

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

The Ellis Hotel, Downtown

176 Peachtree Street Northwest

404.523.5155

www.ellishotel.com

Hotel Palomar Atlanta, Midtown

866 West Peachtree Street Northwest

678.412.2400

www.hotelpalomar-atlantamidtown.com

Georgian Terrace, Midtown (historic, recently renovated)

659 Peachtree Street Northeast

404.897.1991

www.thegeorgianterrace.com

Loews Atlanta Hotel, Midtown (brand new)

1065 Peachtree Street Northeast

404.745.5000

www.loewshotels.com

Hotels (continued)

Four Seasons, Midtown (extremely luxurious)
75 Fourteenth Street
404.881.9898

www.fourseasons.com/atlanta

St. Regis, Buckhead (same as Four Seasons, very expensive)
88 West Paces Ferry Road
404.563.7900

www.starwoodhotels.com

Grand Hyatt, Buckhead
3300 Peachtree Road Northeast
404.237.1234

www.grandatlanta.hyatt.com

Meliá Hotel, Midtown
590 West Peachtree Street Northwest
404.877.9000

www.melia-hotels.com

Restaurants

BLT Steak at W Downtown
45 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard
404.577.7601

www.bltsteak.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.rathbunsrestaurant.com

Two Urban Licks (CTU favorite)
820 Ralph McGill Boulevard
404.522.4622

www.twourbanlicks.com

South City Kitchen
1144 Crescent Avenue Northeast
404.873.7358

www.fifthgroup.com

Restaurants (continued)

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

Craft
3376 Peachtree Road
404.995.7580
http://www.craftrestaurant.com/craftbar_atlanta_style.php

One Midtown Kitchen
559 Dutch Valley Road Northeast
404.892.4111
www.onemidtownkitchen.com

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

Ecco
40 7th Street Northeast
404.347.9555
www.fifthgroup.com

Bluepointe
3455 Peachtree Road Northeast
404.237.9070
www.buckheadrestaurants.com

Atlanta Fish Market
265 Pharr Road Northeast
404.262.3165
www.buckheadrestaurants.com

Kyma
3085 Piedmont Road
404.262.0702
www.buckheadrestaurants.com

Dogwood
565 Peachtree Street
404.835.1410
www.dogwoodrestaurant.com

H. Harper Station
904 Memorial Drive
678.732.0415
www.hharperstation.com

Lunch or Other Fun Places

Fontaine's Oyster Bar
1026 North Highland Avenue Northeast
404.872.0869
www.nnnwcorp.com/fontainesmain.html

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

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

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

Dante's Down the Hatch (Jazz)
3380 Peachtree Road Northeast
404.266.1600
www.dantesdownthehatch.com

Churchill Grounds Jazz Club
660 Peachtree Street Northeast
404.876.3030
www.churchillgrounds.com

Eat + Drink

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

Rooftop at The Glenn Hotel, Downtown
110 Marietta Street Northwest
404.521.2250
www.glennhotel.com

Shout, Midtown
1197 Peachtree Street Northeast
404.846.2000
heretoseverestaurants.com

Tap, Midtown
1180 Peachtree Street Northeast
404.347.2220
www.concentricshospitality.com

Marlow's Tavern, Midtown (CTU favorite)
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

Gordon Biersch, Midtown
848 Peachtree Street Northeast
404.870.0805
www.gordonbiersch.com

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

Livingston at Georgian Terrace, Midtown
659 Peachtree Street Northeast
404.897.5000
www.livingstonatlanta.com

Eat + Drink (continued)

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

Things to Do

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
Beltline Trail/Eastside Trail

Neighborhoods

Virginia Highlands
Buckhead
Midtown
Downtown
Atlantic Station