

ATLANTA

Atlanta is the vanguard of the New South, with the charm and elegance of the Old. It is a city that balances southern traditions with sleek modernism. In Atlanta, the peach trees are plentiful and the tea is sweet, yet this city boasts three skylines and the world's busiest airport. Atlanta has been burnt to the ground and built back up; it has seen the horrors of war and felt the pain of droughts. Atlanta knows rebirth and endurance though, perhaps better than any other city. Atlanta was host to the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, gave birth to the greatest figure of the civil rights movement, is the beloved capital of **the state of Georgia**, and has become the enduring leader of the American South.



The High Museum of Art is a leading art museum located on Peachtree Street Northeast, the High is a division of the **Woodruff Arts Center**, which also includes **the Alliance Theatre, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**, Young Audiences and the 14th Street Playhouse. The High Museum holds more than 11,000 works of art in its permanent collection. Included in this collection are 19th and 20th century American art; European art; decorative arts; African American art; modern and contemporary art; photography and

African art. Highlights of the permanent collection include works by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, Claude Monet, Martin Johnson Heade, Dorothea Lange, Clarence John Laughlin, and Chuck Close.

The Fox Theatre (often marketed as the Fabulous Fox) in Atlanta, is one of the grand movie palaces built in the **United States** in the 1920s. It is located at the corner of Peachtree Street and Ponce de Leon Avenue in Midtown Atlanta. The theatre's unique origin and Moorish design sets it apart from others of the era including those bearing the Fox Theatre name in other cities. It currently hosts a variety of cultural and artistic events including **the Atlanta Ballet**, a summer film series, and performances by national touring companies of Broadway shows.



The Georgia Aquarium, located in Atlanta, at **Pemberton Place**, is billed as the "world's largest aquarium" with more than 8.1 million US gallons (31,000 m³) of marine and fresh water housing more than 100,000 animals of 500 different species. The aquarium's notable specimens include four young whale sharks, three beluga whales and two manta rays. Funded mostly by a \$250 million donation from Home Depot founder Bernie Marcus, the aquarium was built on a 20 acre (81,000 m²) site north of

Centennial Olympic Park in downtown Atlanta.

Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site established on October 10, 1980, consists of several buildings surrounding Martin Luther King, Jr.'s boyhood home on Auburn Avenue in the Sweet Auburn district of Atlanta. **Ebenezer Baptist Church**, the church where King and his father Martin Luther King, Sr. pastored, is also part of the national historic site. These places are critical components in the interpretation of the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy as a leader of the American civil rights movement. In total, the buildings included in the site make up 35 acres (0.14 km²). The visitor center contains a museum that chronicles the **American Civil Rights Movement** which follows the parallel paths of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr..

The Atlanta Botanical Garden is a 30 acre (12 hectare) botanical garden located adjacent to Piedmont Park in Midtown Atlanta. Incorporated in 1976, the garden's mission is to "develop and maintain plant collections for the purposes of display, education, conservation, research and enjoyment". The Botanical Garden is composed of a number of smaller themed gardens. Each contains different landscapes to display a variety of plants. Near the entrance are formal gardens, such as the Japanese garden and the rose garden. Two woodland areas, the 5 acres (20,000 m²) Upper Woodland and the 10 acres (40,000 m²) Storza Woods feature large trees and shade-loving flowers and undergrowth. **The Children's Garden** features whimsical sculptures, fountains, and interpretive exhibits on botany, ecology, and nutrition.



The Margaret Mitchell House and Museum was the home of author Margaret Mitchell. Located Midtown Atlanta at **990 Peachtree Street**, the house was known as the Crescent Apartments when she and her husband lived in Apt. 1 on the ground floor from 1925 to 1932. While living here, she wrote the bulk of her **Pulitzer prize-winning novel, Gone with the Wind**. In addition to the house, there is a Visitor Center and a museum building wholly devoted to the filming of the 1939 film

based on this book.

The World of Coca-Cola is a permanent exhibition featuring the history of The Coca-Cola Company and its well-known advertising as well as a host of entertainment areas and attractions. It is located in Atlanta at Pemberton Place (named in honor of **John Pemberton**, the inventor of Coca-Cola), a 20-acre (81,000 m²) complex located across Baker Street from Centennial Olympic Park that also includes the Georgia Aquarium. It opened to the public on May 24, 2007, relocating from and replacing the original exhibit.

Grant Park is the oldest city park in Atlanta. Fourth in size only to Chastain Park, Freedom Park and Piedmont Park, Grant Park has two major attractions besides the park itself: Zoo Atlanta, established in 1889 and originally known as the Grant Park Zoo; and **the Atlanta Cyclorama**, a cyclorama featuring the 1864 Battle of Atlanta from the **American Civil War**. The park serves over two million visitors per year.

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- In January and February, look for the city-wide celebration of visual arts with **ATLart** and enjoy an early spring at the **Southeastern Flower Show** held at the Cobb Galleria Centre.
- In March, Atlanta celebrates Irish Heritage with Downtown Atlanta's **St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival**, followed, in April, by the Atlanta Dogwood Festival staged at Piedmont Park with children's activities, an artist market, and more.
- **The Georgia Renaissance Festival** allows people to experience merry olde England during the days of King Arthur.
- Each May celebrates jazz in Atlanta, **the Atlanta Jazz Festival** is presented at the Woodruff Arts Center and other venues.
- In June, visitors can experience **the Atlanta Film Festival**. **The Georgia Shakespeare Festival** presents plays from June through October at the Conant Performing Arts Center at Oglethorpe University.
- **The National Black Arts Festival** is held during the third week in July and is the world's largest cultural celebration of African-American art.
- **The Atlanta Pride Festival** is an October three-day celebration held in Piedmont Park.
- Atlanta Celebrates Photography promotes photography exhibitions and events citywide every October.

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