

2025 TRAVEL GUIDE

UF ORANGE & BLUE FILM FESTIVAL



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FILM FESTIVAL**



**COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM
AND COMMUNICATIONS**

WHEN TO ARRIVE

The UF Orange & Blue Film Festival returns April 10-12, 2025.

We recommend Filmmakers and guests arrive on Friday, April 11th, before 12:00 p.m. and stay through Sunday morning to experience all screenings, panels, and events.



TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

Parking on UF campus is limited. All screening times occur whilst general on-campus parking restrictions are lifted. Check local signage for details.

Reitz Union Parking Garage

655 Reitz Union Dr, Gainesville, FL 32611

Standard Daily Fee – \$8.00
Restrictions lifted after 4:30 p.m.

Stephen C. O'Connell Center

250 Gale Lemerand Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611

Restrictions lifted after 4:30 p.m.

Parking Garage 5

966 Gale Lemerand Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603

Standard Daily Fee – \$8.00
Restrictions lifted after 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & RIDESHARE SERVICES

The Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS) has routes that connect the University different parts of Gainesville. Free to all students, bus fares are free just as long as you show your Gator 1 ID card when riding.

Uber and Lyft operate in Gainesville.

LODGING

Located at the heart of UF campus, the Reitz Union Hotel is within walking distance from all festival venues and includes complimentary parking, high-speed internet, and stunning views for a rate of \$109/night.

For guests traveling to Gainesville for the festival (not accompanied by a filmmaker), great local lodging options include the AC Hotel Downtown, Hyatt Place Gainesville Downtown, and Hotel Elio.



LOCAL BITES

Whether you're looking for a quick on-campus bite or a local sit-down for dinner, here's a short guide from our festival team's in-residence foodies:

Superette Wine + Provisions! This hidden gem is the perfect place to unwind and enjoy mediterranean-inspired and locally-sourced cuisine. Try the lemon cake – trust me!



Luis Lageyre

*Executive Director,
Orange & Blue Film Festival*

My favorite Gainesville food spot is Liquid Ginger! They offer a high-class selection of Japanese staples at an affordable price and a wide menu of options to choose from.



Paola Perez

*Producer,
Fest Creative Team*

Paris Banh Mi is my favorite boba spots. They have a lot of good choices, also walkable distance from campus. I love their Korean corn dog options.



Megha Manoj

*Event Designer,
Festival Operations Team*

OTHER GREAT ON-CAMPUS OPTIONS INCLUDE:

- Mi Apá – Reitz Student Union Food Court
- The Halal Shack – Reitz Student Union Food Court
- Sweet Berries - 1700 Stadium Rd

OTHER GREAT LOCAL OFF-CAMPUS OPTIONS INCLUDE:

- Opus Coffee – Various Locations
- The Swamp Restaurant – 1104 SW 2nd Ave
- Satchel's – 1800 NE 23rd Ave
- The Top – 30 N Main St
- GERMAIN'S – 220 NW 8th Ave #10

BEYOND THE FESTIVAL

Make the most from your visit to Gainesville by exploring beloved local activities.



The Florida Cicerones offer campus-wide tours. Visit <https://admissions.ufl.edu/visit-and-events/> for more info.



Visit one of largest university art museums in the South, featuring pieces from Claude Monet and Auguste Rodin.



Visit the world's largest occupied bat houses and watch bats emerge from the houses 10–15 minutes after sunset.



Visit Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park and explore the largest sandstone cave area in the country.



Step into the the rainforest at the world's largest butterfly research facility located in the Florida Museum of Natural History.



Check out the Hippodrome State Theatre, which opened it's doors in 1911, nestled in the heart of our historic downtown district.