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Another Fourth of July on Its Way

Fourth of July Weekend

With the 4th of July only a few days away, people are planning their first holiday of the summer. Memorial Day and Labor Day are also huge holidays that bracket summer vacations, but Independence Day is a nationwide holiday where most families are off school and work. Since the Fourth falls on Thursday this year, many employers are giving their employees Friday off as well, which means a four day weekend. AAA predicts almost 41 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more from home to celebrate Independence Day.

Orlando is Top Destination

Every year over 55 million visitors travel into central Florida, and most of them spend time in Orlando. The Fourth of July weekend, and the following two weeks are the peak season for Orlando tourism, and Orbitz.com reports that Orlando is the top destination for July 3-7, 2013. The managing director of the Hyatt Regency, Paul Tang, is enthusiastic about having a great season this year. He comments that bookings for the hotel are strong. Orlando is a fantastic destination because there are so many ways to celebrate the holiday when planning ahead.

Prevent Fourth of July from Becoming Dangerous

The key in celebrating and avoiding [tickets](#) and [DUI accidents](#) is to plan ahead. This is a weekend to enjoy friends and family with Bar-B-Ques, going to Disney and relaxing. It is not the time to get arrested for a DUI. Last Independence Day, in the state of Florida, there were over 200 DUI accidents and 48 people died. Holidays mean that there are more people on the roads who have been drinking or using drugs, and it is safe to not be one of those individuals.

The Florida Highway Patrol and Orlando Police will be out in force. The legal BAC is .08, which is only one drink for most people. The mistake with alcohol is that people tell themselves that they drive better when drinking and that is not true. If you are pulled over, the officer could perform multiple tests right at the scene or the police station, so be smart and designate a driver, plan ahead, wear seatbelts and don't speed. Make this a fun-filled Fourth of July!