

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 Mercedes Benz Stadium (formerly 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. Make sure to explore Ponce City Market, the Beltline and West Midtown.

Hotels

Westin, Downtown (only stay downtown for Georgia Dome or business trip)
210 Peachtree Street
404.659.1400
www.starwoodhotels.com

The Ellis Hotel, Downtown
Peachtree Street Northwest
404.523.5155
www.ellishotel.com

Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel
866 West Peachtree Street Northwest
678.412.2400
www.marriott.com/renaissance-hotel

Loews Atlanta Hotel, Midtown
1065 Peachtree Street Northeast
404.745.5000
www.loewshotels.com

Hyatt Atlanta Midtown (great location)
125 10th Street Northeast
404.443.1234
atlantamidtown.hyatt.com

Hotels (continued)

Four Seasons, Midtown (extremely luxurious)

75 14th Street

404.881.9898

www.fourseasons.com/atlanta

Moxy Atlanta Midtown

48 13th Street Northeast

404.249.9446

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atlox-moxy-atlanta-midtown

Restaurants

Miller Union

999 Brady Avenue

678.733.8550

www.millerunion.com

JCT Kitchen & Bar

1198 Howell Mill Road Suite 18

404.355.2252

www.jctkitchen.com

The Optimist

914 Howell Mill Road

404.477.6260

www.theoptimistrestaurant.com

King + Duke

3060 Peachtree Road Northwest at West Paces Ferry Road

404.477.3500

www.kinganddukeatl.com

Rathbun's

112 Krog Street - Suite R

404.524.8280

www.rathbunsrestaurant.com

Kevin Rathbun Steak (CTU favorite)

154 Krog Street

404.524.5600

www.kevinrathbunsteak.com

Restaurants (continued)

Two Urban Licks
820 Ralph McGill Boulevard
404.522.4622
www.twourbanlicks.com

South City Kitchen
1144 Crescent Avenue Northeast
404.873.7358
www.southcitykitchen.com

Chops/Lobster Bar
70 West Paces Ferry Road Northwest
404.262.2675
www.buckheadrestaurants.com

Bone's Steakhouse (old school steakhouse)
3130 Piedmont Road Northeast
404.237.2663
www.bonesrestaurant.com

Empire State South
999 Peachtree Street
404.541.1105
www.empirestatesouth.com

Lure
1106 Crescent Avenue Northeast
404.817.3650
www.lure-atlanta.com

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

Superica
99 Krog Street Northeast
404.524.9224
www.supericaatl.com

Restaurants (continued)

Ecco
40 7th Street Northeast
404.347.9555
www.ecco-atlanta.com

BeetleCat
299 North Highland Avenue Northeast
678.732.0360
www.beetlecatatl.com

5 Church
1197 Peachtree Street Northeast #528
404.400.3669
www.5churchatlanta.com

Hawker's Asian Street Fare, Old Fourth Ward
661 Auburn Avenue Northeast #180
470.809.1586
www.eathawkers.com/atlanta-oldfourthward

Lunch or Other Fun Places

R. Thomas (Breakfast)
1812 Peachtree Street Northwest
404.872.2942
www.rthomasdeluxegrill.net

Silver Skillet (Breakfast)
200 14th Street Northwest
404.874.1388
www.thesilverskillet.com

Murphy's
997 Virginia Avenue Northeast
404.872.0904
www.murphysvh.com

Einstein's (not the chain bagel place)
1077 Juniper Street
404.876.7925
www.einsteinsatlanta.com

Lunch or Other Fun Places (continued)

The Varsity
61 North Avenue Northwest
404.881.1706
www.thevarsity.com

Fat Matt's Rib Shack
1811 Piedmont Avenue Northeast
404.607.1622
www.fatmattsribshack.com

Fellini's Pizza
2809 Peachtree Road Northeast
404.266.0082
www.fellinisatlanta.com

Yeah Burger – West Midtown
1168 Howell Mill Road, Suite E
404.496.4393
www.yeahburger.com/west-midtown

Bartaco
969 Marietta Street Northwest
404.607.8226
www.bartaco.com

Fox Brothers Bar-B-Q
1238 DeKalb Avenue Northeast
404.577.4030
www.foxbrosbbq.com

Pure Tanqueria
300 North Highland Avenue Northeast
404.522.7873
www.puretaqueria.com

Eat + Drink

Rira Irish Pub, Midtown
1080 Peachtree Street Northeast
404.477.1700
www.rira.com

Eat + Drink (continued)

Marlow's Tavern Midtown
950 West Peachtree Street
404.815.0323
www.marlowstavern.com

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

Highland Tap, Virginia Highlands
1026 North Highland Avenue Northeast
404.875.3673
www.highlandtapatlanta.com

Terrace at the Ellis Hotel
176 Peachtree Street Northwest
877.702.1085
www.ellishotel.com/terrace

Bar Margot at Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta
75 14th Street Northeast
404.881.9898
www.barmargotatl.com

Hudson Grille, Midtown (Sports Bar)
942 Peachtree Street Northeast
404.832.0892
www.hudsongrille.com

Dantanna's, Buckhead (Upscale Sports Bar)
3400 Wooddale Drive Northeast #304
404.760.8873
www.dantannas.com

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 SunTrust Park
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 and West Midtown
Old Fourth Ward and Inman Park