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The Capolavoro model
master bedroom inside
the Four Seasons Private
Residences at Golden Oak;
the cove and recreation
area by The Hideout at Four
Seasons Resort Orlando; the
Capolavoro's entryway; the
statement-making exterior
of the Capolavoro.

## GOLDEN DAYS

An exclusive group of homeowners have chosen to live in what some would say is one of the most enchanted places on Earth—with a master community plan by Walt Disney Imagineering to boot.

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If you've ever been to Walt Disney World and uttered the words, "This is so magical; I wish I could live here," you can join an elite set of homeowners in six neighborhoods who make their homes near the gates of one of the world's most famous theme parks. It's called Golden Oak, and, like many of the insider nuances and references to Disney found in its luxury estates, the enclave is named after Walt Disney's Golden Oak

Ranch in California. The first homes in the development were completed in 2011, and, at full build out, the community is anticipated to have 300 homes.

Each neighborhood within Golden Oak has a unique architectural aesthetic. Kimball Trace is known for homes that resemble Tuscan villages; Marceline is marked with its gorgeous green spaces, water views and sculptures of classic Disney characters; and newer Kingswell's estate-style homes will be focused around a community park.

But it's the new homesites at Four Seasons Private Residences Orlando, a partnership with Four Seasons Resort Orlando, that are truly a unique second-home opportunity. There are three collections: Starview, with its Italianate style and terraced backyards; Gardenside, with its front gardens and interior courtyards; and Edgewood, with its canopy of live oaks.

These remarkable properties, with prices starting at \$5 million, include access, at additional fees, to the Tom Fazio-designed par-71 golf course, home to the 2018 PGA Champions Tour; the resort's spa (in-home

massages, anyone?); the salon; six restaurants; incredible pools; kids camps; and more. Plus, many of the homes have separate service kitchens with a private Four Seasons staff entrance to drop off laundry and linens and freshly prepared meals at your every whim.

But for Disney fans, there are special events created by the Club Member Services team, which could include private events in the theme parks, assistance in planning Disney VIP tours inside the park, resident-only speaker series at the neighborhood clubhouse (previous guest hosts include Walt Disney Studio Chief Creative Officer John Lasseter), and wine tastings with actor Kurt Russell. Aside from the extracurricular perks, the community, which was master planned by Walt Disney Imagineering, has stunning properties with every luxury imaginable—and no two are exactly alike.

Inside these gates, it's definitely a wonderful world... of real estate. Golden Oak homes from \$2 million, Four Seasons Private Residences Orlando homes from \$5 million, custom homes available, disneygoldenoak.com; orlandoprivateresidences.com