in the heart of the city, bringing together Arabic and Turkish influences across hospitality, dining, and experiences. Set along the waterfront, the resort offers uninterrupted views of the city skyline and the Arabian Gulf, complemented by its private beach and pools. With wellness and entertainment activities available around the clock for all ages, it delivers a vibrant and engaging stay that reflects the energy and diversity of Abu Dhabi.

Rixos Premium Dubai

Established in 2000, Rixos is one of the world's fastest-growing luxury hotel chains specializing in luxurious all-inclusive holidays. At the heart of every Rixos Hotel & Resort is a revitalizing wellness spa with an authentic Turkish Hammam, renowned for its unique selection of spa rituals, revolutionary entertainment program, one-of-a-kind children's edutainment program at Rixy Kids Club and action-packed challenges at Exclusive Sports Club. Each hotel offers a distinctive variety of restaurants and bars, an exciting entertainment and sports schedule, and a diverse range of lavishly appointed rooms and suites.

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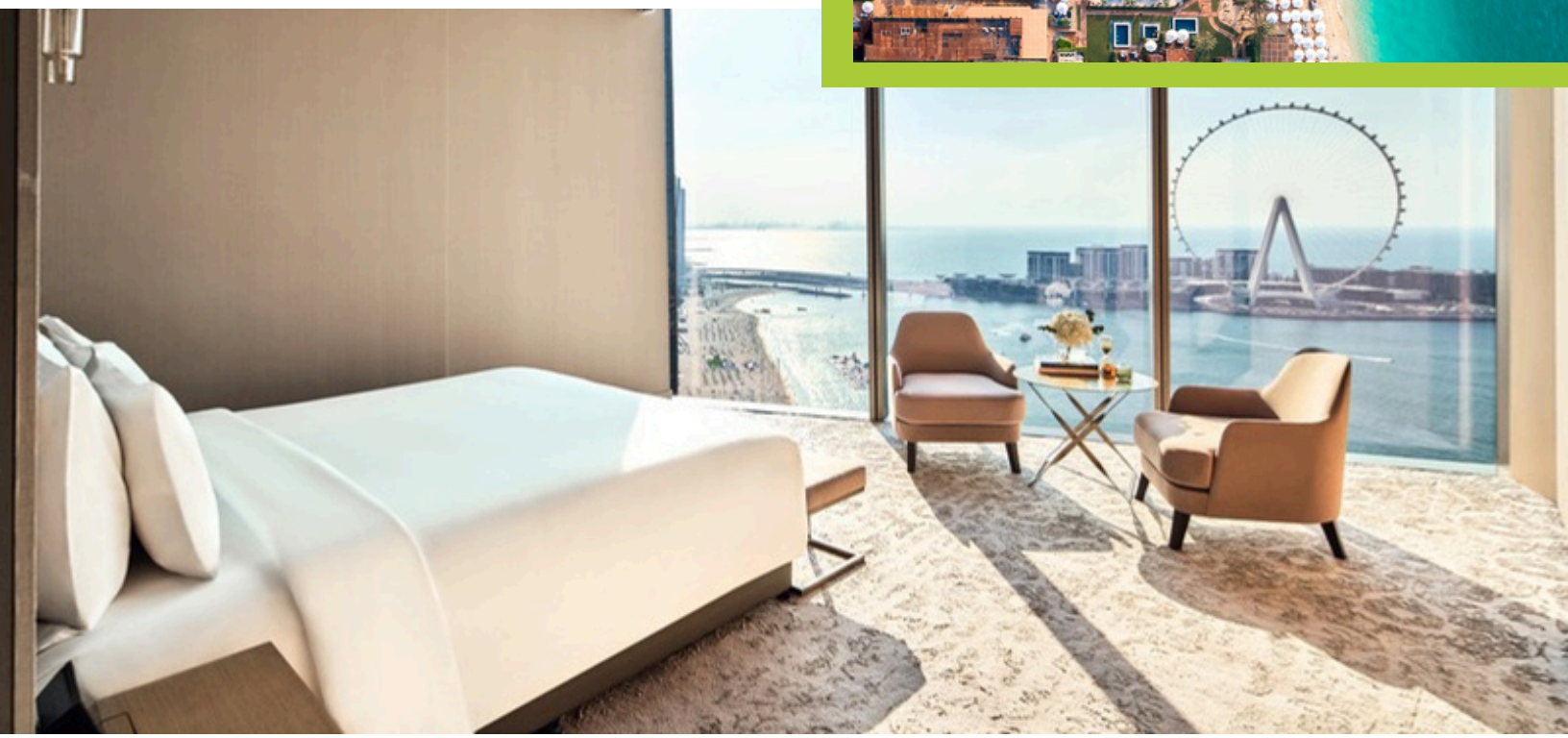

Rixos Premium Dubai is a stylish urban hotspot located in the heart of Dubai's Jumeirah Beach Residence. Experience trendy living where iconic design meets contemporary luxury, setting up the stage for exclusive and glamourous lifestyle experiences. The impeccable Crystal Tower design is an architectural landmark transforming the cityscape of JBR.

Rixos Premium Saadiyat Island

Rixos Premium Saadiyat Island is a unique all-inclusive, all-exclusive beachfront resort, beautifully situated on the pristine, sparkling white sands of Saadiyat Island, overlooking the Arabian Gulf. Rixos Premium Saadiyat Island offers an accessible beach entrance, designated parking spaces for easy access, spaciously designed accessible POD rooms, and a front-of-house team with 80% certified in specialized training.

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Boasting a private beach area, Rixos Premium Saadiyat Island is located in the Saadiyat Island district, 3.7 km from Louvre Abu Dhabi. Featuring an all-inclusive concept, guests can stay at one of the luxurious 288 rooms and 12 villas. The property offers an onsite spa, fitness center, pristine private beach, water park, or wave pool. Yas Mall is a 20-minute drive away and Abu Dhabi Mall is 7 km from Rixos Premium Saadiyat Island. Abu Dhabi International Airport is 25 km from the property. Indulge in an all-inclusive, all-exclusive experience at Rixos Premium Saadiyat Island, designed for guests to feel a new sense of freedom. Rixos Premium Saadiyat Island invites you to discover a world of possibilities with luxurious stays, culinary delights from around the globe, energetic entertainment, fun-filled activities, and an exemplary display of Turkish hospitality.

Rixos The Palm Dubai Hotel & Suites

“At Rixos The Palm Dubai Hotel & Suites, we believe in creating experiences where every guest feels truly welcomed and supported. This IBCCES certification reflects our commitment to inclusivity, ensuring our spaces are not only luxurious but also accessible and sensory-friendly for all. Our goal is to provide a comfortable and relaxing destination where individuals with unique sensory needs can relax, connect, and enjoy memorable moments together.”

-Murat Zorlu, General Manager of Rixos The Palm Dubai Hotel & Suites

Contact Info

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www.allinclusive-collection.com/en/hotel/rixos-the-palm

Situated on the iconic Palm Jumeirah’s tranquil eastern crescent, Rixos The Palm Dubai Hotel & Suites is a luxurious family-friendly 5-star destination offering its unique ‘All-Inclusive, All-Exclusive’ concept. Offering serene beachfront views of the Arabian Gulf and the Dubai skyline, this beachfront resort is renowned for its guest-centric service, ensuring that every stay is effortless and extraordinary. Located just minutes from Dubai’s top attractions, it provides the perfect blend of relaxation and adventure.

Whether for a romantic getaway, a family vacation, or a bespoke event, Rixos The Palm Dubai Hotel & Suites guarantees a stay defined by ultimate comfort, luxury, and world-class hospitality.

Rocking Horse Ranch Resort

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> **Rocking Horse Ranch has always prided itself on welcoming guests of all abilities. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is simply the next step in solidifying our commitment to providing a place for all to create memories."**

-Steve Vittoria, Director of Marketing at Rocking Horse Ranch

Rocking Horse Ranch is an all-inclusive, family-friendly, four-season resort in New York's picturesque Hudson Valley. Guests will enjoy horseback riding, indoor & outdoor pools & waterslides, tubing, boating, pony rides, rock climbing wall, as well as seasonal activities like skiing, ice skating and so much more-all included. The Ranch is family-owned and operated since 1958, with a focus on making family memories.

Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa

MARRIOTT RESORT SAWGRASS

“We are continually working to adapt ourselves, our offerings and our property to ensure inclusivity for our guests. It is our commitment at Sawgrass Marriott to create wonderful hospitality always, for all.”

-General manager, Todd Hickey

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Located in Ponte Vedra Beach, midway between St. Augustine and Jacksonville, Florida, our resort offers something for everyone. From a pristine and private beach to world class golf and spa, Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa is the perfect getaway for both business and pleasure. We offer a wide array of spacious rooms and villas with special touches and plenty of space. Families and couples can take advantage of our multiple pools, SurfStream wave pool, beach activities, spa, fitness center and 6 restaurants and lounges. Hop on our complimentary shuttle for a quick ride over to our private beach club, where you'll find stunning Ponte Vedra beach. If work brings you here, you'll be delighted with our expansive indoor and outdoor venues, as we offer over 60,000 square feet of versatile function space. Whether joining us for vacation, business, or a little of both, we look forward to welcoming you to our resort.

Sheraton Mesa Hotel at Wrigleyville West

SHERATON
Mesa Hotel
at Wrigleyville West

“There is a customer base of 32 million travelers with special needs that is under serviced and we believe it is not from a lack of caring in our community, rather it was from the lack of knowledge on how to best serve those families. That is why this initiative with Visit Mesa in partnership with IBCCES is so important. We can finally gain the knowledge from the leader in their field on how to best care for all our guests. Caring for our guests is really at the heart of what we do in our hotel and our community and that is why this is the perfect partnership for us.”

-Charles Barron, General Manager of Sheraton Mesa Hotel at Wrigleyville West

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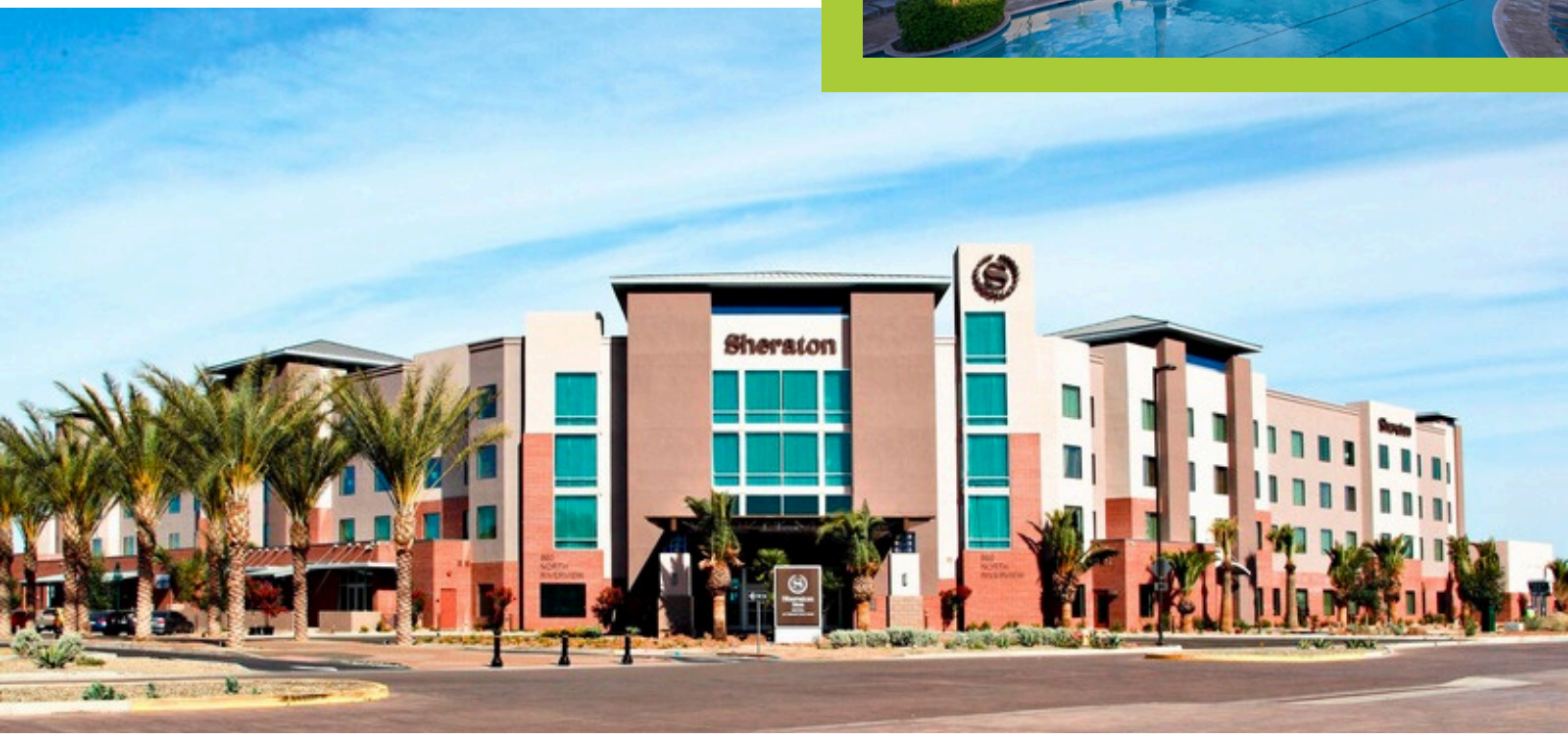

Sheraton Mesa Hotel offers an upscale, family-friendly hotel with on-site dining, resort-style pool, and flexible event venue. Sheraton Mesa Hotel at Wrigleyville West places guests near a variety of local attractions like spring training baseball games at Sloan Park, outdoor shopping and dining experiences at Mesa Riverview or Tempe Marketplace.

SIRO One Za'abeel

One&Only
ONE ZA'ABEEL

SIRO One Za'abeel is more than just a hotel; it's a destination built to unlock your full potential. This urban retreat delivers a complete experience under one roof, offering world-class fitness and recovery experiences, rooms meticulously designed to combat jet lag, personalised nutrition and bespoke modular dining crafted with your wellbeing in mind.

Stays at SIRO One Za'abeel aren't just about the stay. They connect you to a global community united by a shared commitment to live, train, recover, eat and sleep better.

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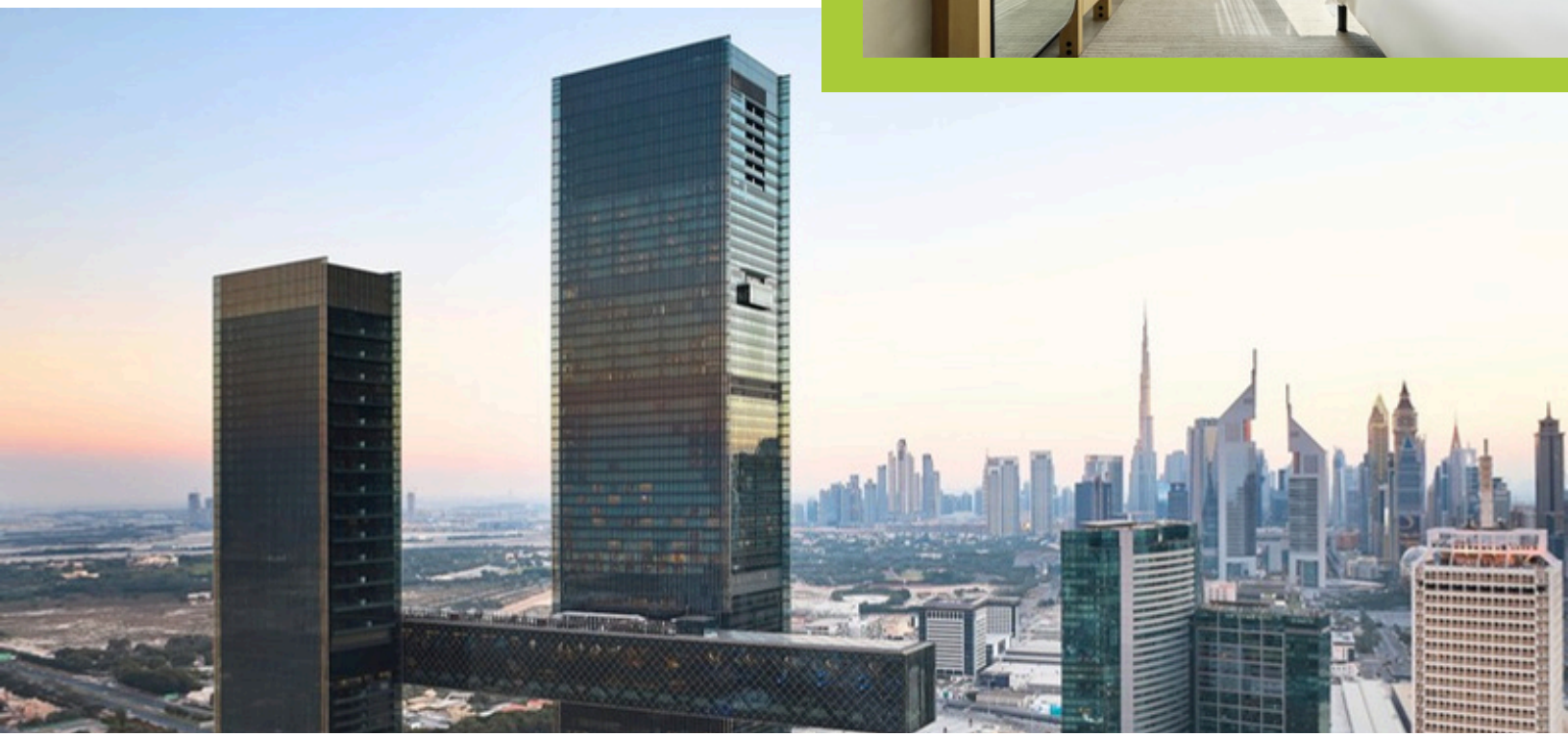

– Staff Trained in Autism Awareness: Hotel team members have received specialized training to support autistic and sensory-sensitive guests.

– Low-Sensory Room: A dedicated space for guests who may need a quieter, calming environment.

– Personalized Check-in/Check-out: Tailored to reduce stress and streamline the guest experience.

– Dining Accommodations: Early seating and accelerated service are available at hotel restaurants and through in-room dining.

Sun Siyam Iru Fushi

SUN SIYAM
IRU FUSHI
MALDIVES

Premium Island Indulgence

Where luxury island living meets the warmth of the Maldives, Sun Siyam Iru Fushi is a peaceful haven surrounded by pristine white-sand beaches. A private sanctuary for couples, honeymooners, and families, the resort invites guests to experience the magic of Maldivian charm at its highest calibre. Each villa captures the essence of island elegance — offering refined seclusion, generous space, and uninterrupted ocean views, with the overwater villas featuring private pools.

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Bespoke Stays and Thoughtful Moments
A multilingual butler service curates personalised experiences — from private dining and meaningful family touches to exquisite moments created especially for romantic getaways and honeymooners. Every detail is delivered with natural intuition and quiet discretion, for an effortlessly relaxed holiday.

24-Hour Premium All-Inclusive Dine Around
With 15 distinctive venues and curated dining experiences, Sun Siyam Iru Fushi invites guests to embark on an exquisite culinary journey — from overwater French and Italian fine dining to beachfront Maldivian seafood grills and sunset champagne tastings, all complemented by 24-Hour Premium All-Inclusive indulgence.

Family Retreats and Couple Serenity
Families delight with two kids staying and eating for free, and playing in spacious family villas paired with activities for all ages — from little explorers to adventurous teens. Couples and honeymooners are drawn to serene settings and adults-only havens, including the beach club. Each enjoys their own sense of space and seclusion, sharing the island in perfect harmony.

Siyam World Maldives

SIYAM WORLD
MALDIVES

A world beyond your wildest. Siyam World is a 5-star all-inclusive island resort in Noonu Atoll that reimagines what a Maldivian escape can be. Spread across 54 hectares of natural beauty, the resort breaks away from traditional luxury to deliver something bigger, bolder, and far more exciting. A destination where guests can truly feel free.

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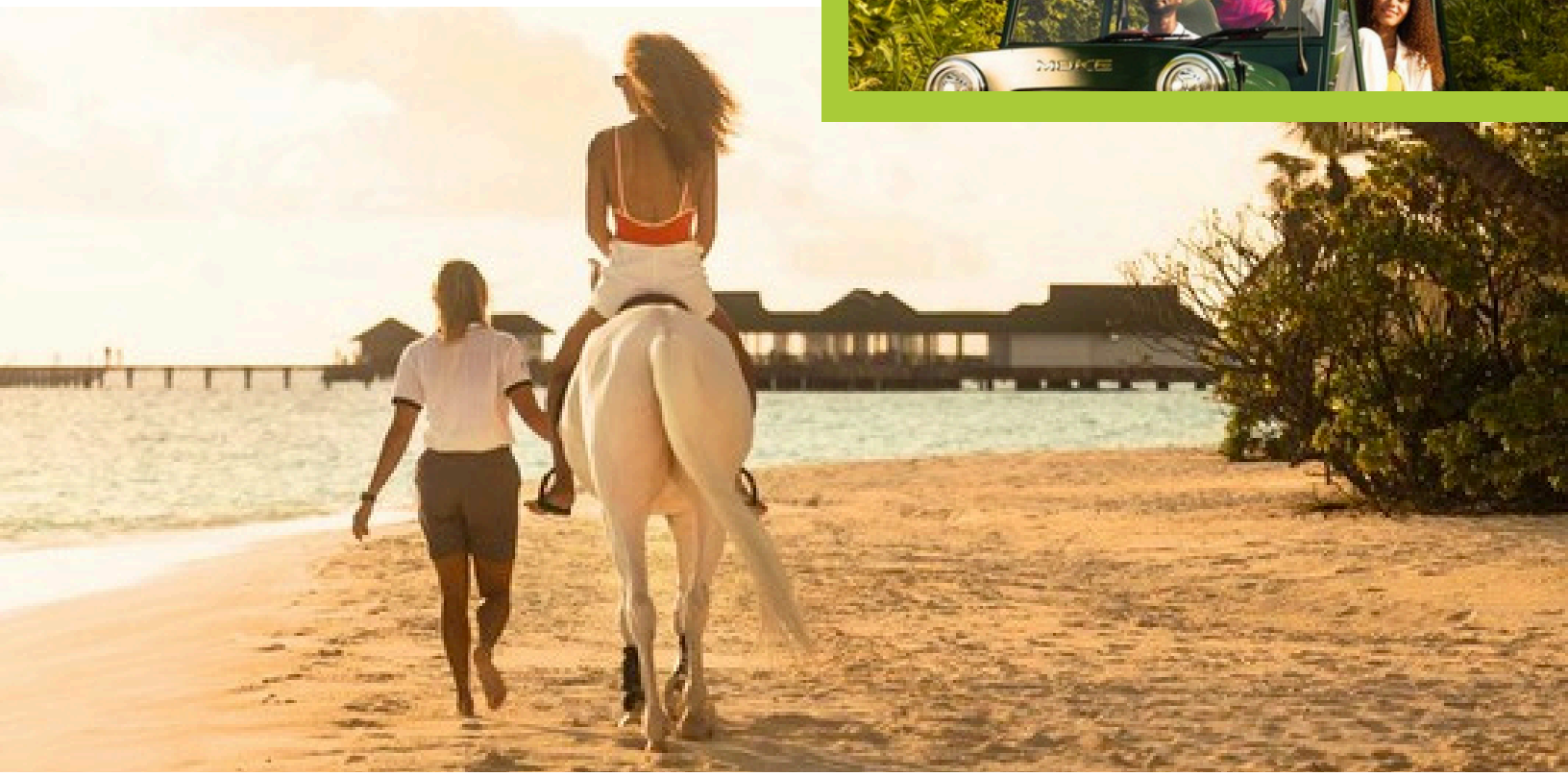

There's no place on Earth quite like it. After all, Siyam World is the Maldives' largest resort. Guests can explore an extraordinary array of accommodation options, including beach and overwater villas with private pools, slides, and amazing views. The resort also boasts the Maldives' first and biggest horse ranch, the first ever GoKart track, and the biggest floating water park in the Maldives, setting new standards in experiential luxury.

From sunrise or sunset horseback rides to dining around the world with over a dozen restaurants and bars, Siyam World offers a playground of possibilities, inviting travelers to experience the Maldives in a way that is vibrant, inclusive, and utterly unforgettable. Whether you're seeking relaxation, adventure, or a combination of both, Siyam World offers a playground of possibilities where guests are encouraged to live fully, laugh loudly, and uniquely experience the Maldives.

Studio City

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STUDIO CITY

“With Melco’s aim to promote inclusivity and accessibility for guests while ensuring positive experiences for all families and individuals, we are thrilled to collaborate with IBCCES to establish Studio City as Macau’s first Certified Autism Center™. By leveraging IBCCES’ two-decades of expertise as the industry leader in cognitive disorder training and certification, we hope to also adopt a leadership role in setting an example in Macau and the region for fellow industry stakeholders.”

-Mr. Kevin Benning, Senior Vice President, Property General Manager of Studio City

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www.studiocity-macau.com

The Hollywood-themed studio-concept resort is a thrilling cinematic inspired entertainment and leisure destination and is designed to be the most diversified entertainment offering in Macau. Situated in the heart of Cotai, Studio City provides the ultimate in sophisticated leisure entertainment, hotel, retail, dining and lifestyle experiences. Studio City's stunning Art-Deco facade features the world's highest figure-8 Ferris wheel Golden Reel gondola ride which straddles the resort's two-tower hotel at a height of some 130 meters. The integrated resort's other innovative entertainment offerings include Studio City Water Park, an all-weather, all-year-round water park that stretches from outdoor to indoor featuring a variety of exhilarating and family-friendly water rides and attractions for guests of all ages, and Super Fun Zone, a 29,600 square foot venue offering five themed zones laid across four levels. Open to visitors of all ages, the experience will be the best and most exciting playground for families and children.

Sugar Beach Resort

“At Sugar Beach Resort, we believe every guest deserves to feel welcomed, understood, and valued. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is an important step toward ensuring that our resorts are inclusive and supportive environments for all families, including autistic or sensory-sensitive individuals. We’re proud of our team for completing the training and for embracing our mission of hospitality with empathy.”

-Heather Gates, Director of Hotel Operations at Grand Beach and Sugar Beach Resorts

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Sugar Beach Resort is a beachfront hotel located in Traverse City, Michigan, offering private beach access, family-friendly suites, and convenient amenities like an indoor pool and complimentary breakfast. With a relaxed, welcoming vibe, Sugar Beach is committed to providing an inclusive and memorable stay for all guests.

The H Dubai

“We are proud to share that The H Dubai Hotel is the first in Dubai to be recognized as a Certified Autism Centre. This important milestone reflects our ongoing commitment to inclusivity and ensuring a welcoming, supportive environment for all our guests. It is a testament to the dedication of our team and our continuous efforts to enhance guest experiences in meaningful ways.”

-Yassin Mahmoud, General Manager of The H Dubai

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Located conveniently at No.1, Sheikh Zayed Road, The H Dubai, is just a short distance from the city’s main attractions and business districts, including Burj Khalifa, Dubai Mall, Museum of the Future, Dubai Frame, World Trade Centre, and Financial Centre. Renowned for its eclectic and vibrant selection of dining and nightlife experiences, the award-winning Mandara Spa, a world class collection of 236 rooms and suites and a dynamic events center – it’s truly a destination of life and style.

The Heritage Hotel, Autograph Collection

AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION® HOTELS

Nestled in the heart of Downtown Dubai, The Heritage Hotel, Autograph Collection stands as a beacon of modern design fused with Arabian charm. A luxury hotel in Dubai offering engaging service with authentic and warm Arabic hospitality.

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www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/dxbdz-the-heritage-hotel-autograph-collection/overview

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The Heritage Hotel, Autograph Collection features a seamless blend of modern amenities and traditional design that infuses every corner, creating an ambiance that combines comfort and style. The hotel has 197 rooms and suites, with inspiring views of Burj Khalifa and the city. Dining here is an experience to savor, a culinary journey through the region's diverse flavors. The renowned patio, set in the heart of The Heritage Hotel, Autograph Collection, is a social haven providing a relaxing setting to indulge in meals al fresco. A fully equipped gym and outdoor swimming pool provide guests with a holistic experience to unwind and revitalize their senses. Moreover, the hotel's prime location is within easy reach of Dubai's iconic landmarks, world-class shopping destinations, and cultural attractions, making it one of the top hotels near Burj Khalifa.

The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage

THE RITZ-CARLTON
RANCHO MIRAGE

“At The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage, we are deeply committed to creating meaningful and inclusive experiences for every guest. Partnering with IBCCES to become a Certified Autism Center™ reflects that commitment in action. This certification empowers our Ladies and Gentlemen with the knowledge and tools to better understand and serve individuals with sensory sensitivities while embracing neurodiversity. It's not just a designation — it's a reflection of our values and our dedication to thoughtful, personalized hospitality for all."

-Sheila Buciuman, General manager of The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage

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Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

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The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage is a luxury desert retreat perched over the Palm Springs valley. The 260-room resort offers the perfect blend of mid-century touches with the subtle, muted tones of the surrounding desert environment. The resort captures the spirit of the area in everything from its design to special guest programs and amenities. Included in the resort are two pools, a Ritz Kids program, organized outdoor recreation programming and the 28,000 square foot Ritz-Carlton Spa and fitness center with 15 treatment rooms and a Spa Boutique. The resort also offers two signature dining experiences including The Edge Steakhouse and State Fare Bar & Kitchen. The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage also offers more than 30,000 square feet of outdoor and indoor function space.

Tumbi Hotel Dubai, The Palm

“At Tumbi Hotel Dubai, The Palm, hospitality means more than service, it means understanding, inclusion, and genuine care. Our collaboration with IBCCES and our journey to becoming a Certified Autism Center™ reflects our commitment to creating a welcoming environment for guests with autism and sensory-sensitive individuals. This certification empowers our team with the knowledge and confidence to anticipate diverse needs, deliver thoughtful experiences, and ensure every guest feels comfortable, respected, and valued. Inclusion is not an option for us; it is a responsibility and a core part of who we are as a hospitality brand.”

-Mr. Babar Khanyari

Contact Info

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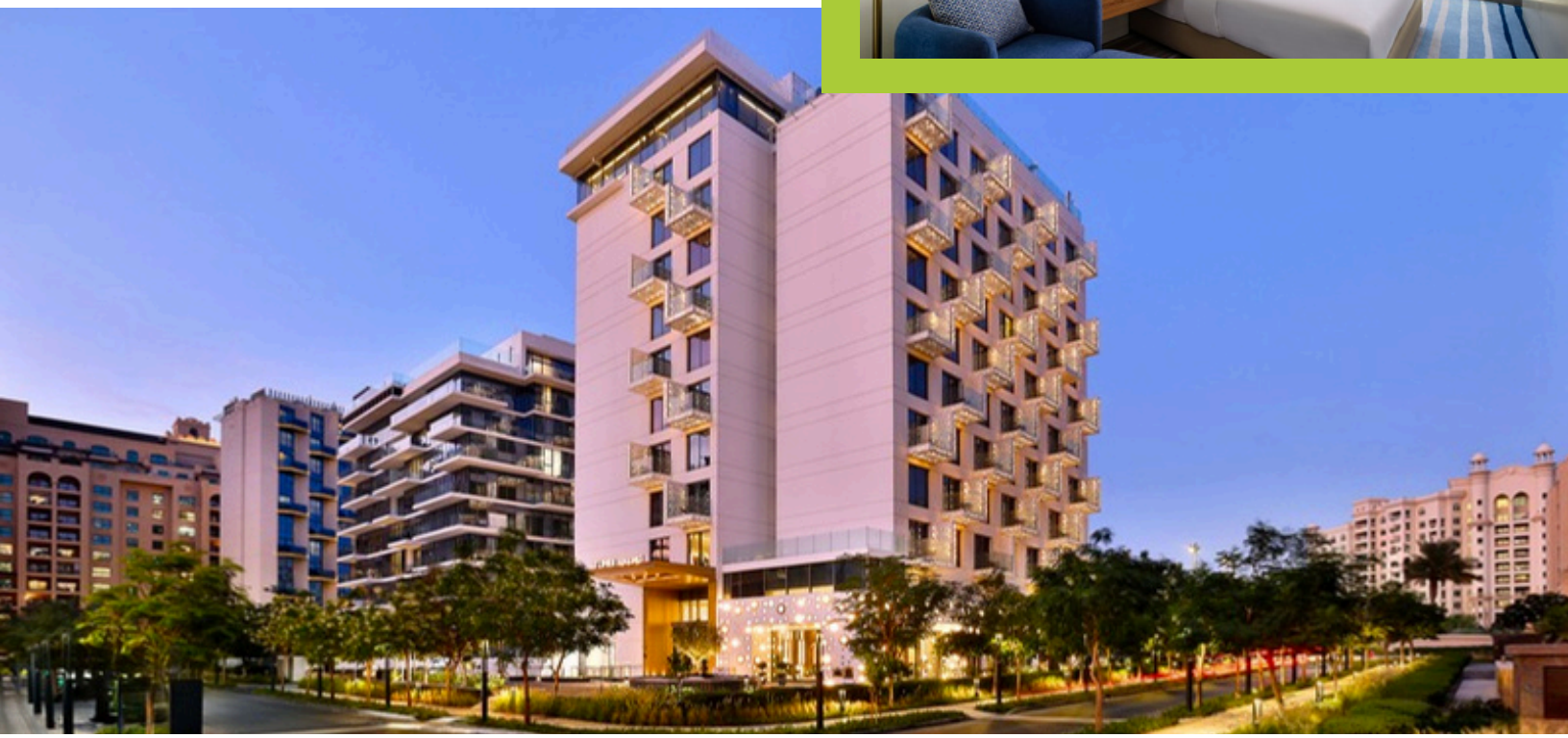

Tumbi Hotel Dubai The Palm is a lifestyle hotel located on Palm West Beach, offering guests a relaxed yet refined coastal experience. Designed for modern travelers, Tumbi combines comfort, convenience, and thoughtful hospitality in a vibrant destination close to the sea.

At Tumbi Hotels, we take pride in delivering warm, attentive service, smart design, and meaningful guest experiences inspired by our surroundings. Whether visiting for a short escape or an extended stay, Tumbi Hotel Dubai The Palm invites guests to unwind, recharge, and enjoy the Palm lifestyle in a serene and welcoming setting.

Vida Creek Beach

VIDA
CREEK BEACH

Experience Vida Creek Beach, the ultimate oasis of calm in Dubai Creek Harbour. This boutique hotel features a scenic man-made lagoon and seamlessly blends modern design with artistic charm. Complete with gorgeous creek views, cozy eateries, and top-notch business facilities, it's a place to live it up or lay low.

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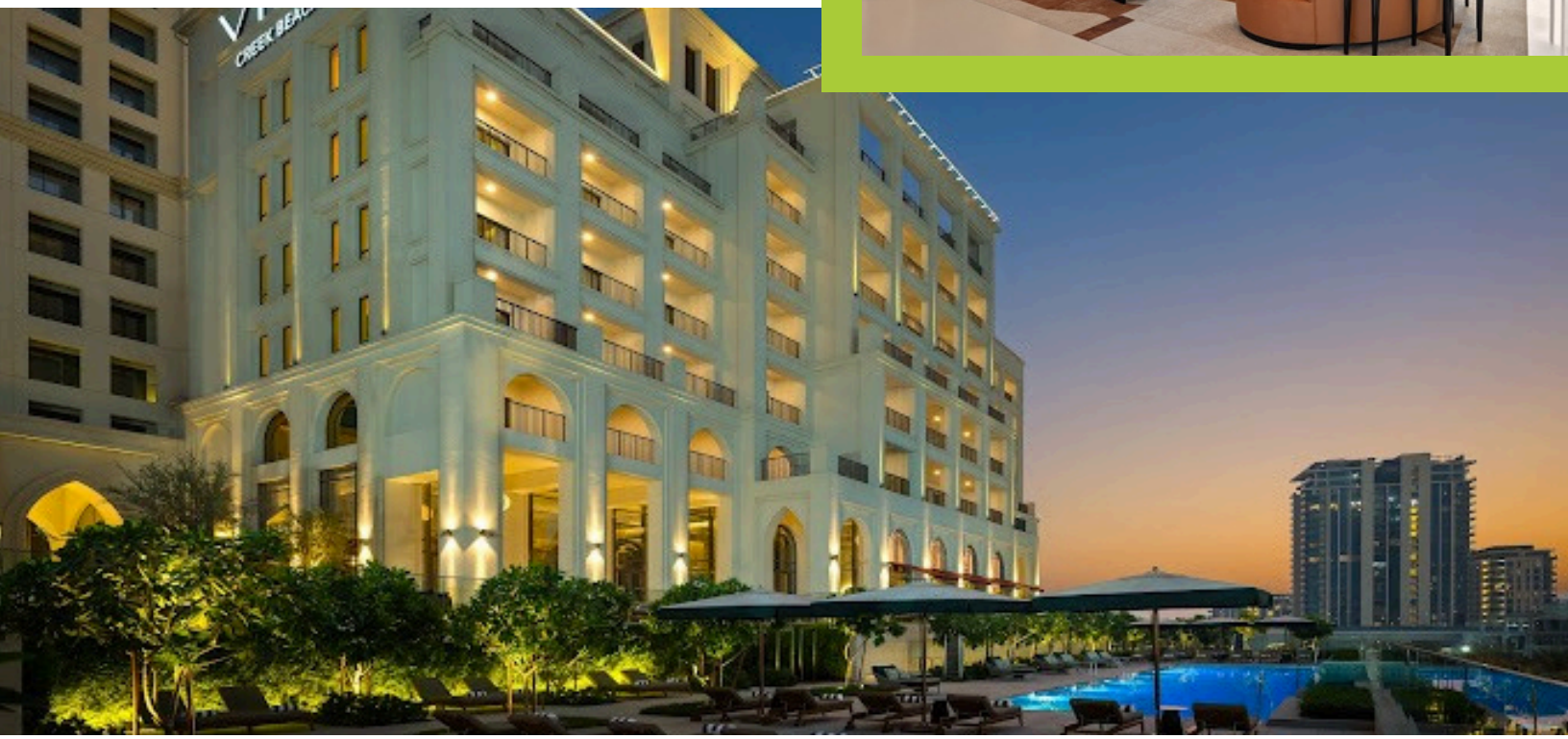

Are you searching for a glamorous and tranquil getaway in Dubai? Look no further than Dubai Creek Harbour hotels. With epic waterfront views and a picture-perfect Dubai skyline, our hotels provide the ideal backdrop for your Instagram-worthy moments. But the excitement doesn't stop there. Discover a world of amenities, including infinity pool and tantalizing dining options that will satisfy your every craving. With convenient access to nearby attractions, you'll embark on unforgettable adventures while experiencing the epitome of Dubai's lifestyle. It's time to pack your bags and immerse yourself in style and sophistication at one of the extraordinary hotels in Dubai Creek Harbour.

Vida Creek Harbour

VIDA
CREEK HARBOUR

Experience coastal chic living at Vida Creek Harbour, a sleek hotel in Dubai Creek Harbour. Stroll or cycle around the marina, explore trendy waterfront dining, and bring your furry friend along to enjoy spectacular sunsets painted over the Dubai skyline.

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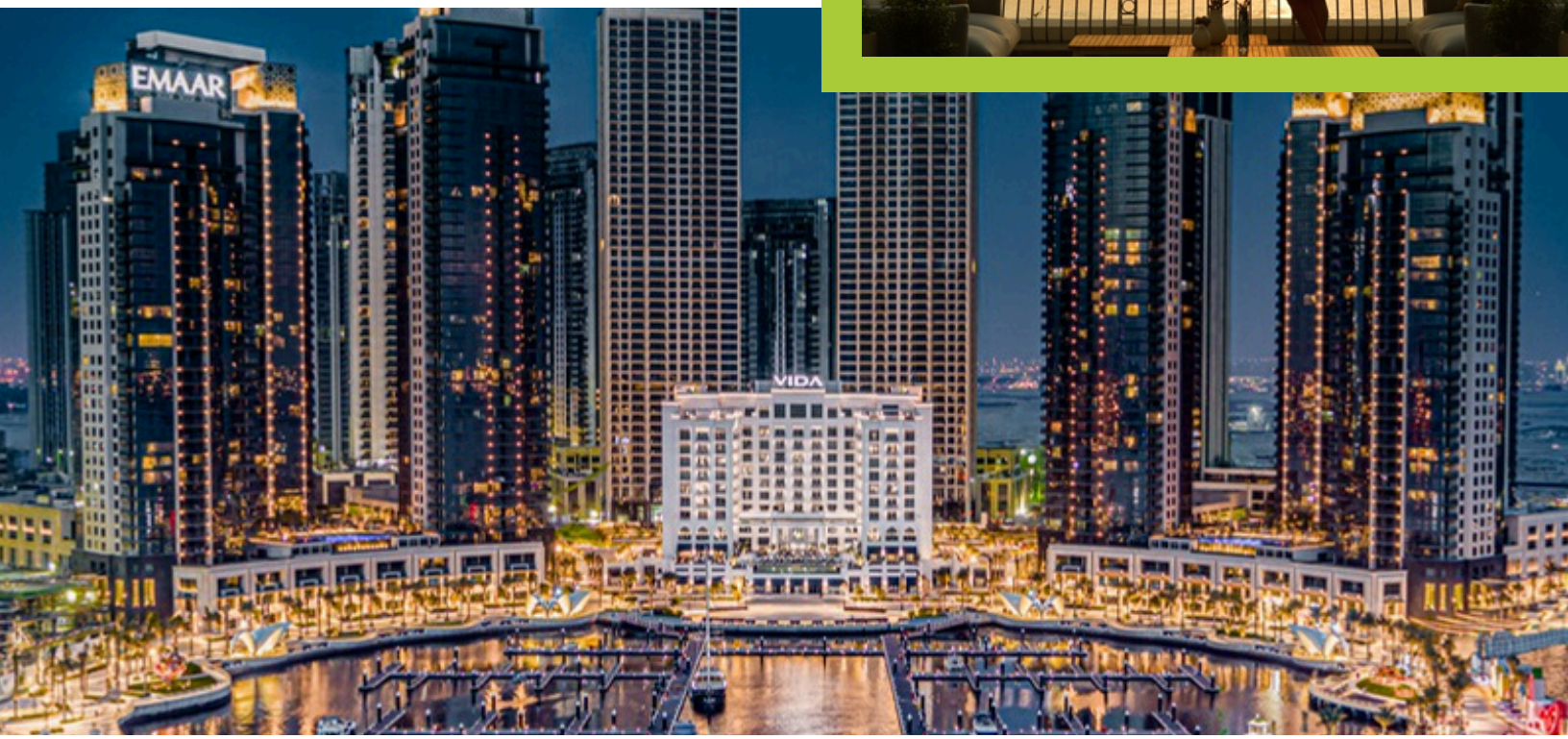

Vida Creek Harbour is a vibrant haven within the stunning and iconic Dubai Creek Harbour master development. This new complex is just a 10-minute drive from Downtown Dubai and boasts spectacular views of the city's skyline, as well as the Creek Marina.

The hotel is just a 20-minute drive from Dubai International Airport. From top-class restaurants to the cutting-edge gym and an infinity pool, there are many ways to be captivated by the Vida charm. Explore the vibrant attractions of Creek Marina while you relax, work, or simply disconnect in our exclusive waterfront lifestyle hub. With state-of-the-art wellness facilities including extras such as sustainable bikes available to borrow and bespoke art installations bringing out the local talent, every stay will be one to remember.

Vida Dubai Marina & Yacht Club

VIDA
DUBAI MARINA
& YACHT CLUB

Situated at the heart of Dubai Marina, along the idyllic waterfront promenade, Vida Dubai Marina & Yacht Club is at the center of the city's very best experiences, from yacht adventures and pool views to culinary experiences and amazing nightlife.

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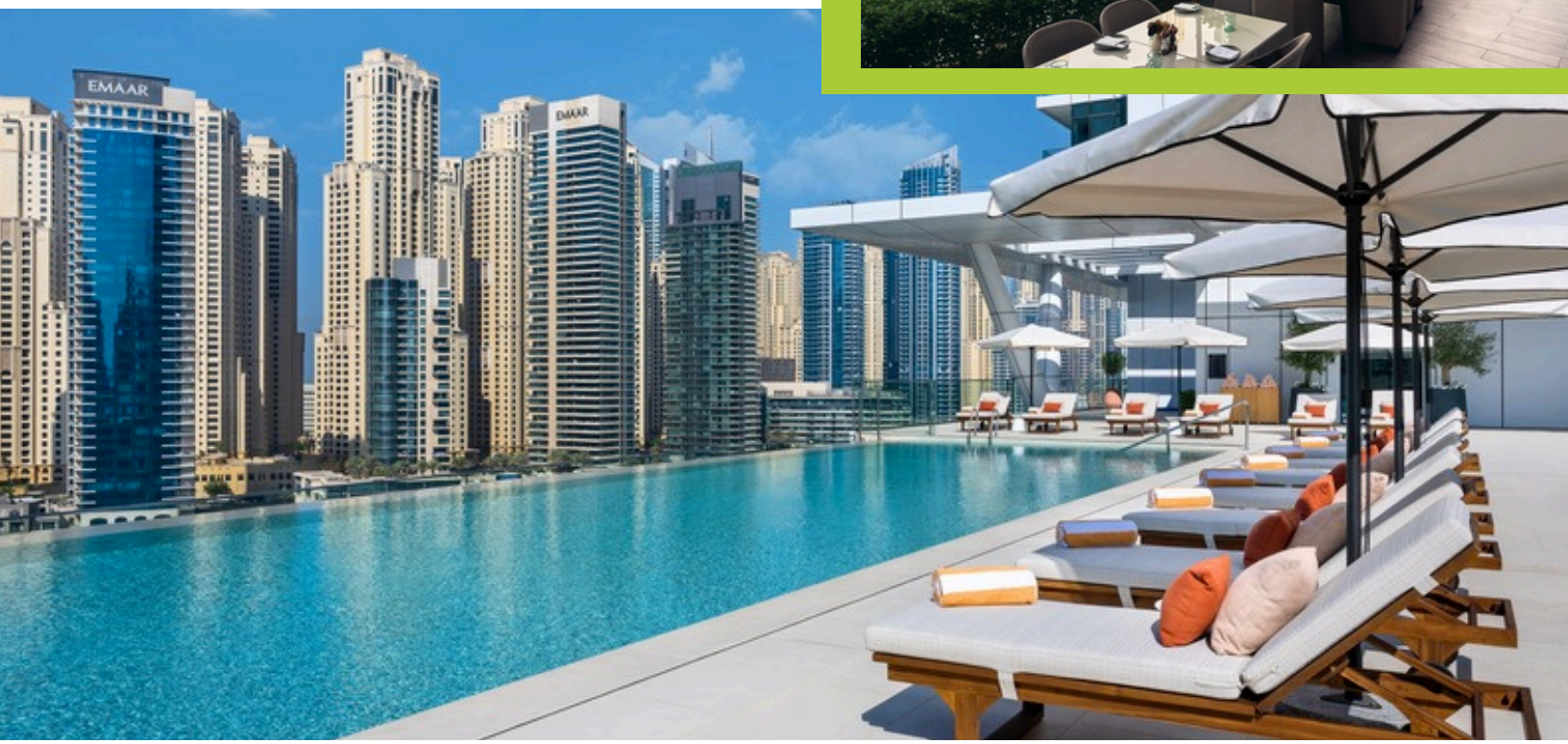

Vida Dubai Marina & Yacht Club's ideal location in one of the city's most iconic neighborhoods means everything you need is within easy reach, including Dubai Marina Mall, Marina promenade, beaches, and much more.

The perfect place to relax, recharge, connect, converse, create, and engage, Vida Dubai Marina & Yacht Club offers a wide array of creative spaces and exceptional amenities. With state-of-the-art business facilities, social dining options, bespoke wellness experiences, and much more, it's the launchpad for your next urban adventure.

Vida Dubai Mall

Vida Dubai Mall is committed to providing an inclusive and comfortable experience for all guests, including those with autism and other accessibility needs. Our hotel staff is certified in Inclusive Service, Autism & Sensory Awareness, and Digital Accessibility to ensure a welcoming environment.

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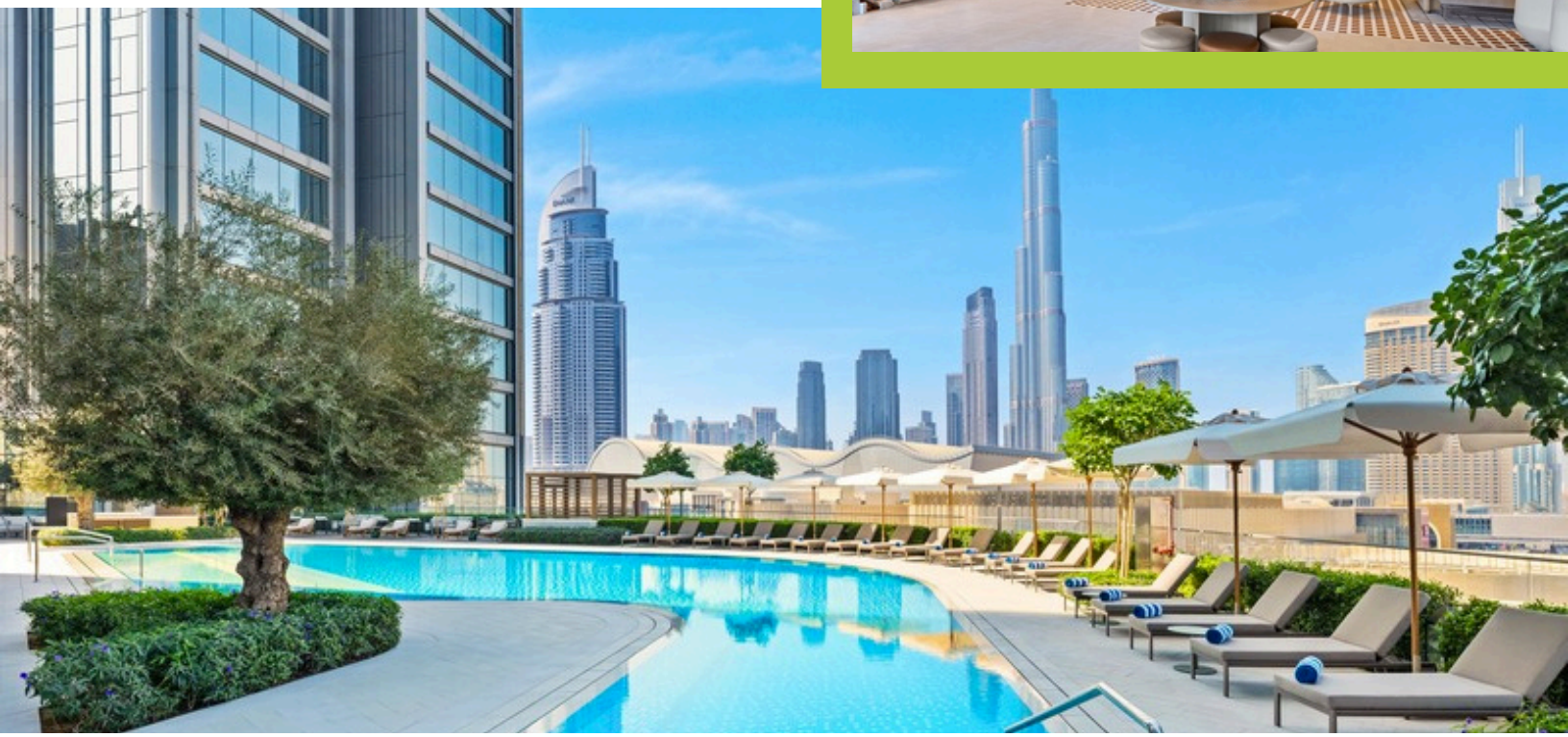

For added convenience, we offer wheelchairs upon request and have six fully accessible rooms, each equipped with the necessary amenities to support a comfortable stay. In partnership with First Response, Vida Dubai Mall also offers on-call services, including Doctor on Call, Physio on Call, Wellness at Home, and Homecare Nursing, ensuring guests receive exceptional care whenever needed.

Vida Emirates Hills

Vida Emirates Hills is situated in the tranquil and leafy Emirates Hills neighbourhood. It's perfectly positioned next to a golf course within the city.

Vida Emirates Hills brings together conceptual dining with social, creative co-working spaces, bespoke wellness facilities, art installations, and so much more.

Contact Info

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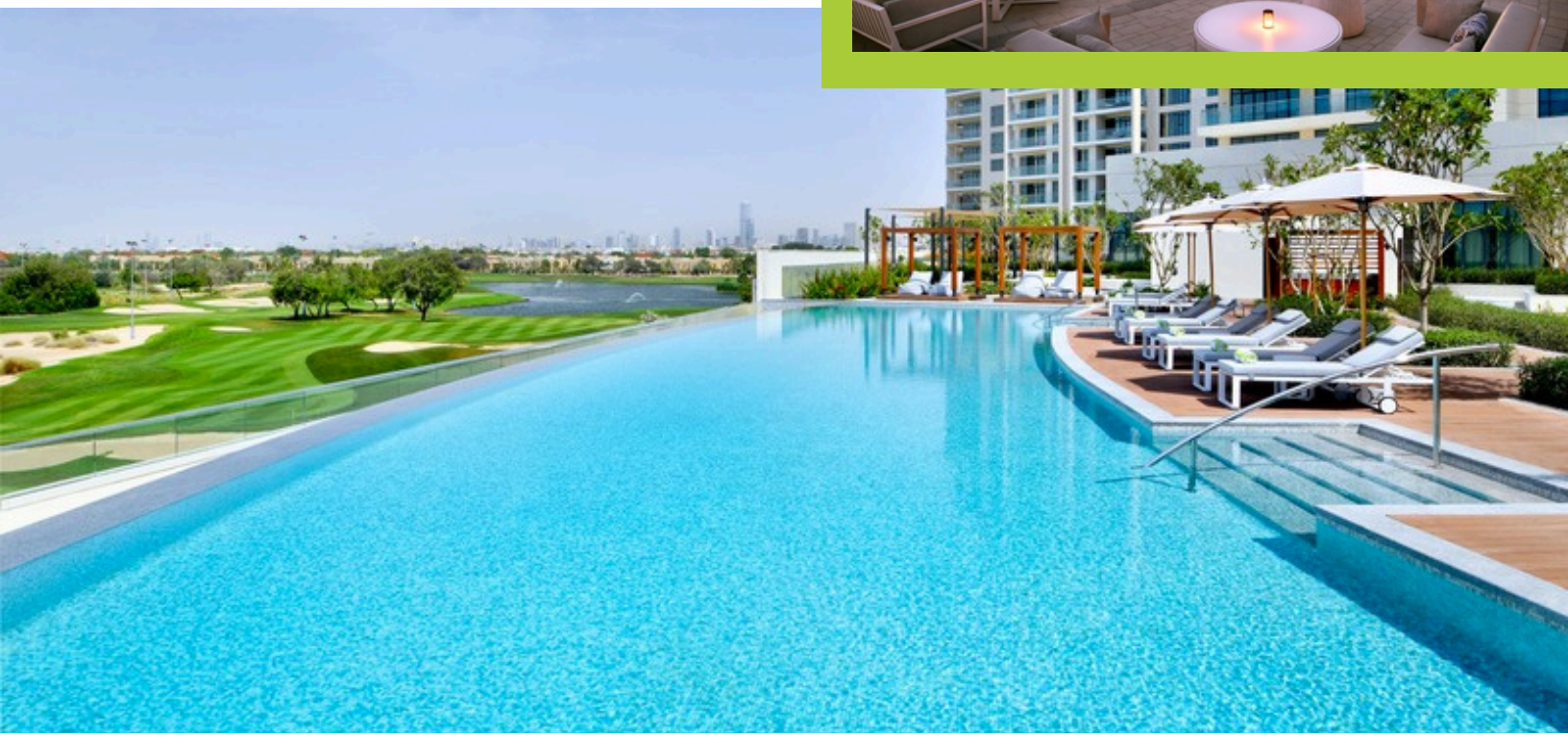

An understated haven for discerning travelers, it's close enough to Dubai to make it the perfect base for exploring all the city has to offer and yet far enough away to be a much-needed escape from its hustle and bustle.

Take time out, be inspired or connect and create in our exclusive Emirates Hills lifestyle hub.

Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center

“Working with IBCCES, a global leader in online training and certification programs, has given our team the tools and knowledge to provide better service and experiences to all our visitors. We are excited to be a part of the Visalia movement to become a more inclusive destination for autistic individuals and their families.”

-Carrie Groover, General Manager

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www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/vismc-visalia-marriott-at-the-convention-center

Our hotel boasts an unbeatable location in downtown Visalia, steps from restaurants, breweries, children’s activities, and Kaweah Delta Hospital. Discover Visalia and the surrounding cities of Tulare, Exeter, and Fresno, as well as Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyons National Park, all within easy reach.

Waldorf Astoria Dubai International Financial Centre

WALDORF ASTORIA
DUBAI INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE

“We are grateful for the opportunity to work with IBCCES as we take this step of becoming a Certified Autism Center™. This initiative reflects our commitment to creating an environment where all guests feel welcome and supported, including those with hidden disabilities. It aligns with our purpose and values, and we are proud to take action that helps make hospitality more inclusive.”

-Georges Al Asmar, General Manager of Waldorf Astoria Dubai International Financial Centre

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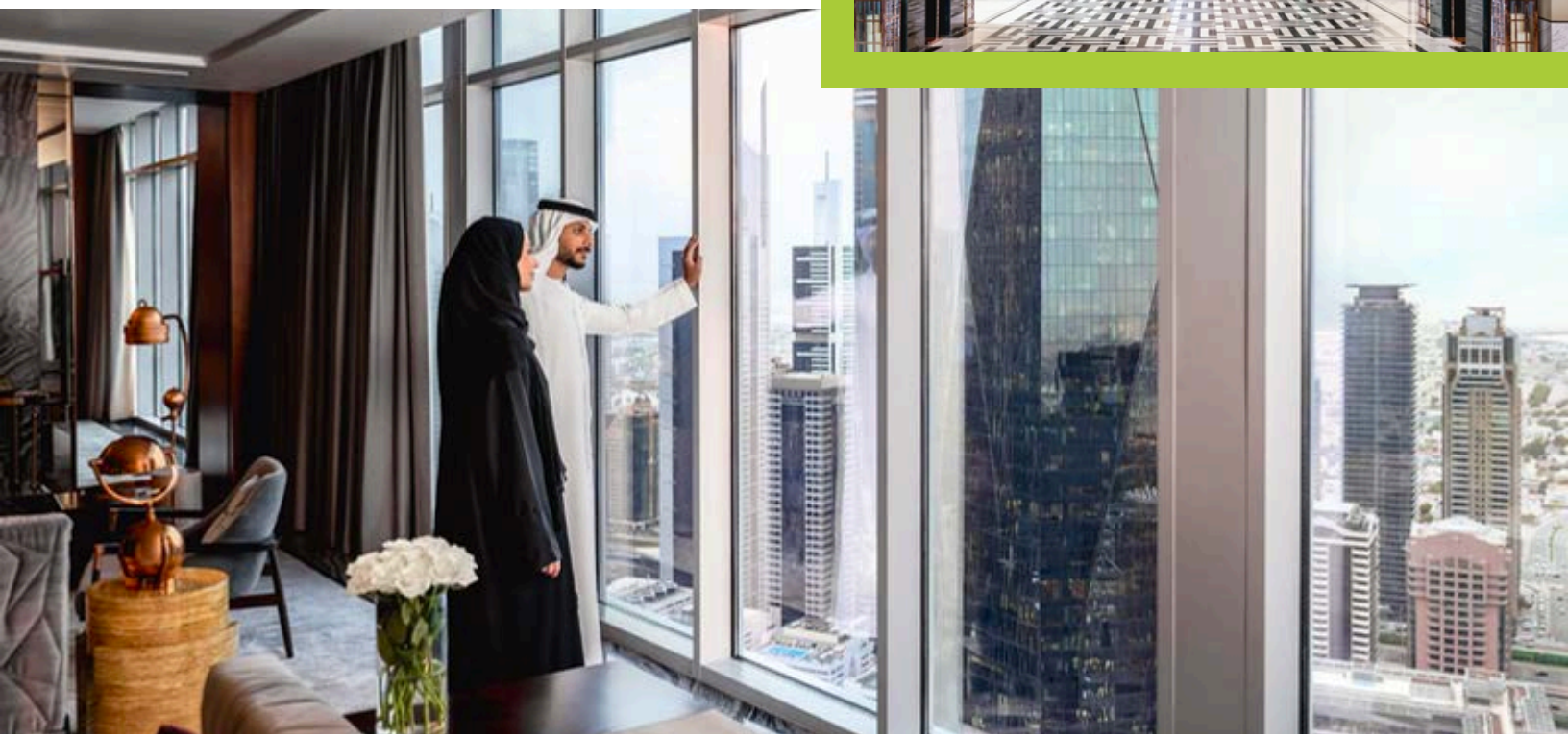

Waldorf Astoria Dubai International Financial Centre is a luxury hotel in the heart of Dubai’s business district. Seamlessly blending timeless elegance with modern sophistication, the hotel offers exceptional service, fine dining, and thoughtfully designed accommodations. Committed to excellence and inclusion, Waldorf Astoria DIFC continues to enhance the guest experience by embracing accessibility initiatives and delivering personalized service for all.

Wyndham Visalia

“At Wyndham Visalia, we take pride in being part of an inclusive community. Renewing our Certified Autism Center™ designation reinforces our commitment to providing a welcoming and supportive environment for every guest. This certification ensures our team continues to receive the training and resources needed to understand and meet the needs of all travelers.”

-Christina Da Silva, General Manager of Wyndham Visalia

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Wyndham Visalia is a Certified Autism Center™ and full-service hotel located between Fresno and Bakersfield, near Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. The hotel features 256 guest rooms, over 22,000 square feet of meeting and event space, a full-service restaurant and lounge, indoor and outdoor pools. Wyndham Visalia is a preferred choice for business travelers, conferences, and social events in California’s Central Valley. The hotel is adjacent to Plaza Park.

ADVANCED CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER™

Beaches Negril

Contact Info

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Negril, Jamaica

888-232-2437

www.beaches.com/resorts/negril

> **“The resort itself was beautiful and relaxing. The food was wonderful, and the staff was excellent...but the AMAZING part for my family was the available childcare. We are parents of two children with autism and have never been able to enjoy a vacation ourselves...we were overjoyed to have a family vacation for the first time! “**

- Guest review on Yelp.com

Get ready for the ultimate Caribbean getaway at Beaches Negril, where luxury meets laid-back island vibes in a resort designed for every family. Nestled along Jamaica’s famous Seven Mile Beach, this stunning retreat offers crystal-clear waters, powdery white sands, and an atmosphere of pure relaxation. At Beaches Negril, every detail is designed with you in mind. Whether you’re seeking adventure or serenity, there’s something for everyone—from pickleball and windsurfing to simply unwinding under the Caribbean sun. Here, the carefree spirit of Jamaica is all about spending quality time with those you love. As an autism-friendly resort, Beaches Negril is committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and sensory-friendly environment for all families. With certified, specially trained staff—affectionately known as Beaches Buddies—available throughout your stay, parents can enjoy peace of mind knowing their children are in caring, expert hands. To ensure comfort for every guest, the resort features sensory-friendly areas designed as calming retreats for children and families, a dedicated culinary concierge to accommodate dietary needs and preferences, and inclusive activities that allow everyone to enjoy the beauty of Jamaica. At Beaches Negril, your slice of paradise awaits—where every family can relax, explore, and create unforgettable memories together.

Beaches Turks and Caicos

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TKCA 1ZZ, Turks & Caicos Islands

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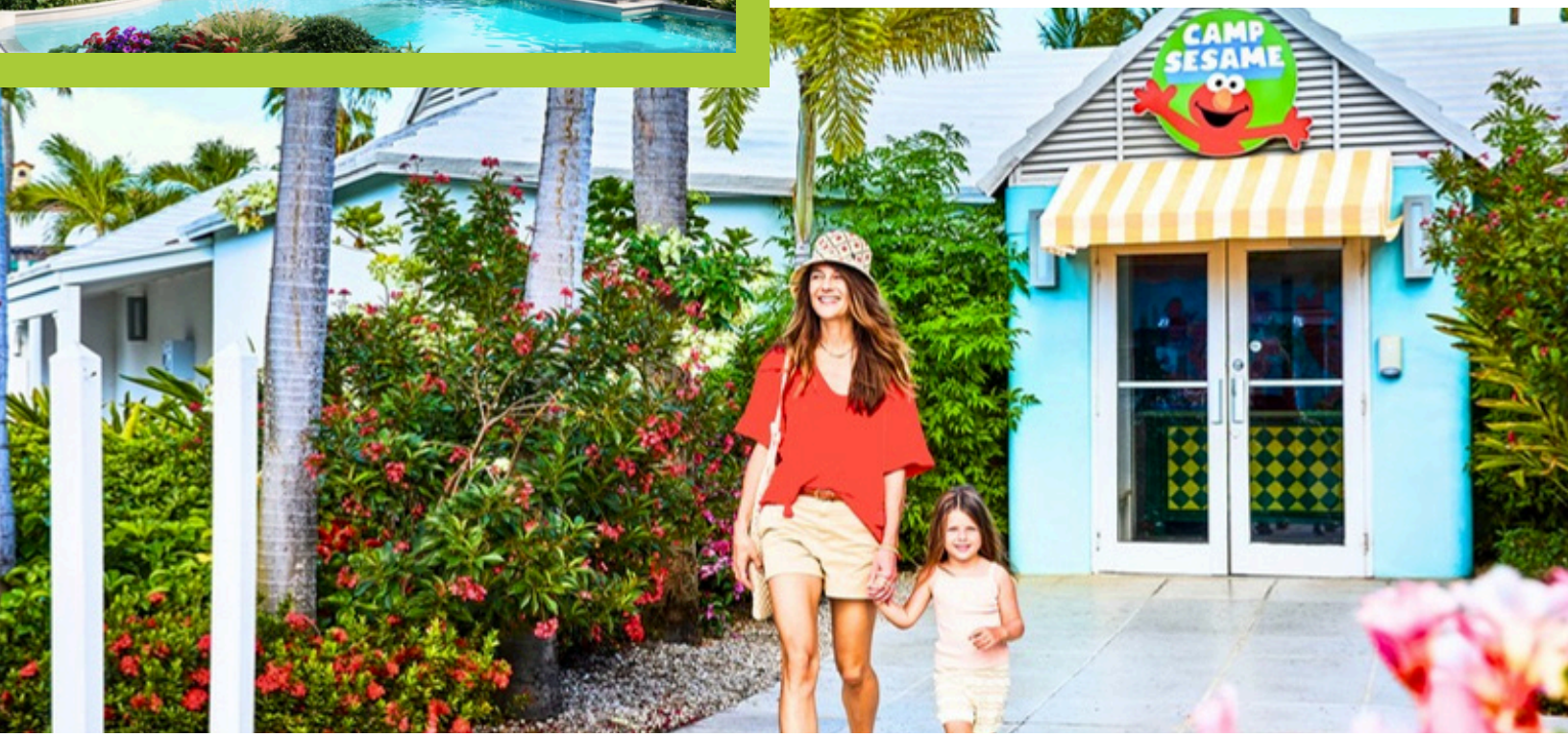
www.beaches.com/turks-caicos

"As a family-owned brand, Beaches is wholeheartedly committed to creating a vacation setting where all guests can thrive. For families with neurodivergent travelers, what may seem like a simple travel decision can shape the entire course of their family vacation, and we know how coveted a time that is. Becoming the first resort company in the world to be certified as an Advanced Certified Autism Center™ marked an enduring commitment to neurodivergent travelers and their families, whom we proudly welcome, oftentimes year after year, to make memories and even celebrate milestones at Beaches."

- Heather Effs, Sandals Resorts International's Corporate Manager of Entertainment Operations



Beaches Turks and Caicos is the ultimate all-inclusive Caribbean resort for families. Found on the world-famous Grace Bay Beach, Beaches Turks & Caicos is the ultimate Caribbean retreat, where luxury, adventure, and relaxation come together in a setting designed for families of all kinds. With five uniquely themed villages, guests can experience the charm of the Caribbean, the elegance of Italy, the romance of France, the laid-back vibes of Key West, and the energy of a seaside escape. Committed to inclusivity, 80% of customer facing staff are trained to provide autism-friendly experiences. The resort offers a sensory-friendly environment where every guest feels welcomed. With certified, specially trained staff and tailored offerings such as Art with Julia (Sesame Street's 4-year old autistic character), families with children on the autism spectrum can enjoy a stress-free, unforgettable vacation. Always setting new standards in innovation, Beaches Turks & Caicos is unveiling its newest village: Treasure Beach. This coastal paradise features stunning new suites, a zero-entry lagoon pool, and endless family adventures. Here, the true treasure isn't just the breathtaking scenery—it's the unforgettable memories made together.

Where Every Family Belongs

Beaches®

Get Closer To The Caribbean

At Beaches® Resorts in the Turks and Caicos and Negril, Jamaica, inclusion begins long before your family steps onto the sand. It starts with a phone call to our team, trained by IBCCES Standards. It continues with a pre-arrival questionnaire designed to understand a child's sensory preferences and communication style. By the time you arrive, the vacation has already been shaped with intention. Here, in our Caribbean, inclusion is more than an added feature. It is built into the way the experience unfolds, ensuring that children and adults on the autism spectrum can vacation with confidence.

With one in 31 children in the United States diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, families traveling with neurodivergent members are seeking destinations that understand both the joy and the complexity of their needs. Beaches Resorts recognized that responsibility early and chose to lead rather than follow.

A Gold Standard in Inclusion

Beaches became the first resort company in the world to earn Advanced Certified Autism Center™ (ACAC) status from the IBCCES. That ACAC designation represents a rigorous, gold-standard level of training and accountability in cognitive difference awareness and accommodations.

IBCCES ACAC ADVANCED CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER™

Certification at Beaches is more than symbolic. Autism awareness is a deep part of the culture, with guest-facing team members completing up to 40 hours of training through IBCCES, so families can relax into their vacation knowing resort support is steady, informed, and seamlessly woven into the Caribbean experience.

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A Gold Standard in Inclusion, Continued

Training gives the Beaches team a deeper understanding of how children on the spectrum experience the world. It teaches communication approaches such as giving clear step-by-step instruction, allowing extra time for responses, and adjusting interactions to connect with each child in ways that feel comfortable and understood. That awareness helps team members recognize when a child needs a slower transition, a clearer explanation, or simply a moment to adjust, whether going from Kids Camp to lunch, Sesame Street to beach, or indoor art to outdoor play.

And commitment continues even after a certificate is framed. Annual audits through IBCCES ensure that standards remain consistent and programming continues to evolve. Inclusion is treated as a living framework, reviewed and strengthened year after year. That consistency means fewer unknowns and more room to enjoy the moments that matter.

Support Starts Before You Arrive

Long before check-in, thoughtful coordination is already underway. All call center staff at **1-888-BEACHES** are trained and certified by IBCCES, offering families and travel advisors a knowledgeable voice at the other end of the line. Before the suitcases are packed, parents complete a pre-arrival questionnaire so Beaches can tailor the stay to specific needs. Quieter room locations to minimize sensory stimuli, low-sensory zones across the resort, specific cleaning products to accommodate smell sensitivities — this kind of behind-the-scenes planning lets the Caribbean take center stage.

A Friend at Every Corner

On property, inclusion moves from planning into play. This is a Caribbean vacation, after all. Beaches Resorts' Kids Camps are themselves Advanced Certified Autism Centers, with age-specific fun designed for infants, toddlers, pre-teens, and teens, all supported by the IBCCES-trained team. That training shows up in the details. A child who prefers quieter engagement is introduced to activities differently than one who seeks out a group. Communication is thoughtful. Transitions are handled with care. Whether it's an arts and crafts session, a snorkeling excursion, or supervised games, our Caribbean provides the setting, sensory awareness guides the approach.

For families seeking additional support, the **Beaches Buddy program** offers one-on-one assistance from a team trained in advanced autism awareness. A Buddy can accompany a family for a few hours or throughout the entire stay, offering steady guidance during dinner, water sports, golf outings, or an afternoon at the pool.

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Meet Julia

Even the most beloved parts of a Beaches holiday have been thoughtfully expanded to reflect autism awareness. Through its long-standing partnership with Sesame Street®, Beaches became the first resort company to welcome Julia, Sesame Street's four-year-old character on the autism spectrum. Julia's presence is more than a meet-and-greet. Amazing Art with Julia encourages children to express themselves through painting and creativity, reinforcing that communication comes in many forms.

Community in the Caribbean

Each year, **Beaches Autism Inclusion Weeks** deepen that sense of belonging, combining community with celebration. Mornings might begin with sunrise yoga alongside Sesame Street friends. Days include welcome parties, baking sessions with Cookie Monster, family painting parties, and a grand Sesame Street Parade. The atmosphere is joyful, yet the impact is meaningful. Families connect with others who share similar journeys, creating a network of support that extends beyond the shoreline and vacation time.

A Map Made for Sensory Comfort

Recognizing that sensory environments vary widely across a large resort, Beaches has also introduced new Sensory Guides developed in partnership with IBCCES. These detailed resort maps rate public areas, including pools, dining spaces, and sports hubs, on a one-to-ten scale of sensory stimulation. The guide for Beaches Turks and Caicos is complete, with Beaches Negril currently in development. For families, this practical tool transforms planning into empowerment. Parents can identify calm corners or prepare in advance for higher-energy environments, reducing surprises and enhancing comfort.

Dining with Confidence

Dining, often a source of stress for families managing allergies or food sensitivities, is approached with the same care. Each resort features up to 20 distinct restaurants, supported by a Culinary Concierge team that works directly with executive chefs and restaurant managers. Custom menus can be created to accommodate allergy restrictions and dietary preferences, including gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options. The experience is designed to feel seamless, allowing families to focus on shared moments rather than ingredient lists.

Inclusion in Action

At its heart, Beaches Resorts' approach to autism inclusion is simple yet powerful. It begins with listening. It continues with training, accountability, and thoughtful design. And it unfolds on a stretch of Caribbean coastline where families can exhale together. Here, inclusion is more than a program layered on top of paradise. It is woven into the experience itself, ensuring that when families step onto the sand, they step into a place where they truly belong.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Al Mamzar Park

One of the Dubai Municipality Public Parks

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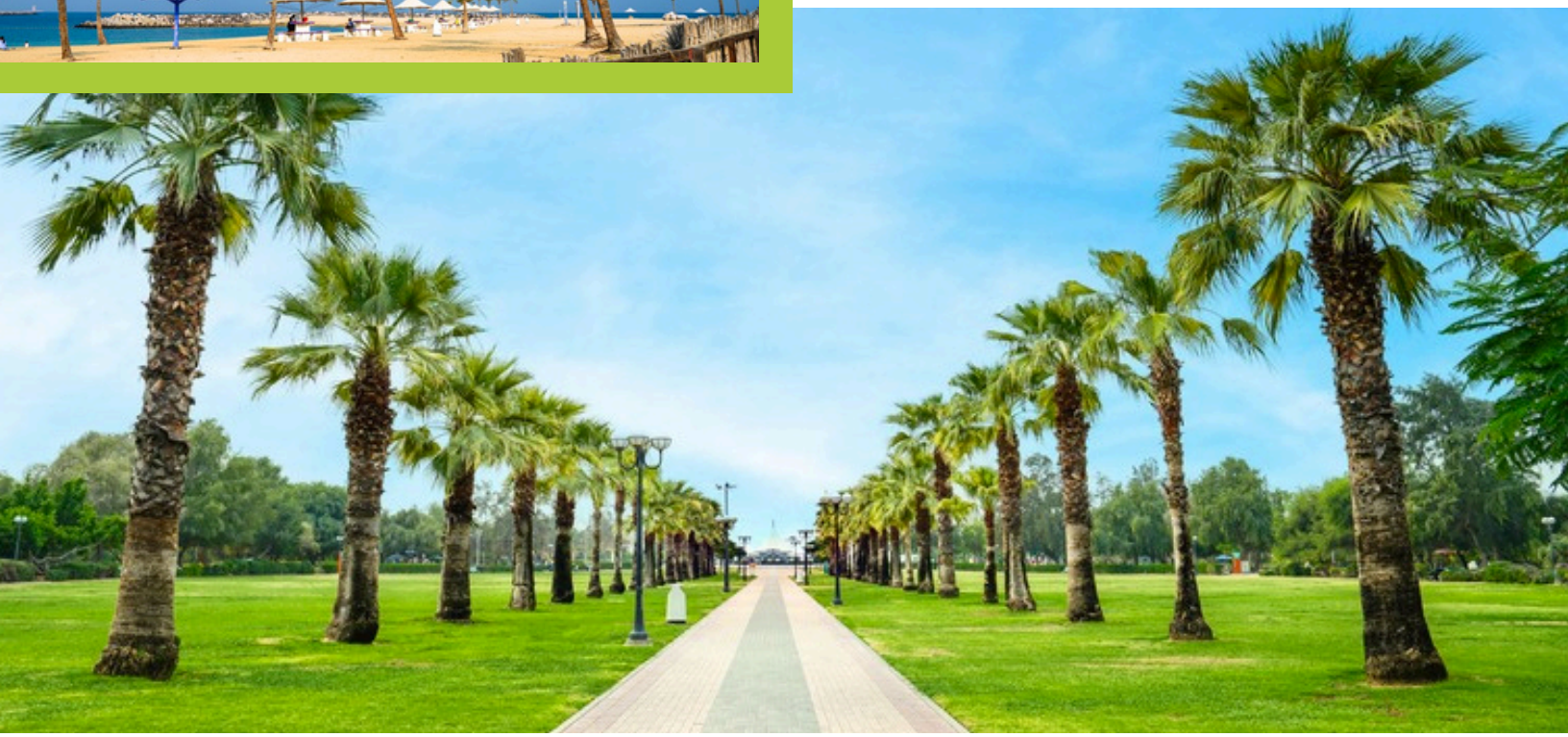
-Bader Anwahi, CEO of the Public Facilities Agency at Dubai Municipality



Al Mamzar Beach Park is a family-favorite destination that offers a mix of sandy beaches, landscaped gardens, swimming pools, and picnic areas. Spread across 106 hectares, it blends recreation and relaxation by the sea.

Visitors enjoy a range of amenities, including shaded cabanas, barbecue spots, and bicycle tracks. With its clean facilities and calm atmosphere, the park is ideal for beachgoers, fitness enthusiasts, and families.

The park also includes an amphitheater and rental chalets for private gatherings. Whether for a day of sun and fun or a quiet beach walk, Al Mamzar Beach Park delivers a scenic and well-maintained coastal experience.

Al Safa Park

One of the Dubai Municipality Public Parks

Contact Info

Al Wasl Road, Dubai, UAE

N/A

www.dubaipublicparks.ae/home

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Al Safa Park is known for its lush gardens and shaded picnic spots. It offers a serene environment for relaxation, jogging, or reading under the trees.

The park features wide open fields for sports, playgrounds for kids, and beautiful views of the Dubai skyline. It is a favorite destination for families and solo visitors looking to unwind away from city life.

As one of Dubai's oldest parks, Al Safa combines heritage with peaceful charm, offering a timeless green retreat in the middle of the metropolis.

Children's City

One of the Dubai Municipality Recreational Facilities

Contact Info

Children's City , UAE – Dubai , Creek Park - Gate #1 / Dubai Hurair 2 – Dubai

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https://childrencity.dm.gov.ae/

@childrencitydxb

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Dubai-based Children's City is UAE's first educational city in the United Arab Emirates devoted to children between two and fifteen years old. At Children's City, they can investigate, explore, play, and discover in an entertaining educational format to get useful and valuable information. The City has server section that provides educational performance and entertainment programs throughout the year. Children's City is specially designed for children to interact and discover together in family and school groups. It contains several exhibits and programs on applied, Human Body, Nature Center, Forscherwelt, Space Exploration, Earth Sciences Gallery, Planetarium, Local and International Culture, The Way we live, Toddler's Area, and Resource Center. In addition, Children's City presents daily educational programs throughout the year at the different galleries or in the purpose-built halls and entertainment programs for all age groups. Also, the Children's City has indoor and outdoor spaces for activities and celebrations throughout the year.

Creek Park

One of the Dubai Municipality Public Parks

Contact Info

Umm Hurair, Dubai, UAE

0508565101

www.dubaipublicparks.ae/home

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Creek Park is one of Dubai's most scenic green spaces, located along the Dubai Creek. With botanical gardens, bike rentals, and children's attractions like the Dolphinarium and Children's City, it caters to all generations.

The park is perfect for leisure strolls, family picnics, or educational outings. Its well-kept lawns and flower beds create a vibrant atmosphere for community events and recreation.

Creek Park's central location, affordability, and variety of offerings make it a beloved destination for residents and tourists alike.

Dubai Frame

One of the Dubai Municipality Public Parks

Contact Info

Zabeel Park, Gate 4, Dubai - UAE

042222258

www.dubaiframe.ae/en

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Dubai Frame is one of the most iconic architectural landmarks in the UAE, offering a unique experience that blends the city's past and future. Standing 150 meters tall and 93 meters wide, it provides visitors with breathtaking panoramic views of Old Dubai to the north and modern Dubai to the south. Inside, the museum showcases the city's evolution through immersive galleries, exhibitions, and multimedia presentations.

Whether you're a tourist or a local, Dubai Frame offers a journey through time with educational and cultural value, making it a must-visit attraction for families, students, and travelers seeking insight into the city's heritage and aspirations.

Mushrif National Park

One of the Dubai Municipality Public Parks

Contact Info

Al Khawaneej, Dubai - UAE

0508565101 & 0508589893

www.dubaipublicparks.ae/home

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Established in 1974, Mushrif National Park is one of the oldest and most beloved parks in Dubai. It holds a deep emotional connection with its visitors, offering a rich experience of nature, culture, and nostalgia. Walking through the park feels like stepping back into childhood memories, embraced by trees and open skies. Today, Mushrif National Park is not only a recreational park but also a protected natural reserve, preserving native wildlife, native trees, and diverse ecosystems.

It’s a popular spot for barbecues, nature walks, and family outings. The park is home to Aventura Adventure Park, an eco-friendly obstacle course set among the trees, perfect for all age groups.

Quranic Park

One of the Dubai Municipality Public Parks

Contact Info

Al Khawaneej First, Dubai - UAE

971502966012

www.dubaipublicparks.ae/home

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Quranic Park is a cultural landmark offering visitors a unique insight into the miracles and values of the Holy Quran through themed gardens, exhibitions, and installations. Spanning over 64 hectares, the park combines faith, education, and natural beauty. Visitors can explore the Glass House featuring plants mentioned in the Quran or walk through the Cave of Miracles — an interactive exhibit showcasing stories of the Prophets. The park also provides a serene atmosphere ideal for families and cultural learning.

It's a destination that promotes dialogue and understanding, welcoming people of all backgrounds to learn about Islamic heritage in an open and engaging environment.

Zabeel Park

One of the Dubai Municipality Public Parks

Contact Info

Zabeel Area, Dubai - UAE

0507252994

www.dubaipublicparks.ae/home

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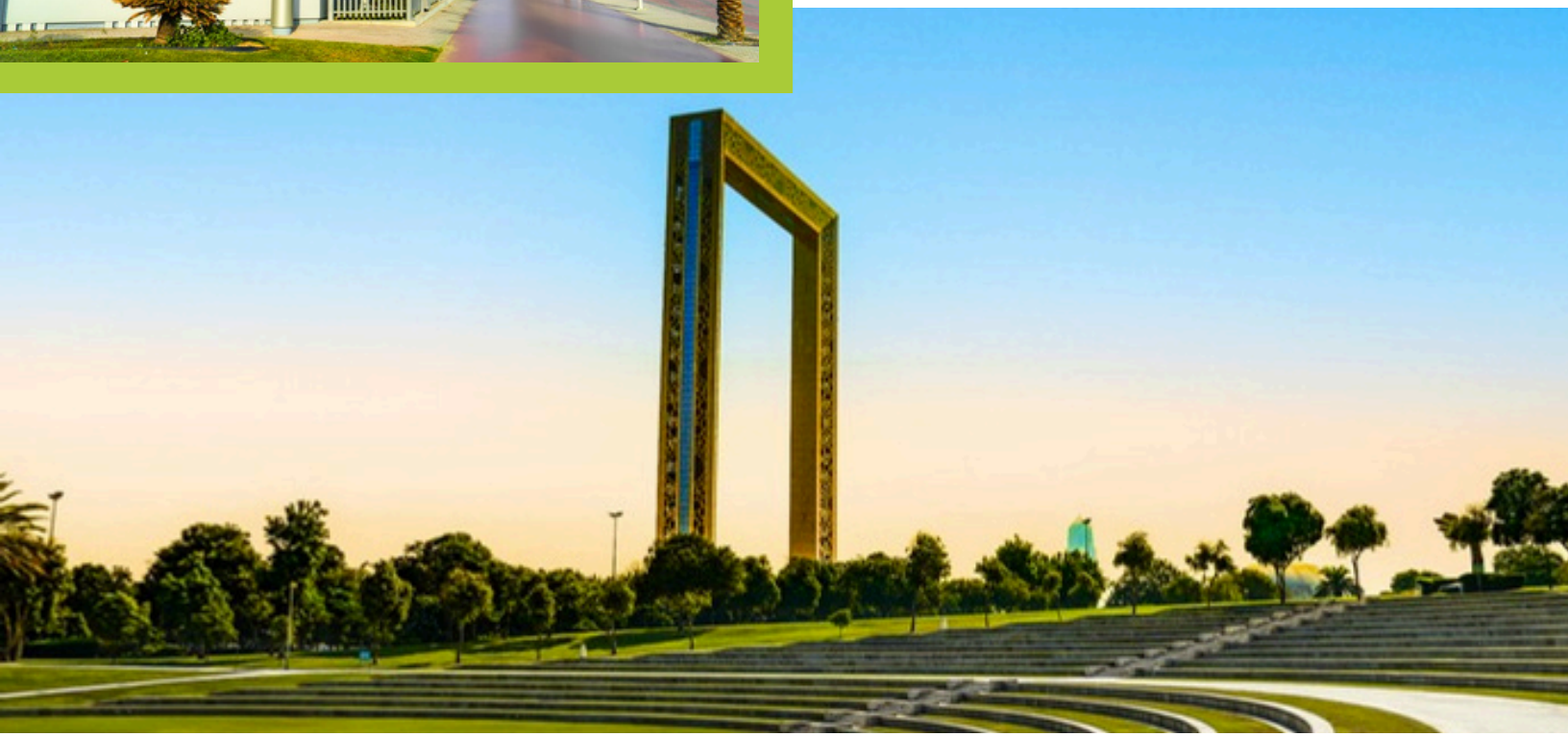

Zabeel Park is a futuristic green hub in the heart of Dubai, famous for hosting Dubai Frame and seasonal events like Ripe Market. It features technology-themed zones, jogging tracks, and lush picnic areas.

The park appeals to families and fitness lovers alike, offering smart benches, solar-powered amenities, and interactive installations. With vast open spaces, it’s ideal for weekend gatherings and cultural celebrations.

Its integration of innovation and greenery makes Zabeel Park a unique urban escape for those seeking both relaxation and recreation.

Castillo de San Marcos National Monument

Contact Info

1 South Castillo Drive, Saint Augustine, Florida, United States 32084

904-829-6506

www.nps.gov/casa/index.htm

“Castillo de San Marcos National Monument is proud to be the first U.S. national park designated as a Certified Autism Center by IBCCES. Park staff are committed to the National Park Service's vision to provide amazing, meaningful experiences for everyone who visits these national treasures. This initial step helps us rise to the challenge of creating a fun, equitable, and accessible environment where visitors thrive.”

-Gordie Wilson, Superintendent

Castillo de San Marcos is just one of over 400 units of the National Park System waiting for you to explore! Since 1916, the National Park Service has been entrusted with the care of our national parks. With the help of volunteers and partners, we safeguard these special places and share their stories with more than 318 million visitors every year. But our work doesn’t stop there. We are proud that tribes, local governments, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and individual citizens ask for our help in revitalizing their communities, preserving local history, celebrating local heritage, and creating close-to-home opportunities for kids and families to get outside, be active, and have fun. Taking care of the national parks and helping Americans take care of their communities is a job we love, and we need—and welcome—your help and support.

City of Chandler Parks and Recreation Division

CHANDLER arizona | Community Services Parks & Recreation

DISCOVER. IMAGINE. GROW.

Contact Info

175 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, Arizona, United States 85225

480-782-2727

www.chandleraz.gov/recreation

IBCCES CAC CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER™

“Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is a testament to the hard work the City of Chandler and its staff have put forth to become a more inclusive community. Chandler Parks and Recreation believes everyone should have the opportunity to discover, imagine and grow within our community through accessible and adaptable parks and recreation centers and inclusive programming.”

-Becky Kuiper, Chandler Recreation Superintendent

Chandler Parks and Recreation champions everyday experiences that encourage the community to discover, imagine, and grow. The cornerstone of every neighborhood, our innovative events, programs, and services strengthen community vitality and foster healthy, enriched lifestyles. Whether you’re searching for an abundance of outdoor adventures, looking to flex your fitness goals, or hoping to learn a new hobby, Chandler Parks and Recreation has something for everyone. Chandler Parks and Recreation features accessible options to explore across the community. From swimming pool lifts to wheel-chair accessible playground equipment, there is something for everyone. There are recreation programs for all abilities, including a robust Adaptive Recreation program. Additionally, participants may submit a request for accommodation for any program.

City of Deer Park - Parks & Recreation Department

Contact Info

610 E. San Augustine,
Deer Park, TX 77536

281-478-2050

www.deerparktx.gov

Deer Park Parks and Recreation is committed to enhancing the quality of life for every resident by offering exceptional parks, programs, facilities, and experiences that celebrate the city's history, culture, and unique character. Our department serves the community through a network of green spaces, recreation facilities, athletic complexes, trails, and cultural venues that support year-round opportunities for wellness, creativity, and connection. We provide a diverse range of programs for all ages—including fitness and aquatics, youth and adult athletics, performing and visual arts, senior services, outdoor education, and community events that bring Deer Park together.

A core value of our department is inclusivity. Through our Rec for All initiative, we proudly offer adaptive programs designed for individuals of all abilities, such as sensory-friendly events, adaptive activities, modified fitness and dance classes, and welcoming social gatherings. The new Dow Active Complex further expands access with a therapy and recreation pool, an indoor walking track, and flexible spaces intentionally created to support a wide range of needs.

Above all, Deer Park Parks and Recreation strives to ensure that every person—regardless of age, ability, or background—has a place to move, play, learn, and belong. Our goal is to continue growing, innovating, inspiring, and creating meaningful experiences that strengthen community pride and enrich life in Deer Park for generations to come.

City of Hutto Parks and Recreation Department

Contact Info

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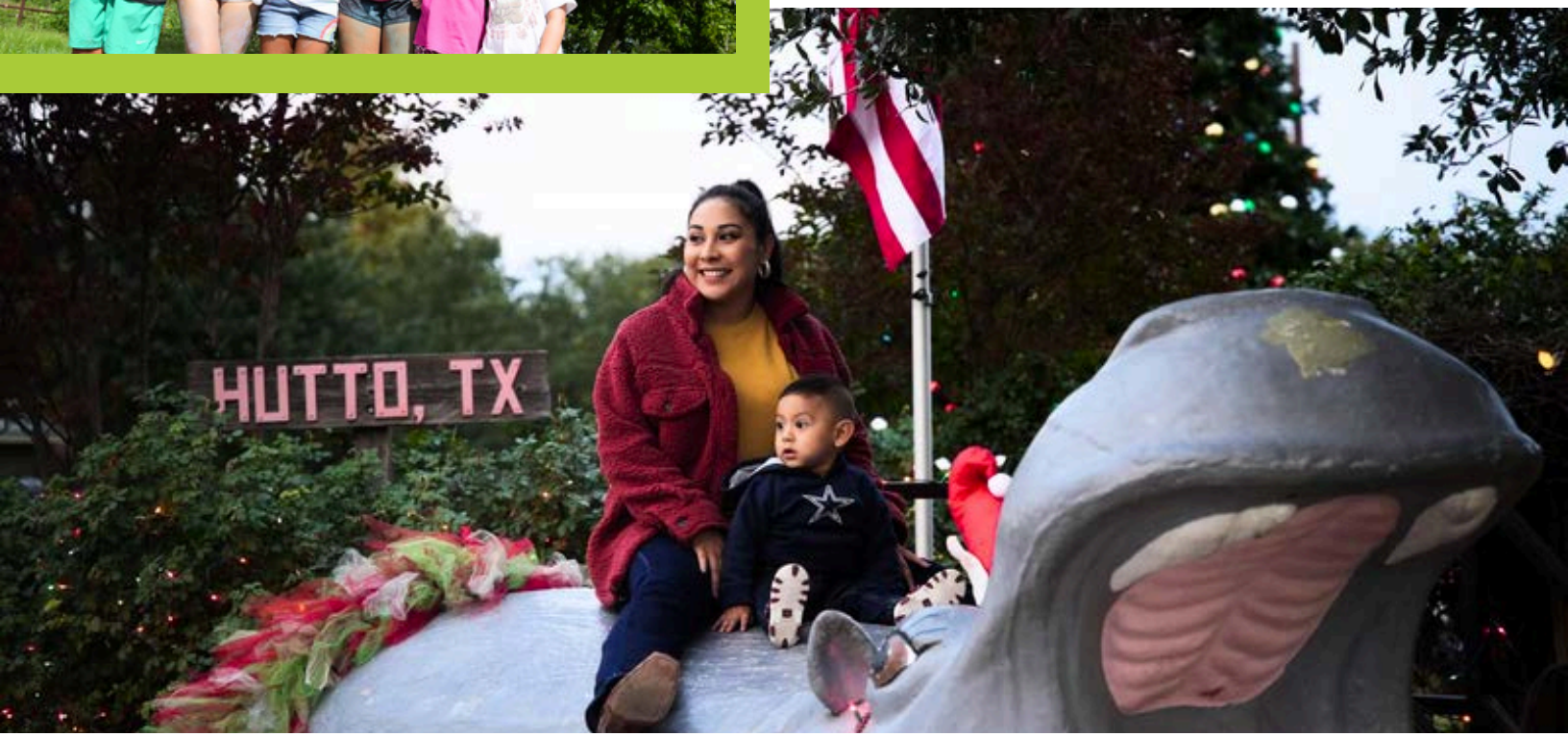
Hutto TX 78634

512-759-4000

www.huttotx.gov/266/Parks-Recreation

“Hutto is committed to welcoming everyone to our parks. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ demonstrates this commitment and will provide safe and supportive spaces where autistic individuals and their families can connect, play, and thrive. We believe inclusive recreation is essential for a strong community.”

-Jeffrey White, Director of Parks and Recreation
for the City of Hutto



The City of Hutto Parks and Recreation Department provides a range of programs and facilities to enhance the quality of life in the community. The department hosts various recreational events such as camps, athletic leagues, special gatherings, and classes. The department maintains 165 acres of parkland, including four playgrounds, five restroom facilities, two athletic complexes, a splash pad, and a network of eight miles of scenic trails.

City of Missouri City Parks and Recreation Department

“With this designation, our message to ALL families is that we see you, we value you, and we want you to have a welcoming experience every time you come to our parks, our events, and our programs.”

- Jason Mangum, Assistant City Manager

Contact Info

2701 Cypress Point Drive
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www.missouricitytx.gov/865/Parks-Recreation

The City of Missouri City Parks & Recreation Department (MCTX Parks) is a nationally accredited, Texas Gold Medal Award-winning department. Comprised of Parks Operations and Recreation divisions, it maintains and operates 21 developed parks across 515 acres, 501 acres of undeveloped parkland, 14.4 miles of trails, and a variety of natural areas, rights of way, athletic complexes, picnic pavilions, and other facilities. MCTX Parks offers diverse adaptive recreation programs for individuals of different abilities, including drum & rhythm circles, B-Fit Universal fitness classes, sensory-friendly games and gardening, adaptive Pickleball, and trail troopers.

City of Sedona Parks and Recreation

Contact Info

102 Roadrunner Drive, Sedona, Arizona, United States 86326

928-203-7098

www.sedonaaz.gov/parks

“Partnering with IBCCES is crucial for the City of Sedona to ensure our parks and recreation staff are fully equipped. This initiative not only demonstrates our commitment to inclusivity but also enhances the experience of both local and visiting families with autistic and sensory-sensitive members. By conducting a thorough evaluation of our parks and creating sensory guides, we can create a more welcoming environment for everyone.”

-Josh Frewin, Parks and Recreation Manager

The City of Sedona Parks and Recreation is your community connection for outdoor recreation, swimming lessons, youth and adult sports, programs, concerts, special events, city parks, dog park, and much more. Spend your free time with us at one of our many amenities!

We have something for everyone with our parks & recreation facilities, events, and activities that are offered throughout the year. We also have a variety of facilities available for rentals for your event or gathering. Between our city parks we have tennis courts, city pool, basketball courts, sports fields, concert venues, indoor meeting spaces, a world class bike park, skate park, disc-golf course, fitness trail, playgrounds, splash pad, and much more!

Desert Hot Springs Recreation Center

DESERT HOT SPRINGS
Where life flows.

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(760) 329-6510

www.cityofdhs.org/departments/recreation-and-community-services

“Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is a testament to our commitment to inclusivity and providing meaningful experiences for all members of our community. At the Desert Hot Springs Recreation Center, we believe every individual deserves access to programs and services that cater to their unique needs.”

-Mayor Scott Matas

The Desert Hot Springs Recreation Center is dedicated to offering a dynamic and engaging learning experience for the youth in our community. Our program integrates effective academic enrichment, physical fitness, nutrition, and life skills activities to inspire and challenge children while making learning enjoyable. Key components include homework support, interactive academic activities, positive youth development, sports, and nutrition-focused programs. Our goal is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

We are proud to provide a safe, supportive environment where children can develop new skills, build friendships, and grow both academically and personally.

Gilbert Parks and Recreation

"At Gilbert Parks and Recreation, we believe every person deserves to feel at home in their community. Our Certified Autism Center designation reflects our ongoing commitment to creating spaces, programs, and experiences where autistic individuals and their families are truly welcomed, supported, and celebrated. We are proud to serve all members of our Gilbert community and remain dedicated to growing alongside the families who trust us with their recreation experience."

-Michael Elliott, Gilbert Parks & Recreation Director

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www.gilbertaz.gov

Gilbert Parks and Recreation is committed to providing superior parks, recreation, and cultural programs, which exceed customer expectations, enhance the quality of life, and promote lifelong leisure and educational pursuits. These services are provided by a dedicated team focused on fairness, trust, and innovation with a commitment to excellence.

Gilbert's mission is to "Anticipate. Create. Help people." With 100 years of history and growth, our focus is on keeping the thriving community that Gilbert is today well into the future, while continuing to be one of the top communities in the country. In Gilbert, we are shaping a new tomorrow, today.

Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

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PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

We contribute to a healthy and vibrant community by providing exceptional experiences and services to those who live, work and play in Mesa. Our commitment is to being responsible stewards of parklands, facilities, and finances, and transparent in how we manage these resources. Providing safe spaces and places for people to enjoy and recreate. Working together to focus on services that meet the ever-changing needs of our community.

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IBCCES CAC CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER™

We are the stewards of five community centers, nine aquatic facilities, four fishing lakes, three dog parks, two professional baseball stadiums, as well as the Convention Center, Amphitheater, Tennis and Pickleball Center, Golf Course, Cemetery, and new event venue, The Post. We maintain over 2,000 acres of developed parks and open space which include 209 city parks and retention basins.

Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces

“This Certified Autism Center™ designation reflects our unwavering commitment to inclusion and accessibility across the Miami-Dade County park system. Our parks are community spaces where everyone should feel welcome, safe, and supported. By equipping our staff with specialized training and enhancing our sensory-inclusive resources, we are ensuring that individuals with autism and sensory sensitivities (and their families) can fully enjoy the experiences, programs, and natural spaces we offer.”

-Christina White, Director of Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces

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Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces (PROS) is one of the largest and most diverse park systems in the United States, spanning more than 40,000 acres across over 300 parks, marinas, golf courses, nature centers, campgrounds, Zoo Miami, and recreational facilities throughout Miami-Dade County.

As a Certified Autism Center™, Miami-Dade County Parks is committed to creating welcoming, inclusive, and sensory-considerate experiences for individuals with autism and other sensory sensitivities. Frontline staff throughout the park system have completed specialized training in sensory awareness, communication strategies, and inclusive guest engagement, to better support visitors of all abilities.

St. Johns County Parks and Recreation

“We couldn’t be more excited about the opportunity to make St. Johns County parks and facilities even more accessible to our residents and visitors. I’m thankful to IBCCES for the chance to get most of our programming staff certified, so we can be better equipped to provide an inclusive environment for parkgoers and event participants on the autism spectrum.”

-Tess Simpson, Community Program Coordinator

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The St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department is committed to a thriving local park system, the opportunity for our residents and visitors to enjoy healthy, active lifestyles, and the preservation of the natural beauty of our environment. Explore the many ways Parks and Recreation is making our communities happier and healthier by providing a place where it all comes together – a sense of community, an appreciation of history, and a respect for nature.

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> **“Renewing our Certified Autism Center™ designation through IBCCES is a proud moment for Queen Creek. It reflects our ongoing commitment to creating inclusive spaces where every resident and visitor feels welcome and supported. Our team is dedicated to providing meaningful recreational experiences for individuals of all abilities, and this renewal reinforces that promise.”**

-Adam Robinson, Town of Queen Creek’s Parks and Recreation Director

The Queen Creek Parks & Recreation Department provides four community parks, a Recreation & Aquatic Center, a dog park, an extensive trail system, exciting community events and robust recreation program that provides classes, workshops and activities for all ages and abilities. Queen Creek strives to provide opportunities for the community to stay active, connect with one another and enhance the quality of life.

Upper Allen Township Parks

“Autism certification in our municipal parks is vital because it promotes inclusivity and recognizes the importance of neurodiversity. By obtaining this certification, we are demonstrating a proactive commitment to creating a welcoming environment that accommodates all individuals.”

-Chad Krebs, Parks Director of Upper Allen Township

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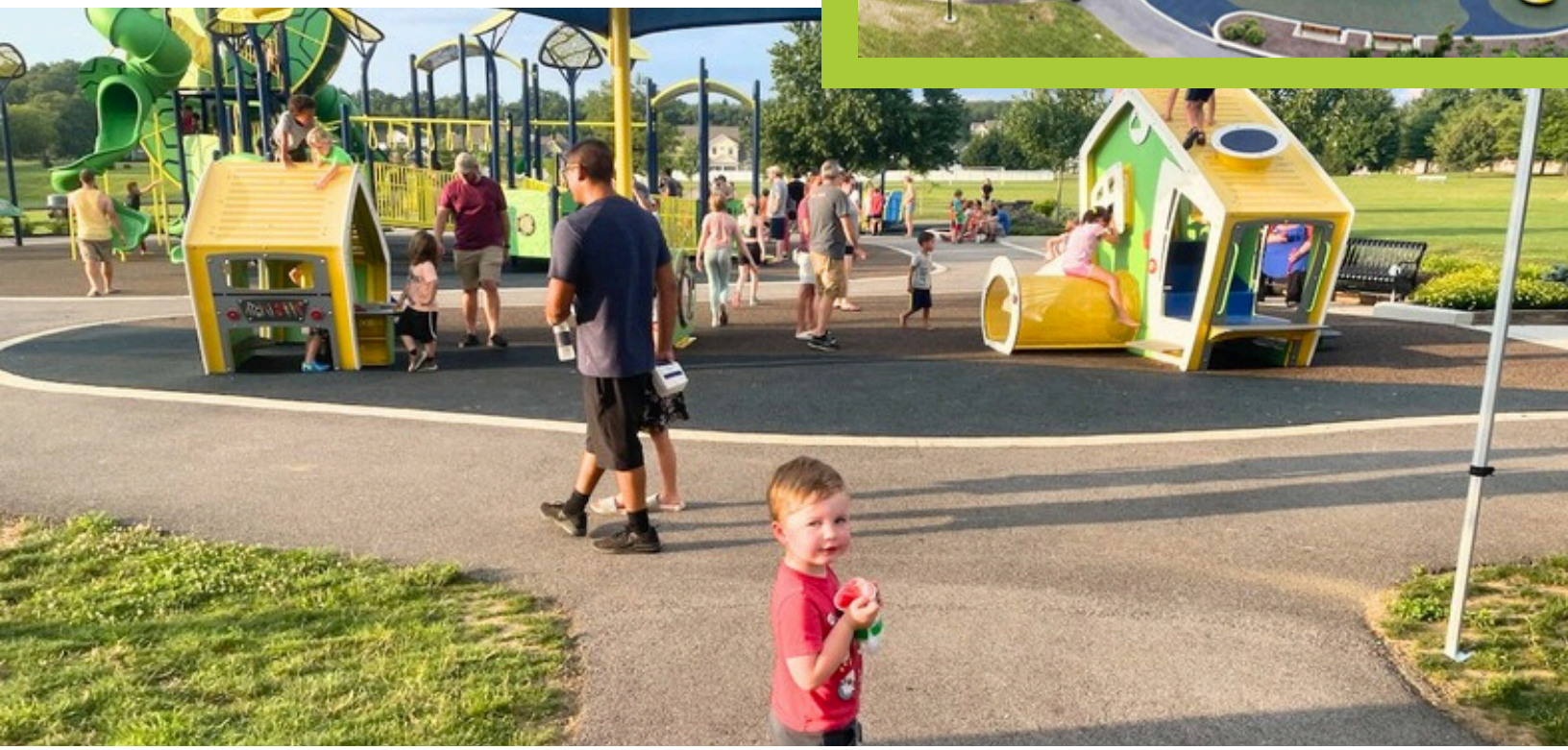

Upper Allen Township, situated in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, is a vibrant community dedicated to delivering outstanding services and a superior quality of life for its 24,000 residents. The township features meticulously maintained parks, top-notch educational institutions, and a diverse range of recreational opportunities, ensuring that there is something for everyone to enjoy. Upper Allen offers 17 parks with various activities and amenities. While all UA Parks offer inclusivity, two of those parks have full inclusive playgrounds with supporting inclusive amenities.

AUTISM CERTIFIED CITIES™

Mesa, AZ

VISIT MESA
CITY LIMITLESS®

“Five years ago, Visit Mesa embarked on a journey to become a beacon of inclusivity, driven by a personal commitment to creating accessible experiences for all. As a parent of a child on the autism spectrum, this mission is deeply meaningful. To date, over 7,500 individuals across 50 businesses have become certified, solidifying our position as a national leader in accessible destination marketing.

But we haven’t stopped there. We’ve expanded our focus to encompass a wider spectrum of accessibility needs, forging strategic partnerships with organizations like Wheel the World, the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program, Aria, and more. These collaborations allow us to offer robust and comprehensive support, ensuring that everyone, regardless of ability, can experience the magic of Mesa. We're committed to continuing this work and making Mesa a welcoming destination for all.”

- Marc Garcia, President and CEO of Visit Mesa

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IBCCES ACC AUTISM CERTIFIED CITY™

Welcome to Mesa, Arizona. A gateway city to one of the most dynamic regions in the country. With countless places for new discoveries, competitive sports, wild west adventures, and farm-to-table cuisine, Mesa is a city that knows no bounds. From urban to rural, mountain peak to desert floor, arts and culture to wildlife and nightlife, each and every guest is given unparalleled access to one of the richest arrays of visitor offerings in the country. A geographic wonderland, Mesa is close to the Tonto National Forest and the iconic Superstition Mountains, but far enough to experience a wide-open and true Arizona vacation. From here, all things are possible, leaving you breathless and sure to show you why we are “City Limitless.”

A Limitless Mesa

By Alicia Boe,
Communications Director, Visit Mesa

At Visit Mesa, we believe travel should be accessible and empowering for everyone. It's a belief that reflects who we are and guides how we steward and share Mesa, Arizona, with the rest of the world. In our city, accessibility isn't an enhancement, but a standard woven into daily practices and interactions, shaped by authentic Southwestern hospitality and a commitment to ensuring visitors feel genuinely welcomed from arrival to departure.

That commitment has grown steadily over time. In November 2024, Mesa celebrated five years as an Autism Certified City™ (ACC), recognized through the IBCCES. What began as an effort to better support autistic travelers has evolved into a broader commitment to welcoming individuals with sensory sensitivities and others who may benefit from thoughtful accommodations.

As Mesa's official destination marketing organization, Visit Mesa connects city leadership, hospitality partners, attractions and community stakeholders, serving as both a steward of our visitor economy and a connector across the community. Through that collaboration, we align our visitor strategies with intentional practices so accessibility isn't embedded only in how Mesa is presented but in how the city functions each day.

Building Accessibility Through Training and Partnership

Mesa's journey toward becoming an ACC began with education. In partnership with IBCCES, we implemented autism awareness training for frontline hospitality professionals and, in collaboration with the City of Mesa, extended that training to municipal departments including parks and recreation, police and fire, as well as numerous local businesses.

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More than five years later, thousands of individuals across Mesa have completed autism training, gaining tools to communicate clearly, offer flexibility, and recognize when sensory accommodations may be helpful. Treated as an ongoing standard rather than a one-time milestone, certification helps ensure welcoming practices remain embedded throughout our city.

For visitors, that consistency often translates into smoother arrivals at our hotels and more confident experiences at our restaurants and attractions. And although rare, the training provided to Mesa's first responders is especially critical should emergency services be needed, helping ensure heightened situations are handled with empathy and understanding.

From Autism Travel Guide to Accessibility Travel Guide

Training laid out the groundwork, but we knew preparation couldn't stop there. As our certification efforts matured, we recognized the need for practical planning tools that extended beyond staff education. Several years ago, we introduced the Autism Travel Guide to help autistic travelers and their families approach Mesa with clearer expectations.

In 2025, we revised and reintroduced that resource as the Accessibility Travel Guide, reflecting a more holistic approach. The updated edition supports sensory-sensitive travelers and individuals with diverse needs while incorporating expanded visitor storytelling and refreshed planning resources.

To complement that evolution, the guide highlights partnerships that strengthen the visitor journey at every stage. Through Wheel the World verification, visitors can access detailed accessibility information to support informed booking decisions, while Threshold 360 virtual tours allow them to preview hotels and attractions before arrival. Once on-site, Aira provides on-demand visual interpreting services for individuals who are blind or have low vision, and EnChroma color accessibility tools at participating attractions help guests with color blindness experience Mesa's art, landscapes and exhibits more fully. Participation in the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program offers a discreet way to signal the need for additional assistance. The guide also features Mesa-based nonprofit Divergent Adventures, whose outdoor programming supports neurodivergent visitors in exploring Mesa's landscapes with confidence.

Together, these resources reflect a layered approach, reinforcing that accessibility isn't defined by a single certification or service but by preparation, awareness and community support working in tandem.

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Inclusion as an Ongoing Commitment

In Mesa, accessibility is reflected not only in policies and training but also in the places and moments visitors encounter. Outdoor recreation invites exploration at one's own pace, with desert trails and accessible parks offering expansive environments many visitors find calming. Culinary offerings range from locally owned restaurants to chef-driven concepts, where clear communication and attentive hospitality foster comfort and ease.

As our work has expanded, so has our understanding of what accessibility requires. Through a partnership with the Kyah Rayne Foundation, Visit Mesa works with local restaurants, hotels and hospitality partners to strengthen food inclusion training and allergen safety education. By equipping staff with the knowledge to safely accommodate guests with food allergies and dietary sensitivities, Mesa continues building confidence for visitors navigating complex dining needs.

That same spirit of shared responsibility extends into the cultural fabric of our community. Visit Mesa partners with local beverage collaborators 12 West Brewing Co., Chupacabra Taproom and Cider Corps on specialty releases, including the annual Spectrum IPA and Spec(trum) Ops Soda. Proceeds support the Mesa For All Foundation and programs for neurodivergent youth, with the collaboration highlighted each April during Autism Acceptance Month. The Mesa For All Foundation further strengthens this ecosystem by providing grants that help small businesses pursue autism certification and accessibility improvements, reinforcing that creating a place where people feel they belong is a shared community value.

Belonging in Practice

Beyond programs and partnerships, accessibility is ultimately measured in human experience. Autistic NASCAR driver Armani Williams, who has been featured in Mesa's accessibility storytelling and attended Visit Mesa's five-year Autism Certified City™ celebration, represents more than visibility. His journey as a professional driver pursuing his dream at the highest levels of motorsports reflects the power of possibility when individuals are supported and understood. In many ways, his story mirrors what we strive to create in Mesa: an environment where people feel confident to explore, participate and pursue what inspires them.

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Belonging in Practice, Continued

For many families, that confidence becomes deeply personal. When autism advocate and writer Debra Wallace traveled to Mesa with her son Adam, the journey marked his first time flying on an airplane — a milestone that underscored the trust their family placed in the experience. Once here, she described how meaningful the visit became, sharing that it meant everything "to see Adam thrive in a place where he was accepted, cared for and included," calling their time in Mesa one of the best Christmas gifts she could imagine. For visitors navigating additional layers of planning and uncertainty, that sense of ease can be transformative.

That impact is reinforced across Mesa's cultural institutions, which offer sensory-friendly hours and guest services designed to reduce uncertainty. With autism-certified staff present at many participating locations, visitors can engage with Mesa's art, history and events knowing their needs will be understood.

And because accessibility isn't static, neither is our commitment to it. We continue listening, adapting and strengthening the partnerships that support it. Collaboration among city departments, local businesses, nonprofit organizations and hospitality leaders ensures welcoming practices remain embedded in Mesa.

We often describe Mesa as City Limitless®, a place defined by open landscapes and bold ideas. For us, that spirit also means continuing to remove barriers and expand access so more people can discover all Mesa has to offer — because when accessibility is thoughtfully integrated into our destination, visitors don't just explore with confidence. They can trust that they belong in Mesa.

City Limitless.

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Medina, Saudi Arabia
(Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah)

“We want to ensure that residents and visitors in Medina experience a city that is truly inclusive. Partnering with IBCCES allows us to equip our community to better serve individuals on the autism spectrum and those with sensory sensitivities, ensuring a welcoming environment for everyone.”

- Dr. Adel Alwafi, CEO of Al-Madinah Association for Autism “Tamakkon”

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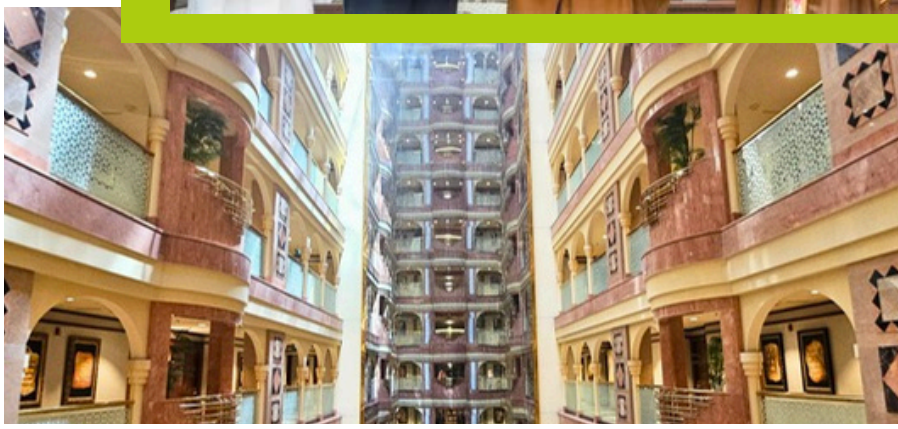
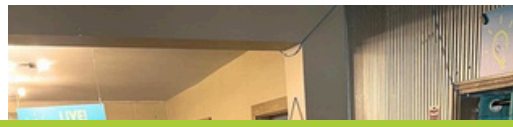


Medina is a city in western Saudi Arabia with a significant Islamic importance, renowned as the second holiest city in Islam after Mecca, Medina is home to the sacred Al-Masjid Al-Nabawi, the Prophet’s Mosque, which is a central pilgrimage site for Muslims worldwide. With a population exceeding 2 million residents, the city vibrates with cultural diversity and economic vitality. The region is also experiencing a surge in developmental and civilizational initiatives aimed to serve 23 million visitors annually. Beyond its religious importance, Medina boasts a unique landscape with its volcanic remnants, and rugged mountain backdrop, creating a captivating blend of natural beauty and historical intrigue, inviting visitors to explore its timeless beauty. The Autism Certified City™ (ACC) initiative reflects the city’s commitment to embracing diversity and ensuring that all residents and visitors, regardless of their neurodiversity, feel welcomed and supported in this cherished city.



CERTIFIED AUTISM DESTINATIONS™

Visalia, CA

“Visit Visalia and its tourism partners throughout the city are more than just autism-friendly, they are autism-certified. This allows Visalia to provide memorable experiences to our visitors with autism with the help of well- trained staff, able to anticipate their needs.”

-John Oneto, Board Chair of Visit Visalia

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As the first Certified Autism Destination™, Visalia continues its long-term commitment to accessibility and inclusion. Visalia – an easy drive from all of California’s major population and business centers – lies in the heart of the Central Valley, at the base of the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Our welcoming community hosts visitors from across the United States and from many nations worldwide – all eager to explore the unrivaled beauty of the National Parks and find adventure in the great outdoors.The city is more than a basecamp for national park travelers. With a vibrant downtown, unique foodie restaurants, craft breweries, farmers’ markets, boutique shopping and a thriving, eclectic art scene, Visalia is a destination all its own. It’s a hub for family travel, with expansive youth sports facilities and children’s venues and attractions. And its walkable downtown and access to hotel rooms and meeting space make it a popular convention destination, as well.

High Point, NC

“We are proud to be at the forefront of inclusive tourism and to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all of our visitors. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to travel and explore new places, and this certification will help us achieve that goal.”

-Nancy Bowman, Visit High Point VP of Branding

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High Point becomes the first Certified Autism Destination™ on the East Coast. Many local organizations have made the commitment to become Certified Autism Centers™ (CAC) to make High Point a more inclusive destination to live, work and play. This initiative was spearheaded by Visit High Point, who worked to onboard a variety of hospitality partners and businesses over the course of two years. The CAD certification process involved extensive staff training for partner organizations in the city, including attractions, restaurants, hotels, and recreation facilities. This training has equipped the city with the necessary tools to better understand and respond to the needs of autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals.

High Point, NC – the first Certified Autism Destination™ on the East Coast

High Point, North Carolina, made history when it became the first Certified Autism Destination™ (CAD) on the East Coast and only the second in the country. For families navigating autism and sensory needs, that distinction represents something simple and meaningful: peace of mind.

The designation, awarded by IBCCES recognizes destinations where a critical mass of businesses and organizations have completed specialized autism and sensory-awareness training. In High Point, that work was led by Visit High Point, which partnered with local attractions, hotels, restaurants, and community organizations to build something intentional and lasting.

Over the course of almost three years, hospitality partners across the city committed to becoming Certified Autism Centers. Today, 20 organizations have completed the training process. Staff members have learned how to better understand sensory needs, communicate clearly, and support families in real time. IBCCES also worked alongside partners to create custom sensory guides, helping guests preview what to expect before they arrive.

> "I love coming to High Point. Everyone is very accommodating and now I want to bring my kid here because I can tell there are a lot of well-trained people here."
>
> Mother, Kay O.

Says mom Kay O., "I love coming to High Point. Everyone is very accommodating and now I want to bring my kid here because I can tell there are a lot of well-trained people here."

Visit High Point's own team took part in the effort. The organization became the first Destination Marketing Organization in North Carolina and on the East Coast to earn CAC status. Every member of the team completed Certified Autism Travel Professional™ (CATP) training. That means when families call, email, or walk into the Visitor Center, they connect with someone who understands the questions they may have and the considerations that matter most.

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Melody Burnett, president of Visit High Point, has often emphasized that accessibility is part of the city's identity and future.

"Accessibility is a key part of our identity and future. Becoming the first Certified Autism Destination™ on the East Coast reflects not just a great place to visit, but a place where families feel supported and can thrive in High Point," says Melody Burnett.

Across High Point, that commitment shows up in everyday experiences.

At the **High Point Public Library**, the Children's Department hosts a monthly Sensory-Friendly Storytime. Each session follows a consistent format with a song, a small selection of books, and unstructured playtime. The predictability helps children know what is coming next. Families can also access Sensory Rescue Packs, sensory songs, and a social story designed to prepare young visitors for their time at the library. A recently opened Sensory Garden adds an outdoor space where families can slow down and explore at their own pace.

The **Nido and Mariana Qubein Children's Museum** offers another example of flexible, inclusive design. Named North Carolina's Visitor Attraction of the Year in 2022, the museum features interactive exhibits, imaginative play areas, and a double-decker carousel. The layout allows children to choose experiences that match their comfort level. Some gravitate toward active exhibits. Others seek quieter corners. The variety makes it easier for families to build a visit that works for them.

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Melody Burnett, president of Visit High Point

At the **High Point Arts Council**, sensory-friendly performances and workshops are woven into the events calendar throughout the year. The historic freight depot that houses the council now serves as a gathering place where creativity and accessibility intersect. Families are encouraged to check the schedule for autism-inclusive offerings.

The **High Point Museum** also integrates accessibility into its programming. Children can participate in monthly hands-on crafts and activities while designated quiet spaces, both inside and outside the museum, offer a place to regroup if needed. These calming areas are clearly identified and easy to access.

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Community leaders have joined the movement as well. Miss High Point has helped host sensory-friendly events at **Centennial Station**, demonstrating that inclusion extends beyond traditional tourist attractions and into civic celebrations.

Families planning a visit can explore a curated list of autism-certified offerings and sensory-friendly events on Visit High Point's events calendar. The dedicated category makes it easy to identify programming designed with autism accessibility in mind.

"As a parent, watching the joy in my child's face when she was able to explore and do things that normally we don't get to go out and do, is super exciting," says a visitor to High Point.

The broader impact of becoming a Certified Autism Destination™ reaches beyond tourism numbers. According to the CDC's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network, nearly 1 in 31 children in the United States is identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder. That statistic represents millions of families who weigh extra considerations when planning a trip.

By building a destination where trained staff, sensory guides, and predictable programming are part of the infrastructure, High Point offers a model other communities can follow. The work required collaboration between city leaders, nonprofit organizations, cultural institutions, and private businesses. It required time and sustained effort. It required listening to families.

Meredith Tekin, IBCCES president, has spoken about the growing demand for destinations that take accessibility seriously. Families are looking for places where they do not have to explain themselves at every turn. They are looking for environments that anticipate their needs.

In High Point, that anticipation is becoming standard practice.

Restaurants are training their staff. Hotels are reviewing and enhancing guest experiences. Attractions are thinking differently about sound, lighting, and scheduling. Visit High Point continues to onboard new partners and expand awareness across the community.

The designation as a Certified Autism Destination was a milestone, but it was never intended to be a finish line. City leaders and tourism partners continue to refine programming, grow the number of Certified Autism Centers, and strengthen communication with families who travel here.

High Point has long been known as the Home Furnishings Capital of the World™ and a city with a strong sense of community. Now it is building another reputation, one grounded in accessibility and inclusivity.

For families seeking a destination where preparation meets opportunity, High Point offers a place to begin. Visit www.visithighpoint.com/autism-travel/ to learn more about our Certified Autism Centers™.

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Traverse City, MI

> **The goal is to create a welcoming environment for all residents and visitors, regardless of their unique needs, and to make the travel experience friendlier for families. Sometimes it's as simple as having knowledgeable employees, creating a quiet space, or providing accurate information about what a certain experience is like and how to navigate it easily before the visitors arrive."**

-Whitney Waara, Chief Operating Officer of Traverse City Tourism

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Traverse City, the first Certified Autism Destination™ in the Midwest, is leading the way in accessible travel and entertainment. The region offers beautiful beaches, a wide array of freshwater activities, farm visits, and great food. There are hundreds of miles of hiking and biking trails, museums, and art parks to explore, and lots of indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities that are fun for the whole family.

Certified Autism Centers™ in Traverse City include lodging, dining, recreation, and entertainment options. Each participating organization is ready and excited to welcome autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals and their families. We invite you to come to Traverse City and make great memories! Visit TraverseCity.com for all of your planning needs or give us a call today.

Creating an Oasis of Peace in Michigan

Traverse City Tourism

The Traverse City Visitor Center is located in the heart of this small, bustling northern Michigan town. During the annual National Cherry Festival, the community of 16,000 will attract hundreds of thousands of visitors who come to experience the shores of Grand Traverse Bay, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, miles of hiking and biking trails, and a wide variety of outdoor activities. During the Cherry Festival, the town is alive with the sights and sounds of an air show, multiple parades, the bright lights of the midway, cherry pit spitting contests, and dog jumping. There are many things to keep the kids engaged, including turtle races, big wheel races, and of course, cherry pie eating contests.

Most will relish the frenzied pace. But for families with autism, a festival of this size can be problematic. Which is why at the Visitor Center, there is a room of solace. A quiet room of escape that becomes an oasis. The light in the room is dim. There are stuffed animals for comfort. There are soothing sounds. This is a place far from the hustling crowd outside. It's a place of peace and comfort.

"We've witnessed kids go into the room with uncontrollable tears and a pained expression on their face, only to emerge a short time later smiling and laughing," said Traverse City Tourism (TCT), President Trevor Tkach.

This quiet room was created when Traverse City Tourism embarked on being the first Certified Autism Destination™ (CAD) in the Midwest by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). The certification became a community project. It resulted in dozens of businesses learning the needs of those traveling with autism and sensory needs. Hundreds of staff and volunteers from a variety of backgrounds went through the training. It impacted lodging partners and popular attractions, including museums, trails, restaurants, ski resorts, wineries, special events, and sailing adventures.

The ultimate goal was to make Traverse City a destination accessible to everyone. That required changing the mindset around what accessibility means. It wasn't confined to physical limitations that can be resolved by building ramps for wheelchairs, or making track chairs available at the popular Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. It required Traverse City Tourism to think about anything that created a barrier to travel in the region.

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To achieve that goal took a community-wide effort. Multiple businesses, non-profit organizations, and attractions took the time and made the effort to learn what makes a location an autism-inclusive travel destination.

TART Trails, a non-profit organization that develops and promotes a network of hiking and biking trails, trained staff and volunteers about the needs of neurodiverse travelers. Their trail system, which includes links to the busy downtown, created easy access to people who could find solitude along a winding trail that hugs a quiet lake.

"True community inclusion exceeds simply removing physical accessibility barriers for people with mobility-related disabilities. Creating safe places for neurodiverse people who live with low sensory stimulation thresholds demonstrates Traverse City's dedication and commitment to building a community that welcomes people of all abilities."

Alanna Lahey, Executive Director of Disability Network Northern Michigan

Similar autism instruction was given to staff and volunteers at the nearby Michigan Legacy Art Park at Crystal Mountain. This destination not only has secluded tree-lined trails within its 30 acres, but it also has over 50 works of art to explore.

"True community inclusion exceeds simply removing physical accessibility barriers for people with mobility-related disabilities," said Alanna Lahey, Executive Director of Disability Network Northern Michigan. "Creating safe places for neurodiverse people who live with low sensory stimulation thresholds demonstrates Traverse City's dedication and commitment to building a community that welcomes people of all abilities."

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"We needed to create a welcoming environment for residents and visitors regardless of their special needs," said TCT Chief Operating Officer, Whitney Waara, who was one of the people spearheading the certification process. "Sometimes it's as simple as giving a friendly smile when a family faces autism challenges. Other times, it's offering more concrete assistance."

Some certified sponsors made "fidget spinners" available to help those dealing with anxiety, and others offered noise-canceling headphones. The Great Wolf Lodge water park created a downloadable guide with sensory descriptions. For some certification proponents, this became a passion project. Some had experience with autism in their families and personally knew what it was like to travel to a new and unfamiliar destination with someone on the spectrum.

Certification is an ongoing process. Employees and volunteers need to get re-certified on a regular basis through online training. New businesses and attractions occasionally reach out to Traverse City Tourism to inquire about getting certified. TCT has established a grant program to support member businesses and community organizations that may need financial assistance with the certification costs.

"This has been well worth the effort," said TCT President, Tkach. "Being inclusive to everyone is not just giving lip service to specific travel needs. Oftentimes, it requires specialized training, building awareness, and developing unique assistance programs."

More information about the TCT Autism program, including a full list of certified autism destination partners, is available on their website. A video showcasing the program is available here. Get more information about the destination at: www.TraverseCity.com.

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Greater Palm Springs, CA

“Being a Certified Autism Destination™ means families and individuals with autism can visit our region with confidence, knowing that our attractions, hotels, and businesses have undergone training to provide a welcoming and supportive experience. We are proud to be a leader in making travel more accessible and ensuring that everyone can enjoy the beauty, relaxation, and adventure that Greater Palm Springs has to offer."

-Scott White, President & CEO, Visit Greater Palm Springs

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Greater Palm Springs, which has been known as a Hollywood hot spot since the early 1920s, is an easy getaway from Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix and Las Vegas, as well as more than 500 connecting cities into Palm Springs International Airport. With mountains you can almost reach out and touch, natural hot mineral springs, lush palm groves, over 100 golf courses and more than 300 days of sunshine each year, the destination presents a unique combination of escape, adventure, recreation, and relaxation.

An Oasis for Everyone: A Neurodivergent-Friendly Family Guide to Greater Palm Springs

Traveling as a family with neurodivergent members often requires a delicate balance of excitement and predictability. The fear of sensory overload or a lack of understanding from staff can sometimes make the idea of a vacation feel more like a challenge than a getaway. As part of a growing movement toward accessibility, Greater Palm Springs is rapidly becoming a premier destination for inclusive travel, offering a collection of experiences designed to be calmer, easier, and deeply welcoming.

Many key attractions in the region have earned the Certified Autism Center designation. This means staff are specifically trained to understand and support the needs of autistic guests, and sensory guides are available to help families plan their day.

Here is a look at how your family can enjoy a restorative, three-day "Autism Adventure" in the Coachella Valley.

Where to Stay: A Foundation of Comfort

The key to a successful trip is a home base that understands your needs. The **Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa in Indian Wells** is a CAC, ensuring that inclusivity starts the moment you check in.

For families, the small details make the biggest difference. The resort offers spacious modern rooms equipped with blackout curtains, essential for ensuring restful sleep after a day of stimulation, and in-room mini-fridges to keep preferred snacks or medications on hand. For sensory-sensitive swimmers, the resort features three pools, including a sandy beach pool that allows for a gradual and controlled entry into the water. If the sun or the crowds become too much, the lush, shady gardens and quiet nooks provide the perfect "reset" spots.

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Day 1: Creative Play and Calming Companions

Start your first morning at the **Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert**. This museum is built on the philosophy of hands-on, interactive play, but it also recognizes that every child processes information differently. Staff are trained to support neurodivergent visitors, and the museum provides sensory-friendly tools and dedicated quiet corners for those who need a break from the action.

For lunch, head to **FARM Palm Springs**. Dining out can often be a source of stress, but FARM offers a relaxing garden setting that feels worlds away from the hustle and bustle. The staff is notably attentive to sensory sensitivities; don't hesitate to ask for a table in a quieter area or inquire about their availability of sensory toys.

In the afternoon, enjoy some family fun at **Escape Room Palm Springs**. Their staff have taken the CAC training, and their facilities are accessible for all. Choose from seven different escape room games including Merlin's Magic School, Bank Heist, and the brand-new Prehistoric Park. All games are family friendly so you can work together to find the clues and crack the codes before the 60 minutes are up!

Day 2: Adventure and Education

On your second day, immerse yourselves in the natural beauty of the desert at **The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens**. As a CAC, the zoo provides comprehensive sensory guides for every exhibit. These guides rank sensory inputs like noise, smell, and light, allowing parents to decide which areas are a good fit for their child.

The Living Desert is expansive, which is a benefit for those who need personal space. From feeding giraffes to watching the desert tortoises, the exhibits are designed to be viewed at your own rhythm. The park also offers several "quiet zones" marked on their maps where families can decompress.

For an afternoon shift in perspective, take a ride on the **Palm Springs Aerial Tramway**. While the height might be a consideration for some, the transition from the desert floor to the cool, crisp air of the San Jacinto Mountains is a sensory delight. Once at the top, the pine-scented trails of Mt. San Jacinto State Park offer a peaceful, open-air environment perfect for a family hike.

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Day 3: From Earth to Sky – Nature's Wonders

Begin your last day by experiencing the beauty and splendor of the southern California desert on a guided hike with **Friends of the Desert Mountains**. An organization that focuses on conservation and education, they provide hikes for both beginners and more experienced hikers.
Their volunteer docents can take you across the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, guide you through Box Canyon and Painted Canyon, or lead you on a variety of nature and wildlife walks. All their staff members have undergone autism and sensory sensitivity training, and they are ready to welcome individuals on the spectrum as they explore our breathtaking desert environment.

Relax in the afternoon by visiting **Frisky Business Cat Café** in Palm Springs. This is a truly unique destination that holds the Certified Neurodiverse Workplace™ (CNW) designation. Interaction with animals can be incredibly therapeutic and grounding for neurodivergent individuals. The calm, quiet environment of the cafe, paired with the gentle presence of resident cats, offers a low-demand social experience that is both soothing and joyful.

For your last evening in Greater Palm Springs, prepare to witness the sparkle of the stars above at the **Rancho Mirage Library and Observatory**. Gaze at nearby planets and stars on the Deck or in the Dome. Learn about the constellations passing above from astronomers and volunteers. As a Certified Autism Center, their staff members provide a safe and welcoming experience for all.

A Community of Inclusion

What makes Greater Palm Springs stand out for the "Autism Adventure Guide" isn't just the number of attractions, but the heart behind them. By choosing destinations that have invested in IBCCES certification, you are visiting a community that has made a formal commitment to understanding, welcoming, and celebrating neurodiversity.

Whether it's the soft purr of a cat at Frisky Business or the wide-open views from the top of a mountain, Greater Palm Springs offers a landscape where every family member can find their own version of paradise. In this desert oasis, accessibility is not just a feature - it's the standard.

- **Use the Sensory Guides**: Some of the Certified Autism Centers have sensory guides so you can know how an attraction might affect the senses of an individual on the spectrum.
- **Plan for "Down Time"**: The desert heat can impact the sensory experience. Plan your outdoor activities for the early morning and use the mid-afternoon for pool time or quiet rest at the Renaissance Esmeralda.
- **Communication is Key**: Be sure to call ahead so know what to expect. Don't be afraid to identify your family's needs to staff at Certified Autism Centers. They are trained to help and often have resources, like sensory bags, weighted blankets, and sensory toys, available upon request.

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FOOD & BEVERAGE

Brengman Family Wines

“It is important for us here at Brengman Family Wines to be accepting and accessible to everyone looking to enjoy what we have to offer! Gaining accreditation helps us to understand how to offer a better experience to the neurodivergent community.”

-Joni Brengman

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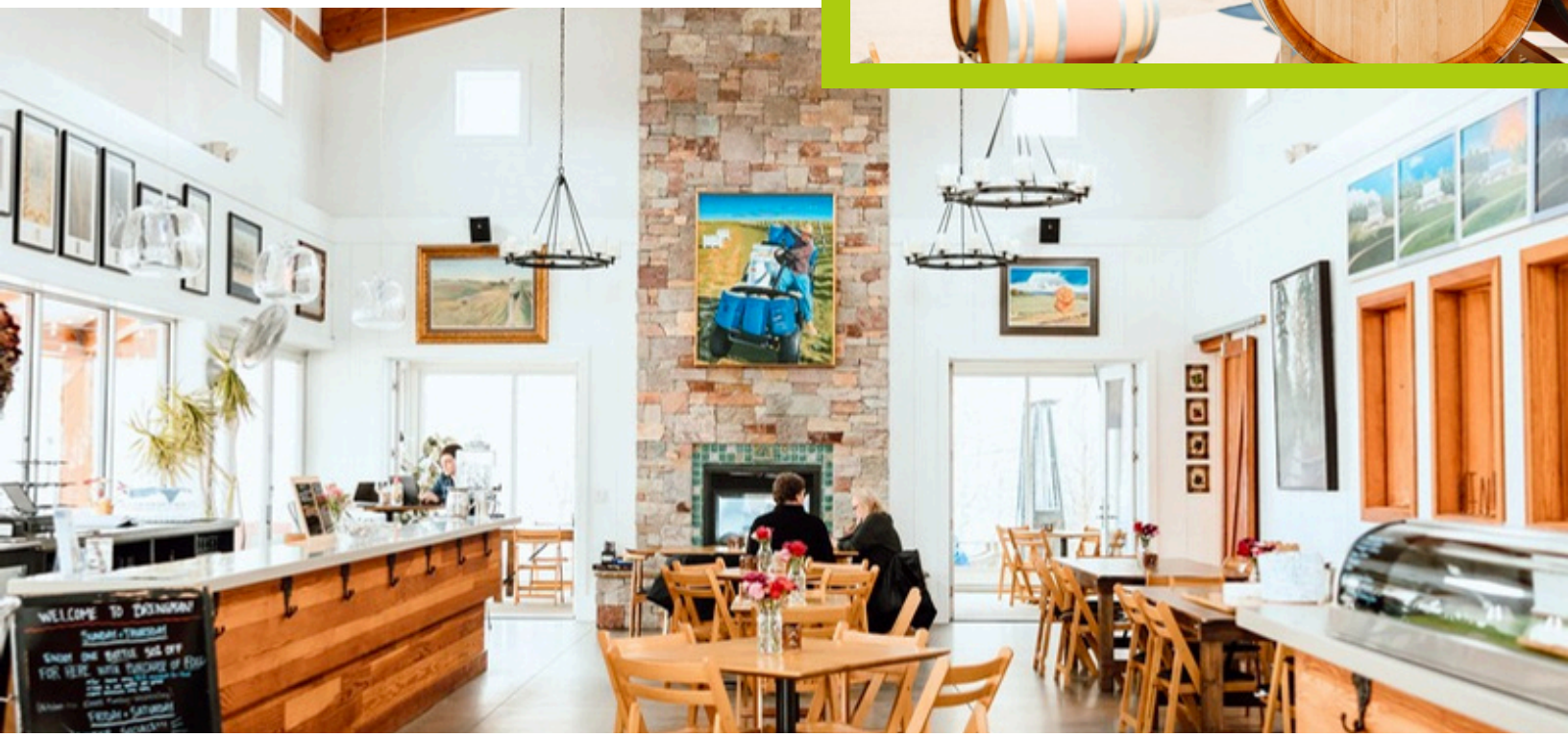

Brengman Family Wines is a truly unique gem, just five miles from downtown Traverse City. Nestled on a beautiful estate, we take pride in crafting exceptional wines grown right here on our vineyard. The Brengman Family has been in the hospitality business for generations and has spent the last 20+ years up here focusing on providing excellent service of our variety of products. Our tasting room offers more than just award-winning wines — enjoy handcrafted food, small-batch spirits, and thoughtful non-alcoholic options in a welcoming, scenic setting. Whether you're here for a glass, a meal, or an experience, Brengman Family Wines invites you to relax, sip, and stay awhile.

Carlsbad Food Tours

“At Carlsbad Food Tours, inclusivity is at the heart of what we do. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ reflects our deep commitment to making all guests feel welcome, safe, and understood. We believe that food is a universal connector, and everyone—regardless of neurodiversity—deserves a place at the table. This certification helps our team better support guests with autism through thoughtful communication, sensory-aware experiences, and patience. It’s not just about accessibility—it’s about creating a culture of empathy and belonging.”

-Cherimarie Poulos, Founder of Carlsbad Food Tours

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Carlsbad Food Tours is a locally owned and operated culinary walking tour company based in the heart of Carlsbad Village in North County San Diego. Founded in 2014 by Cherimarie Poulos, a retired nurse and passionate foodie, our tours blend delicious food tastings with rich storytelling about Carlsbad’s history, culture, and architecture. We offer a unique, three-hour guided experience that highlights locally owned eateries, tasting rooms, and artisan shops, allowing guests to eat like locals while exploring the charm of our coastal community. Whether you're a visitor or a lifelong resident, our tours are designed to connect people through food, celebrate small businesses, and create memorable experiences for all.

Clandestino

The best English translation we have seen for Clandestino is hidden or kept secret. True to its name, Clandestino is off the beaten path – secret if you will. Located on the Paseo behind Johnny Was at 175 North Palm Canyon Drive, Suite 160, it exudes the ethos of Old Palm Springs, itself a clandestine destination.

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Whether you are enjoying our Latin cuisine, our craft cocktails, or our array of fine liquors in the restaurant, at home, or at your catered event, the experience will be the same – excellent, well-curated food and drink, beautifully presented and delivered with our love. As part of our commitment to inclusivity and autism acceptance, we are happy to assist in providing stimulant and anti-stimulant aids where appropriate, arranging pre-paid meals to assist in streamlining your stay and alerting guests' service team to any specific approach that can help you enjoy your time at the restaurant.

Chupacabra Taproom

Chupacabra Taproom serves downtown Mesa the finest selection of craft beer and wine from all over the world.

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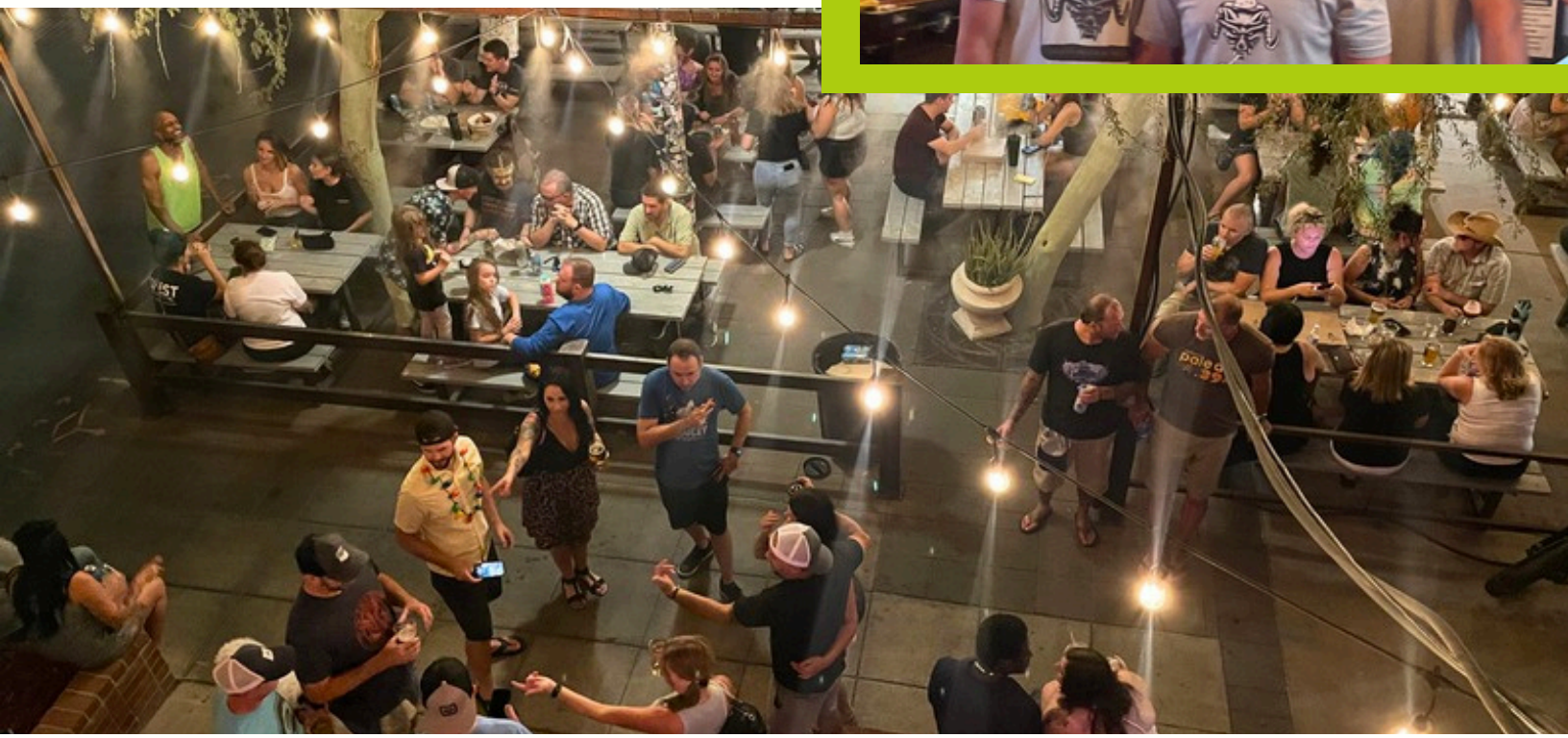

In addition to our selection of beer and wine, we also aspire to be a neighborhood hangout where you can relax and enjoy yourself in a laid-back atmosphere. Whether you are a seasoned pro, or someone new to the craft beer world, we look forward to making your acquaintance.

Farm

FARM is a traditional Provencial-style restaurant in downtown Palm Springs in the historic Plaza, tucked away from traffic. Chef has taken care to create a menu comprised of traditional European dishes, brimming with locally sourced produce and artisanal meats. In true Provencial-style, the prix fixe dinner menu is served at a pace so you may enjoy your evening with us.

Contact Info

6 La Plaza Palm Springs, California, 92262

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Serving French inspired breakfast, lunch, and dinner in an award-winning environment. As part of our commitment to inclusivity and autism acceptance, we are happy to assist in providing stimulant and anti-stimulant aids where appropriate, arranging pre-paid meals to assist in streamlining your stay and alerting guests' service team to any specific approach that can help you enjoy your time at the restaurant.

Forks & Boards

“At the core of our mission is making sure that fun is for everyone, and that's especially true for people who may have been excluded from gaming or fandom communities in the past. Our certification not only means we're better equipped to take care of our guests on the autistic spectrum, but it means that we're better equipped to take care of everyone in our community. We'd like to welcome you to Forks & Boards for any adventures you may have through 2026!"

-Gamers Guild Leadership Team

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Welcome to our fun and flavorful restaurant Forks and Boards, where board games meet delicious eats! Established in 2024 by passionate hospitality lovers, we’re not just a restaurant; we’re a playground for your taste buds! We have a mouthwatering menu bursting with all your favorites— delicious burgers, chicken, pizza, and heavenly gelato that’ll make your sweet tooth salivate!
We’re on a mission to serve up high-quality, scrumptious food while weaving a warm and inviting atmosphere that’s perfect for gamers, foodies, and friends alike. With prices that make everyone cheer, our casual vibe is designed for relaxation and unforgettable fun. So come on in, grab a board game, and have a fork'n good time!

Jimmy John's Palm Desert

"We believe every customer deserves to feel welcome and comfortable when they walk through our doors. Completing this certification is an important step in ensuring our team has the tools and understanding to better serve individuals with autism and sensory sensitivities. We're proud to be part of a community that prioritizes inclusivity and accessibility for all."

-Brian Murphy

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B.R. Murphy Enterprises, Inc. is the proud owner and operator of Jimmy John's® in Palm Desert, California. Known for its commitment to quality, value, and community, Jimmy John's Palm Desert has built a strong local reputation by serving high-quality sandwiches at affordable prices, while actively giving back through community service.

B.R. Murphy Enterprises, Inc. is dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment that welcomes neighbors and visitors from around the world.

Joy Bar Coffee Co. at Eastchester Drive

“Joy Bar Coffee Co. was founded on the principle that every member of our community deserves to share in joyful experiences. Whether it's as a consumer or an employee, High Point offers so much as a city, and our dream has always been to break down barriers that would limit any person or persons from enjoying all the positive experiences it offers. As a competitive integrated employer who takes tremendous pride in offering paid employment to a diverse group of typically and differently-abled people, our mission of inclusion extends to our customers as well.”

-Tiffany McDowell, Owner of Joy Bar Coffee

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Joy Bar Coffee Co. is a High Point-based coffee shop that believes in the JOY of accessibility and shared experiences. As an advocate for competitive integrated employment, Joy Bar offers paid employment to a diverse workforce that includes typically and differenty-abled individuals. The name “Joy Bar” is a promise made to customers that the experience they have within its doors will include the joy of a delicious drink and friendly staff serving them.

Eastchester Drive Curbside delivery is available via online ordering through Google or joybarcoffee.com

Joy Bar Coffee Co. at Main Street

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-Tiffany McDowell, Owner of Joy Bar Coffee

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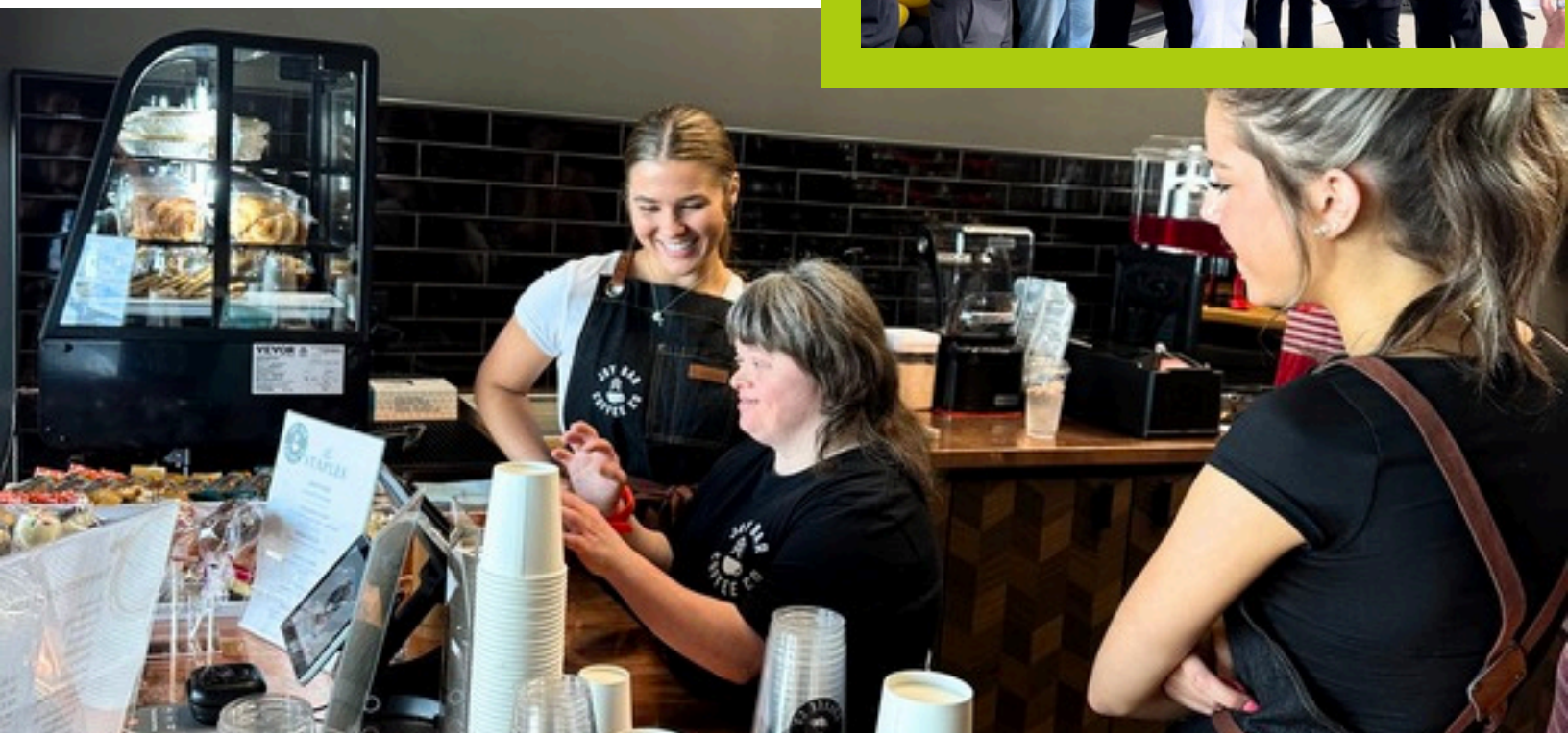

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Sweet Old Bills

“We have seen firsthand the challenges autistic individuals and their families may face. At Sweet Old Bill’s, we have always welcomed everyone to our restaurant, and we believe that with this added awareness and training, we will be better equipped to serve these patrons at Sweet Old Bill’s and cater to their needs in a way that we would not have been able to without the assistance and training from IBCCES.”

-Bill Heard, Owner

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Sweet Old Bill’s is a BBQ Restaurant located in High Point, NC. We combine traditional NC BBQ with Texas style brisket, smoked chicken, ribs as well as a variety of appetizers, salads and sandwiches. Established in 2018, Sweet Old Bill’s has tried to engrain ourselves in the community by serving good fresh food in a welcoming environment, as well as giving back in a variety of ways whenever we can. Thinking of High Point as our community, we believe that the better we can help make our hometown the better our business will become.

Tac/Quila

Transport yourself to Mexico City in the 1950s with our cuisine and cocktails that awaken the senses.

Tac/Quila is our made up word for combining gourmet Jalisco style cuisine with specialty tequilas and mezcals, in an effort to transport our guests south of the border and into a culture rich in flavor, color, art, and authenticity.

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Our goal is to bring you authentic cuisine, crafted by experienced chefs, passionate about exposing you to the best Mexico has to offer. We believe your experience at Tac/Quila should involve the highest quality ingredients, the best possible people, and a rich, inviting ambiance, that reflects the heart and soul of Mexico. As part of our commitment to inclusivity and autism acceptance, we are happy to assist in providing stimulant and anti-stimulant aids where appropriate, arranging pre-paid meals to assist in streamlining your stay and alerting guests' service team to any specific approach that can help you enjoy your time at the restaurant.

The Front Porch

The Front Porch is intimate and inviting, with beautiful art inside and al fresco dining options available both on the sidewalk and on our patio. But that's just the beginning. At Front Porch, our guests can relax in a beautiful and friendly environment and enjoy a variety of healthy and beautifully prepared offerings while sipping one of our handcrafted cocktails or a glass of fine wine. After experiencing Front Porch we are sure it will become a "go-to" place.

Contact Info

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www.frontporchpalmsprings.com

As part of our commitment to inclusivity and autism acceptance, we are happy to assist in providing stimulant and anti-stimulant aids where appropriate, arranging pre-paid meals to assist in streamlining your stay, and alerting guests' service team to any specific approach that can help you enjoy your time at the restaurant.

Trio Bar

“We believe that this program is not only important for the well-being and success of our employees and clients on the autism spectrum, but also the overall culture and diversity of our organization. And at Trio, we are committed to creating a supportive environment for everyone. This is why we invested in the program as we help develop a more inclusive and understanding community.”

-Yazan Haddad, Owner of Trio Bar

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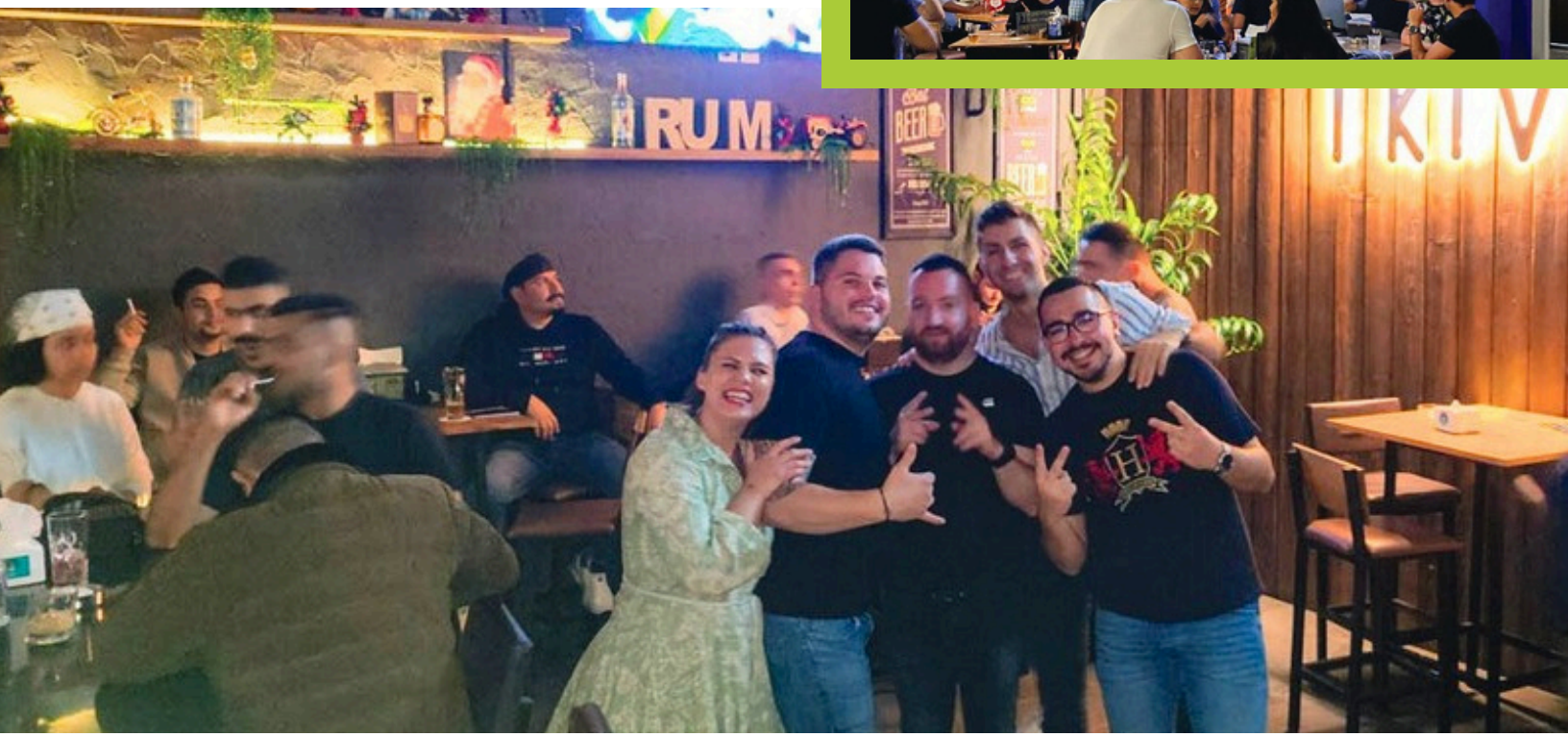

Welcome to our bar! We are located in the beautiful city of Ayla Aqaba and are proud to offer a warm and inviting atmosphere for our guests. Our bar is the perfect place to gather with friends and enjoy delicious signature cocktails.

Since opening our doors in 2020, we have become one of the best spots in Aqaba for socializing and having a great time. Our friendly staff is always on hand to make sure your experience at our bar is top-notch. In addition to signature drinks, we also offer a wide selection of beer, wine, and other beverages. Whether you’re in the mood for a classic cocktail or something a little more unique, we’ve got you covered.

RETAIL

Destination PSP

“Palm Springs has always been a place that celebrates individuality. At Destination PSP, we welcome everyone—customers and team members alike—and we proudly embrace the diversity of our community, including people of all abilities. We are proud to be the first and only retailer in the Coachella Valley to earn Certified Autism Center accreditation. We believe that retail is a key experience for our residents and visitors alike.”

-Jeffrey Bernstein, President

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Destination PSP produces unique, originally-designed merchandise including souvenirs, customized apparel, poolside wares, housewares and more. Our stylish, modern designs reflect the mid-century heritage of the Palm Springs area and are sought-after collectibles for visitors and residents alike. As a Palm Springs owned and operated small business, we support the area by sourcing locally whenever possible, contributing to local charities and community events, and being committed to sustainability with minimal-impact recycled packaging.

Dubai Duty Free

“It is an honour to receive this certification from IBCCES. This milestone is a testament to our commitment to delivering inclusive service to our diverse customer base. It aligns with Dubai Duty Free’s broader efforts to enhance accessibility and inclusivity across our operations and reinforces our belief that travel should be a safe and welcoming experience for everyone.”

-Ramesh Cidambi, Managing Director of Dubai Duty Free

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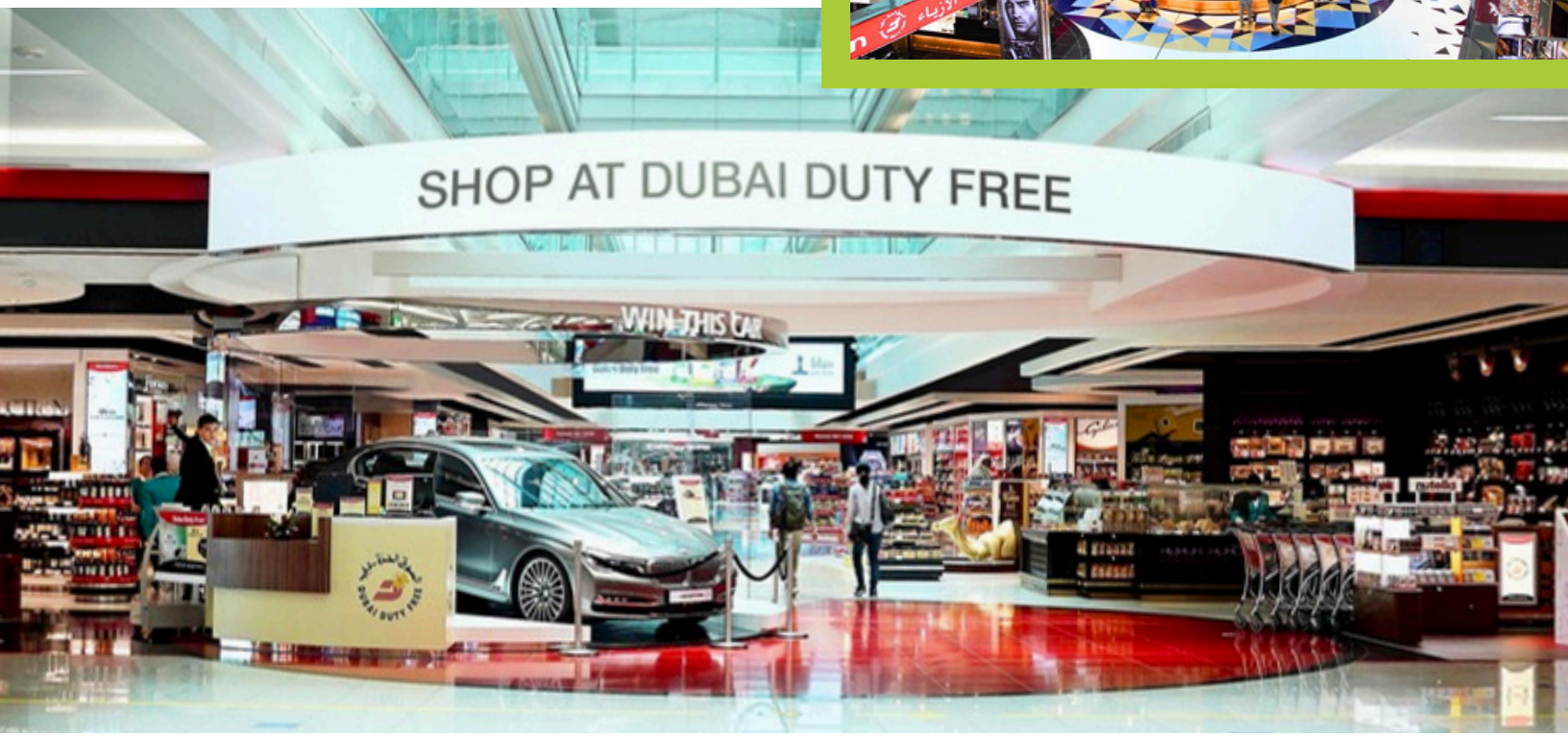

Founded on 20th December 1983, Dubai Duty Free is one of the biggest single travel retail operators in the world, currently operating around 40,000 sqm of retail space across Dubai International and Al Maktoum International airports. Now employing over 5,800 people, the operation has consistently raised the benchmark for airport retailing, and it continues to grow.

Dubai Duty Free expands on all fronts; it has a wide range of products and services and is one of the greatest travel retail success stories. With strong marketing and a series of innovative promotions to help drive business, Dubai Duty Free also maintains a high profile through a range of sponsorships, which focus mainly on sporting events. It has become a major player in Dubai’s economy by becoming a world-class tourist, business, and shopping haven.

Teressa Lane Jewelry

“As a hands-on, experience-driven jewelry studio in the heart of Carlsbad Village, creating a space where every guest feels welcomed, understood, and supported is incredibly important to us. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ reflects our team’s commitment to thoughtful training, sensory awareness, and delivering inclusive, meaningful experiences for all who visit Teressa Lane Jewelry."

-Teressa Laeske, Founder of Teressa Lane Jewelry

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Teressa Lane Jewelry specializes in personalized jewelry that is handmade with love and intention in sunny San Diego. Woman owned and proudly rooted in Carlsbad Village, our boutique is known for permanent jewelry with purpose, coastal energy, and timeless design. Whether you choose a charm bracelet, a custom engraved piece, or a bonded bracelet, every creation tells a personal story. Our style is fresh and modern, yet classic and meaningful. Perfect for a thoughtful gift or a treat for yourself, every piece is designed to be treasured.

MERCHANT ASSOCIATION

Downtown Visalians

“As caretakers of Downtown Visalia, it’s important to us that everyone who enters our community feels welcome. Becoming a CAC is both an honor and an opportunity to continue strengthening our commitment to inclusivity and growth. ”

- Downtown Visalians

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Visalia is in Central California and has long been known as the “Gateway to the Sequoias” as it is near the base of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, namely Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Downtown is the heart of the city, with its rich history and longstanding traditions. Downtown Visalians is an organization formed in 1963 by a dedicated group of merchants who sought to keep Downtown Visalia healthy and vibrant. They threw themselves into promoting business within 72 square blocks of downtown. Because of these merchants’ early and steadfast commitment, Visalia remains one of the most successful downtowns of its size in California. Our organization’s biggest strength is in serving as a unifying voice for downtown. Empowering property and business owners through our coordinated programs helps promote a stronger identity and greater competitiveness for the business district.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation

“The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation is proud to champion inclusive, excellent environmental education for all learners. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ through IBCCES marks a meaningful step toward fostering a safe, welcoming, and enriching environment where every individual can learn, explore, and thrive.”

-Emily Bonds, Deniell Aadland and Kate Corirossi, from Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation education department

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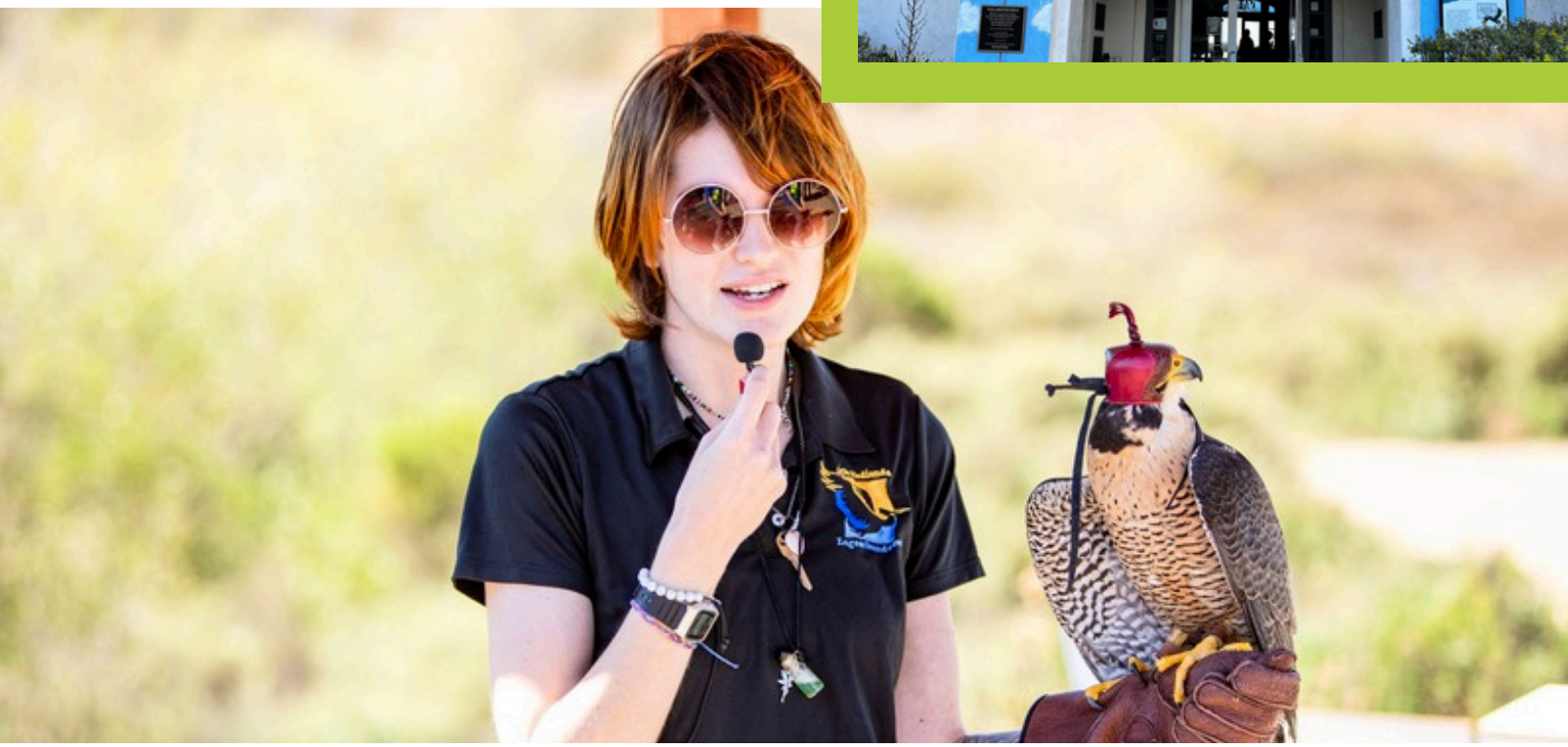

The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit nature campus in Carlsbad, CA. Through excellent environmental education, every visitor becomes a Future Lagoon Steward and Watershed Warrior, empowered with one new practice to help Mother Earth. We energize people through education and outreach to preserve the Agua Hedionda Lagoon and a healthy, accessible watershed. Our vision: be Stewards of the Watershed, inspiring future generations to enjoy a safe, healthy lagoon and space in nature for all.

American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc.

“Being a Certified Autism Center™ isn’t just about compliance; it’s a commitment to creating an environment where every individual, regardless of their neurodiversity, can thrive. It’s a recognition that our responsibility as a community is to ensure that everyone feels valued, understood, and supported.”

-Karen McNeill, CEO and President of the Hall of Fame Foundation Board of Directors

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The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., is an industry-wide organization founded to preserve its history, to celebrate exceptional individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the U.S. home furnishings industry, to inspire the next generation of innovative leaders and to engage the community with the world of home furnishings. Our new home, which opened in April 2023, is a symbol of the Home Furnishings Capital of the World™ where the industry gathers, where we honor our leaders and tell our stories, and where we learn through exhibits, seminars, and speakers. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, funds support our history and leadership programming.

Bettendorf Public Library

“The Bettendorf Public Library’s mission is to provide open and equal access to everyone in our community in a welcoming and inclusive space. It only made sense for the Library to also undergo the same training and certification as the Family Museum to create sensory-friendly environments as individuals and families continue their life-long learning journeys in both neighboring facilities.”

-Jillian Aschliman, Library Director

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www.bettendorflibrary.com

The Bettendorf Public Library is committed to providing access to information and ideas for all. Located in Eastern Iowa, the Bettendorf Public Library houses a large collection of both print and digital resources, as well as hosts free library programming and events for community members of all ages on a weekly basis.

Billings KOA (Kampgrounds of America, Inc.) Holiday

“We pride ourselves on providing exceptional experiences for all types of campers, no matter their background or ability. We know that travel can be challenging for individuals and families with autism or other sensory sensitivities. We are proud to be named a Certified Autism Center™, allowing us to create specialized programs and opportunities for all travelers to experience the joy of camping and the outdoors.”

-Jill Currier, Senior Vice President of OAK Operations for Kampgrounds of America, Inc

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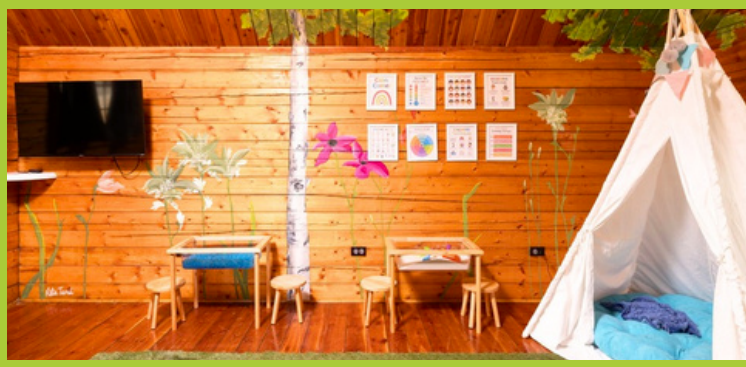

The world’s first KOA campground, Billings KOA Holiday is the perfect location for travelers headed to Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, or to simply enjoy beautiful Montana. While the location of the campground provides the perfect base camp to adventure, the property itself is full of fun and adventure. A large outdoor pool, new playground, adventure mini golf, and spacious pet playground provides fun for everyone. Campers can stay a variety of ways from deluxe cabins with kitchenettes, pull-thru RV sites with patios, private paw pen RV sites, shaded tent sites, and more. Bring a fishing pole to fish onsite or take your adventure to one of the local fishing access points along the Yellowstone or Stillwater Rivers. Billings is the perfect gateway to Montana’s many natural attractions. Spend a day exploring the Beartooth Scenic Highway, visit the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument or take a short drive to Pompey Pillars National Monument.

Carl Chavis YMCA

The Carl Chavis YMCA is ready to welcome guests with autism and serve them through its inclusive programs. They have many exciting amenities, including a splash pad, which is open to guests and open from May to September.

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Welcome to the Carl Chavis Memorial Branch YMCA. Like the National Y, our mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. The Carl Chavis Memorial Branch YMCA is named for the first African-American from High Point who lost his life in battle during World War II. The Carl Chavis YMCA is committed to providing the highest quality fitness programs available. We offer state-of-the-art equipment and a comprehensive approach to improving and maintaining your physical well-being. We also offer a full range of activities and programs designed to meet you at every level!

Columbia Association Aquatics Department

“This is a meaningful step toward better serving individuals with autism that we’re incredibly proud of. IBCCES is recognized around the world as a leading benchmark for autism training and certification. This accreditation is another way that CA is working to prioritize accessibility and ensure that all families in Columbia feel fully welcome and supported in our spaces.”

-CA Aquatics Director Matt Helfrich

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Columbia Association (CA) is and has always been here to enhance the quality of life in Columbia. We are committed to the founding goals of this unique and diverse community: stewardship, wellness, and inclusion. To achieve this, CA owns and manages a wide array of spaces, facilities, and programs that foster authentic connection.

All 23 of CA’s outdoor pools are now designated as a Certified Autism Center™. Each pool has a comprehensive Sensory Guide, which helps prepare children and families for their experience and the impact on their senses on a scale of 1-10. In addition, each pool is equipped with sensory bags with tools like noise-canceling headphones, water sensory timers, and fidget toys.

Distractions: An Art Entertainment Studio

Distractions is a place where art becomes a joyful escape and where community ties strengthen! The studio's diverse offerings, from pottery painting to canvas art, are rooted in the family's journey across cities and countries. Distraction's art studio is proud to be a Certified Autism Center™ recognized by the IBCCES. To embrace inclusivity, we offer a sensory Safe hours on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

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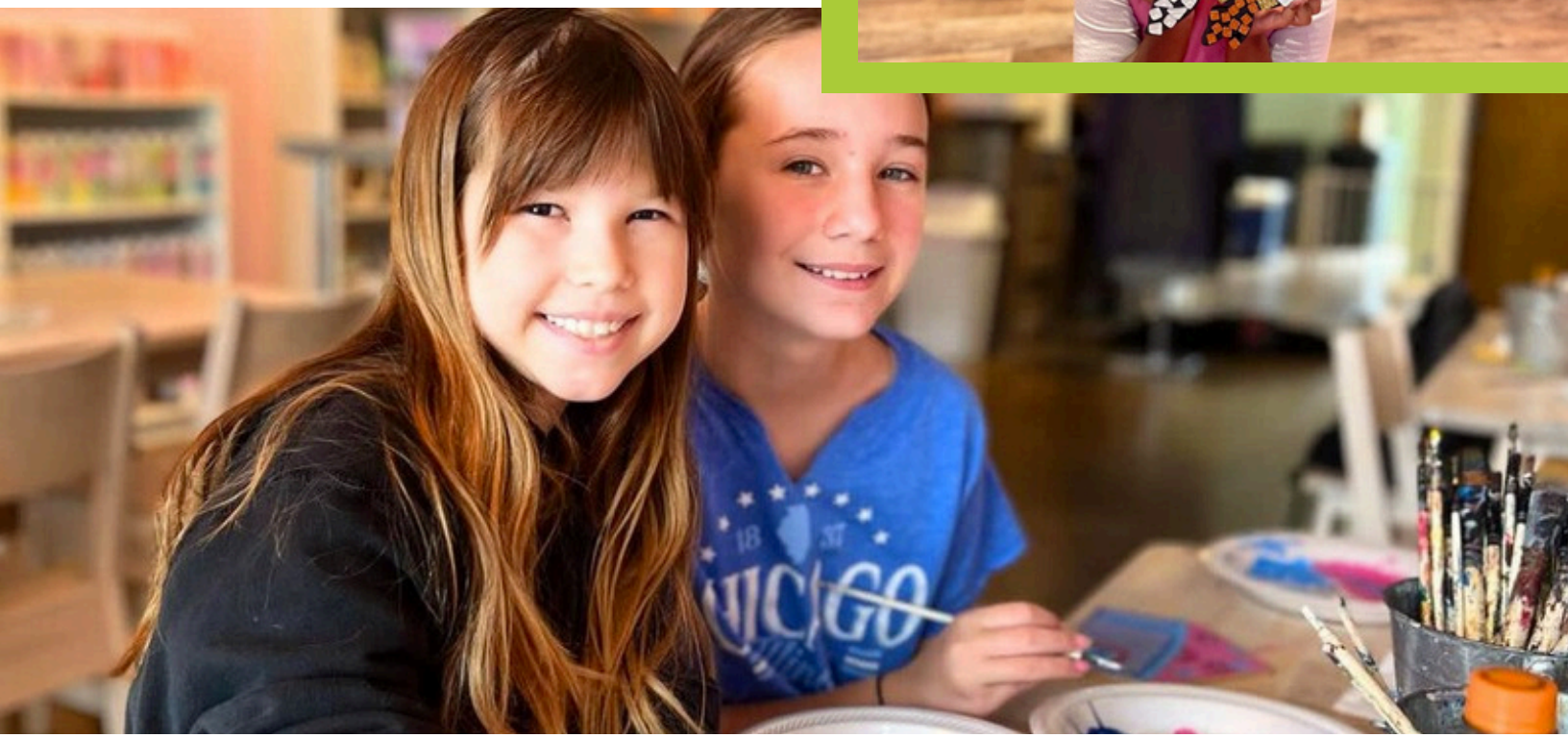

Distractions Art Studio is a welcoming, drop-in destination where you can indulge in your artistic side by painting your own pottery. We boast an extensive array of ceramic pieces for you to select from. At Distractions, we provide the opportunity for spontaneous board and canvas painting sessions, as well. No matter your age, we have classes and events suited for everyone, and if you're planning a celebration, consider our party packages. At Distractions, we're committed to making your creative experiences as accessible as possible, as we're open seven days a week for your convenience!

Dubai's Public Beaches

"The Municipality has always been keen to launch innovative initiatives that meet the aspirations and needs of different segments of society. We are delighted that Dubai Municipality's public beaches receive the Certified Autism Center™ certificate, the first of its kind in the region and the world."

-Eng. Ibrahim Mohammad Juma, Director of Public Beaches and Water Canals Department at Dubai Municipality

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www.dm.gov.ae/discover-dubai-beaches

Dubai Municipality, through its various sectors, strives to achieve its vision of building a happy and sustainable city and its mission to plan, develop and manage an excellent city that provides the essence of success and sustainable living. The sectors of the Municipality include: Engineering and Planning, Infrastructure Services, Health, Safety and Environment, Support Services, Business Development, and Corporate Support to support its vision and mission. Dubai Municipality's 2021 strategy was launched based on five main pillars: Creative and Pioneering Municipality in the world, Constructive Partnerships and Effective Communication, City Growth, City Excellence, and the Sustainability of the City's Environment. Dubai Municipality is considered one of the largest government institutions in terms of services, projects and works. It is a pioneering organization and driving force for the growth and development of Dubai Emirate.

First Coast Cultural Center

"It's important for First Coast Cultural Center to provide a safe place for adults and children to engage in the arts. Accommodations to a space are simple ways to create accessibility for all visitors, including low sensory rooms, private tours, and language support. The staff are trained in best practices in education for children with varying abilities, particularly our Sound Connections® Music Therapy program in St. Johns County schools."

-Silvia Romero, Executive Director

Contact Info

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First Coast Cultural Center is the place in our community to create, understand, and experience the Arts. We accomplish this through exhibitions of local, regional, and national artists in a variety of media; through exciting events for the community; and through quality arts classes, lectures, and workshops. We provide ongoing multidisciplinary art classes, summer camps, and workshops for children and adults with a multi-faceted curriculum for novice to advanced-level students. In addition to our artistic on-site programming, the Center offers a wide scope of educational opportunities for artists throughout the beaches and St Johns County.

Handled Pottery Studio

Located in the heart of Carlsbad Village, our community-focused ceramics studio offers a welcoming, creative space for all skill levels—from beginners to experienced artists. Established over a decade ago, the studio is dedicated to fostering connection through clay and building a supportive "clay community" for all.

Contact Info

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Carlsbad, CA., 92008

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www.handledpotterystudio.com

Handled Pottery Studio offers a diverse range of hands-on experiences designed to encourage creativity and self-expression. Programs include one-time sessions, seasonal workshops, and sensory-friendly classes that support creative freedom, as well as ongoing adult classes and youth programs like after-school clubs and summer camps. Guests can explore pottery wheel techniques, handbuilding, and a variety of creative projects in a fully equipped, welcoming studio environment.

Beyond classes, the studio hosts private events, date nights, birthday parties, and team-building sessions, making it a popular spot for social and creative gatherings. They also offer open studio memberships for independent artists, as well as a retail area featuring handmade ceramics and gifts crafted in-house. Handled Pottery Studio is a vibrant local hub where creativity, community, and craftsmanship come together through the art of clay.

Hartley Drive Family YMCA Aquatics Department

“Earning this certification from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards equips our staff and volunteers with the tools needed to provide an inclusive environment for all our members, guests, and aquatic program participants. These trainings enhance our focus on accessibility and move us towards our commitment to making the YMCA of High Point a place where everyone belongs.”

-Lynn Lomax, President and CEO of the YMCA of High Point

Contact Info

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www.hpymca.org

The Hartley Drive Family YMCA has been serving the High Point Community for decades and continues to provide high-quality programs and facilities, including an indoor aquatic facility featuring a 6-lane, 25-meter heated pool with diving blocks to accommodate competitive aquatic meets. The pool is also equipped with stairs and a lift to accommodate handicappped accessibility needs. The outdoor feature of our aquatic facilities includes an outdoor splash pad featuring an interactive, zero-depth water park designed for all ages. Splash Pad activities include spraying, splashing, dumping, and walk-through features!

High Point Arts Council

“High Point Arts Council (HPAC) constantly seeks new ways to expand our arts programs and educational offerings. HPAC celebrates entering our fourth year as a Certified Autism Center™! This is exciting news! Sensory-friendly programs are designed for individuals with autism and other sensory sensitivities, like ADHD and Alzheimer’s. Our team is trained through IBCCES and is eager to continue providing sensory-friendly programs. HPAC strives to keep art alive and accessible while enriching the lives of our community members. We are taking intentional steps to ensure the arts can be experienced with joy.”

-Beverly Lewis, High Point Arts Council’s Director of Programming and Community Engagement

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Since 1962, the Arts Council has served the arts needs of the community. Our mission is to uplift, unite, and provide an umbrella of support to the arts community. Our goal is threefold:

1. To uplift the creative community by advocating for the arts at a local, state, and national level.
2. To unite the residents of the greater High Point area by providing accessible and inclusive arts programming.
3. To provide an umbrella of support to the creative community through financial assistance, professional development opportunities, and encouraging artistic collaboration.

High Point Public Library

“We strive to be welcoming and accessible to everyone who walks through our doors. The training staff receive to achieve certification has helped us to take simple but effective steps to ensure that our neurodivergent customers have a positive and rewarding library experience.”

-Mary Sizemore, Director of High Point Public Library

Contact Info

901 N Main St
High Point NC, 27262

(336) 883-3660

www.highpointnc.gov/2328/Public-Library

Find that perfect book for a rainy day or for tips and tricks to tackle a do-it-yourself project. Discover the pleasure of listening to audiobooks or watching DVDs. Use the computer lab to access databases for the facts you need, research your ancestors, write your resume, and so much more. Enjoy family time by coming to story times, book clubs, seasonal crafts programs, and events.

IMURS

CHANGING LIVES, ONE DIVE AT A TIME

“Since 2022, we aimed to do more for our autistic participants, and achieving the Certified Autism Center™ certification is especially valuable for IMURS given the high number of autistic individuals in our program. Many have sensory sensitivities and unique communication needs, and our training has prepared our staff to better support and build trust with them. Seeing these autistic divers flourish has been transformative for our team.”

-Darren Landon, IMURS CEO and Co-founder

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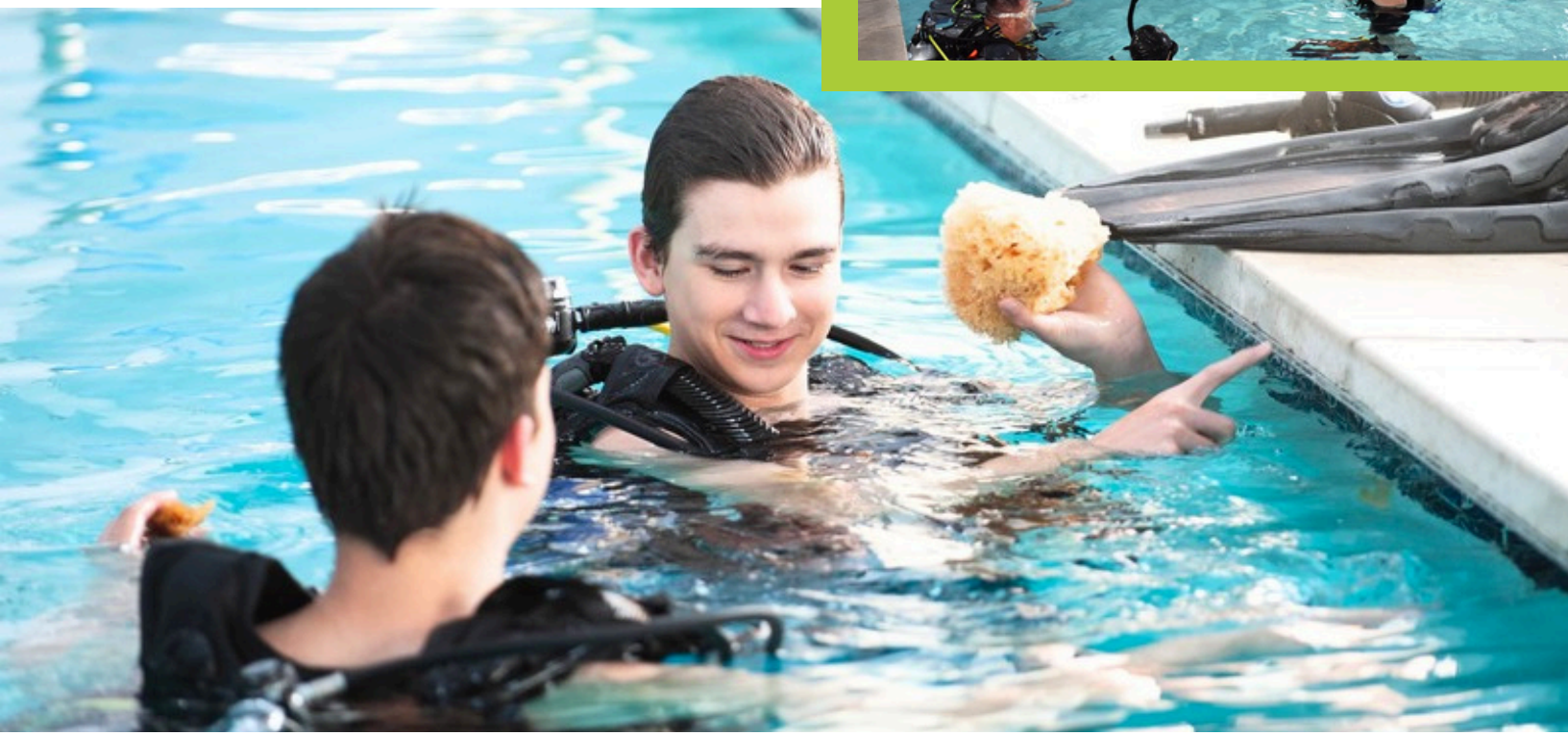

Located near the beautiful mountains of the Wasatch Front in central Utah County, IMURS is a 501(c)(30) nonprofit organization that provides therapeutic scuba diving for individuals with autism.

Mesa Public Library – Dobson Ranch Branch

“At Mesa Public Library, we value hospitality and demonstrate that value by providing safe and inclusive spaces for all to freely learn and grow. For us, participating in the training from IBCCES and receiving certification aligned perfectly with our organizational values and will allow us to better serve our community.”

-Heather Wolf, Director, Mesa Public Library

Contact Info

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Mesa, USA 85202

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www.mesalibrary.org

Mesa Public Library at Dobson Ranch is a family-friendly neighborhood library near downtown Mesa. The quiet single-level space is adjacent to the universally inclusive Dobson Ranch Park.

Michigan Legacy Art Park

“Michigan Legacy Art Park is excited to earn this prestigious designation. Our staff and volunteers completed autism-specific training to achieve certification, equipping them with the skills and resources needed to provide exceptional service to every visitor.”

-Angie Quinn, Executive Director

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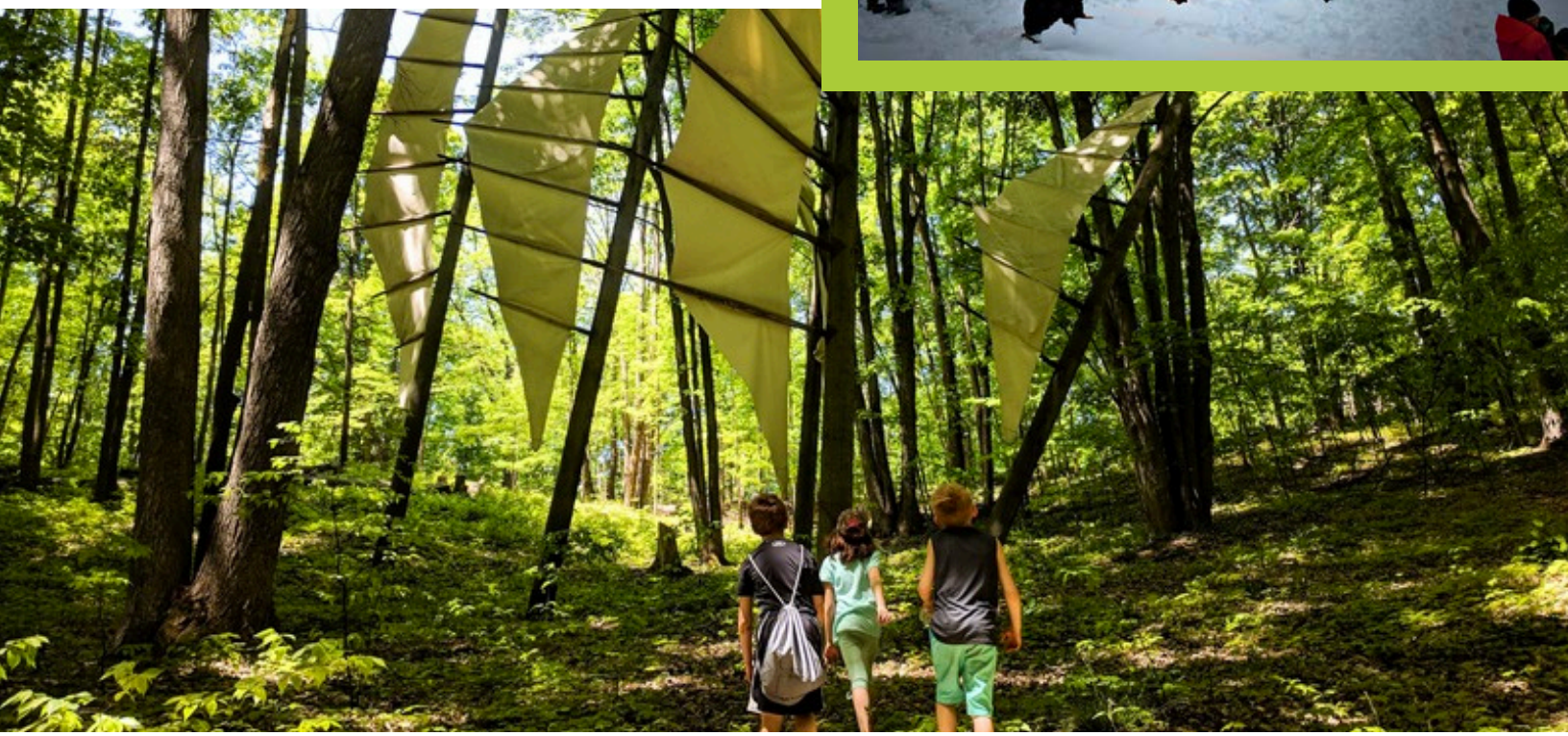
www.michlegacyartpark.org



The mission of the Michigan Legacy Art Park (the Art Park) is to inspire awareness, appreciation, and passion for Michigan’s stories, culture, and environment through the arts. Since opening in 1995 the Art Park completes this mission through the operation of a 31-acre forested, public, sculpture garden adjoining Crystal Mountain.

The Art Park has over 50 sculptures in the permanent collection; carved poetry stones with a verse that respect the natural setting; an amphitheater for concerts and events; an accessible ¼-mile outdoor trail and 2-mile natural trail; and a Discovery Grove area for student and family activities and programs. Over 20,000 visitors are served annually.

Never Quit Dreaming

“To be the first Certified Autism Center™ in Hawaii exemplifies Never Quit Dreaming’s commitment to the special needs community, specifically those on the autism spectrum. In a place that many people call paradise, NQD wants to be the pioneer of change, making Hawaii a place of understanding, acceptance, and inclusion.”

-Kristopher Dung, Executive Director of NQD

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Located on the island of Oahu, Never Quit Dreaming's mission is to provide recreational resources and unique experiences for individuals with special needs living in Hawaii.

Peoria Public Library Main Branch

“Our vision for the Peoria Public Library System is that we serve as an innovative, interactive, and inclusive education hub for our community. The autism certification ensures that our staff have the skills to welcome all to our libraries and our outreach events. This certification is integral to our core operations and empowers each of us to create an extraordinary patron experience.”

- Marylou Stephens
Arts, Culture, & Library Services Director
City of Peoria

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Both Peoria Public Library Main Branch and Sunrise Mountain locations offer an array of services and programs for all members of the community. In addition to our print and media collections, we offer Explore-To-Go kits, seed libraries, Wi-Fi hot spots, Culture Passes, and much more. We have programs for people of all ages such as story times, reading programs, book clubs, tech classes, and several special events - fun for the whole family. Visit your local Peoria Public Library today and see what all we have to offer!

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Pickering Events LLC

“Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ has prepared our team to host community members who may have felt left out of festivities in the past. We look forward to continuing to expand our offerings for guests with sensory needs including augmenting our sensory space: a calm and secluded oasis offered during the annual Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival presented by Fantasy Springs Resort Casino."

-Fairgrounds CEO Chris Pickering

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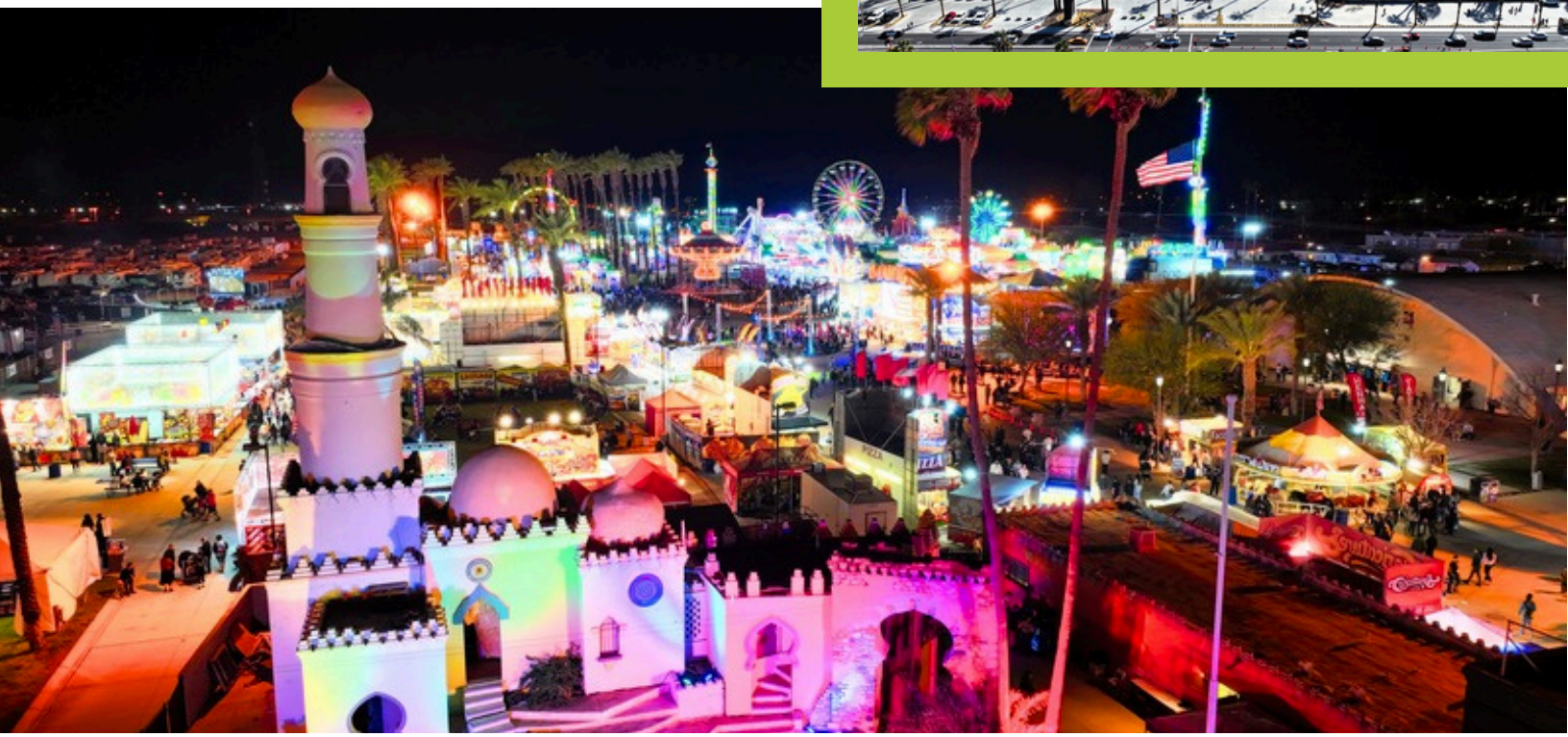

Pickering Events leverages decades of international award-winning fairgrounds leadership experience to preserve and enhance traditional community celebrations. Current clients include the County of Riverside (Riverside County Fairgrounds), City of Indio (Indio International Tamale Festival), Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. (Vendor Management), and California Exposition & State Fair (Special Events).

Pompano Beach Department of Cultural Affairs

“Recognizing the importance of inclusivity in the arts, we saw an opportunity to enhance our services by providing autism sensitivity and awareness training to our staff. This collaboration not only underscores our commitment to accessibility but also reflects our shared vision of creating welcoming environments for all visitors, including those with sensory sensitivities."

-Mayor Rex Hardin

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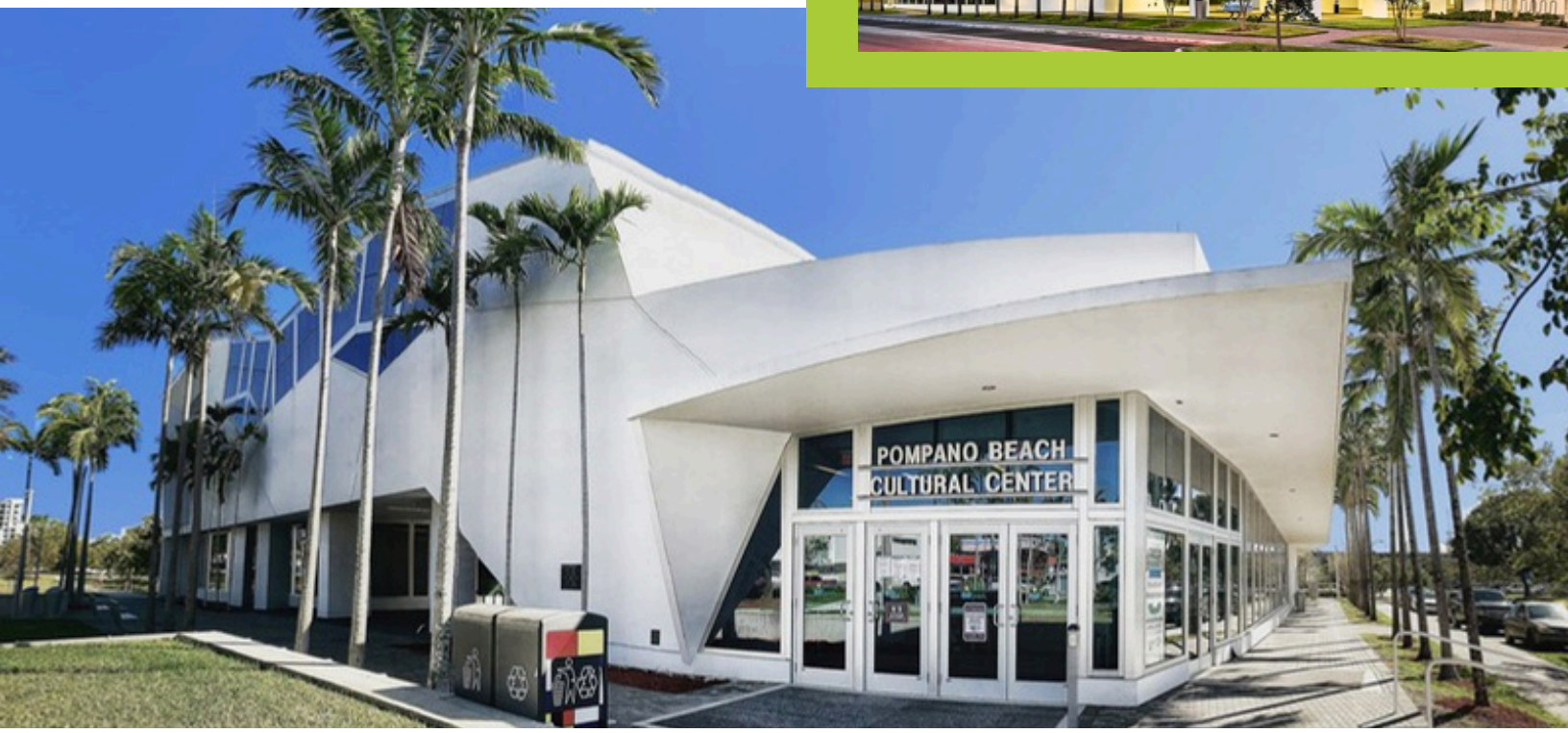

The campus of the Center includes a theatre, flexible event space, an art gallery, a multi-media digital center, and a public library. The theatre features diverse programming including theatre, music, film, dance, comedy, and even dinner shows on occasion.

Rancho Mirage Library & Observatory

RANCHO MIRAGE
LIBRARY & OBSERVATORY

“The Rancho Mirage Library & Observatory has always prioritized inclusivity, ensuring a safe environment for all patrons and visitors. The ability to become a Certified Autism Center™ through the Greater Palm Springs initiative allows us to show our autistic and sensory-sensitive patrons that they are welcome.”

-Aaron Espinosa, Director of the
Rancho Mirage Library & Observatory

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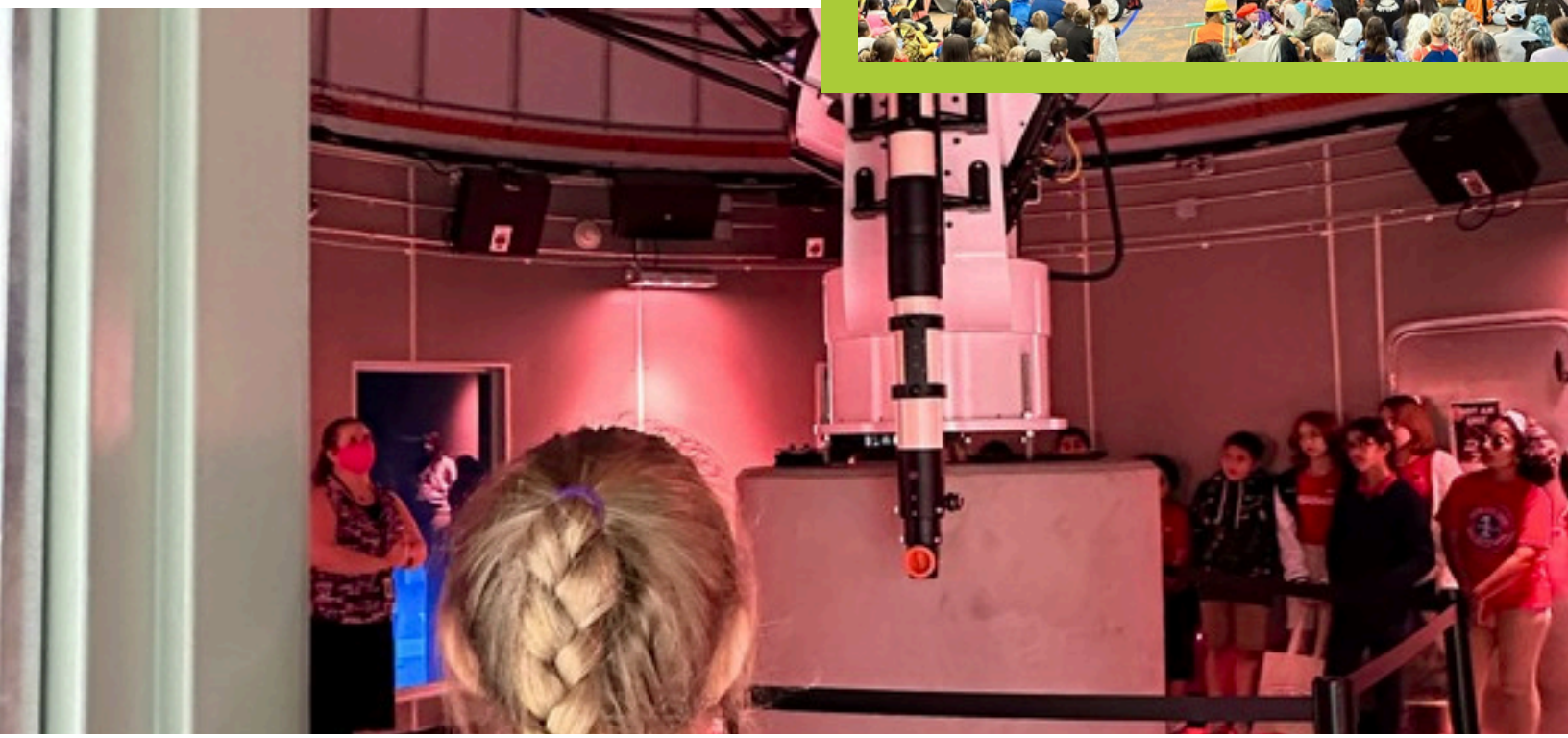

Founded in 1996 and in its current location since 2006, the Rancho Mirage Library and Observatory serves as the cultural hub of the Greater Palm Springs area. Over 400+ free programs, events, and exhibits are offered annually to patrons while over 175,000 people utilize the library’s services annually. In 2018, the Rancho Mirage Library added the Observatory and has since assisted 15,000+ visitors each year with getting closer to the stars. The observatory even launched an innovative program allowing seekers to check out a telescope to explore the stars from home. The library is also home to one of America’s top festivals, the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival, a celebration of the written word. Whether it’s music from top performers, engaging lectures, film discussions, family fun, or programs that showcase the Rancho Mirage community, everyone is invited to benefit from the library and observatory’s mission of “lifelong learning and access to all."

St. Augustine Sailing

“By becoming certified, St. Augustine Sailing demonstrates its commitment to understanding and accommodating the needs of individuals with autism, and we can adapt our programs to ensure that autistic individuals can fully participate in and benefit from our sailing experiences.”

-Rose Ann Points, Captain and Owner of St. Augustine Sailing

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3076 Harbor Drive
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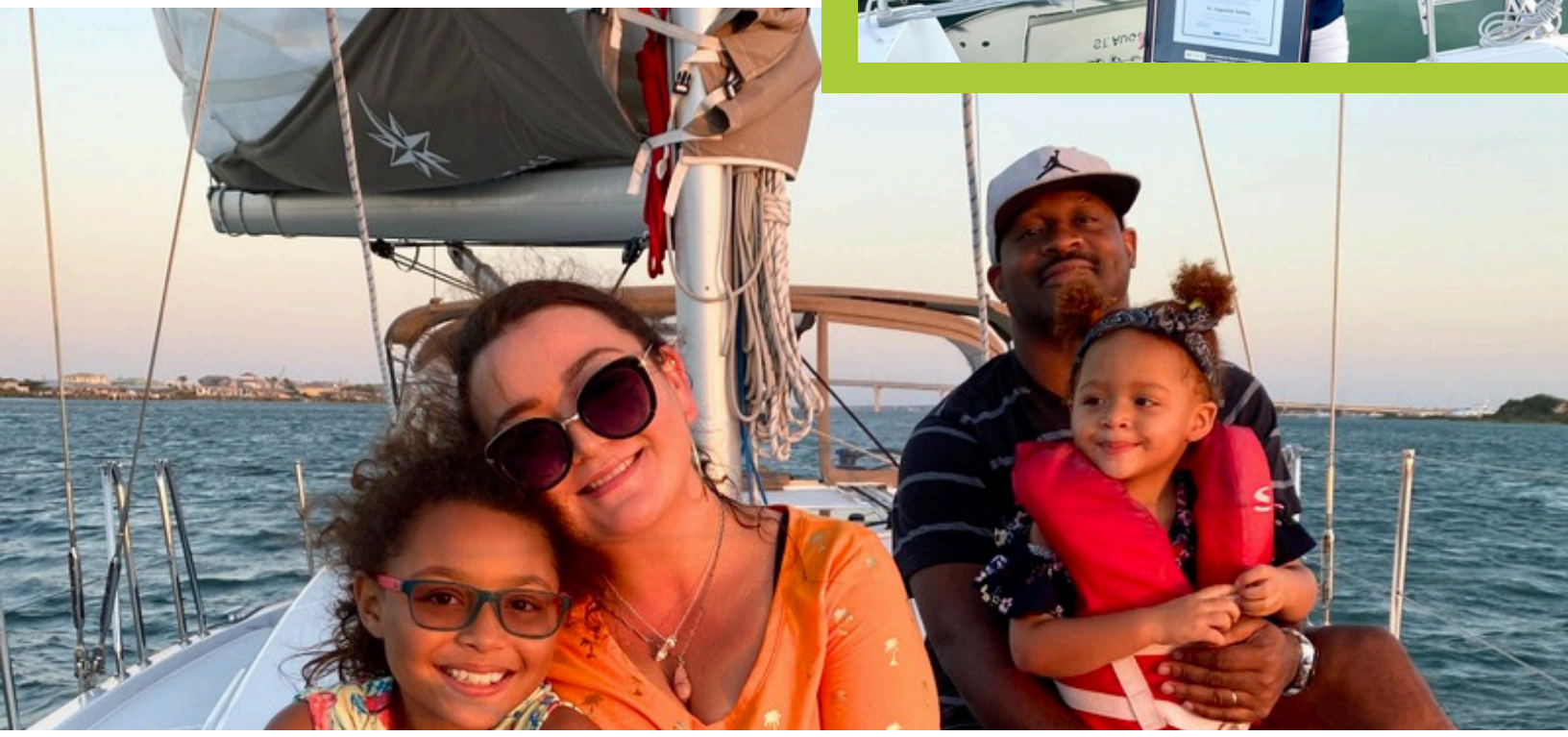
www.sta-sail.com



St. Augustine Sailing Enterprises is a luxury adventure experience that offers a variety of sailing excursions to fit any occasion and budget. They offer public and private charters that can be customized to create a unique experience. St. Augustine Sailing also offers sailing lessons and membership through SailTime, a club allowing members to rent a boat at franchises nationwide. St. Augustine Sailing implements many techniques for creating a safe and predictable space for those with ASD. The yachts carry fidget toys and sensory tools like headphones that can help reduce anxiety and aid in relaxation. There are designated low-sensory areas available on-shore before and after the sail where guests can relax in a calm space.

St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

“Renewing our status as a Certified Autism Center™ reflects our ongoing commitment to making the Ponte Vedra Visitor Information Center a place where every visitor feels welcome, supported and understood. As the champions of the effort to make St. Johns County a Certified Autism Destination™, we share the commitment of dozens of other local businesses to create a community that embraces inclusion and celebrates the diversity of those who live here and travel here.”

-Isabelle Renault, President and CEO of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, which operates the Ponte Vedra Visitor Information Center

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The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce is the premier business advocacy organization in St. Johns County, with more than 800 member businesses representing all sectors of the St. Johns County business community, including manufacturing, real estate, hospitality and professional services. The Chamber is committed to delivering continuous service to members and the community through public policy, economic development and business education to cultivate an environment where businesses can grow and thrive. Learn more about the Chamber at sjcchamber.com.

StuDIYo Lab – Abu Dhabi

“From the very beginning, StuDIYo Lab has been committed to creating a safe, creative, and engaging learning environment that is inclusive for all children. We believe that every child, regardless of their abilities, deserves the opportunity to explore their creativity in a space that is welcoming and supportive. Receiving the Certified Autism Center™ (CAC) designation from IBCCES is a proud moment for us, as it reaffirms our dedication to providing accessible and inclusive services to autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals.”

-Lina Sadek, Founder of StuDIYO Lab

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Founded in 2016 by Lina Sadek, StuDIYo Lab is the UAE’s premier Design Technology Centre exclusively for children. With state-of-the-art facilities in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, StuDIYo Lab offers unique experiential learning through woodworking, fostering a creative environment where young minds can hone skills and explore their curiosity while fostering creativity, problem-solving, and attention to detail.

StuDIYo Lab’s carefully curated programs prioritize safety, creating a secure and enjoyable environment for children aged 5 and above to explore their creative instincts. The impact extends beyond the workshop, laying the foundation for a lifetime of learning in real-world scenarios.

StuDIYo Lab – Dubai

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TAG - The Art Gallery

“Art is for everyone, and at The Art Gallery at Congdon Yards, we are committed to serving our entire community. We believe that our world is a better place when everyone is welcomed and included. We recognize that there is more we can do as a community to ensure that autistic visitors feel not only welcome but also safe and fully included in everything we have to offer at TAG.”

-Jeff Horney, Executive Director

Contact Info

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High Point, North Carolina, 27262

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www.tagart.org

The Art Gallery at Congdon Yards (TAG) provides visual art exhibits and educational experiences to enrich the entire community. TAG presents exhibitions yearly featuring solo and group shows. TAG also offers a variety of art classes and summer camps. TAG will offer specific classes/workshops for adults and youth, advertise specific sensory-sensitive times; hands-on studio with a variety of manipulatives; and wobble stools.

TART Trails

“Trails should be places where everyone can experience the freedom and connection of the outdoors. Through our commitment to inclusive access, we’re helping shape a community that welcomes all and supports Traverse City’s recognition as a Certified Autism Destination™, where every trail is a pathway to possibility.”

-Kate Lewis, Communications Director of TART Trailsr

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TART Trails is a nonprofit organization based in Traverse City, Michigan, dedicated to bringing trails to life. We envision a future where pathways are an essential part of everyday life—connecting people and places, shaping culture and community, and inspiring care for each other and the environment.

The Indianapolis Public Library, Beech Grove Branch

“When Fort Ben Branch became Indiana’s first Certified Autism Center™ in June 2025, we saw firsthand how impactful this training could be to our visitors. That success sparked a strategic goal within our organization, inspiring staff at additional branches to deepen their understanding and expand their service. Now, with five more branches certified, we met our goal—underscoring our commitment to inclusion. The Indianapolis Public Library is a trusted destination for autistic and sensory- sensitive individuals and their families.”

-Gregory A. Hill, Sr., CEO, The Indianapolis Public Library

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Beech Grove, Indiana, 46107

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www.indypl.org/locations/beech-grove

The Beech Grove Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library offers a range of inclusive amenities and services designed to support autistic, neurodivergent, and disabled patrons as part of its commitment to being an autism-certified location. The branch provides sensory-friendly kits for public use, including noise-canceling headphones (adult and child sizes), sunglasses, a variety of fidgets, and liquid motion timers, with clear instructions to help patrons comfortably navigate the space and participate in programs. In addition, the library offers accessible computer workstations with height-adjustable desks, large-key and large-print keyboards, and trackball mice with arm supports, along with assistive software such as screen readers, text-to-speech, live transcription, magnification, and math tools. Free Wi-Fi, public computers with Microsoft Office, early learning computer stations, reservable study and meeting rooms, and a computer training lab provide flexible, low-stress environments for learning, work, and collaboration. Self-service options such as mobile printing, document scanning, color printing and copying, and walk-up book returns further support independent and accessible use of the library for patrons with diverse sensory and cognitive needs.

The Indianapolis Public Library, Decatur Branch

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-Gregory A. Hill, Sr., CEO, The Indianapolis Public Library

Contact Info

5301 Kentucky Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46221

317-275-4330

www.indypl.org/locations/decatur

The Decatur Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library is dedicated to creating a calm, supportive, and inclusive environment for autistic, neurodivergent, and disabled patrons as part of its commitment to autism certification. Patrons may borrow sensory-friendly kits intended to reduce sensory overload and support self-regulation. These kits include noise-canceling headphones for both adults and children, sunglasses, a selection of fidgets, and liquid motion timers, along with clear instructions for use during visits and programs. The branch also provides accessible public computer workstations with height-adjustable tables, large-key and large-print keyboards, and trackball mice with arm supports. These stations are equipped with assistive software such as screen-reading tools, text-to-speech, live transcription, magnification, and math support applications. Additional amenities such as free Wi-Fi, public computers with Microsoft Office, early learning computer stations, reservable meeting space and a study room, exam proctoring services, and self-service options including mobile printing, document scanning, and walk-up book returns help ensure patrons can access library resources independently and comfortably.

The Indianapolis Public Library, Franklin Road

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-Gregory A. Hill, Sr., CEO, The Indianapolis Public Library

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www.indypl.org/locations/franklin-road

The Franklin Road Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library demonstrates a strong commitment to accessibility for autistic, neurodivergent, and disabled patrons through both staff training and supportive amenities. All staff at this location have completed comprehensive autism-focused training that emphasizes respectful communication, sensory awareness, and inclusive service practices. To further support patrons during programs, the branch offers a sensory bin available for all ages that includes noise-reducing headphones and a variety of fidgets to help manage sensory sensitivities. Franklin Road also provides accessible public computer workstations equipped with adjustable desks, large-key and large-print keyboards, and alternative mouse options, along with assistive software such as text-to-speech, screen reading, magnification, and live transcription tools. Additional amenities, including free Wi-Fi, public computers with Microsoft Office, early learning computer stations, reservable meeting and study rooms, exam proctoring, self-service printing and scanning, walk-up and drive-up book returns, and other independent-use services, help create a flexible and welcoming library environment for patrons with a wide range of access needs.

The Indianapolis Public Library, Fort Ben Branch

“The Indianapolis Public Library serves everyone—and that means not only creating a robust collection of relevant materials but also creating spaces where all people feel welcome and supported. As the first library in Indiana to be recognized as a Certified Autism Center™, the response from our community has been deeply affirming. I’m grateful to our staff for their ongoing commitment to the training that helps us be a destination for autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals and their families.”

-Gregory A. Hill, Sr., CEO, The Indianapolis Public Library

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www.indypl.org/locations/fort-ben

For more than 150 years, The Indianapolis Public Library (IndyPL) has continuously adapted and expanded to serve the evolving needs of our city and its residents. The Indianapolis Public Library strives to be indispensable to our growing number of visitors and stands as a vital public resource to our community. The Indianapolis Public Library has more than 280,000 cardholders and a total annual circulation of 8,737,602 at our 25 branch locations and bookmobile. More information at indypl.org.

The Indianapolis Public Library, Haughville

“When Fort Ben Branch became Indiana’s first Certified Autism Center™ in June 2025, we saw firsthand how impactful this training could be to our visitors. That success sparked a strategic goal within our organization, inspiring staff at additional branches to deepen their understanding and expand their service. Now, with five more branches certified, we met our goal—underscoring our commitment to inclusion. The Indianapolis Public Library is a trusted destination for autistic and sensory- sensitive individuals and their families.”

-Gregory A. Hill, Sr., CEO, The Indianapolis Public Library

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www.indypl.org/locations/haughville

The Haughville Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible experience for autistic, neurodivergent, and disabled patrons. Sensory-friendly kits are available for use throughout the branch and are designed to support sensory regulation and comfort. These kits include noise-canceling headphones for both adults and children, sunglasses, a variety of fidgets, and liquid motion timers, with straightforward instructions to assist patrons during programs or independent visits. The branch also features accessible computer workstations that support a range of physical and sensory needs, offering height-adjustable desks, large-key and large-print keyboards, and trackball mice with arm supports. Assistive software available at these stations includes text-to-speech, live transcription, magnification tools, math support programs, and screen-reading applications for blind and visually impaired users. Additional amenities such as free Wi-Fi, public computers with Microsoft Office, early learning computer stations, reservable meeting and study rooms, exam proctoring services, a seasonal seed library, and self-service options like mobile printing, document scanning, and walk-up book returns help ensure patrons can access library resources in ways that are flexible, independent, and welcoming.

The Indianapolis Public Library, Pike Branch

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-Gregory A. Hill, Sr., CEO, The Indianapolis Public Library

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www.indypl.org/locations/pike

The Pike Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library offers a wide range of sensory-inclusive services and spaces designed to support autistic, neurodivergent, and disabled patrons of all ages. Children’s programming includes sensory-inclusive Storytimes led by the Children’s Librarian that incorporate music and songs, with sensory supports such as sensory stands and sensory bins available during programs to encourage engagement and self-regulation. All reservable rooms, including a designated comfort room, are designed to support flexible sensory needs and feature adjustable lighting to accommodate light sensitivity, with the comfort room serving as a quiet, low-stimulus option. The branch also provides an Accessibility Station that includes a large-print keyboard, talk-to-text assistive technology on one public computer, and a workstation with armrests to support physical accessibility. Additional amenities such as free Wi-Fi, public computers with Microsoft Office, early learning computer stations, meeting rooms equipped with a hearing loop, reservable study rooms, exam proctoring services, and self-service options including mobile printing, document scanning, and walk-up book returns, support independent use of the library. Inclusive programs for teens and adults offer structured, low-pressure activities such as chair yoga, beginner yoga, teen paint-and-sip programs, book clubs, seed packing, and crocheting. The Teen Room is also equipped with an Xbox and Nintendo Switch, providing recreational opportunities designed with diverse sensory and social needs in mind.

Inland Seas Education Association

“The Inland Seas Education Association firmly believes that all individuals should have the opportunity to experience the majesty of our Great Lakes. We are thrilled that training through IBCCES will help us provide hands-on education in alignment with the latest advancements in autism support.”

-Fred Sitkins, Executive Director

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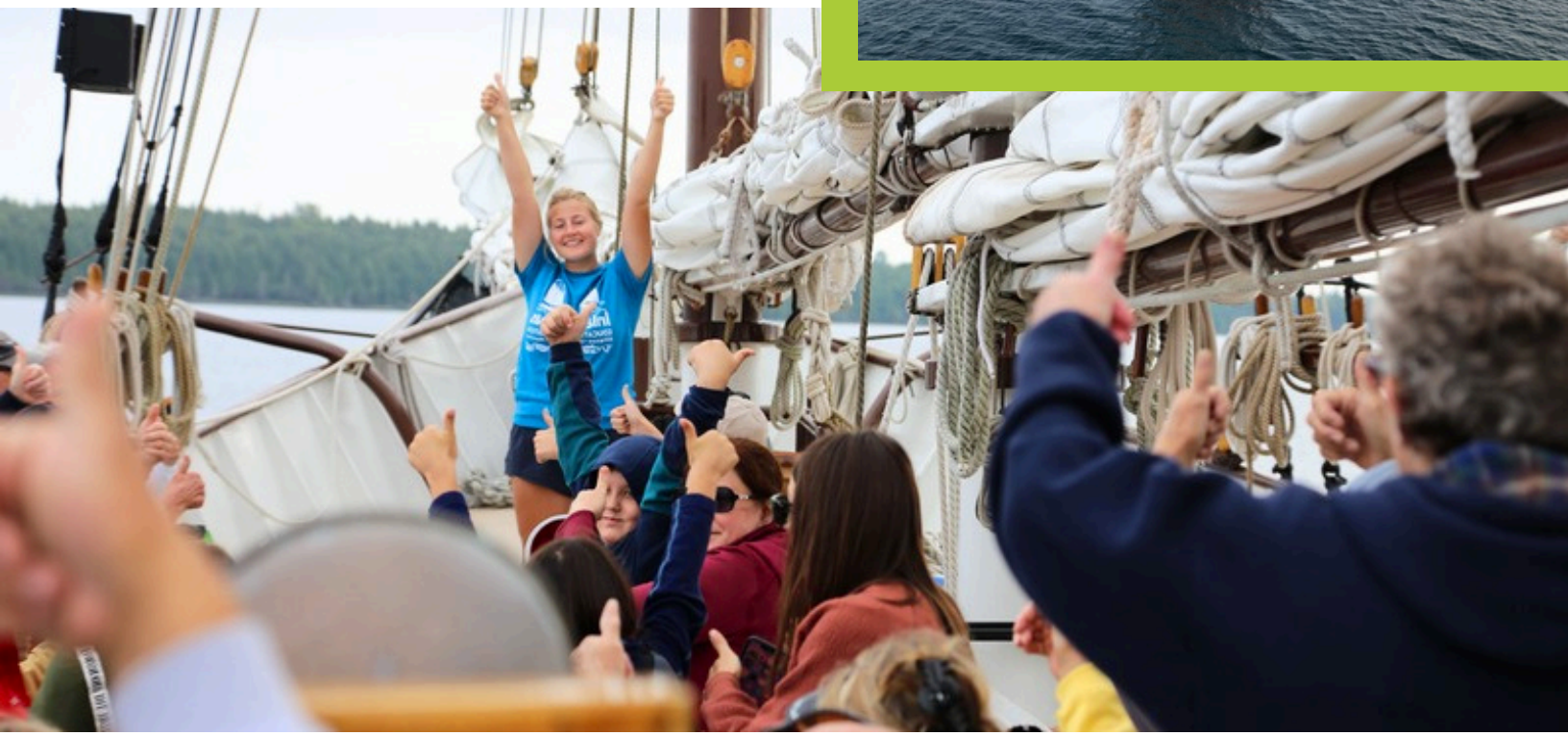

Inland Seas Education Association (ISEA) is located on the shores of Lake Michigan in downtown Suttons Bay. ISEA conducts programming for learners of all ages engaging participants on the health of the Great Lakes and the science behind these marvelous Inland Seas. This is achieved through hands-on programs aboard one of our two tall ship schooners S/V Inland Seas and S/V Alliance. Our campus hosts a free public museum space that is open year-round. Our campus facility is fully accessible for those in wheelchairs. Our staff will also work towards making sure that everyone who comes to visit us either on the boat or at our center will have a pleasant time. There currently are not any autism/sensory-sensitive programs; however, our staff and crew are very accommodating and will do everything in their power to make your time with us comfortable and enjoyable.

The Waterworks

ST. JOHNS CULTURAL COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTINE | PONTE VEDRA | FLORIDA'S HISTORIC COAST

“As the designated local arts agency for St. Johns County, Florida, part of our mission is to ensure that the lives of residents and visitors are enriched through the arts. Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is important for our organization because it gives us the tools to welcome and accommodate autistic and sensory-sensitive guests who want to experience cultural events at our venue, The Waterworks.”

-Jeff Potts, Executive Director

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IBCCES CAC CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER™

The St. Johns Cultural Council is the Local Arts Agency for St. Johns County, Florida with offices in St. Augustine, America’s Oldest City. We support local artists and cultural organizations through grants, professional development programs, and other capacity-building services to enrich the lives of residents and visitors through a variety of arts, culture, and heritage experiences. In addition, SJCC produces cultural events, funds arts education projects, creates public art exhibitions, and manages two historic buildings as cultural centers for the community: The Waterworks and the St. Augustine Beach Hotel.

The Cultural Council administers the County’s Arts, Culture, and Heritage Grant Program (funded by a portion of the County’s tourist development tax) to provide arts, culture, and heritage destination marketing services for the County’s Tourist Development Council.

Traverse Area District Library

"The library prides itself on being a welcoming space for all, offering free events and programs, while serving as a community hub."

-Michele P. Howard, Library Director

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The Traverse Area District Library (TADL) is a district library network funded by a dedicated countywide millage. TADL was established by an agreement between the City of Traverse City and Grand Traverse County, then ratified by a vote of residents throughout Grand Traverse County. Within the district, there are six public library facilities supported by the district millage. They are the Main Library (Traverse City), East Bay Branch Library, Kingsley Branch Library, and three member libraries: Fife Lake Public Library, Interlochen Public Library, and Peninsula Community Library. The location details below are for the Main Library.

All of our library buildings are accessible public buildings.

We Rock The Spectrum - Clovis

“Becoming a Certified Autism Center™ through IBCCES is an incredible honor for our team. At We Rock The Spectrum – Clovis, inclusion isn’t just something we say — it’s something we live every day. This certification reinforces our commitment to providing a truly welcoming, sensory-safe space where children of all abilities can play, grow, and feel celebrated. Families can walk through our doors knowing our staff is trained, compassionate, and prepared to support their child’s unique needs. It’s another step forward in creating a community where no one ever has to say, ‘I’m sorry.’”

-Christopher Reyes, Owner, We Rock The Spectrum - Clovis

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We Rock the Spectrum provides children with a fun and motivational environment to help them in the areas of strength, movement, sensory processing, communication, positive behavior modification, social interactions, and self-care skills.

AIRPORTS

Dubai International Airport

“On behalf of our entire DXB community, we are incredibly proud of this achievement and recognition. It’s a testament to our unwavering commitment to providing an inclusive travel experience for all our guests – including those with hidden disabilities – has been recognized.”

-Majed Al Joker, Chief Operating Officer at Dubai Airports

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Dubai Airports operates two of the world’s leading hubs, Dubai International (DXB) and Dubai World Central (DWC). These gateways cater to millions of travelers annually, offering a seamless and enjoyable journey with a blend of modern facilities, luxurious amenities, and exceptional services. With an impressive flight network, Dubai Airports connects Dubai to over 250 destinations across six continents. This unparalleled connectivity makes it a global aviation hub and a popular choice for both business and leisure travelers.

Creating Inclusive Adventures: How Dubai Holding Entertainment is Supporting Families with Autism

For families with autistic children, planning a day out often requires additional thought and preparation. Sensory sensitivities, unfamiliar environments, and long waiting times can sometimes make what should be a fun outing feel overwhelming.

At Dubai Holding Entertainment, accessibility and inclusion are becoming an important part of how experiences are designed and delivered across its attractions. As one of the region's largest entertainment operators, Dubai Holding Entertainment recognises that creating welcoming environments for all guests, including those on the autism spectrum, is essential to ensuring every family can enjoy the magic of entertainment together.

Across destinations such as The Green Planet, Global Village, The View, Ain Dubai, Roxy Cinema and Dubai Parks and Resorts - which is home to attractions including LEGOLAND Dubai, LEGOLAND Water Park, MOTIONGATE, Riverland, Real Madrid World, T-Rex Glamping and Lapita Hotel - initiatives are being developed to ensure families with neurodiverse members feel supported before, during, and after their visit. Each of these destinations is IBCCES certified. Guests will also find comprehensive guides online featuring information about the sensory guides so they can plan their visit well.

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Understanding the Needs of Autism Families

Autism is a spectrum, meaning every individual experiences the world differently. Some people may be sensitive to sound, bright lights, or crowds, while others may prefer structured environments and clear communication.

For families planning a visit to an attraction, common challenges can include:

- **Long queues and waiting times**
- **Loud or unpredictable environments**
- **Difficulty communicating needs to staff**
- **Limited access to quiet spaces**
- **Uncertainty about what to expect before arriving**

Recognising these challenges is the first step toward designing experiences that are both exciting and accessible. At Dubai Holding Entertainment, we not only are IBCCES certified, but we are also part of the Sunflower Program that offers our guests the option to utilise lanyards with sunflowers on them, indicating to our staff and other guests that they may need extra support or patience.

Training Teams to Support Neurodiverse Guests

One of the most important aspects of inclusive entertainment is ensuring employees are equipped with the knowledge and confidence to support neurodiverse guests. At Dubai Holding Entertainment, staff training is a key component of improving accessibility across attractions. Employees learn how to recognise signs of sensory overload, communicate calmly and clearly, and support guests who may require additional time or assistance.

When team members understand invisible disabilities and are prepared to respond with patience and empathy, families feel more comfortable asking for help. This human element, compassionate and informed staff, often makes the biggest difference to a guest's experience.

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Designing Spaces That Work for Everyone

Theme parks are designed to be vibrant, immersive environments full of excitement and activity. However, these same elements can sometimes feel overwhelming for individuals with sensory sensitivities.

Inclusive destinations are increasingly incorporating design features that help create a more balanced environment for all guests. At attractions within Dubai Holding Entertainment and our attractions, this includes:

- **Quiet or low-stimulation spaces where guests can take a break**
- **Clear signage and wayfinding to help families navigate the park**
- **Seating areas that allow guests to step away from crowds**
- **Accessible layouts that make movement easier for all visitors**

Providing opportunities for guests to pause and regulate sensory input helps families stay longer and enjoy more of what the destination has to offer.

Digital Accessibility and Communication Tools

Preparation is incredibly important for many autism families when planning an outing. Access to clear, accessible information before arriving can significantly reduce anxiety and help families feel confident about their visit.

Dubai Holding Entertainment continues to expand accessibility information across its digital platforms so families can better understand what to expect at each attraction.

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Building Partnerships with the Autism Community

True accessibility is not achieved alone. Collaboration with organisations that specialise in autism and neurodiversity helps ensure initiatives are meaningful and effective.

Dubai Holding Entertainment has been working alongside IBCCES, a global leader in autism and neurodiversity training and certification, as well as ImInclusive, an award winning disability social enterprise and SANAD Village. In addition Dubai Holding Entertainment worked closely with Dubai's Department of Economy and Tourism (DET) to help meet the goal of Dubai becoming a Certified Autism Destination™ (CAD) through IBCCES. Through these partnership, attractions are strengthening their knowledge, improving staff training, and aligning their efforts with internationally recognized accessibility standards.

These partnerships also create opportunities to listen to the autism community, learn from families' experiences, and continuously refine accessibility initiatives.

Celebrating Inclusion Through Community Engagement

Inclusion is also reflected in how attractions engage with the broader community. Throughout the year, Dubai Holding Entertainment collaborates with organisations that support POD, including individuals on the autism spectrum, through engagement events, activations, and awareness initiatives. This includes corporate social responsibility initiatives, such as a kiosk selling goods made by people with autism and other disabilities to inviting specialised clinics, schools and associations to enjoy our parks.

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Celebrating Inclusion Through Community Engagement, Continued

These experiences not only raise awareness but also provide opportunities for neurodiverse individuals to participate in creative projects and public events within the parks.

By welcoming communities into these spaces, attractions become more than entertainment destinations - they become places where people feel seen, valued, and included.

Creating Opportunities

When accessibility is thoughtfully integrated, it makes its way into the onboarding of colleagues with disabilities. Dubai Holding Entertainment is proud of hiring people with disabilities and creating internship opportunities for POD, including those with autism.

Inclusive environments create opportunities to build confidence, independence, and social connection.

Looking Ahead

Accessibility is a journey, not a destination. As understanding of neurodiversity continues to grow, so too will the ways entertainment destinations design experiences that welcome every guest.

Through continued investment in staff training, inclusive design, digital accessibility, and meaningful partnerships with organizations like IBCCES, Dubai Holding Entertainment is working toward a future where adventure truly is for everyone.

Because when entertainment spaces are designed with inclusion in mind, every family has the opportunity to create unforgettable memories together.

About Dubai Holding Entertainment™:

LEGOLAND® Hotel as well as Real Madrid World, the first ever football theme park together with The World of Riverland where you can live Dubai's most surprising day out with many entertainment, dining and fun options. LAPITA™, Dubai Parks™ and Resorts, Autograph Collection, a 5-star Polynesian-themed family hotel that is part of Marriott International, offers guests a stay just steps from the world-famous parks T-REX Glamping, also at Dubai Parks™ and Resorts, is the world's only dinosaur-themed glamping experience. Owned and operated by Dubai Holding Entertainment, the destination offers premium short-stay accommodation in air-conditioned tents and family suites, alongside themed dining and dinosaur-inspired entertainment. Coca-Cola Arena, one of the region's largest multipurpose indoor arenas; Wild Wadi Waterpark™, Dubai's original family-friendly waterpark, with views of Burj Al Arab Jumeirah; ROXY Cinemas, offering a premium cinema experience across Dubai including Roxy Xtreme, the largest screen in Middle East and North Africa; The Green Planet Dubai, the Middle East's only indoor tropical rainforest with an outdoor Nature Park, Global Village, the region's leading multicultural family destination for culture, shopping, and entertainment (between October and April); Ain Dubai, the largest and tallest observation wheel in the world, The View Palm Jumeirah, the highest vantage point on Palm Jumeirah with 240 meters above ground with 360-degree views; Arabian Radio Network (ARN), the largest radio network in the region; MPN, a multimedia sales house operating premium out-of-home assets, video production, event sponsorship, and activations; among many others.

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Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport

“We are proud to be the first airport in the country to receive a Certified Autism Center™ designation for Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport, which is part of Destination Toledo’s vision of making Toledo a Certified Autism Destination™. The airport is an important asset in our region that should be equally accessible to every member of our community.”

-Tim O’Donnell, Airport Director for the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority

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Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport offers convenient, nonstop passenger service to Orlando Sanford, Ft. Myers/Punta Gorda, St. Pete-Clearwater, Florida, via Allegiant, and Sarasota/Bradenton. Additional services at the airport include air cargo, general aviation, military operations, aircraft maintenance, flight training, and aircraft maintenance education.

Orlando International Airport (Aviation Authority)

“At MCO, we believe every passenger deserves a pleasant and welcoming journey, and that includes creating spaces where individuals with autism and their families will feel valued. We bring innovation and heart together to nurture an environment that is calming, predictable, and supportive. This approach reflects our people-first mission and sets a new standard for how we can elevate accessibility through creativity and compassion.”

-Lance Lyttle, CEO, Orlando International Airport

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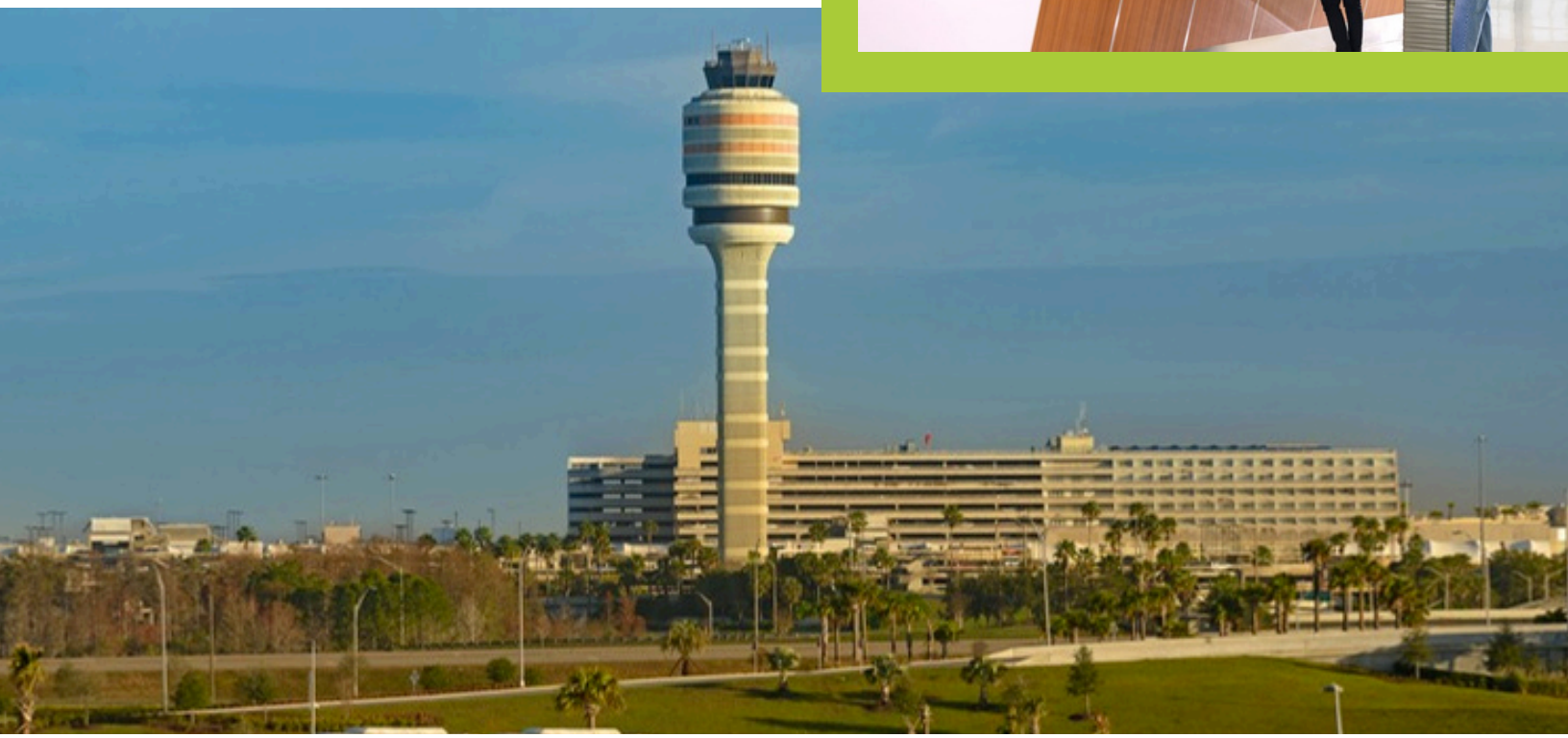

The Greater Orlando Aviation Authority is proud to operate Orlando International Airport (MCO) and Orlando Executive Airport (ORL), two of Florida’s premier air travel gateways.

MCO is a world-class global connector, serving nearly 58 million annual passengers in its three terminals. ORL is conveniently located just miles from downtown Orlando and provides vital general aviation access to the heart of the region.

Zayed International Airport

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ABU DHABI AIRPORTS

“We are proud to achieve the IBCCES certification as a recognised Certified Autism Center™, a milestone that reinforces our commitment to inclusivity and exceptional passenger experience. Ensuring all travelers, including individuals with autism and their families, feel welcomed, supported and understood remains central to Abu Dhabi Airports’ vision of creating a truly accessible environment. Embedding inclusive practices across our operations also strengthens our role as a global gateway that embraces diversity, dignity and comfort for every guest.”

-Jorg Oppermann, Acting Chief Operations Officer at Abu Dhabi Airports

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Abu Dhabi Airports operates five commercial airports in the emirate, including Zayed International Airport, Al Ain International Airport, Al Bateen Executive Airport, Delma Island Airport and Sir Bani Yas Island Airport. Having welcomed over 33 million passengers through its airports in 2025, Abu Dhabi Airports is a gateway to the Emirates for travellers worldwide. It works towards its vision of positioning Abu Dhabi as a leading global aviation hub. Since November 2023, passengers travelling through Zayed International Airport have had the privilege of experiencing the new state-of-the-art terminal, which has significantly increased the airport’s operational capacity and features world-class facilities for passengers and aviation operators while strengthening Abu Dhabi’s reputation as a destination of choice.

TRANSPORT AGENCY DIVISION

TARTA Paratransit Operations

“Autistic and sensory-sensitive passengers deserve to be able to reach their destination with a ride that makes them feel valued and welcome. That’s what we focused on with this training and will work to continue to improve on.”

-Rick Bailey, Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority’s (TARTA) Deputy Chief Executive Officer

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A trusted mobility source for northwest Ohio communities, businesses, and citizens since 1971, TARTA empowers people to connect. Covering over 300 square miles, we offer fixed-route, paratransit, and TARTA Flex on-demand services. TARTA Move paratransit services are available throughout most of Lucas County and Rossford, and every TARTA Flex on-demand and fixed-route vehicle is fully accessible.

DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS, VISITOR CENTERS & TOURISM OFFICES

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“As the first state tourism office to earn IBCCES’ Certified Autism Center™ designation, we’ve had an amazing opportunity to start incorporating these insights into our actions. That has included sharing insights from our autism training with partners, providing access to resources in our Official State Travel Guide, and, of course, recertification for our entire team this year.”

- Debbie Johnson, Director of the Arizona Office of Tourism

The Arizona Office of Tourism (AOT) is a state government executive agency dedicated to developing, implementing and maintaining research-based marketing programs that promote Arizona’s tourism assets to a global audience, all with the goal of expanding travel activity in the state and strengthening Arizona’s economy.

City of Benson Visitor Center

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> **The Benson Visitor Center team is dedicated to providing an inclusive experience that welcomes all individuals. Renewing our autism training and Certified Autism Center™ designation is a reflection of our ongoing commitment to enhancing accessibility for all who visit."**

- Heather Zook, tourism supervisor at Benson Visitors Center

The City of Benson Visitor Center is located in the heart of Benson, Arizona, and the Gateway to Cochise County, connected to Historical Highway 80. The visitor center is a Train Deport replica of the original Benson Train Depot established in 1880 by Southern Pacific. They also are an Official AVIC Arizona Office of Tourism Visitor Center.

City of St. Augustine Visitor Information Center

“It is so important for the city to join this effort being brought forward by our Chamber of Commerce, to demonstrate our commitment to being an inclusive city, recognizing the diverse needs of all our visitors.”

-Mayor Nancy Sikes-Kline

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www.citystaug.com/618/Visitor-Information-Center

For half a century, visitors to St. Augustine have made the St. Augustine and St. Johns County Visitor Information Center their first stop upon arriving in the Nation’s Oldest City. Commonly known as the “VIC,” the center offers: brochures and guidebooks for the area’s attractions, clean restrooms, a gift shop, and information on special and cultural events. Ample parking is available right next door at the Historic Downtown Parking Facility. Our friendly VIC staff are fully licensed tour guide hosts who gladly share information on accommodations, attractions, museums, restaurants, tours, and unique shopping opportunities.

Destination Toledo

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“It is important for Destination Toledo and every member of our team to be certified so we can provide the best possible experience for all travelers, especially those with autism and sensory needs, while they explore our city.”

- Lance Woodworth, President & CEO of Destination Toledo

Destination Toledo is the official Destination Marketing Organization for the Toledo region. Our world-class attractions make Toledo a stand-out travel destination. With classics like the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium, one of the top-rated zoos in the United States featuring more than 10,000 animals representing over 720 species, along with the world-renowned Toledo Museum of Art complete with 35 galleries filled with masterpieces, the Glass Pavilion with its famous glass collection, a sculpture garden and a campus of beautiful buildings of architectural significance. Toledo boasts two hometown sports teams, the minor league baseball team, Toledo Mud Hens, and the ECHL hockey team, The Toledo Walleye.

Discover The Palm Beaches

“Renewing our Certified Autism Center™ certification is a testament to Discover The Palm Beaches' unwavering commitment to fostering a welcoming environment for all. This renewal underscores our dedication to supporting individuals with autism and their families, ensuring that everyone can enjoy the experiences and opportunities our destination offers."

-Milton Segarra, President and CEO of
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Discover The Palm Beaches is the tourism marketing organization for the collection of 39 cities and towns known as The Palm Beaches in Southeast Florida, stretching from Boca Raton to Jupiter. Tasked with growing visitation and the local tourism economy, the organization works year-round to bring travelers to Palm Beach County. The Palm Beaches have a rich history as America’s First Resort Destination®, where genuine hospitality is a way of life among a vibrant and welcoming blend of people, cultures, and coastal towns. Tourism is among the county’s major industries, generating an annual economic impact of approximately $11.7 billion and supporting approximately 95,000 local jobs. For more information about The Palm Beaches, visit www.ThePalmBeaches.com or follow on social media on Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, YouTube, X, Threads, Pinterest and LinkedIn.

Florida’s Sports Coast

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“Our goal as a destination is to provide the best service and experiences possible to visitors of all abilities. To achieve that goal, we do our part to educate ourselves on the various needs of our visitors. We're proud to be a Certified Autism Destination™ in 2026 and to continue working with local partners and attractions as they take this important step toward certification alongside us.”

- Adam Thomas, Florida’s Sports Coast Tourism Director

Just north of Tampa, you’ll find the perfect destination for adventure, relaxation, and everything in between — Florida’s Sports Coast! Located just a 30-minute drive from Tampa International Airport, this vibrant getaway is the perfect complement to Tampa’s urban excitement — a place that welcomes you with a unique mix of waterfront towns, rural attractions and natural environments.

Enjoy scenic parks, hike winding trails, paddle serene waterways, or savor the flavors at its many unique restaurants and craft breweries, where every bite and every sip tells a local story. From thrilling activities like ziplining and skydiving to more peaceful pursuits like scallop diving and hot air balloon rides, Florida’s Sports Coast invites you to play the game of life your way — and create unforgettable memories at your own pace. So come to Florida’s Sports Coast and discover what moves you!

Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau

> **This certification aligns with our efforts to be an increasingly accessible community and builds on other programs including sustainability, that will make Greater Miami and Miami Beach a better place to live, work, play and visit."**

- David Whitaker, CEO and GMCVB President

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The **Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau** is the official, accredited destination sales and marketing organization for Greater Miami and Miami Beach. A global leisure and business destination that delivers culturally rich, diverse, and innovative experiences inspiring boundless passion in visitors and residents alike.

The Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, along with the **Wynwood Walls Visitor Information Center** have completed the Certified Autism Center™ training and certification process, ensuring staff are prepared to support autistic individuals, those with sensory sensitivities, and their families.

Martin County Office of Tourism & Marketing

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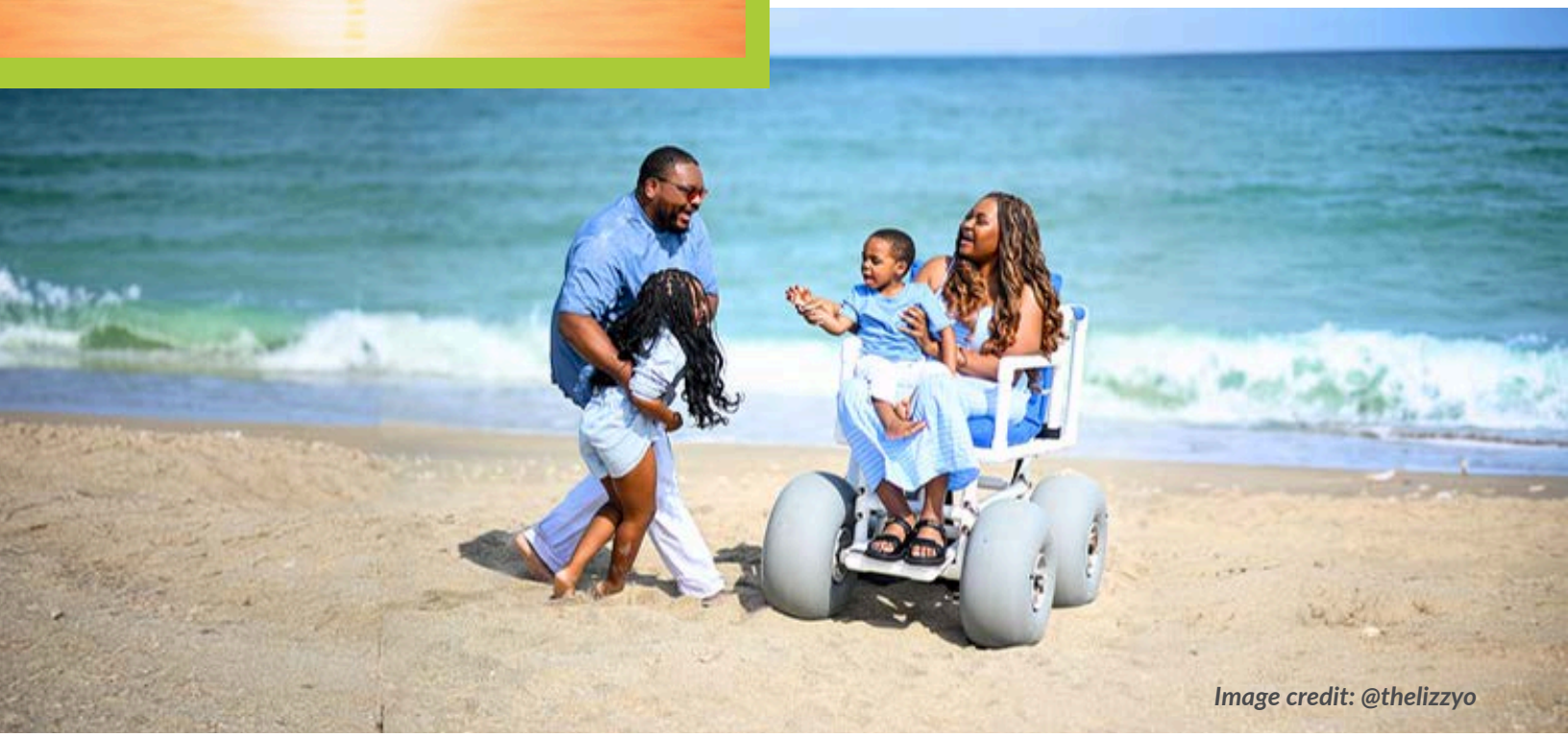
“Renewing our Certified Autism Center™ designation with IBCCES reflects our ongoing commitment to making Martin County a destination where everyone feels welcome, supported, and understood. This renewal goes beyond a designation; it represents the work we continue to do alongside our partners to ensure our community and visitor experiences are inclusive, accessible, and thoughtfully designed for travelers of all abilities. We believe travel should be an enriching experience for everyone, and we’re very proud to continue creating meaningful, barrier-free experiences for residents and visitors alike.”

- Nerissa Okiye, Martin County Tourism Director



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Martin County serves up more than 22 miles of uncrowded beaches and over 115,000 acres of pristine parks and conservation land, nestled along one of the most bio-diverse lagoon ecosystems in the Northern Hemisphere. It’s all located within two hours or less driving time of four international airports: Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, and Orlando.

In Martin County, you’ll find every type of activity, from high-end shopping and one-of-a-kind restaurants to rustic rodeos, epic eco-tourism adventures, and family-friendly attractions. Florida’s true hidden gem, this is a place for escaping and making memories that last far longer than tan lines.

Ponte Vedra Beach Visitor Information Center

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www.sjcchamber.com/visit-ponte-vedra-beach

The Ponte Vedra Beach Visitor Information Center is conveniently located in the heart of the community. Stocked with current brochures, magazines and maps, the VIC is also staffed with knowledgeable area representatives who can answer visitor questions about the area.

The Ponte Vedra Beach Division, located in Northeast St. Johns County, is an extension of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. It provides businesses within the northeast area with promotion and education, as well as connectivity. Regular events like Chamber Before Hours and Chamber After Hours provide the ideal networking experience for businesses that are looking to meet and greet others in the area. Chamber at Noon is the perfect lunchtime seminar series to learn more about local businesses, their roles in the county, and current events happening in our area.

San Diego Tourism Authority

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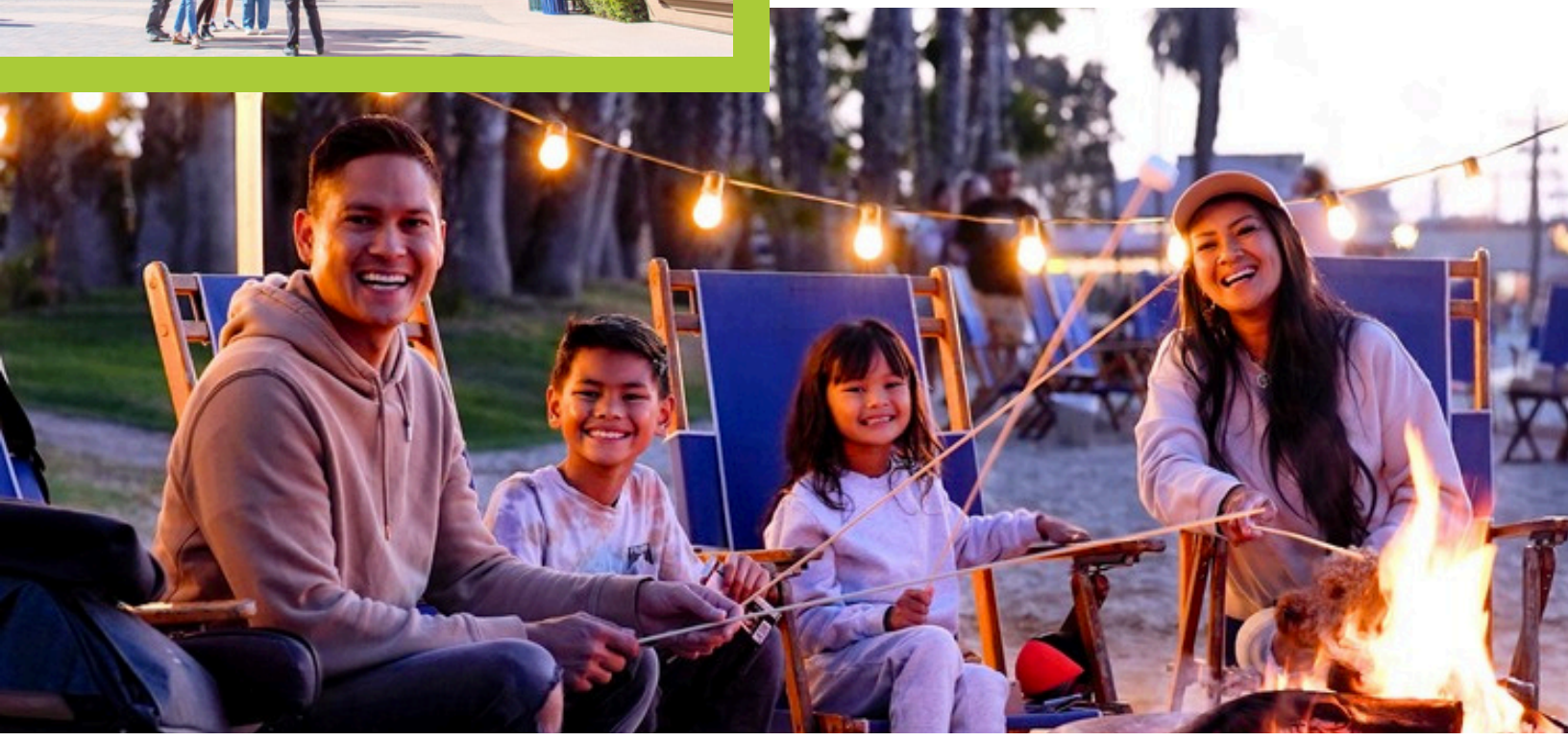
“San Diego welcomes all, and this designation underscores that commitment. Achieving Certified Autism Center™ status is an important milestone, and we’re excited to continue working toward destination-wide certification so every visitor feels supported when they visit San Diego.”

- Daniel Kuperschmid, President & CEO of the San Diego Tourism Authority



San Diego Tourism Authority is a private, non-profit, mutual benefit corporation composed of more than 1,000 member organizations, businesses, local governments, and individuals seeking a better community through the visitor industry. San Diego Tourism Authority members include tourism-related entities in such categories as lodging, dining, arts, attractions, shopping, and transportation, among others, as well as other companies indirectly involved in tourism. Visit sandiego.org to learn more. The majority of funding received by the San Diego Tourism Authority is derived from San Diego Tourism Marketing District Assessment Funds. Lodging businesses in the District raise these funds through self-assessments for the purpose of promoting tourism in the San Diego region.

Shores & Islands Ohio

Contact Info

125 E. Water St. Sandusky, Ohio, United States 44870

800.255.3743

www.shoresandislands.com

> **“The training provided by IBCCES has ensured our team members have the knowledge and skills to better understand and communicate with autistic individuals or those who may have sensory sensitivities that visit our welcome centers, information tables, and community engagements.”**

- Nichole Wade, Assistant Destination Engagement Director at Shores & Islands Ohio

Shores & Islands Ohio is the Midwest’s favorite getaway. This coastal destination boasts 152 miles of Lake Erie shoreline, the best fishing on the Great Lakes, welcoming communities, rich history, a wine trail, and an abundance of family-friendly attractions. World-famous Cedar Point Amusement Park calls it home, along with Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, other indoor and outdoor water parks, animal parks, sports venues, and more. Visitors enjoy ferries and cruises to Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass, and Kelleys Island. One of the country’s best areas for spring and fall bird migration, the area is overflowing with natural beauty and opportunities for outdoor recreation.

South Carolina Welcome Centers

"We call our Welcome Centers South Carolina's front porches, and that designation alludes to the kind of experience you can expect during a visit. While our team is dedicated to providing outstanding customer service, central to our mission is personifying authentic hospitality. That means we strive to make our guests feel welcomed, comfortable, and valued. This certification is an important tool in our hospitality toolbox because it enhances and empowers our ability to recognize and effectively respond to visitor needs. We are extremely proud to be the first state-operated welcome center program to receive this certification, and we will continue to find opportunities to improve our service and understanding as we help visitors discover South Carolina."

-Duane Parrish, Director, South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Contact Info

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803.734.0124

www.discoversouthcarolina.com

South Carolina's nine Welcome Centers greet travelers at key entry points along our major highways and interstates. Our dedicated team of travel professionals helps visitors discover all the undiscovered gems, unforgettable flavors, great golf, rich history, sandy beaches, and family attractions a South Carolina vacation has to offer.

The South Carolina Welcome Centers and the grounds offer a safe, clean, and quiet place for our guests to visit. Additionally, we offer sensory packets that include sunglasses, squishy earplugs, sensory stickers and fidgets. Just ask one of our travel counselors to receive your packet.

St. Johns County Visitors & Convention Bureau

ST. AUGUSTINE PONTE VEDRA
FLORIDA'S HISTORIC COAST®

"Renewing our Certified Autism Center™ certification reaffirms our commitment to making St. Johns County a welcoming and inclusive destination for all visitors and residents. This designation reflects our dedication to ensuring families and individuals with sensory sensitivities can explore and enjoy our county with confidence and ease. We are proud to be part of a growing movement toward accessibility and look forward to continuing to enhance the visitor experience for all."

-Susan Phillips, President and CEO of St. Johns County Visitors & Convention Bureau

Contact Info

29 Old Mission Avenue
St. Augustine, FL 32084

800-653-2489

www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com

IBCCES CAC CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER™

Located midway between Daytona Beach and Jacksonville, Florida's Historic Coast includes historic St. Augustine, the outstanding golf and seaside elegance of Ponte Vedra Beach, and 42 miles of pristine Atlantic beaches.

Travel Marquette

“Marquette County is committed to making every visitor feel welcome, and becoming a Certified Autism Center™ is an important step in that effort. This certification strengthens our dedication to inclusivity by providing training and resources that improve the travel experience for autistic individuals and their families. We are proud to partner with IBCCES to make Marquette County more accessible and enjoyable for all."

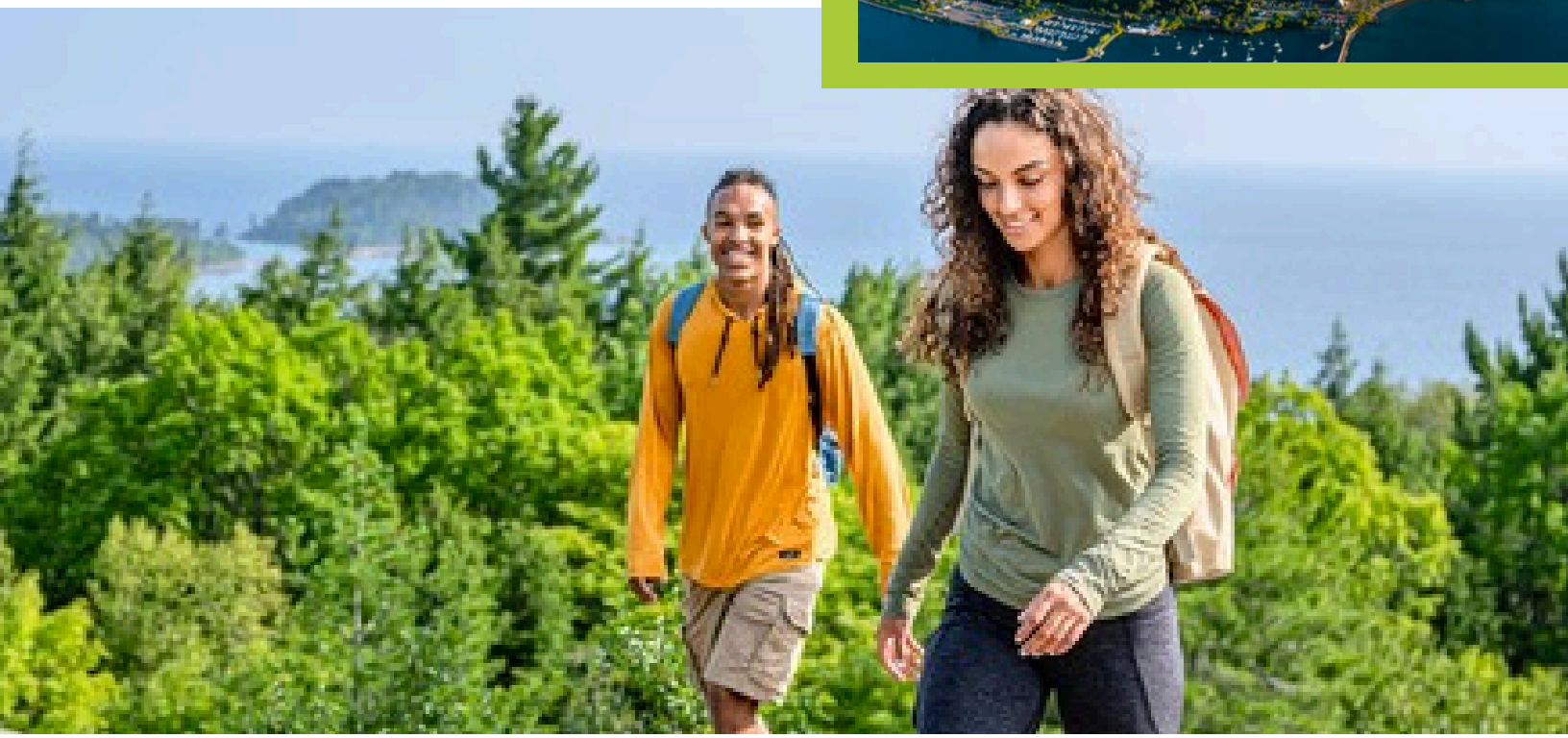
- Susan Estler, CEO of Travel Marquette

Contact Info

201 S Front St, Marquette, Michigan, 49855

906-228-7749

www.travelmarquette.com



On the shores of Lake Superior, Marquette, Michigan is a community where nature’s assets are on display through scenic vistas, rugged trails, and rushing waterfalls. Marquette’s historic downtown pays homage to the rich mineral deposits, dense forests, and maritime markers that have helped to shape its story. From unique dining experiences, award-winning craft breweries, and a thriving art scene, Marquette embraces a culture anchored in artisanship and ingenuity. For more information, visit travelmarquette.com or call 1-906-228-7749.

Traverse City Tourism

The Traverse City Tourism Visitor Center has accessible parking in the rear & side of the building as well as a wonderful public restroom. A Mother's Room is available as a low stimulating quiet place. Traverse City Tourism (TCT) is a nonprofit corporation that serves as the area's official destination marketing organization.

Contact Info

101 W. Grandview Parkway
Traverse City, Michigan, 49684

(800) 872-8377 (800-TRAVERSE)

www.traversecity.com

At the Traverse City Tourism Visitor Center, our warm and autism-aware staff members are here to make your experience exceptional. Whether you're seeking advice on accommodations, exciting activities, or dining options, we've got you covered. From family-friendly outings to adult-friendly recommendations, we're dedicated to ensuring your Traverse City adventure is memorable and tailored just for you!

Visit www.traversecity.com/plan/about-traverse-city/accessibility/ to learn about TCT's accessible offerings.

Visit Anaheim

“Visit Anaheim’s designation as a Certified Autism Center™ signifies our commitment to inclusivity and accessibility. It’s not just about what our city offers; it’s about ensuring that everyone, regardless of their abilities, can experience the magic of our vibrant destination.”

-Christina Dawson, Chief Operating Officer

Contact Info

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www.visitanaheim.org

Founded in 1961, Visit Anaheim is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit destination marketing organization. Visit Anaheim’s mission is to impact our communities and visitors through the power of travel. To learn more about Visit Anaheim, visit: www.visitanaheim.org

Visit Billings

Contact Info

815 South 27th Street
Billings, Montana 59101

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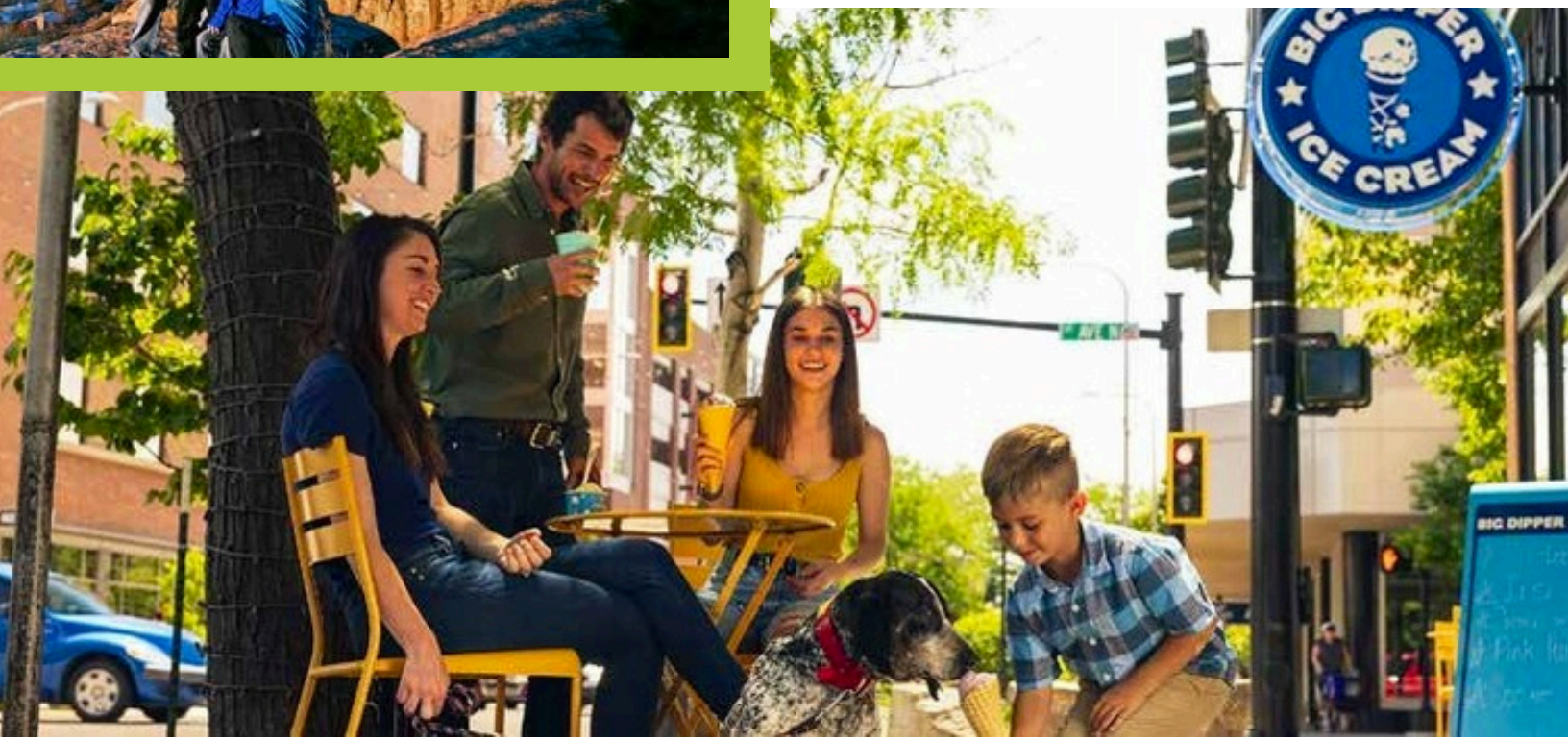
www.visitbillings.com

“Autism and sensory disorder training can make such a huge difference in ensuring visitors to Billings are welcomed, feel safe, and enjoy their visit to our amazing city. We are proud to be Montana’s first destination leadership organization to become a CAC.”

- Alex Tyson, Visit Billings Executive Director



Billings, population of more than 110,000, is the county seat of Yellowstone County and the largest city in the state. Amazing summer weather and snowy winters with bluebird days offer many opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts to experience all four seasons and the accompanying adventures. Nearly 4,500 hotel rooms as well as numerous retail and restaurant offerings (Billings offers an incredible food scene), flexible meeting space, and sports venues are ready to accommodate any traveler’s or planner’s needs and preferences. Popular attractions locally include the Rimrocks or the 70-million-year-old sandstone rock formations which surround much of the community and offer space to take in the incredible views of the region. The city also boasts a walkable brewery district in historic downtown Billings, Montana’s only zoo and Botanical Park, contemporary and western museums, galleries, several theaters, music venues, a state-of-the-art public library, and several outdoor community venues and festivals.

Visit Carlsbad

“Carlsbad is committed to ensuring every visitor feels welcomed and supported. Through our partnership with IBCCES, our tourism partners have embraced training and accessibility resources that help create more inclusive travel experiences for autistic and sensory-sensitive visitors and their families. We are proud to help lead the way in making travel more accessible for all.”

-Kim Sidoriak, Visit Carlsbad President & CEO

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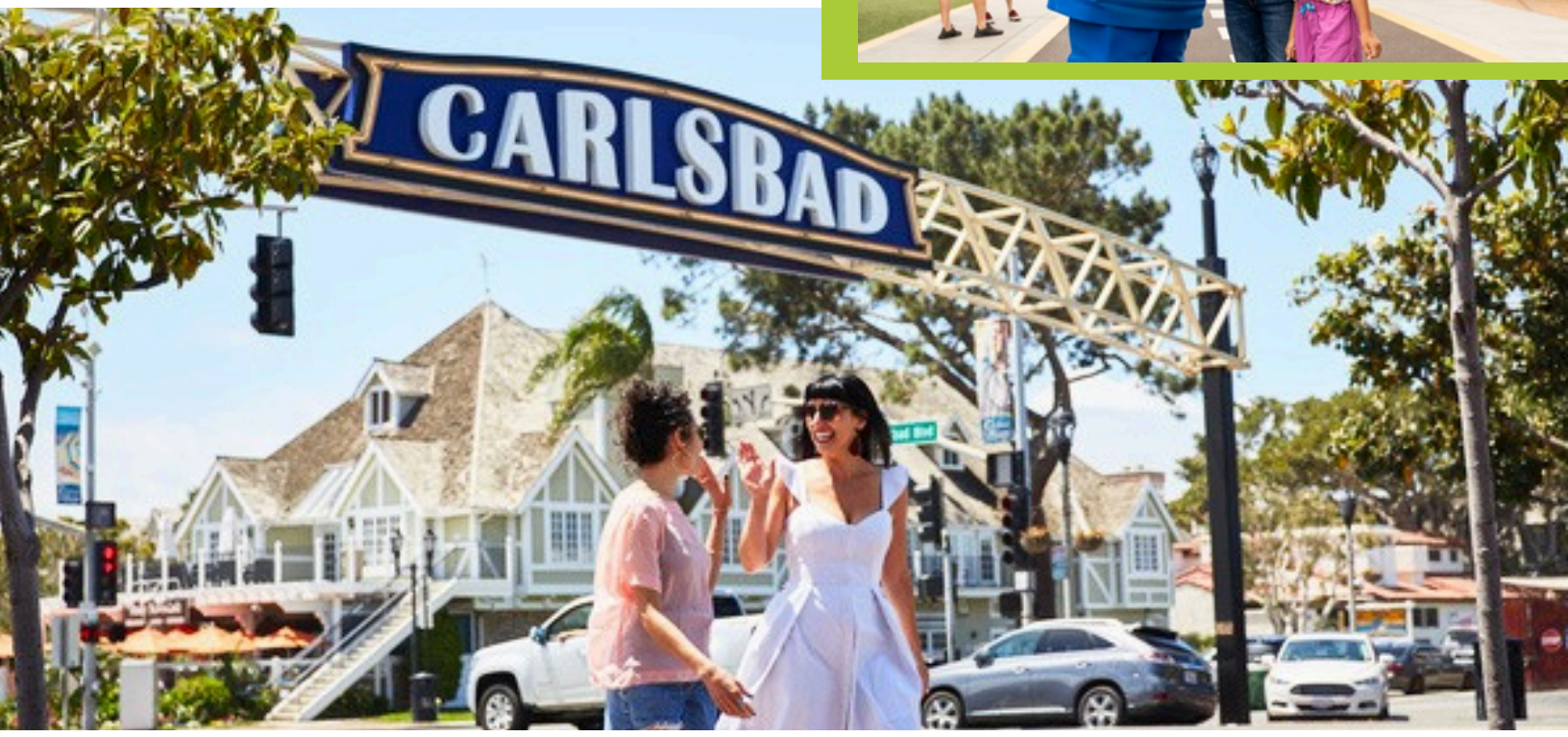


Just 45 minutes north of San Diego, Carlsbad captures the essence of the Southern California lifestyle - laid-back, sun-soaked and effortlessly inviting. With seven miles of stunning coastline, Carlsbad is an ideal place to unwind, offering outdoor adventures from surfing and hiking to championship-level golf. Visitors can explore top attractions like LEGOLAND® California Resort, the Museum of Making Music and the seasonal wonder of The Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch®. Food lovers will find a dynamic culinary scene, home to two Michelin-starred restaurants, along with a growing number of craft breweries and wine bars. Whether you’re staying at an upscale resort or a budget-friendly hotel, Carlsbad makes it easy to relax, recharge and fully enjoy the experience.

Visit Central Florida Welcome Center

“As the prevalence of autism rises, we at the Welcome Center feel that certification is more than just good for business, it is simply the right thing to do. Autistic individuals have every right to enjoy our services as anyone else. By learning more about this community, we hope to not only improve their lives but gain wisdom from the experience.”

-Justin Laferriere, Senior Visitor Service Manager for Visit Central Florida

Contact Info

101 Adventure Court
Davenport, FL 33837

1-800-828-7655

www.visitcentralflorida.org

The official welcome center for Central Florida’s Polk County. We are located just south of Interstate 4 – Exit 55 on Highway 27. Our Welcome Center is minutes from Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, and Legoland Florida Resort. We offer discounted attraction tickets to many regional attractions. Our facility is home to the one and only USA Waterski & Wake Sports Hall of Fame/Museum.

Visit Greater Palm Springs

Contact Info

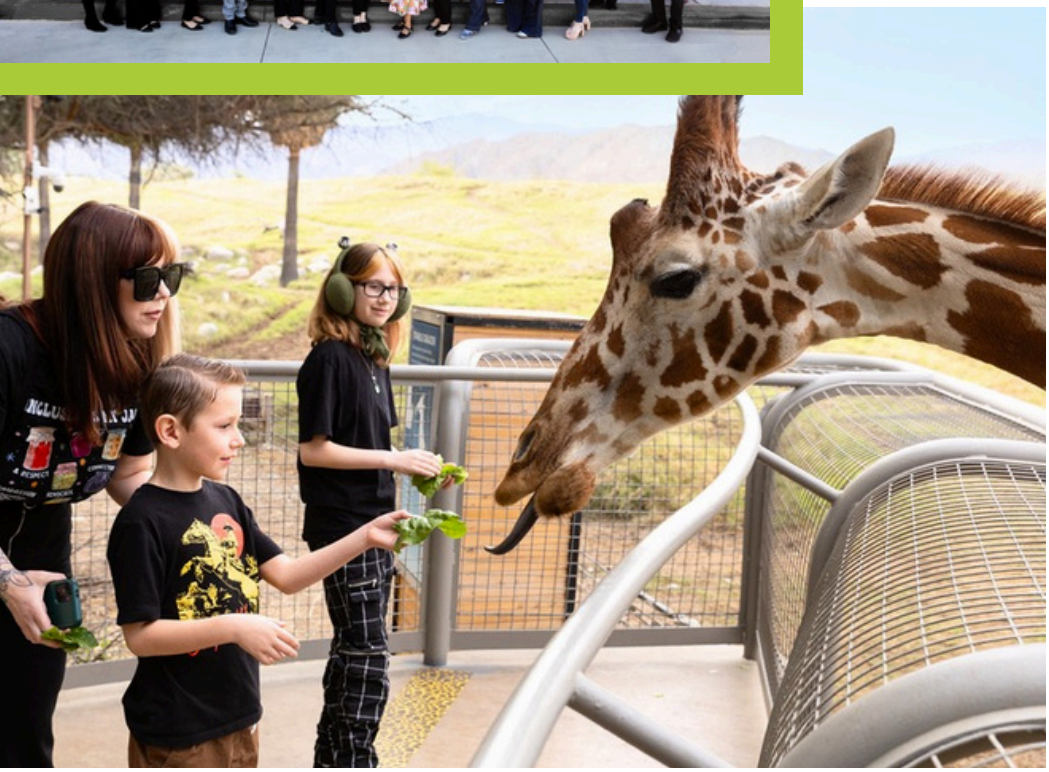
70100 Highway 111
Rancho Mirage, Ca 92270

760-770-9000

visitgreaterpalmsprings.com

> **We are pleased to be recognized as a Certified Autism Center™, but it is just the first step. We are committed to working with our tourism and community partners to make our destination better prepared to serve autistic travelers."**

- Scott White, President and CEO of Visit Greater Palm Springs



Visit Greater Palm Springs (Visit GPS) is the official destination marketing organization for the nine-city Southern California oasis of Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio, and Coachella. Founded in 1989 with a mission to positively affect the destination's $7.5 billion tourism economy and quality of life for its residents, Visit GPS provides sales, marketing, and PR, and destination development activities to grow visitation from potential leisure travelers and event, meeting, and convention group markets. Greater Palm Springs, which has been known as a Hollywood hot spot since the early 1920s, is an easy getaway from Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, and Las Vegas, as well as more than 500 connecting cities into Palm Springs International Airport. With mountains you can almost reach out and touch, natural hot mineral springs, lush palm groves, over 100 golf courses, and more than 300 days of sunshine each year, the destination presents a unique combination of escape, adventure, recreation, and relaxation.

Visit High Point

Contact Info

515 West English Rd.
High Point, NC 27262

336.884.5255

visithighpoint.com

“We are honored to be the first Destination Marketing Organization in the state to become a Certified Autism Center™. Our promise is to bring our hospitality partners alongside us as we make High Point the most inclusive and welcoming city in North Carolina, not only for visitors but for our residents with children living on the autism spectrum.”

- Melody Burnett, Visit High Point President

Since becoming the first Certified Autism Destination™ on the East Coast, High Point continues to expand its leadership as a sensory-friendly destination, strengthening accessibility through collaboration, training, and community engagement. Today, 20 organizations across the city are Certified Autism Centers™, meaning their staff have completed specialized autism and sensory-awareness training. Many partners also provide sensory guides, helping families preview environments and plan visits with confidence.

Inclusive programming can be found throughout the community, including sensory-friendly events, museum experiences, and library programming. Visit High Point continues working with partners to grow resources, welcome new certified organizations, and ensure High Point remains a destination where all visitors feel prepared, supported, and welcome.

Visit Jacksonville and the Beaches

Contact Info

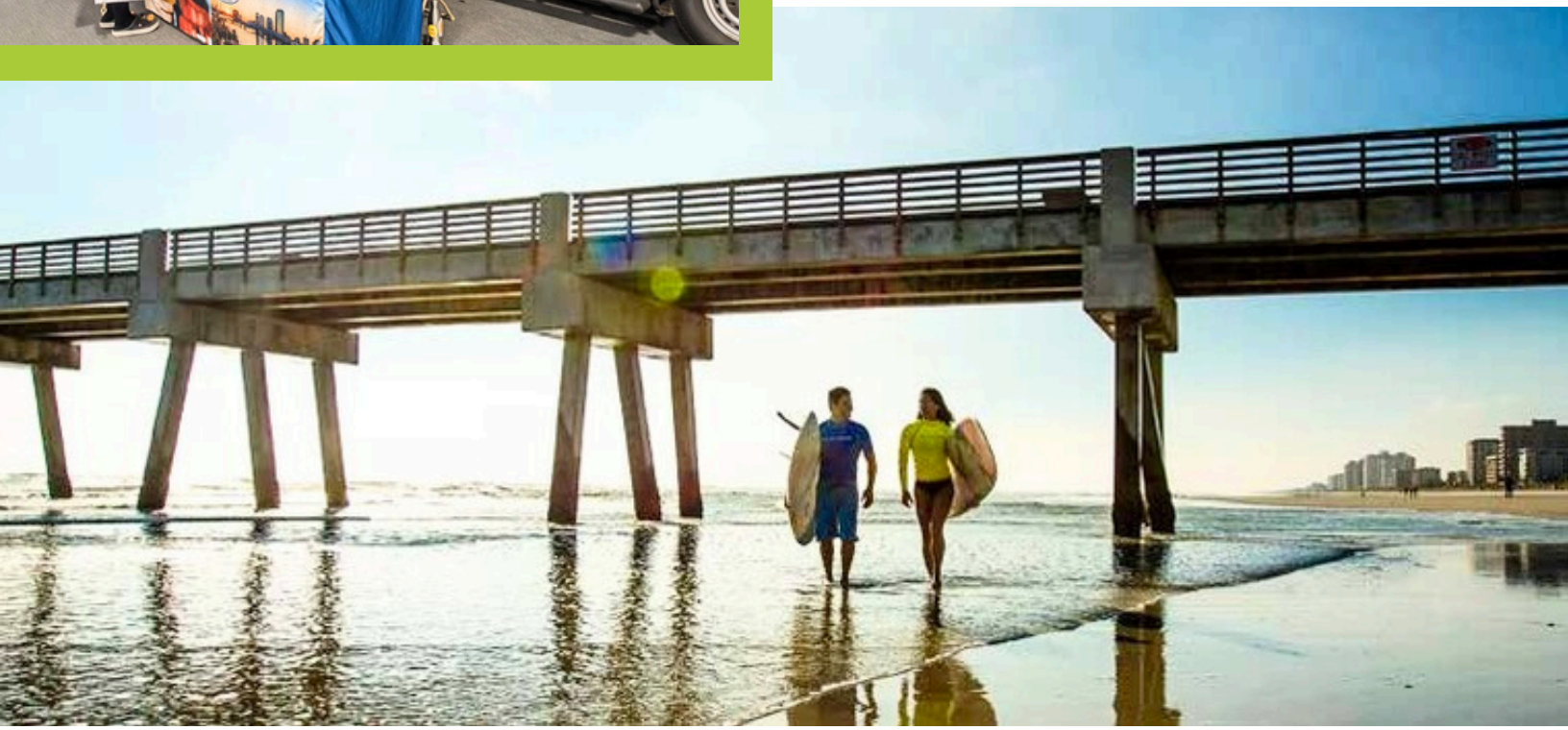
100 N. Laura St., Ste. 120
Jacksonville, FL 32202

800-733-2668

www.visitjacksonville.com

“It’s an honor to lead a company of individuals who care about helping people of all abilities experience Jacksonville. To have 100 percent of our staff complete training and renew our Certified Autism Center™ certification means we are dedicated to creating a welcome environment for all who visit Jacksonville.”

- Michael Corrigan, President and CEO of Visit Jacksonville



Visit Jacksonville is a Destinations International-accredited Destination Marketing Organization contracted by the Duval County Tourist Development Council (TDC) to champion the growth of business and leisure tourism in Jacksonville. For a closer look at all there is to see and do in Jacksonville, go to http://www.VisitJacksonville.com or contact 800-733-2668.

Visit Santa Cruz County

“Santa Cruz County is a destination where people celebrate people and recognize and champion the wonderful diversity of the human experience. This Certified Autism Center™ certification for Visit Santa Cruz County is a natural and necessary extension of that celebration, and we are proud to make this commitment to all our visitors.”

-Terence Concannon, CEO of Visit Santa Cruz County

Contact Info

250 Front St, Santa Cruz,
CA 95060, USA

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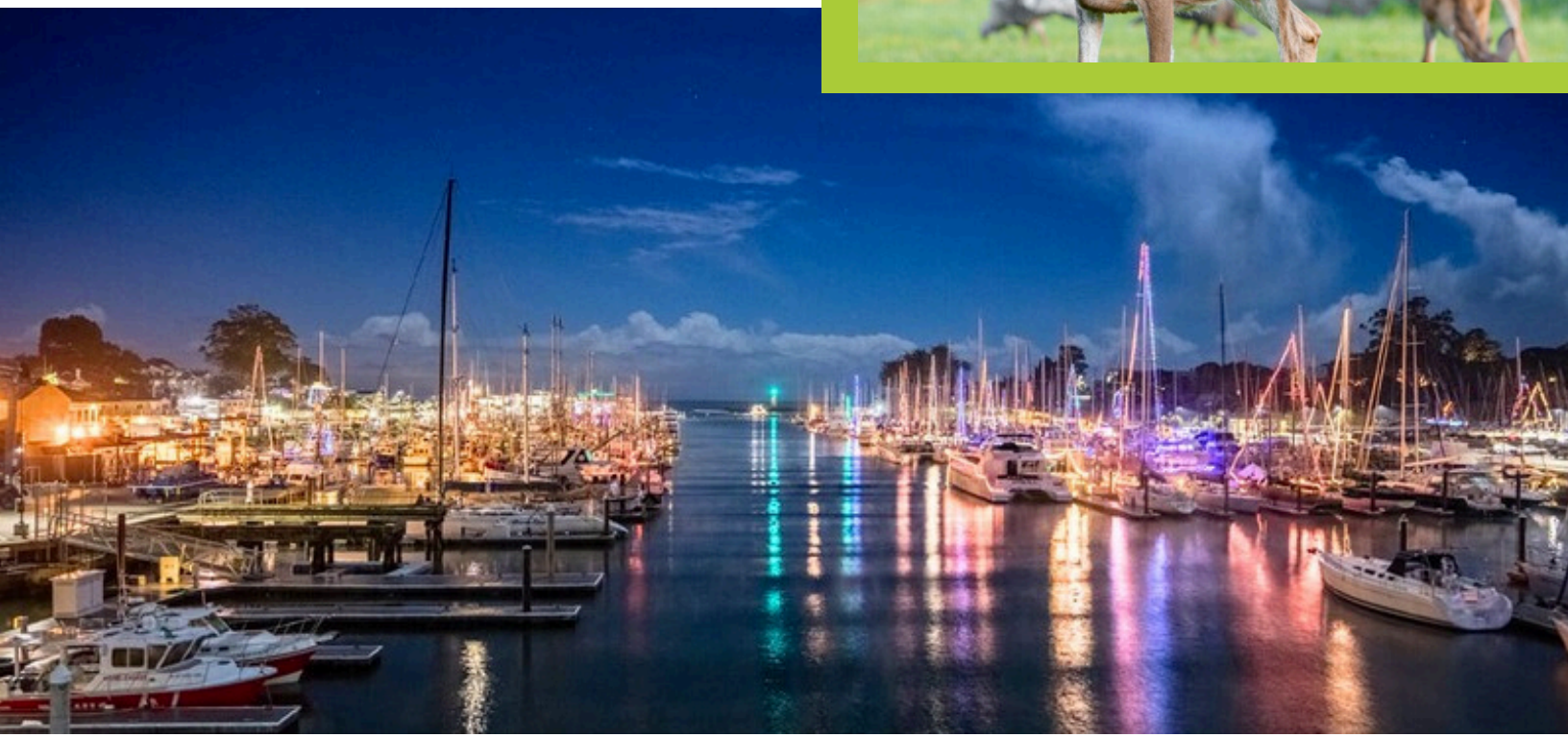
www.santcruz.org



Our Visitor Center is conveniently located near downtown Santa Cruz. Inside you’ll find brochures and videos, with staff eager to guide you on your journey throughout the county. Santa Cruz County offers vast stretches of beaches, towering redwood forests, a bounty of agricultural adventure, and lots of music, dance, and visual arts. We love welcoming visitors and sharing all that our county and communities have to offer and can advise on accessible experiences.

Visit Visalia

“Visit Visalia is proud to provide memorable experiences to all families visiting Visalia and our adjacent Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. As a mother of an autistic child and a tourism and hospitality professional, I personally relate to the challenge’s families experience when traveling. This autism certification provides a deeper understanding and compassion - it is part of our mission to show families that Visalia is dedicated to serving the autism community.”

- Nellie Freeborn, Visit Visalia Executive Director

Contact Info

112 E. Main Street
Visalia, CA 93291

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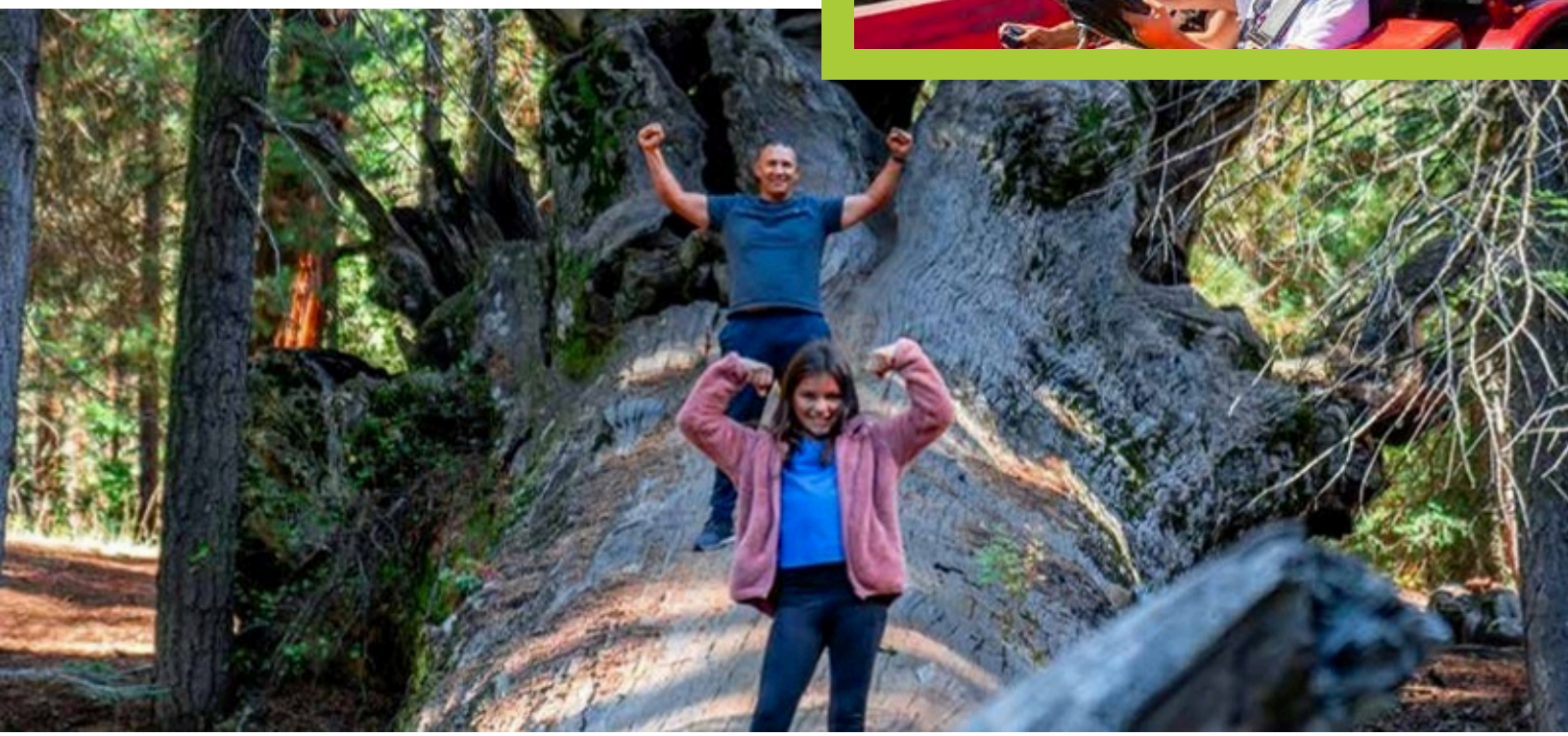
www.visitvisalia.com



Visalia is located in Central California, just within driving distance of Los Angeles and San Francisco. As the most robust city near Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Visalia has long been known as “the gateway” to these beautiful parks in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The legendary sequoias—including the world’s largest tree, The General Sherman—are a draw for adventure-seeking visitors from around the globe. The city is more than a base camp for national park travelers. With a vibrant downtown, unique foodie restaurants, craft breweries, farmers’ markets, boutique shopping, and a thriving, eclectic art scene, Visalia is a destination all its own. It’s a hub for family travel, with expansive youth sports facilities and children’s venues and attractions. And, its walkable downtown and access to hotel rooms and meeting space make it a popular convention destination, as well. Visalia is an all-American city with historic charm and a modern draw.

Willamette Valley Visitors Association

“Continuing our team's certification and commitment as a Certified Autism Center™ through IBCCES is a vital step toward ensuring that we are creating inclusive and accessible experiences for all visitors. We will continue to prioritize supporting inclusivity for individuals and families with diverse needs by equipping our team and our partners with the necessary skills."

-Jessy Fabrizio-Stover
WVVA's Destination Development Manager

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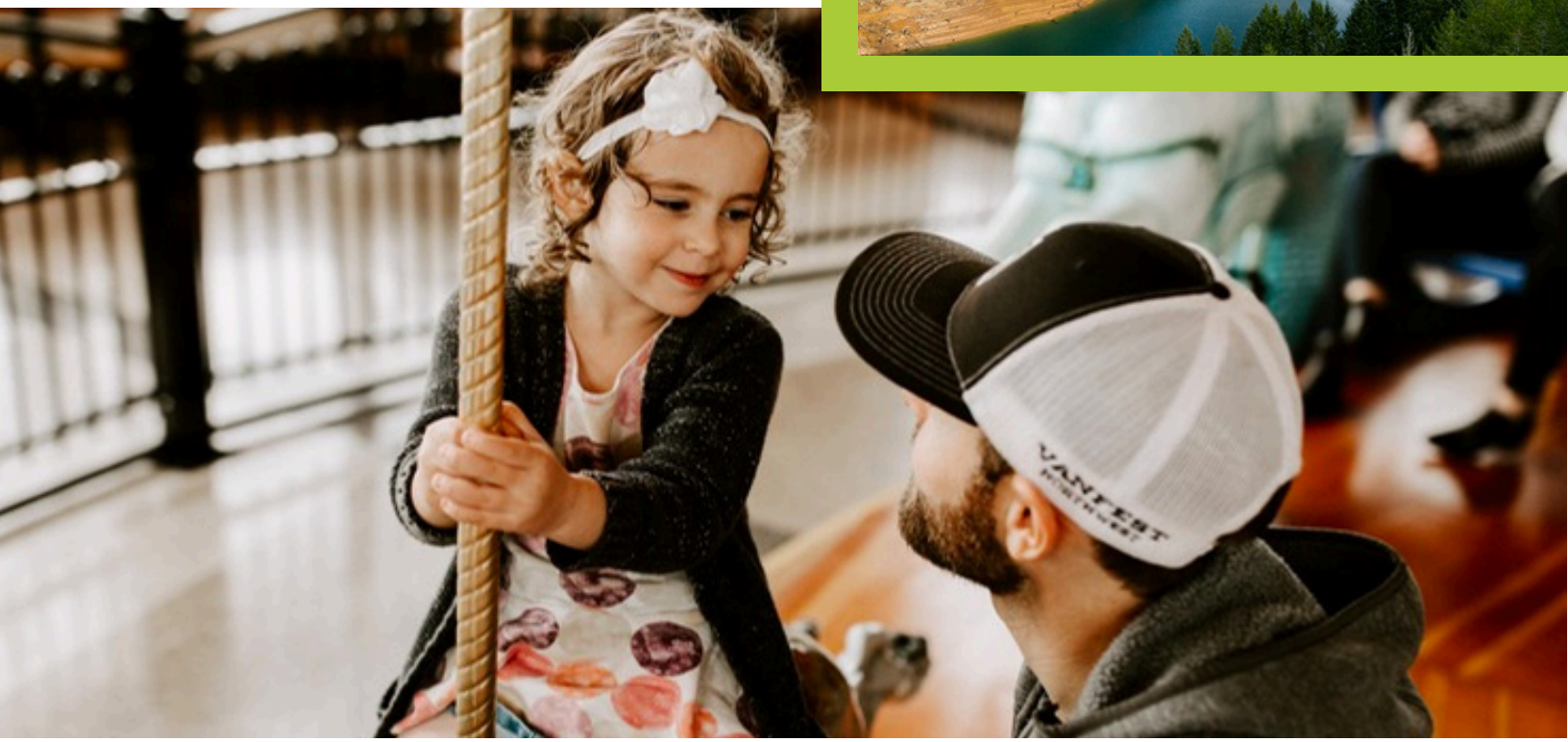
www.willamettevalley.org



The Willamette Valley Visitors Association (WVVA) is a Regional Destination Management Organization focused on promoting responsible tourism and regional economic well-being that benefits residents and visitors alike. Our mission is to enhance the region’s vitality by cultivating authentic experiences to support local communities, ensuring the Willamette Valley's long-term resilience. We are dedicated to fostering the prosperity of the Willamette Valley as a welcoming and inclusive year-round destination.

MUNICIPALITIES

Cathedral City

“We are incredibly proud that Cathedral City has achieved the Certified Autism Center™ designation from IBCCES. This certification reflects our unwavering commitment to creating an inclusive community where everyone can thrive. By enhancing our understanding of autism and adapting our services, we're not just improving accessibility – we're fostering a culture of acceptance and support.”

-City Manager Charlie McClendon

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Cathedral City, California, 92234

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www.discovercathedralcity.com

Incorporated in 1981 – later than its neighbors – Cathedral City provides a quality lifestyle and welcoming business climate. Cathedral City represents about ten percent of The Coachella Valley’s population and is a destination of friendly neighborhoods, lush country clubs, diverse shopping, and unlimited business potential.

Cathedral City is the fastest-growing among the desert cities, boasting higher growth in “snowbird” and full-time resident populations and economic indices than its neighbors—yet remains a great value. Many people across the nation know about Palm Springs, but more and more people are discovering that Cathedral City has become a great destination to live, dine, stay, and play!

City of Indian Wells

“Indian Wells is proud to be recognized as a Certified Autism Center. This designation reflects our commitment to ensuring every resident and visitor feels welcomed, supported, and included. From our world-class attractions to our everyday community spaces, we are dedicated to creating experiences that are accessible, enriching, and joyful for individuals and families of all abilities.”

-Dr. Toper Taylor, Mayor of Indian Wells

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Indian Wells, California, 92210

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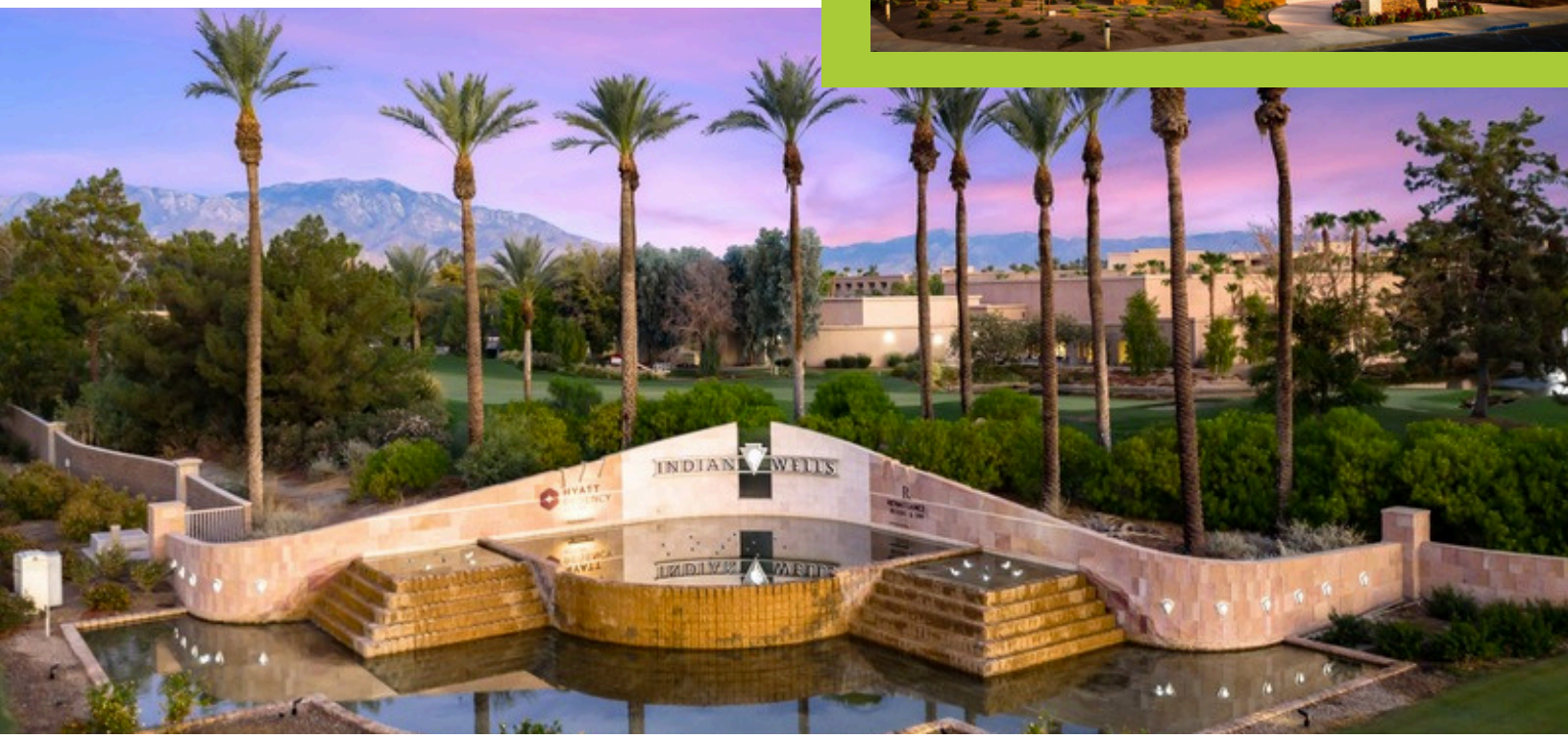

Nestled in a cove of the Santa Rosa Mountains, the city of Indian Wells, California, blossoms with palm trees, gardens, and lush, breathtaking scenery in all directions and features some of Greater Palm Springs’ most luxurious resorts offering world-class dining, spas, golf, tennis, and meeting facilities—yet is just a 20-minute drive from the Palm Springs International Airport. World-class cultural and sporting events and attractions, including BNP Paribas Open, Ironman 70.3, and more bring tens of thousands of visitors, athletes, and epicureans to the city each year. 36 holes of championship golf invite visitors to tee off where the likes of Arnold Palmer and President Dwight D. Eisenhower once played and now the Epson Tour Championships. And with its unmatched collection of spectacular accommodations and pampering spas, the options for finding your own oasis are as endless as the city’s pristine views and blue skies.

City of La Quinta

“This training is consistent with La Quinta’s commitment to do everything possible to ensure that all residents and visitors feel comfortable, supported, and valued in our city. Only by learning about the needs of people with autism and sensory sensitivities can we make everyone feel welcome and provide a positive experience.”

-Jon McMillen, City Manager

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La Quinta, California, 92253

760.777.7000

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The City of La Quinta was incorporated on May 1, 1982. It is the youngest of nine incorporated cities that make up the Coachella Valley in eastern Riverside County. The City was named for the La Quinta Resort which was established in 1926. The Desert Cahuilla Indians were the first ancestors of the La Quinta area. The Salton Sea, ranches, celebrities, and PGA West are also all part of La Quinta’s rich history. Surrounded by the Santa Rosa Mountains, La Quinta spans about 32 square miles and has a full-time population of just under 40,000 as well as a large seasonal population of “snowbirds.” It is home to The American Express PGA tournament played annually and the world-class No. 1 ranked La Quinta Art Celebration, which brings the best artists in the world to the city twice a year.

City of Palm Desert

PALM DESERT
CALIFORNIA

> **This designation reflects Palm Desert's dedication to creating a city that embraces the unique strengths and perspectives of every individual, ensuring that all residents and visitors, regardless of cognitive differences, feel valued and supported."**

-Palm Desert Councilmember Karina Quintanilla

Contact Info

73-510 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260-2578

760-568-1441

www.palmdesert.gov

IBCCES CAC CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER™

Centered in the heart of California's Coachella Valley, Palm Desert is a thriving, safe, and sustainable community whose residents enjoy an outstanding quality of life. This premier resort destination offers residents and visitors of all ages a wide array of cultural activities and world-class events in a uniquely beautiful desert environment. The City of Palm Desert strives to ensure that all of its residents and visitors feel welcome and celebrated, with programs, services, and activities that are accessible to everyone. Requests for a City program, service, or activity to be made accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to the ADA/504 Coordinator using the Request for Reasonable Accommodation

City of Scotts Valley

“At the City of Scotts Valley, we are deeply committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all individuals. Earning the Certified Autism Center™ designation through the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards is a significant milestone toward better serving the autistic and sensory-sensitive community. By equipping our staff with the training and tools needed to understand and support the unique needs of these individuals, we are not only improving the experiences of our visitors but also reinforcing Scotts Valley’s commitment to accessibility and inclusion for all residents and visitors.”

-Mali LaGoe, City Manager for the City of Scotts Valley

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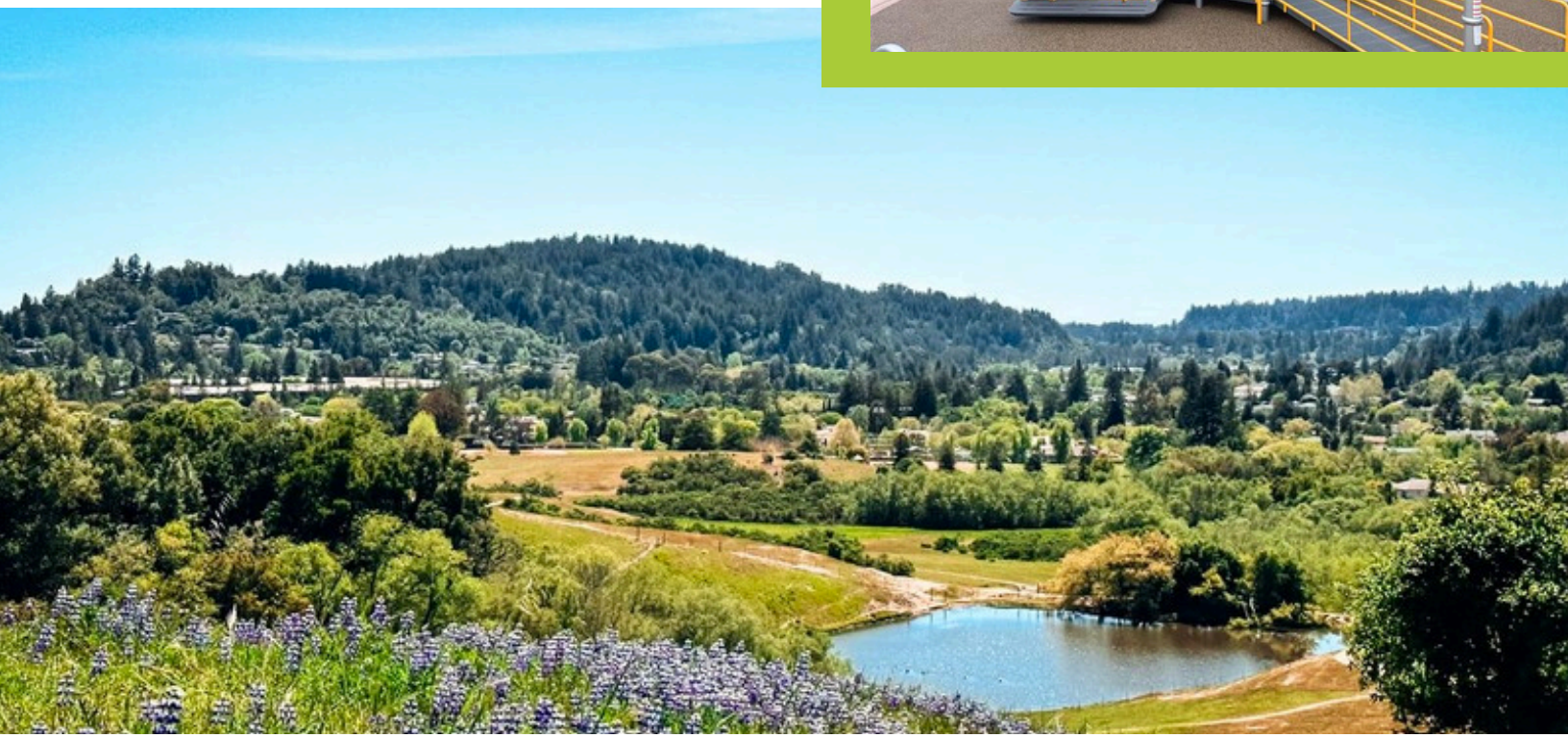

Scotts Valley, California, is a small, charming city located in Santa Cruz County, about 6 miles north of Santa Cruz, 30 miles southwest of San Jose, and 68 miles south of San Francisco. Nestled in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains, it's a picturesque area that features a suburban feel surrounded by nature, making it a great spot for outdoor enthusiasts. Hiking, biking, and enjoying the scenic beauty of the mountains and beaches are popular activities. The proximity to Silicon Valley, Monterey Bay, and the Santa Cruz Mountains make it an excellent place to live and visit.

City of Sylvania

“Learning through the IBCCES accreditation program was the answer to the City of Sylvania’s goal of becoming significantly more accessible for our visitors.Our staff completely embraced this journey, and we are so proud to be certified."

-Bill Sanford, Director of Economic Development - City of Sylvania

Contact Info

6730 Monroe Street,
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

419-882-2135(Chamber)/
419-885-8926(City)

www.cityofsylvania.com

The City of Sylvania is in Northwest Ohio in Lucas County, just west of Toledo, on the border of Michigan, and encompassed by Sylvania Township. Several major highways will bring you into Sylvania, including US-23 and I-75 from the north and south, and I-80/90 (the Ohio Turnpike) from the east and west.

City of Tempe

“Every day, we strive to make Tempe an inclusive, welcoming and equitable place for people. I’m proud of the work our staff has done to be trained to better understand and serve members of our community. We hope that this designation will inspire other Tempe businesses and organizations to join us on this journey to become the second Autism Certified City in the world.”

-Tempe Mayor Corey Woods

Contact Info

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St. Tempe, AZ 85281

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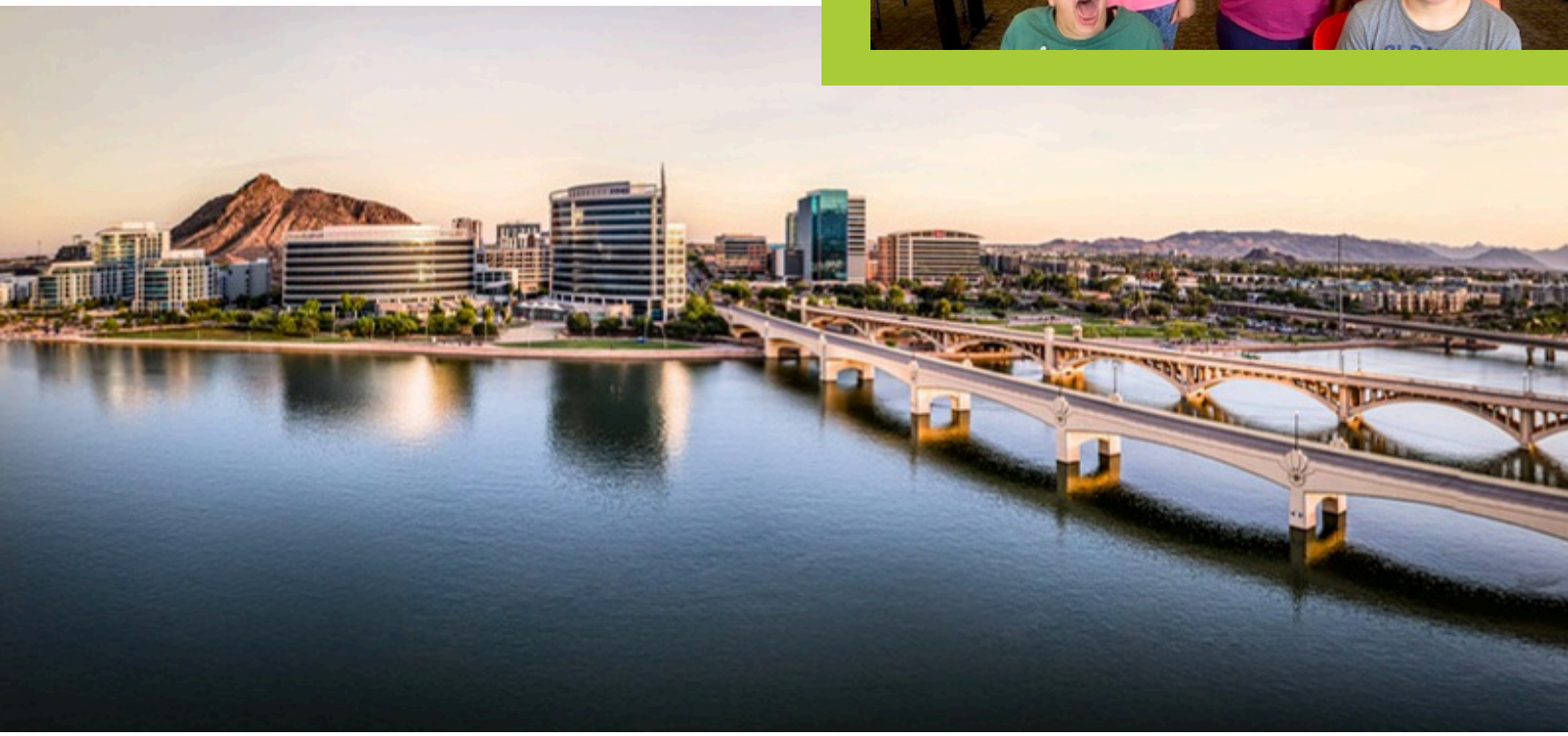

Tempe makes waves as a technology and business magnet, an inclusive, caring community, and a hub for recreation and adventure. Tempe is home to Arizona State University, Tempe Town Lake, and the famous Mill Avenue. Located in the center of the Greater Phoenix Metropolitan Area and less than 10 minutes from Sky Harbor International Airport, Tempe is a diverse, innovative community of 200,000 residents and a workforce of more than 200,000. The city attracts more than 4 million visitors annually. Customer-facing departments who completed the Certified Autism Center™ training include Tempe Police Department; Tempe Fire Medical Rescue; Employee Development; Kid Zone Enrichment Center; and Community Services, which encompasses Arts & Culture and Parks & Recreation.

City of Tolleson

“We are proud to be a leader in inclusivity and accessibility in the west valley. This certification is a testament to our commitment to creating a welcoming environment for anyone, and we look forward to helping set the standard for communities nationwide.”

-Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

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Tolleson, Arizona, 85353

623-936-7111

www.tolleson.az.gov

The City of Tolleson is committed to fostering an inclusive, supportive, and welcoming environment for all its residents and visitors. With a focus on community, growth, and innovation, Tolleson continues to set new standards in municipal excellence.

Discover the library’s commitment to accessibility and inclusivity, with sensory kits and adaptive tools available to enhance your visit.

The Village of Wellington

“Renewing our status as a Certified Autism Center™ demonstrates Wellington’s continued dedication to meeting the needs of individuals with autism and other sensory sensitivities. We’re proud to offer programs, services, and spaces that ensure all residents and visitors can fully enjoy and participate in our community.”

- Jim Barnes, Village Manager for Wellington

Contact Info

12300 Forest Hill Blvd,
Wellington, FL 33414

561-791-4000

www.wellingtonfl.gov

The Village of Wellington, located in the heart of Palm Beach County, Florida, is a vibrant and diverse community that proudly serves more than 65,000 residents. Known for its world-class equestrian venues, beautiful parks, top-rated schools, and commitment to public safety, Wellington has earned national recognition as one of the best places to live, work, and raise a family.

Wellington is deeply committed to creating a welcoming and accessible environment for all members of the community. As part of this mission, the Village has achieved the designation of Certified Autism Center™ (CAC) through IBCCES. Wellington’s commitment to accessibility and belonging extends beyond compliance—it is a guiding principle that shapes our services, policies, and public spaces. As a Certified Autism Center™, the Village of Wellington reaffirms its promise to foster a community where all individuals, regardless of ability, can thrive and participate fully.

Town of Florence

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“Our team's completion of this specialized training will enhance our ability to provide exceptional service and experiences for members of the autism community. This milestone underscores our commitment to inclusivity, fostering understanding, and ensuring Florence is a town where everyone can thrive.”

-Tara Walter, Mayor of the Town of Florence

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IBCCES CAC CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER™

The Town of Florence is a welcoming community that cherishes both our rich history and our commitment to progress. All are embraced as part of our "hometown"! Departments across town, including Community Services, Police, Fire, Information Technology (IT), Town Council, and Administration, have taken proactive measures to ensure excellent care and accessibility for all residents, regardless of their needs. We take pride in offering accessibility options to accommodate everyone in our community. The Viney Jones Library offers Baby Sensory Time and similar programs, our IT Department ensures hearing assistance options and closed captioning are available for live town meetings, and our Community Services Department strives to ensure town programs and activities can be tailored to individuals with special or specific needs.

TRAVEL TIPS

How to Prepare an Autistic Traveler for a New Adventure

A Step-by-Step Guide to Easing Transitions & Reducing Travel Anxiety

Any change in environment or schedule can be a challenge for autistic individuals, but with the right, but with the right preparation, travel can be enjoyable and stress-free. This guide provides practical, step-by-step strategies to help autistic travelers and their families feel comfortable, confident, and ready for their next adventure.

Research & Pre-Trip Preparation

Selecting a travel destination that aligns with the sensory and routine needs of an autistic traveler can make a significant difference. Several factors that the family or individual should consider include whether the autistic person has traveled to similar environments previously; a child who has never traveled by plane and never visited an amusement park may benefit from first visiting a similar local attraction prior to such a trip. Conversely, for a child who is fascinated with airplanes, the visit to the airport may be the highlight of their trip. Knowing the needs and preferences of the autistic traveler is key and they should be involved in the planning as much as possible to provide a sense of control and comfort with the new situation.

Travel Tip:

Book a trip with a CATP. Travel advisors and agents who have undergone the Certified Autism Travel Professional (CATP) training through IBCCES could help families have a smoother journey to destinations as they are well-versed in travel options, ideas for autistic individuals, and recommend autism-certified travel options that can be fun for the whole family.

Finding the right hotel can make a huge difference in travel as well. From finding an Autism Certified location, the traveler will have staff that are trained to meet their needs and support them to make their stay comfortable and relaxing. Certified hotels will also offer sensory guides for their location and any activities that they offer. They may also provide extras such as sensory kits or multiple low-sensory areas that make the perfect area to wind down after a stressful day.

The **IBCCES Accessibility App** makes it easy to locate accessible locations including hotels, restaurants, attractions and more. It also offers information on what accommodations they offer, such as quiet hours, low sensory areas, or other programs as well as providing pictures and other guides to make planning less stressful.

Transportation is also a consideration when traveling. Although the traveler may be well versed in short car trips, longer travel, or taking a plane or train can be very different. Many airlines and train services offer priority boarding or even offer pre-visit programs to make planning and preparation for the autistic traveler easier.

Create a Travel Social Story & Visual Schedule

Changes in routine, combined with a new location can be extremely stressful for autistic individuals. The creation of a travel social story combined with a visual schedule can create a sense of familiarity with a clear expectation of what to expect during the trip. These guides offer clear visualizations of what to expect during each stage, such as packing bags for the trip and then arriving at the airport. They should cover all key experiences and also explore how to handle particular situations such as loud noises. These can be reviewed by the traveler and their family repeatedly prior to the trip. Visual schedules are similar to social stories, but help to create a routine during the trip. This could be an itinerary with added pictures or color-coding that the autistic individual can refer back to as needed. These schedules should also include downtime and flexibility, such as, if the plane is delayed we will read a book.

Pack Comfort & Sensory Essentials

Packing the right things for the trip is essential. In addition to all the standard essentials, a sensory-friendly travel kit can make life for autistic individuals less stressful. Depending on their sensitivities and needs this kit could include things like: noise-cancelling headphones, sunglasses, fidget toys or stuffed animals, and a weighted blanket or pillow. A white noise machine or phone app may be needed when sleeping in a different location. Additional considerations can include providing comfortable clothing and shoes; a trip is not the time to try new shoes or clothing. Preparation and having the right tools on hand can prevent sensory overload and provide comfort.

Communication & Safety Planning

Although no one wants to think about it, planning for emergencies is also necessary when traveling with an autistic individual. Prepare them with any safety rules in a clear, precise manner with pictures if necessary to ensure understanding. They should also have some form of easily accessible identification, such as an ID bracelet or name tag; a contact card with emergency information can also be helpful. If the autistic individual is non-verbal extra precautions should be taken to ensure that they are able to communicate with others such as with PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System), or a travel phrasebook with visual cues. It may also be helpful for them to have pre-written explanation cards as during stressful situations they may become non-verbal. If traveling with family, friends, or a group, make sure they understand the autistic traveler's needs and coping strategies.

Preparation is the key to making travel enjoyable for autistic individuals. By researching destinations, using visual schedules, and packing essential sensory tools, travelers can feel confident and ready for new adventures. Flexibility, patience, and proactive planning will help create a smooth and stress-free experience, allowing everyone to focus on making lasting memories.

Every trip is a learning experience, remember to celebrate small successes and adapt as needed. Happy travels!

Airport and Security Tips for Autistic Travelers

For travelers wanting to go abroad or just take longer trips within the country, air travel is a necessity; however, the experience of air travel can be overwhelming for those with sensory challenges. Advanced preparation and awareness of potential challenges can make an air trip a positive experience for autistic individuals and their families, or traveling companions.

Research Airport & Security Procedures

Pre-travel research on the airport, airline, and security procedures is essential in creating a smooth travel experience for an autistic individual. Check all of the key locations including check-in, security screening areas, and departure gates. Many airports offer virtual, interactive maps with video guides as well. Additionally, check the airport and security accommodations available; in the US, the TSA Cares program offers many assistance options that can be scheduled in advance of travel.

Identify Sensory Challenges

Prior to the trip, potential challenges for the autistic individual should be identified. Sensory challenges are often one of the largest challenges during air travel. Planes are themselves loud, and combined with the presence of large crowds and multiple stores, restaurants, and even animals at the airport it can quickly become overwhelming. Preparing a sensory travel kit is essential, depending on the needs of the autistic individual this could include noise-canceling headphones, digital toys, and comfort objects. Another factor to consider during travel is the effect of air pressure changes, which can cause the feeling of ear-popping. This effect can be reduced by chewing on gum, or through the use of a chew toy. In-flight meals and snacks can also be a challenge; contact the airline in advance for assistance with any dietary restrictions and consider bringing along favorite snacks for the trip.

ITo help prepare the autistic individual for air travel the use of social stories and role-playing can familiarize them with common scenarios. Social stories should include pictures and videos of all key elements of the process including: arriving at the airport, checking bags, going through security, finding the departure gates, departing the plane, and finally going through customs and baggage claim. Creating a schedule of the day, with flexibility for delays or additional times for security can be helpful as well for the autistic traveler. Role-playing potentially challenging scenarios like going through security or boarding the plane can also be helpful and make the scenario less stressful.

Navigating the Airport

On the day of the trip make sure to arrive with plenty of time to navigate through check-in and security. If additional accommodations were scheduled, locate the service team or check-in area. When going through security screenings ensure that the agents are aware of sensory sensitivities or communication preferences of the autistic individual. Ensure that all medical documentation is prepared and available if necessary.

Once through the security checkpoint alert the gate staff of any boarding preferences. Depending on the needs of the autistic individual it may be easier to board first and allow them time to settle on the plane, or boarding last and reducing the time they are confined to a seat may be preferable. Once on the plane, the staff should also be alerted of disembarking preferences. Any special needs during the flight should be addressed to the flight attendants.

After the flight be aware of the process for going through customs, or any additional procedures for retrieving checked bags. Additionally, prepare in advance for how the next part of the journey will take place, whether that involves renting a car, using a shuttle service, or taking a train. Ideally, these services should be booked in advance to reduce delays and stress.

The right preparation and using available accommodations can make air travel a more comfortable and successful experience for the autistic individual and their family. The use of a Certified Autism Travel Professional, as well as a Certified Autism Airline can also make the experience less stressful as these professionals will have the training and understanding to reduce stress and make travel for an autistic individual easier and more rewarding. Every journey may present challenges, but advanced planning can make all the difference in ensuring a smoother, less stressful trip.

How to Introduce an Autistic Traveler to Public Transportation

Step-by-Step Advice for Using Buses, Trains, and Subways with Confidence

In many cities public transportation is an easy and efficient way to travel and beyond traveling on vacation, public transportation can be an essential part of independence for autistic individuals by providing access to work, education, and even social opportunities. However, the unpredictability, loud noises, and crowded nature of public transit can also be overwhelming for autistic individuals. Introducing public transportation in a structured, controlled manner can allow it to become a pathway toward increased independence.

Preparing for the Journey

Advanced preparation is key in providing a good experience when introducing public transportation to an autistic individual. Before traveling, research what types of transportation are available and what methods are most efficient for your trip. Many large attractions also offer internal transit systems, such as trains, trams, and shuttles. Advanced knowledge of the transit system will reduce stress during travel for all members.

Expected challenges and sensory needs during the trip should also be addressed; common challenges that may occur are sensory issues from loud trains, pressure changes as trains enter or leave the station, or even temperature changes in underground stations. Ensuring that the autistic individual has comfort objects, fidget toys, or noise-cancelling headphones can be helpful in these scenarios. Other situations that may arise include unexpected changes in schedule such as delays or route changes. Transit system apps can be useful in assisting with these types of issues to provide up-to-date information, as well as offering insight on any other options.

Any accessibility accommodations such as priority seating, boarding policies, or low sensory areas should also be noted. The autistic individual may also want to note if they participate in the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program. Other social challenges should also be noted with the anticipation of crowds; the autistic individual may also want to ensure they have easy identification and written instructions if necessary. Planning and preparation can ease some of these challenges and ensure that the first journey on public transit can be a positive one.

Introduce Public Transportation in Stages

Inviting the autistic individual to learn more about public transportation in controlled stages can increase familiarity with the system and make the actual travel less overwhelming. First, transit can be introduced virtually via videos of boarding a train or subway as well as viewing pictures of the station and ticket machines or gates. It may also be helpful to compare the experience to situations with which they are already familiar, such as riding the school bus. Roleplaying common scenarios such as finding a seat, or showing a ticket can also be helpful at this stage.

Next, a visit to the transit station or the local equivalent without the necessity of riding the train or bus can be helpful. Plan the visit around non-peak hours and make sure to have sensory tools available such as noise-cancelling headphones, or a comfort toy to provide support. This can also allow practice with ticket systems and gate access needs.

Once the individual is ready, the last stage is riding on public transit. For their first trip, a short, simple route without transfers and with limited stations or stops will offer an easier adjustment. When the individual is more at ease with the process, longer trips, or more complicated journeys with transfers can be introduced. For additional support, consider exploring autism-friendly transit programs, local advocacy groups, or disability services offered by transit authorities.

Public Transportation as Empowerment

As the autistic individual becomes older, or more independent, solo trips via public transit are also an option and once an individual is comfortable using public transit, they may feel more empowered to explore new destinations, attend social events, and pursue job or educational opportunities. With the right approach, public transportation can be a valuable tool for autonomy and adventure. Introducing an autistic traveler to public transportation requires patience, preparation, and step-by-step exposure. By recognizing sensory needs, breaking down the learning process, and encouraging independence, public transit can become a manageable and even empowering experience.

CERTIFIED RESOURCES™

CERTIFIED AUTISM RESOURCES™

IBCCES has reviewed the following resources and has found that they meet one or more of the following Areas of Autism Competency. Each autism resource below is linked to a company page where you can find additional information.

Twiddle

Twiddles® are cozy, therapeutic aids that help those with autism to calm, engage and self-regulate. Providing comfort or activity as needed, Twiddles assist in organizing tactile, visual and auditory input, and are a safe and effective sensory resource at home, in therapy clinics, and in "safe spaces" at schools and other group settings. **Visit Online**

Anistella Connect Solutions Sensory Bins

Anistella Connect Solutions Sensory Bins are designed to support children with autism and ADHD by combining play with structured learning. Each bin incorporates visual schedules, charts, sensory elements, and the 15/5 Focus Method, which is specifically intended to strengthen executive functions such as attention, working memory, and self-regulation. This method uses short, engaging learning intervals paired with sensory play to enhance focus and reduce behavioral challenges. Created with educators and therapists in mind, our bins deliver joyful, hands-on learning experiences tailored to sensory needs. **Visit Online**

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zPods®

zPods® is the first U.S.-based company to provide kids with a customizable, sensory-friendly, enclosed safety bed. These regenerative spaces come jam-packed with features such as intelligent lighting control, white noise generation, Bluetooth speakers, and more. With these tools, we believe that people can find a more comfortable place to sleep. **Visit Online**

Smart Tales

Smart Tales is an educational app for children with an extremely rich collection of interactive 80+ educational tales and 700+ games for preschoolers. With Smart Tales, children spend a safe, educational, and fun time playing with our activities, while they learn crucial skills to hit the school ground running both from an academic and a social standpoint. Whether it is learning to read, write & count, unleashing creativity and imagination, learning scientific principles such as the states of matter, Smart Tales is a key companion of children as it represents a fun, educational and safe space for every child. **Visit Online**

Time4Learning

Time4Learning is an online interactive curriculum for PreK - 12. It teaches and grades the lessons, all while tracking progress. Time4Learning combines the technology kids love with the education they need to make learning fun. Real life concepts are taught with engaging animation and video, bringing math and language arts to life. **Visit Online**

Wibit

Wibit, a floating playground on the water, has been creating smiles for over 27 years in more than 100 countries. As non-skilled activities, no one should get left out, even those with disabilities. Due to its Modularity, a variety of products can be connected to create obstacle courses. These are designed to enable guests of all ages and levels of ability to develop motoric function, coordination, balance and cognitive development, all of which are lacking in today's electronic world. Self-confidence, especially in young children, will be promoted through social interaction as they will interact with others and in doing so to go to their limits and sometimes even exceed them. **Visit Online**

ArmsEzzz

ArmsEzzz is a soft, 4-way stretch wearable arm wrap designed to give you instant comfort and control over your personal space. Lightweight, portable, and made to move with the body, ArmsEzzz encourages relaxation and creates an immediate sense of comfort in environments where users need it most. Originally designed for the challenges of travel, it's equally effective at home, in clinics, classrooms, workplaces, and community settings. Portable, versatile, and soothing, ArmsEzzz creates a comforting pocket of personal space that helps you stay focused, calm, and comfortable in any environment. **Visit Online**

The Sensory Path

Developed by Special Education Teacher Holly Barker Clay, The Sensory Path™ is a decal system that is designed to transform a space into a child friendly, thematic and safe area for movement which provides targeted proprioceptive and vestibular sensory input to help decrease sensory seeking behaviors and increase cognitive function. Trusted by thousands of schools across America and abroad, The Sensory Path ™ now offers several themes and appropriate developmental stages of research-based movements that provide proper sensory stimulation for self-regulation. **Visit our website** to learn more about our Sensory Path ™ products.

Elli Junior

Elli Junior offers functional and innovative baby products that live up to our motto of making "big differences for small people."Try one of our natural, non-toxic, soft and chemical-free hooded towels, swaddles or other baby accessories. **Visit Online**

Waterford Early Learning

Waterford.org is an early education nonprofit with a mission to achieve universal literacy for all children through equity, access, and family empowerment. Whether at home or in a classroom, Waterford's programs engage PreK-2 learners in explicit, adaptive learning paths in reading, math, and science. Mindset skills are infused within the learning path. The educational content within Waterford programs reflects the diverse abilities, families, ethnicities, and cultural traditions of each individual learner. Services and support are available to both educators AND families in English and Spanish. An extensive research base supports the efficacy of Waterford.org's early learning programs. **Visit Online**

Frogglez Goggles

Frogglez Goggles were invented by Christian Hahn after watching his daughter struggle with leaking swim goggles that pulled her hair. She wasn't alone, all of the kids in her swim lesson lacked the motor skills to get their goggles to fit. Frogglez have a patented goggle strap that is easy for kids to manage independently. Our innovative swimming goggle design is used in adaptive swim programs around the world. **Visit Online**

Hativity

Hativity®, therapeutic interactive headwear. Fun and functional with interchangeable textured sensory patches! Innovative features such as non-flop front brim, comfort fit, noise filtering and aromatherapy patch provide additional comforts with our summer UPF50+ and winter hats. Hativity® is designed to provide modular support to the tactile, olfactory, auditory, introception and visual systems. This allows for therapeutic benefits for individuals with Autism who often experience behavior adaptations related to their internal and/or external stimulation. Hativity® interactive patches can also provide a means of easy and accessible communication for parents and the community. **Visit Online**

KI WiggleRoom Pods & Super Structures

Create space within space by specifying KI WiggleRoom pods and super structures. Designed for a single user, the WiggleRoom pod offers a distraction-free place within open space. The super structure is a post and beam system that scales to accommodate anywhere from two to eight people. These freestanding rooms provide visual and acoustic privacy for autistic individuals. Students or employees are provided with the option to break away from sensory-rich situations or distractions to find a place to relax, learn or connect with others in a more controlled environment. To learn more about WiggleRoom pods and super structures, **Visit Online**

EpicSurf®

EpicSurf® is a deep-water stationary surf wave made with a real wave of water. Unlike sheet wave technology, this true deep-water wave brings a customizable real surfing experience to guests of all abilities. From beginners learning to surf, to experts perfecting their tricks and turns, to adaptive programming and surf therapy, EpicSurf's real wave surfing provides the ideal platform for training, advancing and enjoying the mental, emotional and physical benefits of surfing. At EpicSurf, we are passionate about creating a compelling and safe surfing experience beyond the ocean while maintaining our commitment to environmentally friendly and sustainable practices for ALL abilities. **Visit Online**

Nook

Nook is a compact, self-contained plug and play sensory pod supporting people with Autism in challenging everyday public environments such as schools, leisure and retail parks and the workplace. It provides an escape or refuge that reduces sensory overload, providing positive sensory distraction and safe space to self-regulate and avoid crisis events. **Visit Online**

Kimball International

Designed to offer a quiet space within open environments, National's Kolo Pod is an ideal solution for learning, working, and healing spaces. Our Anti-Eavesdrop design reduces speech intelligibility and dampens sound, offering solace to students in overstimulated atmospheres. Not only does the pod keep noise out, but it also keeps sounds in, providing a safe space for individuals to express themselves. Featuring built-in rollers, it's easy to move from one location to another, creating flexibility in any environment. Available in sizes to accommodate up to eight people and an ADA-compliant model, Kolo Pods provide privacy and comfort in stressful situations. **Visit Online**

CEU Outlet

CEU Outlet was founded in 1999, pioneering many of the first home-study course programs and online CEU standards used by regulatory boards. CEU Outlet focuses on mental health and medical professions, which are reviewed for compliance by IBCCES and state licensing boards. **Visit Online**

Framery

Framery is an industry pioneer and global leader in engineering and manufacturing soundproof pods, services, and solutions that enable people at work to focus on what really matters and get things done. Framery is a necessity for a successful workday for millions of knowledge workers around the globe in many of the world's leading companies. With focus on continuous innovation and improvement, we set the standard when it comes to delivering more value more sustainably. **Visit Online**

Hushoffice Acoustic Pods

Hushoffice acoustic pods (hushClassic and hushFree) are the fastest and most cost-effective way to add a fully private meeting spaces to your office, school or community centers.

With variety of sizes, starting from small, perfect for individual work, longer conference calls and phone calls, ending with larger units with low threshold, wide door and full control over the light and ventilation – acoustic pods truly adapt to the needs of all people. Booths can be specified as an extensive private workspaces or an alternative to traditional conference rooms – accommodating all ADA needs. **Visit Online**.

Life Floor

Life Floor creates engaging aquatic experiences through innovative design, certified safety, and thoughtful accessibility. Our tiles are often used at aquatic centers to enhance the thematic design, safety, and play value of any water play amenity. Life Floor safety surfaces meet unique performance-based criteria across all of our certifications including slip-resistance, cushioning, chemical resistance, UV resistance, cleanability, impermeability, and accessibility. **Visit Online**

Infloatables Snuggle Squad

Snuggle Squad are soft and cuddly plush toys that are perfect for easing anxiety, stress, and promoting restful sleep for both children and adults. It's weighted filling provides a comforting sensation, while the smooth fabric and squeezable design make it irresistible to hug. **Visit Online**

PRE BOX

PRE BOX sensory boxes help neurodivergent children prepare for life experiences. Helping a child know what to expect ahead of time reduces anxiety, increases engagement, and social participation. Each box includes themed toys, a sensory compound, visual supports (social story, visual schedule, and a ways to play guide), and hands-on activities that support cognitive growth, language, fine and gross motor skills, problem-solving skills, and social interaction. We are also able to make customized boxes for businesses and schools. Lessen your anxiety and let PRE BOX help you and your family prepare for your next adventure. **Visit Online**

Ready Rocker

The Ready Rocker is a portable, ergonomic device that transforms virtually any chair or surface into a comfortable, supportive rocking experience. Designed to promote calmness and improve focus, it leverages the proven therapeutic benefits of rocking motion to support individuals with autism, ADHD, and other sensory needs. Compact and easy to use, the Ready Rocker is ideal for various environments, including classrooms, therapy sessions, and home settings. It fosters self-regulation, enhances engagement, and provides a soothing outlet for sensory integration, making it an invaluable resource for individuals with autism. **Visit Online**

The Boost Flipper

The Boost Flipper is a children's swim fin designed to improve body positioning and boost confidence in young swimmers. Developed in collaboration with Harriet Plummer Aquatics, it promotes proper technique and motor skill development. Made from soft, natural TPE rubber, it ensures comfort, prevents blistering, and encourages a natural kick. Featuring adjustable straps for a tailored fit and a sustainable design that grows with your child, The Boost Flipper is ideal for kids ages 18 months-10 years, offering long-lasting value and eco-friendly fun in the water. **Visit Online**

Zenbooth

Zenbooth makes quiet, private modular booths for people to have focused conversations, take calls, or do important work in busy places—whether at school, the office, or a shared workspace. Our booths come in four sizes and are sound-dampened enclosures offering soft, adjustable lighting to create a calm, comfortable space. They keep conversations inside the booth confidential while blocking out noise and distractions from outside, making them especially helpful for people who get overwhelmed by noise or distraction. Built with eco-friendly materials, Zenbooth provides everyone a safe spot to be themselves, handle sensitive conversations, or concentrate in peace, wherever they are. **Visit Online**

HUUS

We specialize in nature-inspired pods and furniture for the well-being and neurodiverse community. Hush Pod is a freestanding, fully closable privacy pod chair. By creating an enclosed space, Hush provides a personal retreat, a luxurious escape into a dark, hushed, natural space in the midst of a busy hotel, airport, office, or library. Poppi Pod is a freestanding flatpack pod for up to 6 people. Designed to pop up anywhere you would like to create a place of peace and privacy. Den Pod is a free-standing flat pack pod, large enough to fit over a standard chair or be reversed into/enclosed around a standard wheelchair.All HUUS Pods are made to order in the UK. **Visit Online**

Ecolution Design

Ecolution Design creates sustainable, modular acoustic pods that provide privacy, flexibility, and accessibility for modern spaces. Made in the USA with locally sourced materials, our floorless design ensures full ADA accessibility and allows seamless integration with existing interiors. Ideal for corporate, education, and healthcare environments, Eccolution Design solutions support neurodiversity, reduce noise, and install without construction disruption. **Visit Online**

Spoty Systems

Spoty Systems offers a range of modular acoustic cabins designed to reduce sensory overstimulation and support focus, privacy, and well-being in workplaces and educational settings.

Call Spot: a compact phone booth for private calls. Talk Spot S/M/L: small to large meeting cabins for 1–6 users. Work Spot: a solo focus pod for deep work. All cabins provide high sound insulation, ergonomic comfort, and customizable design, promoting inclusion and calm in dynamic environments. **Visit Online**

ROOM

ROOM is reshaping the modern workplace to create the offices of the future. Our series of modular and sustainably-designed office pods, including phone booths, meeting rooms, and private offices, offer soundproof, customizable spaces that enhance focus and privacy. ROOM products are designed to reduce sensory overload, providing calm, comfortable and controlled environments ideal for neurodivergent individuals, facilitating concentration and reducing stress in dynamic workplace settings. **Visit Online**

Reset Moves

Reset Moves is a fun, movement-based mobile app designed to support the wellbeing of neurodivergent children through engaging, gamified activities that turn screen time into active time. Reset Moves aims to: (1) promote physical and emotional wellbeing, (2) offer inclusive digital experiences, and (3) deliver a quick, proactive tool for families, educators, and therapists to use every day. **Visit online.**

Creative Activity The Senso Cube™

A fully bespoke modular sensory room. This fully customisable, modular sensory environment aims to provide greater accessibility to multi-sensory environments in high-volume community spaces, including schools, hospitals, airports, hotels, restaurants, shopping centres, sports and recreational facilities, and offices. Its sound-proof design ensures a tranquil sensory experience, providing a private and peaceful retreat for those in need of relaxation. The outer panelling allows for fully customisable graphics, ensuring effortless integration into any indoor space, while its robust construction and modular design guarantee years of reliable performance and hassle-free transportation and installation. **Visit Online**

Creative Activity Sensory Hive

Our All-New Sensory Hive is a recent innovation from the team. The Sensory Hive is another mobile solution assisting in creating a sensory space within a larger open space. Featuring a fully padded, unique hexagonal shape, this Sensory Hive can be customised in many ways to suit the needs of your space. The possibilities with this Hive are endless, so contact our team today to discuss your requirements. Comes as standard with: Full Padding on the Walls, Floor, Ceiling, and Seating Podiums, Bubble Tube / LED Waterless Bubble Tube (Please state your choice at time of ordering), 8-Way Wirefree Colour Controller. **Visit Online**

FoamDaddy HD Pro Stacker Foam Cannon®

This incredible foam cannon can shoot 30ft, making for a huge amount of fun! Comes with 4 hours of liquid foam solution (consistent run time) and stands to keep the foam cannon in place during operation. This foam cannon is perfect for use at any event, large or small. You can count on our foam machines and foam cannons to run smoothly and safely for your event! **Visit Online**

FoamDaddy Large Foam Cannon

Creates volumes of foam in an elevated position. Shoots foam out 20-24ft. Covers 3a 0x30 sq ft area 4 ft high. Comes with 4-5 hours of solution (Consistent run time). Great for any event. Find a dealer near you. **Visit Online**

Celestial Cocoon Multi-sensory Therapeutic Bed

Celestial Cocoon is the first-ever multisensory therapeutic bed designed as a sanctuary where craftsmanship, heritage, and technology embrace in perfect harmony. The Celestial Cocoon Bed is more than a bed - it's a transformative sleep experience. Handcrafted in Italy, this one-of-a-kind masterpiece combines luxury design, sensory technology, and emotional connection to promote independent, restful sleep from the earliest days of life. **Visit online.**

CALMR Hug Range (Adults & Kids)

The CALMR Hug is a UK-made weighted scarf, wrap/cape and snood range designed to support emotional regulation for autistic and neurodiverse individuals, as well as anyone managing stress or anxiety. Using scientifically proven gentle deep pressure stimulation, it helps activate the parasympathetic nervous system—promoting calm, focus, and comfort in everyday life.

Made with love and crafted for both adults and children, the CALMR Hug range offers soothing sensory support through beautifully designed clothing that calms – 'Your Hug when you need one'. **Visit Online**

Miacademy

Miacademy offers a full K–8 homeschool curriculum that's engaging, easy to use, and built to grow with your child — and now continues through high school with MiaPrep (Grades 7–12), bringing the same trusted approach to teens. Your subscription includes all K–8 courses—math, reading, science, social studies, electives, and world languages—plus tools to track progress and attendance. Miacademy has over 80 courses—and we're always adding more. That means your child can keep learning and growing, year after year. Every course is written by a team of experienced educators, and includes videos, interactive practice, and assessments to measure your child's progress. **Visit Online**

The Balance Booth

Codex is proud to introduce the Balance Booth – our first co-developed office solution, created in partnership with our supplier. Designed with insights from 220 neurodivergent employees, it features custom sensory elements to support focus, comfort, and inclusivity in the workplace. The Balance Booth is booths designed to provide calm and focus away from office noise.

To enhance its sensory support, the product has custom features including tactile fidgets, coloured lighting, fresh air, and full lighting control. **Visit Online**

Wemore

Wemore designs soft weighted blankets that provide calming sensory support for better sleep. Improve your sleep with Wemore—explore multiple options available on their official website. **Visit Online**

Excel Education Systems

Founded in 2005, Excel Education Systems' provides the digital courseware used by its Cognia- and MSA-accredited schools, including Excel High School, Northgate Academy, and Washington Technical Institute. Our platform delivers a structured and accessible online learning experience that supports neurodiverse students, including those on the autism spectrum, through intuitive navigation, clear instructions, predictable routines, and mastery-based learning pathways. Course design minimizes cognitive load and incorporates universal design principles to enhance clarity, engagement, and consistency. **Visit Online**

Orangebox Acoustic Pods

Orangebox's soft seating and acoustic rooms create calming, private spaces within busy environments. Our structurally robust acoustic rooms feature solid walls, acoustic glass, and sound-absorbing interiors that significantly reduce noise. **Visit Online**

Orangebox High Back Enclaves

Orangebox's soft seating and acoustic rooms create calming, private spaces within busy environments. High-backed seating offers visual and acoustic privacy, integrated lighting, and power for extended use. **Visit Online**

GooseWaddle's The Forest of Whimsical Wonder Book & Plush Dolls

'The Forest of Whimsical Wonder' is a captivating book that invites readers into a magical realm where differences are celebrated. The Forest of Whimsical Wonder Plush Dolls is a unique collection designed to inspire and comfort.

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