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No matter what your interests, you will find something in Florida to enjoy. Whether you like mouse ears and theme parks, the warm, sunny beaches or the exotic wildlife, Florida attractions are hard to beat. With an increasingly friendly business environment, Florida is also a great place to do business!

When most people think of Florida they think of sunshine, palm trees and fabulous winter vacations. What most people don't realize is that Florida is also a great place to incorporate. If you own your own business or are considering starting one, you owe it to yourself to discover the benefits of a Florida corporation.

For starters, there is no personal income tax in the State of Florida. While regular corporations are subject to a 5.5% tax on federal taxable income over \$5,000, if you incorporate your Florida business and elect S status you can have your cake and eat it too! Florida S corporations are NOT taxable entities and are therefore not required to file state income tax returns (except for the first year). The result is this: you can have the benefits of a corporation, and pay no tax! But there's more:

Unlike most states, Florida does not have any minimum capital requirements. So if you are just starting out and don't have a lot of money, you can still take full advantage of incorporating without having to put a lot of cash into your company. Some states require you to fund your corporation with at least \$1,000 in capital. Not so in Florida.

Another good thing about incorporating in Florida is that it's easy to do and you don't have to involve a lot of different people. For example, while many states require you to have more than one director and a different person for each corporate officer, in Florida the Director, President, Secretary and Treasurer can all be the SAME person! This makes it easy for smaller businesses that want the benefits of a corporation without all the hassle.

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Florida is increasingly becoming a "business friendly" state. It already has some of the lowest annual fees and corporate reporting requirements in the country. But here's some even better news: The shareholders, directors and officers of a Florida corporation can remain anonymous if they so choose!

The Secretary of State of Florida does not require the names or addresses of shareholders, directors or officers to be listed in the articles of incorporation. Since the State does not keep a record of who owns or controls the corporation, you can conduct business in Florida with complete PRIVACY.

One of the first decisions a business owner must make after deciding to incorporate is selecting the proper state of incorporation. While there isn't a one-size-fits-all answer or standard, some states are better to incorporate in than others. Florida happens to be one of the better choices.

However, what's right for some isn't necessarily what's right for everybody. If you are considering incorporating your business, then you owe it to yourself to examine all of the choices. Before making any legal or financial decision, always consult with an experienced and competent professional who

knows you and your unique circumstances.

And be sure to mention Florida as one of the possible choices. Remember, Florida isn't only for tourists: It's for corporations too!

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Take A Florida Vacation

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If you are planning to travel on your vacation, here's a piece of advice: you should plan your whereabouts previously, and next time, try somewhere different. Such as Florida! When you are planning a Florida vacation it's a good idea to put aside some time to plan what you'll be doing once you arrive. Whether you plan on visiting Miami or Fort Lauderdale or one of the other great Florida cities, you'll want to come prepared.

With any other vacation hot spot, Florida tends to draw large crowds at certain time of year. Most people are aware of the spring break getaways that many college students take to Florida each year. If you are planning a family vacation then you'll want to choose an alternate time to visit Florida.

The holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas are a very busy time in Florida because people trade their winter coats for bathing suits. For a family who has spent each Christmas buried in snow, it's a fun

experience to wander down the beach looking at palm trees instead.

Most flights to Florida also reflect the demand of tourists. The cost of a flight to a Florida destination will be more during a peak travel period such as the spring or summer. If your children can afford to take a few days off of school then consider planning a mid-week break to Florida. Not only will the airfare be less expensive but your hotel accommodations will also reflect the modest demand.

Once you arrive in Florida there is so much to see and do. With many of the world's most popular theme parks within driving distance, you'll want to consult with your family and choose the one that they can't wait to visit. Many Florida theme parks offer discount admission coupons through the internet or through travel books.

One thing any visitor to Florida must do is visit the beach. Whether you've been to the beach in Florida once or dozens of times you'll never get tired or bored of it. Sunbathers gather there to soak up the rays and the ambiance. On a bright and warm day you'll want to find a spot early and spend the day with your family.

One of the best resources for tourists in Florida is their hotel concierge. The concierge is very knowledgeable about the area you're staying in. He or she will be able to offer you insider's tips on the best eateries and tourist attractions in Florida. They also can often offer valuable services including arranging car rentals and dinner reservations for you.

Taking a trip to Florida is a wonderful way for the family to relax and unwind in a fun environment. With a little planning you can have the vacation of your dreams on the budget you can afford.

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