

Atlanta List  
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### **Why Atlanta Matters**

Atlanta is a mixed bag. It is tremendously spread out and suffers from a lot of poorly planned sprawl. But it also has some great urban districts. Midtown and Virginia Highlands are my favorite neighborhoods. Buckhead is good for shopping. Downtown is a fairly un-diverse central business district, but it is well suited for sporting events at the Georgia Dome or conventions at the large downtown hotels. Atlantic Station is a significant urban infill project that is interesting to visit, although it has a lot of flaws. Atlanta is an example of a city that has enough density and different uses to be interesting, but much of it is not laid out or organized well. You sort of have to play “connect the dots” to experience the good places. There are some really neat restaurants worth checking out. Overall, Atlanta is a case study in what Orlando will most likely become (a sprawling and largely disconnected region), but with some bright spots that show how unique neighborhoods, new developments, and traditional communities can be integrated to make desirable places. Atlanta is big and has some strong points, but it makes you realize the pitfalls of a sprawling, auto-dependent and poorly planned large city.

### **Hotels**

Westin, Downtown (only stay downtown for Georgia Dome or business trip)

210 Peachtree Street

404.659.1400

[www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com)

The Ellis Hotel, Downtown

176 Peachtree Street Northwest

404.523.5155

[www.ellishotel.com](http://www.ellishotel.com)

Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel

866 West Peachtree Street Northwest

678.412.2400

[www.marriott.com/renaissance-hotel](http://www.marriott.com/renaissance-hotel)

Loews Atlanta Hotel, Midtown

1065 Peachtree Street Northeast

404.745.5000

[www.loewshotels.com](http://www.loewshotels.com)

Hyatt Atlanta Midtown (great location)

125 10<sup>th</sup> Street Northeast

404.443.1234

[www.atlantamidtown.hyatt.com](http://www.atlantamidtown.hyatt.com)

Four Seasons, Midtown (extremely luxurious)

75 14th Street

404.881.9898

[www.fourseasons.com/atlanta](http://www.fourseasons.com/atlanta)

### **Hotels (continued)**

St. Regis, Buckhead (same as Four Seasons, very expensive)  
88 West Paces Ferry Road  
404.563.7900  
[www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com)

### **Restaurants**

Miller Union  
999 Brady Avenue  
678.733.8550  
[www.millerunion.com](http://www.millerunion.com)

JCT Kitchen & Bar  
1198 Howell Mill Road  
Suite 18  
404.355.2252  
[www.jctkitchen.com](http://www.jctkitchen.com)

The Optimist  
914 Howell Mill Road  
404.477.6260  
[www.theoptimistrestaurant.com](http://www.theoptimistrestaurant.com)

King + Duke  
3060 Peachtree Road Northwest at West Paces Ferry Road  
404.477.3500  
[www.kinganddukeatl.com](http://www.kinganddukeatl.com)

Rathbun's  
112 Krog Street - Suite R  
404.524.8280  
[www.rathbunsrestaurant.com](http://www.rathbunsrestaurant.com)

Kevin Rathbun Steak (CTU favorite)  
154 Krog Street  
404.524.5600  
[www.kevinrathbunsteak.com](http://www.kevinrathbunsteak.com)

Two Urban Licks  
820 Ralph McGill Boulevard  
404.522.4622  
[www.twourbanlicks.com](http://www.twourbanlicks.com)

South City Kitchen  
1144 Crescent Avenue Northeast  
404.873.7358  
[www.southcitykitchen.com](http://www.southcitykitchen.com)

### **Restaurants (continued)**

Chops/Lobster Bar  
70 West Paces Ferry Road Northwest  
404.262.2675  
[www.buckheadrestaurants.com](http://www.buckheadrestaurants.com)

Bone's Steakhouse (old school steakhouse)  
3130 Piedmont Road Northeast  
404.237.2663  
[www.bonesrestaurant.com](http://www.bonesrestaurant.com)

Empire State South  
999 Peachtree Street  
404.541.1105  
[www.empirestatesouth.com](http://www.empirestatesouth.com)

Lure  
1106 Crescent Avenue Northeast  
404.817.3650  
[www.lure-atlanta.com](http://www.lure-atlanta.com)

Marcel  
1170 Howell Mill Road  
404.665.4555  
[www.marcelatl.com](http://www.marcelatl.com)

Ray's in the City (best restaurant downtown)  
240 Peachtree Street Northwest  
404.524.9224  
[www.raysrestaurants.com](http://www.raysrestaurants.com)

Superica  
99 Krog Street Northeast  
404.524.9224  
[www.supericaatl.com](http://www.supericaatl.com)

Ecco  
40 7th Street Northeast  
404.347.9555  
[www.ecco-atlanta.com](http://www.ecco-atlanta.com)

### **Lunch or Other Fun Places**

R. Thomas  
1812 Peachtree Street Northwest  
404.872.2942  
[www.rthomasdeluxegrill.net](http://www.rthomasdeluxegrill.net)

**Lunch or Other Fun Places (continued)**

Fontaine's Oyster Bar  
1026 North Highland Avenue Northeast  
404.872.0869  
[www.nightcapfoodandspirits.com/fontaines](http://www.nightcapfoodandspirits.com/fontaines)

Murphy's  
997 Virginia Avenue Northeast  
404.872.0904  
[www.murphysvh.com](http://www.murphysvh.com)

Einstein's (not the chain bagel place)  
1077 Juniper Street  
404.876.7925  
[www.einsteinsatlanta.com](http://www.einsteinsatlanta.com)

The Varsity  
61 North Avenue Northwest  
404.881.1706  
[www.thevarsity.com](http://www.thevarsity.com)

Fat Matt's Rib Shack  
1811 Piedmont Avenue Northeast  
404.607.1622  
[www.fatmattsribshack.com](http://www.fatmattsribshack.com)

Fellini's Pizza  
2809 Peachtree Road Northeast  
404.266.0082  
[www.fellinisatlanta.com](http://www.fellinisatlanta.com)

Yeah Burger – West Midtown  
1168 Howell Mill Road, Suite E  
404.496.4393  
[www.yeahburger.com/west-midtown](http://www.yeahburger.com/west-midtown)

Bartaco  
969 Marietta Street Northwest  
404.607.8226  
[www.bartaco.com](http://www.bartaco.com)

**Eat + Drink**

Proof and Provision (in the Georgian Terrace Hotel), Midtown  
659 Peachtree Street Northeast  
404.897.5045  
[www.proofandprovision.com](http://www.proofandprovision.com)

**Eat + Drink (continued)**

H. Harper Station  
904 Memorial Drive  
678.732.0415  
[www.hharperstation.com](http://www.hharperstation.com)

Rira Irish Pub, Midtown  
1080 Peachtree Street Northeast  
404.477.1700  
[www.rira.com](http://www.rira.com)

Tap, Midtown  
1180 Peachtree Street Northwest  
404.347.2220  
[www.tapat1180.com](http://www.tapat1180.com)

Marlow's Tavern Midtown  
950 West Peachtree Street  
404.815.0323  
[www.marlowstavern.com](http://www.marlowstavern.com)

Stats Sports Bar, Downtown (before events at Georgia Dome)  
300 Marietta Street Northwest  
404.885.1473  
[www.statsatl.com](http://www.statsatl.com)

Gordon Biersch, Midtown  
848 Peachtree Street Northeast  
404.870.0805  
[www.gordonbiersch.com](http://www.gordonbiersch.com)

Highland Tap, Virginia Highlands  
1026 North Highland Avenue Northeast  
404.875.3673  
[www.highlandtapatlanta.com](http://www.highlandtapatlanta.com)

Terrace at the Ellis Hotel  
176 Peachtree Street Northwest  
877.702.1085  
[www.ellishotel.com/terrace](http://www.ellishotel.com/terrace)

Bar Margot at Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta  
75 14th Street Northeast  
404.881.9898  
[www.fourseasons.com/bar\\_margot](http://www.fourseasons.com/bar_margot)

## **Things to Do**

Krog Street Market  
Ponce City Market  
Beltline Trail/Eastside Trail  
Atlanta Streetcar  
High Museum of Art  
Georgia Aquarium  
World of Coca-Cola  
City Segway Tours  
Drinks at top of Westin, Downtown  
Centennial Park  
Braves Game at Turner Field  
Piedmont Park  
Chastain Park and Amphitheater  
Lenox Square Mall and Phipps Plaza  
Climb Stone Mountain

## **Neighborhoods**

Virginia Highlands  
Buckhead  
Midtown  
Downtown  
Atlantic Station  
Westside Provisions District