

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, West Midtown, Old Fourth Ward 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/Star Metals.

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/renaissancehotel

Hyatt Centric Atlanta Midtown (great location)

125 10th Street Northeast

404.443.1234

atlantamidtown.hyatt.com

Four Seasons, Midtown (extremely luxurious)

75 14th Street

404.881.9898

www.fourseasons.com/atlanta

Hotels (Continued)

Moxy Hotel Midtown
48 13th Street Northeast
404.249.9446
www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/atlox-moxy-atlanta-midtown

Kimpton Shane Hotel, Midtown
1340 West Peachtree Street Northwest
404.446.3456
www.shanehotelatlanta.com

Kimpton Sylvan Hotel, Buckhead
374 East Paces Ferry Road Northeast
470.531.8900
www.thesylvanhotel.com

Restaurants

Palo Santo Mexican, King Plow Arts Center, West Midtown
955 West Marietta Street Northwest
678.492.9211
www.palosanto.restaurant

Little Sparrow
1198 Howell Mill Road Suite 18
404.355.2252
www.littlesparrowatl.com

The Optimist
914 Howell Mill Road
404.477.6260
www.theoptimistrestaurant.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

Lure
1106 Crescent Avenue Northeast
404.817.3650
www.lureatlanta.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

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

Highland Tap (Old School)
1026 North Highland Avenue Northeast
404.875.3673
www.highlandtapatlanta.com

Restaurants (Continued)

Alici Oyster Bar
931 Monroe Drive Northeast
404.876.1000
www.alicioysterbar.com

Bistro Niko
3344 Peachtree Road Northeast
404.261.6456
www.bistroniko.com

Holeman & Finch
1201 Peachtree Street Northeast – Colony Square
404.948.1175
www.holeman-finch.com

Marcel
1170 Howell Mill Road – Westside Provisions District
404.665.4555
www.marcelatl.com

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

Lunch or Other Fun Places

R. Thomas
1812 Peachtree Street Northwest
404.872.2942
www.rthomasdeluxegrill.net

Breaker Breaker, Beltline, Inman Park
921 Wylie Street Southeast
www.breakerbreakeratl.com

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

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

Lunch or Other Fun Places (Continued)

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

D.B.A. Barbecue
1190 North Highland Avenue Northeast
404.249.5000
www.dbabarbecue.com

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

Pure Taqueria, Inman Park
300 North Highland Avenue Northeast
404.522.7873
www.puretaqueria.com

Flower Child, West Midtown
1170 Howell Mill Road – Westside Provisions District
470.869.3600
www.iamflowerchild.com

Taqueria del Sol, West Midtown
1200-B Howell Mill Road
404.352.5811
www.taqueriadelosol.com/georgia/georgia

Minero Mexican, Ponce City Market
675 Ponce De Leon Avenue Unit 136
404.532.1580
www.mineroatlanta.com

Eat + Drink (Casual)

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

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

Hobnob, Midtown, Atlantic Station
245 18th Street Northwest
404.343.2800
www.hobnobatlanta.com

Corner Office Bar, Midtown
1105 West Peachtree Street Northwest
470.283.2912
www.theofficebaratl.com

Hotel Clermont Rooftop
789 Ponce De Leon Avenue Northeast
470.485.0485
www.hotelclermont.com/eat-drink

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

Things to Do (Continued)

Segway Tours
Drinks at top of Westin, Downtown
Centennial Park
Braves Game at Truist Park
Piedmont Park
Chastain Park and Amphitheater
Lenox Square Mall and Phipps Plaza
Buckhead Village
West Side Provisions District and Star Metals
Climb Stone Mountain

Neighborhoods

Virginia Highlands
Buckhead
Midtown
Downtown
Atlantic Station
Westside Provisions District and West Midtown
Old Fourth Ward, Inman Park and Poncey-Highland