



### DOWNTOWN

**Atlanta Braves and Turner Field** The Atlanta Braves play from April through September at Turner Field. The Braves Museum and Hall of Fame features more than 600 Braves artifacts and photographs that trace the team's

history from its 1871 beginnings in Boston to Atlanta. Both venues are open year-round. Game tickets: www.braves.com or 800-326-4000.

2 Atlanta Falcons at the Georgia Dome

The Atlanta Falcons kick off the official season each September. Game tickets: www.atlantafalcons com or 888-33-4406. The Georgia Dome has hosted numerous events including: the 1996 Summer Olympics, two Super Bowls, the annual Chick-fild-Bowl and the 2007 NCAA Men's Final Four. Dome tour information: 404-233-TOUR.

3 Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta Thrashers & Atlanta Dream at Philips Arena

Philips Arena is home to the NBA Atlanta Hawks, the NHL Atlanta Thrashers, and the WNBA Atlanta Dream, as well as world class concerts and events. Game tickets: www.ticketmaster.com or 866-715-1500.

Centennial Olympic Park Home of the 1996 Olympic Games and the world's largest Olympic Ring fountain, Centennial Olympic Park provides year-round entertainment including concerts, festivals and family activities. More info: www.centennialpark.com or 404-222-PARK. If you want to explore more things to see and do around the park, City Segway Tours are entertaining and unique options for family fun. This self-balancing personal transport device lets you glide through Atlanta with ease! Riders 12 years of age and older can experience tours of all kinds, including the Legends & Lore Tour, Evening Glide and more. Tour info: www.citysegwaytours.com/atlanta or 877-SEG-TOUR.

5 College Sports

Atlanta is home to many up and coming athletic stars. Spring offers Georgia Tech's baseball team, while summer features Georgia State University (GSU)'s softball and soccer teams. Fall brings football, including the 100 Black Men Football Classic, Chick-fil-A Bowl, SEC Championship, and Georgia Tech and GSU's exciting season. Winter is filled with basketball games from Georgia Tech and GSU, as well as Morehouse College, Oglethorpe University and many more. More info: www.atlanta.net.

6 Downtown Nightlife
Downtown Atlanta's nightlife has something for
everyone. Enjoy drinks and sports at STATS and Taco
Mac, concerts at Tabernacle, or watch the world turn from the Sun Dial Restaurant Bar & View. Relax with Wednesday WindDown in Centennial Olympic Park or have a taste of drama at Agatha's – A Taste of Mystery. More info: www.atlanta.net. Make your way around Downtown with ATL-Cruzers, Atlanta's only neighborhood electric shuttle company.

More info: www.atlcruzers.com or 877-497-4774.

7 Georgia Aquarium

Dive into a one-of-a-kind aquatic experience at the Georgia Aquarium, where imaginations go to play. At the world's largest aquarium, you'll discover graceful beluga whales, spectacular whale sharks, playful penguins and aquatic animals from around the globe. More info: www.georgiaaquarium.org or 404-581-4000.



B Hard Rock Cafe
Rock your way to the Hard Rock Cafe Atlanta to
experience exceptional "Love All, Serve All" service
and delicious food within a living museum of
authentic, rock music memorabilia. Check out our
Rock Shop where you'll find Hard Rock branded
merchandise not available anywhere elsel. Located in
the heart of downtown within walking distance from
the Georgia Aquarium, Centennial Olympic Park and
all the major downtown brotels. Hard Rock Cafe is the all the major downtown hotels, Hard Rock Cafe is the ideal choice for a memorable dining experience! More info: www.hardrock.com/atlanta or 404-688-7625.

### **Historic West End**

The West End historic district is located just southwest of downtown Atlanta. The community dates back to the 1830s and features restored period homes and Victorian cottages. The Wren's Nest House Museum was the home of Joel Chandler Harris, author of the Uncle Remus stories (www. wrensnestonline.com), and Hammonds House Museum (www.hammondshouse.org) features African American art. The Atlanta University Center (AUC) (www.aucenter.edu) is the country's largest concentration of African-American colleges. The AUC is comprised of Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, and the Morehouse School of Medicine.

### 10 Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta

Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta features hands-on exhibits and activities where kids can discover, imagine and explore as they learn how things work in their world. Whether it's building a sandcastle, painting on the walls, or exploring the latest exhibit, children will discover why it's a smart place to play! More info: www childrensmuseumatlanta.org or 404-659-5437

### 11 Inside CNN Studio Tour

Tour the core of CNN Worldwide for an up-close look at global news in the making. This 55-minute guided walking tour offers behind-the-scenes views of Atlanta's CNN studios and an exclusive glimpse of news and broadcasting in action. Tour info: www.cnn. com/tour/atlanta or 877-4CNN-TOUR.

### 12 Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site & Sweet Auburn District

The area of **Sweet Auburn** served as the thriving center of Atlanta's Black enterprise from the 1890s to the 1940s. At the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, explore his birth home, historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, and The King Center, where Dr. King's Nobel Peace Prize is displayed. The crypt and gravesite of Dr. King and his wife, Coretta Scott King, are also located here. More info: www. nps.gov/malu or 404-331-5190.

### **Underground Atlanta**

Six city blocks of **Underground Atlanta** have been transformed into a subterranean marketplace offering guided historic tours, more than 100 specialty stores, and Kenny's Alley music and nightlife district. You'll also find street-cart merchants and annual events such as the Peach Drop New Year's Eve Celebration and Heritage Arts Festival. More info www.underground-atlanta.com or 404-523-2311.

14 World of Coca-Cola

Experience the intriguing World of Coca-Cola! The attraction features a multi-sensory 4-D theater, an extraordinary 1880s soda fountain, and unique liveaction bottling line, plus an opportunity to sample nearly 70 different beverages from around the world. More info: www.worldofcoca-cola.com or 404-676-

# **MIDTOWN**

# 15 Alliance Theatre Company

Part of the Woodruff Arts Center, the **Alliance**Theatre is one of the largest regional theaters in the nation. Serving a diverse audience, the Alliance has produced more than 50 world premieres bringing the world's best talents to Atlanta. More info: www. alliancetheatre.org or 404-733-5000.



# 16 Atlanta Botanical Garden

With more than 30 acres of gardens, forest, wildflower trails, and a 10,000 square-foot Fuqua Orchid Center, the Atlanta Botanical Garden is one of Atlanta's most beautiful attractions. The Canopy Walk, a 40-foot high suspension bridge creating a treetop walking trail is the garden's latest addition. Visitors will also enjoy the Edible Garden Outdoor Kitchen and soothing sanctuary of the Cascades Garden. More info: <a href="https://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org">www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org</a> or 404-876-5859.

### 17 Atlantic Station

Great boutiques, sidewalk cafes and hip restaurants reign at **Atlantic Station**, designed to feel like a city within a city. Free shuttles are available from the Arts Center MARTA Station. More info; www.atlanticstation. com or 404-733-1221. The Millennium Gate showcases world-class architecture, art and history in an intimate gallery setting and beautiful grounds. More info: www. thegateatlanta.com or 404-881-0900.

### 18 Atlanta Symphony Orchestra & Chastain Park Amphitheater

Part of the Woodruff Arts Center, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) and its recordings have earned international acclaim with 27 Grammy Awards. If you want to listen to the divinity of the ASO under the stars, visit the new Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre, located just north of Atlanta. More info: www.atlantasymphony.org or 404-733-5000. For more music in the great outdoors, visit the Chastain Park Amphitheater, where the moonlid dinner performances featuring big music stars make for a great date night. More info: www. classicchastain.com or 404-733-5012.

### 19 Center for Puppetry Arts

As the largest organization in North America dedicated to the art of puppetry, the Center for Puppetry Arts features the nation's largest interactive museum, Puppets: The Power of Wonder. Weekly performances include a fun family series and New Directions for adults. Ticket info: www.puppet. org or 404-873-3391.

# 20 Festivals Galore

Midtown offers plenty of family fun with year-round festivals. Spring brings local artisans to the streets during the **Dogwood Festival** and musicians serenade the city during the Atlanta Jazz Festival. The National Black Arts Festival heats up summer, while **Taste of Atlanta** spices up cuisines with fall flavors. More info: www.atlanta.net.

# 21 The Fox Theatre

Designed in the late 1920s, this opulent, historic landmark was originally the Yaarab Temple Shrine Mosque. Today, The Fox Theatre presents shows by Broadway in Atlanta and Theater of the Stars, as well as a summer movie series. It is also home to the Atlanta Ballet's premier, annual performance of "The Nutcracker." More info: www.foxtheatre.org or 404-881-2100.

# 22 High Museum of Art

The **High Museum of Art** offers a diverse selection of art including 19th-20th century American works, European paintings, African and African-American, modern and contemporary art. The High is the leading art museum in the Southeast, and a part of the Woodruff Arts Center. More info: www.high.org or 404-733-HIGH.

# 23 Margaret Mitchell House & Museum

The three-story Tudor Revival mansion in Midtown was the home of author Margaret Mitchell, where she wrote the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Gone With* the *Wind*. The house offers tours, a museum and shop, as well as a literature series. Tour info: www margaretmitchellhouse.com or 404-249-7012.

### 24 Midtown Nightlife

Midtown has so many options for evening fun. For a casual and laid-back evening, try urban bowling at Ten Pin Alley or laugh with friends at Laughing Skull Comedy Lounge. Famous clubs such as Sutra Lounge, Aurum and Opera reign from Midtown. More info: www.atlanta.net.

25 Midtown Walking & Bicycling Tours

Midtown walking and biking tours are available for many Atlanta attractions. The Atlanta Preservation Center offers walking tours of historic neighborhoods and The Fox Theatre, one of the few remaining movie palaces of the 1920s. More info: www.preserveatlanta.com or 404-688-3350. Bicycle Tours of Atlanta caters to many ability levels and features numerous options across the city, such as the Heart of the City Tour. The Progressive Dinner Bicycle Tour lets you experience Atlanta's coveted cuisine while burning a few calories. More info: www.biketoursatl.com or 404-273-2558.

### 26 Piedmont Park

Piedmont Park features lush woods, Lake Clara Meer, picnic spots, skating paths and many annual events. More than 180 acres, the park is situated between 10th Street and Piedmont Avenue, where it joins the Atlanta Botanical Garden. More info: www. piedmontpark.org or 404-875-PARK.

27 William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum

Through its exhibitions, publications and resources the Atlanta Jewish Federation Museum explores Jewish heritage and how it relates to other cultures and religions. It also contains two permanent galleries and hosts special rotating exhibits. More info: www.thebreman.org or 404-873-1661.

### BUCKHEAD

28 Atlanta History Center
The Atlanta History Center features 32 acres of gardens, wildlife trails and woodland areas. The complex includes the 1840s Tullie Smith Farm and the fully restored 1928 Swan House mansion. The museum offers exhibitions on the Civil War, African-American heritage and Southern folk art, with a wing dedicated to the 1996 Olympic Games. More info: www.atlantahistorycenter.com or 404-814-4000.

29 Arts & Galleries
Major Buckhead design and cultural districts include Miami Circle, Peachtree Decorative Arts Plaza, the Galleries of Peachtree Hills and Bennett Street. The Swan Coach House Gallery, located at the Atlanta History Center, features both established and upcoming Southern artists. The Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia (MOCA-GA) permanently houses more than 600 works by local artists in contemporary mediums. More info: www.

30 Buckhead Entertainment & Nightlife

The luxurious community of Buckhead boasts exquisite dining and top-tier accommodations. See and be seen in the fabulous lounges such as The Gold Room, and enjoy the city's most talented musicians at Sambuca, Dante's Down the Hatch and the Buckhead Theatre. More info: www.atlanta.net.

31 Legendary, Luxury Shopping

Experience Buckhead's legendary shopping with exclusive specialty retailers such as Calvin Klein and Zara. Designer boutiques such as Hermes, Cartier and Kate Spade add a touch of glamour to any visit. Luxury retailers are found throughout Lenox Square and Phipps Plaza including Saks Fifth Avenue, Jimmy Choo and Tiffany & Co. Visit Miami Circle and the Bennett Street District for museum quality art and antiques. More info: www.atlanta.net.

## EAST OF DOWNTOWN

Atlanta's Eclectic Neighborhoods

Little Five Points is Atlanta's bohemian hangout and home to a rich mix of art, theater, and shopping. 7 Stages Theatre, Dad's Garage, and Horizon Theatre are must-sees! Virginia-Highland features hip boutiques while East Atlanta is filled with homegrown restaurants and gastropubs. The historic district of Cabbagetown proudly boasts impressive architectural restorations. More info: www.atlanta.net.

### 33 Decatur Square

The charming, quirky neighborhood of **Decatur** is found just six miles east of downtown. Friendly, found just six miles east of downtown. Friendly, walkable and right on the MARTA line, this community is home to more than 200 boutiques, restaurants and galleries. Eddie's Attic is a must-see for live, local musicians. Year-round festivals include the Arts Festival in May, the Beach Party in June and the Book Festival on Labor Day weekend. More info: www.decaturga.com or 404-370-4100.

34 Fernbank Museum of Natural History Fernbank Museum of Natural History brings the world's largest dinosaurs to life and explores global cultures through hands-on exhibits. Enjoy a classy mix of culture and cocktails with Martinis & IMAX® every Friday night. More info: www.fernbankmuseum. org or 404-929-6300.

### 35 Grant Park

Atlanta's oldest city park features lush lawns and stunning views. Framed by gorgeous Victorian homes and bordering Zoo Atlanta, Grant Park is a haven for families. It is also near Oakland Cemetery as well as the Atlanta Cyclorama which immortalizes the 1864 Battle of Atlanta. More info: www.grantpark.org or 404-521-6600.

### 36 Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum is an opportunity to learn about the life and work of the 39th president's life. Explore an exact replica of the Oval Office, view special exhibits, and listen to oral histories and interviews from the Carter White House. You will also trace Carter's life from his 6th grade report card to his 2002 Nobel Peace Prize. More info: www.jimmycarterlibrary.org or 404-865-7100.

37 The Michael C. Carlos Museum
Located on Emory University's campus, the Michael
C. Carlos Museum houses ancient objects from
Egypt, Rome, the Near East, and the West. It is also home to collections of 19th and 20th century Sub-Saharan African art and European and American Renaissance works. More info: www.carlos.emory.edu or 404-727-4282.

### 38 Zoo Atlanta

Located in historic Grant Park, Zoo Atlanta features more than 200 species of animals from the African plains and Asian forests. Visit the playful pandas, marvelous mammals and adorable reptiles and amphibians! The Ford African Rain Forest houses 24 gorillas, one of North America's largest captive populations. More info: www.zooatlanta.org or 404-624-WILD.

# **ALL AROUND ATLANTA**

### 39 A+ in Culture = Atlanta's Higher **Education Centers**

Globally-known performers are hosted at The Robert Ferst Center at Georgia Tech and Georgia State University (GSU)'s Rialto Center for the Performing Arts, while the Miriam H. and John A. Conant Center at Oglethorpe University is home to the Georgia Shakespeare Festival. Art collections are displayed at Emory University's Michael C. Carlos Museum, the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art and the GSU School of Arts and Design Gallery. The Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)'s Atlanta campus offers exhibitions at its gallery in the Woodruff Arts Center. SCAD also restored the historic Peters House into lvy Hall, which now hosts cultural events. Clark Atlanta University Art Gallery and Spelman College Museum of Fine Art present works by nationally acclaimed artists. More info: www.atlanta.net. Globally-known performers are hosted at info: www.atlanta.net

### 40 Atlanta Motor Sports

Road Atlanta in Braselton is a 2.5-mile track hosting the Petit Le Mans, plus sports car, vintage, motorcycle, and go-cart races. Tickets: www. roadatlanta.com or 770-967-6143. Head to Andretti Indoor Karting & Games where you can slip behind the wheel of SuperKart and speed away on one of two Andretti-designed indoor tracks. More info: www.andrettikarting.com or 770-992-5688. The Atlanta Motor Speedway is an 870-acre racing complex hosting NASCAR's Sprint Cup Series

### 41 The Atlanta Opera & The Atlanta Ballet

The Atlanta Opera offers four main stage productions seasonally, in addition to pre-opera lectures, student matinees and more. Tickets: www. atlantaopera.org or 404-817-8700. Atlanta Ballet is the oldest professional dance company in America. Performances combine contemporary and traditional with classic ballets and new choreography. More info: www.atlantaballet.com or 404-873-5811. Both companies perform at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre. More info: www.cobbenergycentre.com or 404-249-6400.

### 42 Chattahoochee River Fun

Sixteen recreation areas along a 48-mile stretch of the Chattahoochee River have been designed to preserve the river and provide outdoor family fun. Contact Chattahoochee Outfitters, a premier watercraft outfitter, for your next river trip at www.shootthehooch.com or 770-650-1008. The Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell offers educational programs, canoe trips and other activities. More info: www.chattnaturecenter.org 770-992-2055

# 43 Golf in Atlanta

Atlanta has more than 100 public and private golf courses encompassing the metro area. Enjoy in-town hot spots such as **Charlie Yates Golf Course**, North Fulton Golf Course, and Bobby Jones Golf Course. Championship links just outside the perimeter include Stone Mountain Golf Club, Legacy on Lanier Golf Club, Canongate Clubs, and Bear's Best. If you are In Atlanta in September, watch the pros at East Lake Golf Club during the finale of the PGA TOUR Playoffs at THE TOUR Championship presented by Coca-Cola. More info: www.atlanta.net.

44 Historic Neighbors
The Marietta Historic District offers tours of the town and heritage museums. Visit the Square for specialty and antique shops, dining and entertainment, including the Marietta Gone with the Wind Museum and **Theatre In The Square**. More info: www.mariettasquare.com. Attractions in the Historic Roswell District include the 1845 Smith Plantation, Bulloch Hall, which is the childhood home of Former President Theodore Roosevelt's mother, and **Georgia Ensemble Theatre**. More info: www.atlanta.net.

45 Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament Journey back to the 11th Century for feasting, fighting and fun! Medieval Times is a family friendly dinner theater featuring an authentic medieval feast and jousting tournament with live horses and fearless knights. More info: www. medievaltimes.com or 888-WE-JOUST.

46 North Georgia Day Trips

Just a short drive north of Atlanta you'll find gorgeous mountain scenery and hometown hospitality. **Wolf Mountain Vineyards** is elegantly simple, offering delicious plates paired with Georgia vinos. The town of **Helen**, a re-created Alpine village complete with cobblestone alleys and old-world towers, is a fantastic family option. Babyland General Hospital, home to the Cabbage Patch Kids, is a unique place where you can take home a hand-stitched baby of your own. More info: www.atlanta.net.

47 Outlet Malls and Day Trip Shopping North Georgia Premium Outlets in Dawsonville offers 140 stores of current-season merchandise from designer labels. For retail, dining and entertainment options, stop into the shopping meccas of Discover Mills and the Tanger Outlet Center. More info: www.atlanta.net.

48 See Atlanta From Above
Whether floating in a hot air balloon or free falling
from an airplane, you'll be sure to see Atlanta
like never before...from above! Balloons Over
Georgia provides incredible views of Lake Lanier,
Stone Mountain, Kennesaw Mountain, the Atlanta
skyline and the beginnings of the Blue Ridge and
Appalachian mountain ranges from one of the Appalachian mountain ranges from one of the most beautifully colored balloons in the country More info: www.balloonsovergeorgia.com or 678-947-9866. Get ready for the most exciting time of your life! Skydiving offers you the opportunity to live life to its fullest. The Atlanta Skydiving Center (ASC) experience is like no other! At ASC you will be accompanied on your skydive by the most enthusiastic skydive professionals in Georgia skydiving! More info: www.ascskydiving.com or 770-684-3483.

49 Stone Mountain Park
Home to the world's largest piece of exposed
granite rock and longest running lasershow,
Stone Mountain Park is Georgia's most visited attraction. The Lasershow Spectacular is choreographed with favorite tunes and breathtaking pyrotechnics. With more than 3,200 acres of natural beauty, you'll find family-oriented recreational activities, special events, lodging and camping. Visit the 1870s town of Crossroads® for live shows, craft demos, shopping and dining, or private the Great Leonarthy Adventure. or enjoy the Great Locomotive Adventure, Scenic Railroad and Antebellum Plantation & Farmyard. Another family favorite is **Sky Hike**, the largest treetop adventure course. More info: www. stonemountainpark.com 770-498-5690.

# 50 Yellow River Game Ranch & Kangaroo Conservation Center The Yellow River Game Ranch is 24 acres of

wooded preserve along the banks of the Yellow River. It features more than 600 native Georgia animals, such as deer, buffalo, and the famous groundhog, General Beauregard Lee. More info: www.yellowrivergameranch.com or 770-972-6643. The Kangaroo Conservation Center is home to the largest population of kangaroos outside of Australia. More info: www.kangaroocenter.com or 706-265-6100.