Local Visitor Information – compiled by UCF mavens!
Before or after at the ASERL UnConference at the University of Central Florida... you are just a short drive away from the following attractions!

Local Favorites
The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art
445 North Park Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789
407-645-5311 | http://www.morsemuseum.org/
Visit the world’s most comprehensive collection of works by American designer Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848—1933). Highlights include the restored Byzantine-Romanesque chapel interior that Tiffany designed for the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago and a new wing that showcases the Museum’s collection of art and architectural objects from Tiffany’s celebrated Long Island home, Laurelton Hall.

Cornell Fine Arts Museum
1000 Holt Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789
407-646-2526 | http://www.rollins.edu/cornell-fine-arts-museum/
Set on the Rollins College campus overlooking beautiful Lake Virginia, the Cornell Fine Arts Museum offers more than 5,000 works ranging from antiquity to contemporary. It holds the only European Old Masters collection in the Orlando area, a sizable American art collection, and the Alfond Collection of Contemporary Art.

Other Top Things to do in Orlando
http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g34515-Activities-Orlando_Florida.html

Five Closest Beaches to Orlando

Orlando Theme Parks
Visitors can sample the world's top theme parks in Orlando, including Magic Kingdom® Park at Walt Disney World® Resort, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter™ at Universal Orlando® Resort, SeaWorld® Orlando, and LEGOLAND® Florida.
Nearby Cultural & Historical Sites

The Mennello Museum of American Art
900 East Princeton Street, Orlando, FL 32803
407-246-4278 | http://www.mennellomuseum.com/
Located on the shore of Lake Formosa in Loch Haven Park (just north of downtown Orlando) the Mennello Museum of American Art is housed in what was once the private home of Howard Phillips, son of philanthropist Dr. P. Phillips. The Mennello Museum showcases American art of all genres and time periods. It features a permanent collection of paintings by self-taught "primitive" artist Earl Cunningham (1893-1977). Owned and operated by the City of Orlando, the Mennello Museum of American Art also offers a lakeside sculpture garden.

Orlando Museum of Art
2416 North Mills Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803
407-896-4231 | http://www.omart.org/
The Orlando Museum of Art features permanent collections of American, African and ancient American art, as well as touring exhibitions. During the Unconference, OMA will present Horizons, an installation by noted Icelandic artist Steinunn Thórarinsdóttir (pronounced Stay-nun Thorens-daughter). This outdoor exhibition on the Museum’s City of Orlando Sculpture Plaza includes 12 life-sized iron figures.

Harry P. Leu Gardens
1920 North Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803
407-246-2620 | http://www.leugardens.org/
The Harry P. Leu Gardens offer 50-acres of stunning gardens only minutes from downtown Orlando. The grand entrance gives you a feel of old southern charm with giant oaks and magnolias surrounding the plantation-style Welcome Center. The gardens were designed specifically for visitors to stroll at their leisure through 40 different plant collections with over 8,000 plant species. One of the attractions is a tropical stream garden which looks and sounds like a tropical rain forest with gingers, ferns and bananas. There also is a variety of innovative smaller gardens.

University of Central Florida Orlando Campus
4000 Central Florida Blvd.
Orlando, Florida, 32816
407-823-2000 | http://map.ucf.edu/
UCF provides state-of-the-art educational facilities with 600 acres set aside for lakes, woodlands, an arboretum, and walking trails.

Interesting diversions in nearby Winter Park
Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour
312 E. Morse Blvd., Winter Park, FL
http://www.scenicboattours.com/
This idyllic one hour pontoon boat tour takes you through an amazing series of lush, narrow canals that connect the Winter Park Chain of Lakes.
The Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Garden in Winter Park, Florida is dedicated to preserving the works of Czech sculptor Albin Polasek. During May 2015, the museum will feature “Shapely Vessels: Gourds From Around the World,” an exhibit of embellished gourds from around the world, plus other artworks and statues featuring the gourd, musical instruments, teas cups, snuff containers, and the iconic Calabash gourd pipe used by literary character Sherlock Holmes.

Nearby Florida State Park for camping, kayaking, hiking

Wekiwa Springs State Park
1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka, Florida 32712
Located at the headwaters of the Wekiva River, this beautiful Florida State park offers a glimpse of what Central Florida looked like when Timucuan Indians fished and hunted these lands. Just one hour from most central Florida attractions, Wekiwa Springs offers visitors the opportunity to relax in a natural setting, enjoy a picnic, or take a swim in the cool spring. Canoeists and kayakers can paddle along the Wekiva River and Rock Springs Run. Thirteen miles of trails provide opportunities for hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding.