Meeting Planner's Guide to Ocala/Marion County





Explore Ocala/Marion County and enjoy the charm of classic Florida in the perfect place to host your next meeting or event. You'll find a variety of meeting spaces to suit a wide range of events, complete with the exceptional service and technology you expect from the best. Whether you're planning a wedding or attending an annual business conference, we offer comfort and hospitality in unique facilities designed to inspire successful gatherings of all sizes and budgets. We offer a variety of hospitable venues, able to host audiences ranging in size from 400 to over 4,000 guests, without compromising the quality of the experience you'll share.

It's where premier catering and planning services meet antique shopping and savory cuisine, and where a day in nature brings total relaxation or an exciting adventure in the great outdoors. Your guests will love Ocala/Marion County, before, during and after your meeting is through.

Contact us today at **1-888-FL-OCALA** to make your next meeting or event a success.

# **Event Hosting**

Make your next meeting or event a success with free planning assistance and a comprehensive listing of current specials, promotions, local events and more. From fine accommodations to dining destinations, you'll find everything you need in Ocala/Marion County.

# Venues

Discover a variety of unique facilities to choose from, able to host a range of audience sizes and fit within most any budget. From elegantly styled interiors to conference centers designed to inspire, you're sure to find the perfect place for your meeting space.



TOTAL SQ. FT.	MAX. CAPACITY			
40,000+	700			

### **HILTON OCALA**

The Heart of Florida Conference Center at the Hilton Ocala promises the prestige and attention to detail you expect from the Hilton name, complete with the dedicated services of a Conference Planning Manager. The Hilton Ocala provides the most efficient and effective experience possible to ensure your meeting or event achieves success with high-quality equipment and innovative catering to accompany a staff and service that are second-to-none. Over 40,000 square feet of flexible indoor/outdoor space is at your disposal, accommodating groups of up to 700 people, plus multiple breakout rooms.

The Heart of Florida Conference Center at the Hilton Ocala is just one of the many premier places you'll find to fit your meeting or event needs in Ocala/Marion County.

- ✓ BREAKOUT ROOMS
- **✓ PLANNER ASSISTANCE**
- ✓ WI-FI
  ✓ CATERING

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✓ GREEN INITIATIVES



TOTAL SQ. FT.	MAX. CAPACITY			
16,500+	400			

### **HOLIDAY INN & SUITES**

Discover the finest hospitality in a modern and functional conference facility designed for business meetings and special events at the Holiday Inn & Suites Ocala Conference Center. Complete with banquet halls and meeting rooms, and the essential amenities needed for any special occasion, the Holiday Inn & Suites offers the perfect space at a competitive price. Whether it's a reception for 400 or an executive gathering for 12, you'll find a professional planning staff at your service, ensuring all of your specifications are met and your expectations are exceeded.

Take the worry out of planning and choose from 10 unique venues to best suit your needs. The Holiday Inn & Suites Ocala Conference Center is capable of making any meeting or event a big success.

- **✓ BREAKOUT ROOMS**
- ✓ WI-FI
- **✓ PLANNER ASSISTANCE**
- ✓ CATERING

✓ A/V



TOTAL SQ. FT.	MAX. CAPACITY			
9,089	800			

## **CIRCLE SQUARE COMMONS**

Conveniently located within the On Top of the World Community, you'll find Circle Square Commons, a premium meeting and special event space and conference center featuring state-of-the-art audio/visual capabilities with expert technicians and ample seating. From wedding receptions and dinner banquets to luncheons and conferences, the Commons is equipped to accommodate up to 800 guests in a theater style venue and 600 guests in a banquet style hall with a pre-function room and portico providing additional space. Should your meeting or event require a more intimate setting, the Live Oak Hall and Cypress Hall each seat up to 208 guests, theater style and a 160-guest banquet.

Enjoy the area's largest venue for all forms of entertainment with the most cutting-edge capabilities of a multi-use facility when you book your next meeting or event at Circle Square Commons.

- ✓ BREAKOUT ROOMS
- ✓ A/V
- **✓ PLANNER ASSISTANCE**
- ✓ CATERING



TOTAL SQ. FT.	MAX. CAPACITY				
6,956	400				

# COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA—OCALA CAMPUS CONFERENCE CENTERS

The College of Central Florida offers a unique setting for any meeting or event. The Webber Center and Klein Conference Center's rooms are the perfect fit for trade shows, conventions, corporate meetings, weddings or business luncheons.

A professional staff, convenient location, state-of-the-art audio/visual capabilities and catering kitchen add to the ease of coordinating the perfect event at the College of Central Florida.

✓ BREAKOUT ROOMS

✓ A/V

✓ PLANNER ASSISTANCE

✓ CATERING



TOTAL SQ. FT.	MAX. CAPACITY			
15,528	4,200+			

### OCALA LIVESTOCK PAVILION

Experience your next meeting or event in Ocala/Marion County's landmark and premier agricultural showplace since 1945. The Southeastern Livestock Pavilion is easily accessible and features use of a covered arena offering the largest clear-span roof south of Atlanta, grandstand seating for over 4,200 guests and an adjacent indoor, air-conditioned auditorium that seats up to 800 guests—all under one roof.

Enjoy North Central Florida's go-to event facility for your next meeting or event and experience a historic part of Ocala/ Marion County's heritage, complete in a unique space to suit your needs

**✓ PLANNER ASSISTANCE** 

✓ ANNOUNCING SYSTEM

✓ A/V

**✓ FULL KITCHEN** 

# **Success Stories**

"On behalf of all our members of the Lincoln Florida Gulf Coast Region and the Lincoln and Continental Owner's Club, we wish to extend a heartfelt thank you for your assistance with our 2010 Eastern National Meet. Your support and dedication to me as I was going through the process of putting all the pieces together was most gratifying. You are the reason I chose Ocala over Sarasota for our Lincoln National Meet, I was not disappointed. Your support helped make this one of the most successful Lincoln Meets held in the last few years."

John B. Richter, Director, Florida Gulf Coast Region Meet Chair, Lincoln Eastern National Meet 2010 "The Ocala/Marion County VCB played an important role in bringing the 29th Annual Florida Master Gardener Continued Training Conference to Ocala last year. They helped our office secure charter busing for our large, one-day field trip and made sure to communicate all our needs to the host hotel, the Ocala Hilton. The staff is very professional and always provided great feedback and responsiveness to me and my client. It would be a pleasure to work with them again on a future event."

Sharon Borneman, Conference Coordinator UF/IFAS Office of Conferences & Institutes

# Meeting & Event Venues

	SQUARE FEET	CEILING HEIGHT	BANQUET	THEATER	CLASSROOM	RECEPTION	CONFERENCE
HILTON OCALA							
Churchill Ballroom	4,200	12	360	600	200	600	
6 Salons	840	12	50	80	48	80	30
Keeneland	540	10	30	50	21	50	20
Aqueduct	513	10	30	50	21	50	20
Belmont	720	10	24				14/24
Pimlico	540	10	30	50	24	50	20
Saratoga	1,232	10	90	100	60	100	30
HOLIDAY INN & SUITES							
Golden Cypress Ballroom	4,834	30	330	450	200	450	60-200
Silver Cypress Ballroom	522	12	40	40	24	40	20-25
Sunset Ballroom	890	12	50	80	30	90	30
Executive Boardroom	375	12	18				18
CIRCLE SQUARE CONFEREN	ICE CENTE	RS					
Grand Ballroom	9,089		600	800	500	600	
Live Oak Hall			160	208			
Cypress Hall			160	208			500
COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLO	RIDA—OCA	LA CAMPU	S CONFERE	NCE CENTI	ERS		
Klein Conference Center	3,956		280	400	190	400	85
Room A			120	190	95	300	50
Room B			96	130	60	200	35
Webber Center	3,000		168	198	144	275	60
OCALA LIVESTOCK PAVILION							
Grandstand (2)	12,350	37		4,212			
Reception Hall	3,178	10.5	299				
Auditorium				800			



The Ocala/Marion County Visitors and Convention Bureau is the county's official resource for meeting and event planning information. And we'd love to hear from you!

# For Planning Assistance, Call Us Toll-Free Today: 1-888-FL-OCALA

