



Suggestions for Exploring Atlanta on Your Own

Atlanta CityPASS

You can purchase a CityPASS that gets you admission to multiple attractions at a discounted rate. A CityPASS allows you entrance to:

- Georgia Aquarium
- Inside CNN Studio Tour
- World of Coca-Cola
- Zoo Atlanta OR Center for Civil and Human Rights
- Fernbank Museum OR College Football Hall of Fame

A CityPASS is \$73.25 for adults and \$59.35 for children ages 3-12. You can find additional information here <http://www.citypass.com/atlanta>

Arts:

High Museum of Art: Visit the South's leading art museum! Discover both classic and modern artists such as Monet and Rothko, and the celebrated architecture by Richard Meier and Renzo Piano (Closed on Mondays). <http://www.high.org/> During the MBACSEA conference there will be an Eric Carle exhibit <http://www.high.org/Art/Exhibitions/Eric-Carle> . The exhibit will feature more than 80 of Carle's signature collages from 15 of his most popular books that span his nearly 50-year career, including many original works rarely on view. He is the creator of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". There will also be an exhibit on the history of sneakers <http://www.high.org/Art/Exhibitions/Sneaker-Culture>

Transportation: Parking deck is \$10 from 7am to 5 pm on weekdays. The High is located directly across the street from the MARTA Arts Center (N5) station. Exit the station at the top level and follow signs to the Museum.

Cost: \$19.50 for an adult's ticket.

Michael C. Carlos Museum: Located on the beautiful campus at Emory University, the Carlos Museum features an exquisite collection of Ancient American, African, and Classical art. The Carlos is particularly well known for its collection of Egyptian art and mummies (Closed on Mondays). www.carlos.emory.edu

Transportation: Oxford Road and Fishburne parking decks free after 5pm; MARTA bus line 6 Emory from Inman Park and Lindbergh stations or 36 North Decatur from Avondale and Midtown stations

Cost: Admission for adults is \$8.

History:

The Center for Civil and Human Rights: The Center for Civil and Human Rights in Downtown Atlanta pays homage to the American civil rights movement, as well as brings current global human rights issues to the forefront. The Center is a perfect starting point for exploring Atlanta's history in civil and human rights movements. Each exhibit features hands-on interactive displays that bring guests into the subject matter. Open Tuesday - Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM (last entry at 4 PM) and Sunday: 12 PM - 5 PM (last entry at 4 PM) <https://www.civilandhumanrights.org/>

Transportation: MARTA stop: Peachtree Center and then it is approximately a 10-minute walk or Parking is available at the World of Coca-Cola or Georgia Aquarium parking garages.

Cost: Adult \$15, Senior, Student, Educator \$13, Child (ages 7–12) \$10, 6 and under FREE

CNN Studio Tours: Get an exclusive look inside the studios of CNN Network! Tours last approximately 50 minutes and depart every 10 minutes. <http://www.cnn.com/tour/>

Transportation: Paid parking at 1 Park Avenue West Parking Lot. Marta train options include taking to Centennial Olympic Park and walking to CNN Studios: Peachtree Center MARTA station on the red/gold line and the Dome/GWCC/Philips Arena Station on the blue/green rail line (\$2.50 for a single ride).

Cost: Tickets are priced at \$16 for adults.

Jimmy Carter Museum and Library: Come see a part of the Presidential Library system administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. The Museum frequently holds exhibits and events (Closed Saturday and Sunday).

www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov

Transportation: Parking at the Library is free. Catch a MARTA train to the "Five Points" station. At Five Points, catch a "16 Noble" bus to the Library.

Cost: Tickets for adults are \$8.

Margaret Mitchell House: See where it all began! Margaret Mitchell was the famous author of the Pulitzer-Prize winning novel *Gone with the Wind*, and her Atlanta home is where she brought Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler to life. Tours of her apartment

begin at 10:30 AM and end at 4:30 PM, but the house is open until 5:30 PM.

www.atlantahistorycenter.com/mmh

Transportation: Limited free parking is available in designated spaces at 979 Crescent Ave NE. Paid street parking is available in the surrounding area as well as a paid public garage at 930 Juniper Street. Alternatively, take the MARTA train to the Midtown Station. Exit towards Peachtree Place NE and proceed east towards Cypress Street. Turn left at Crescent Avenue and the Margaret Mitchell House entrance will be on your right.

Cost: Tickets are priced at \$13.00 for adults.

Martin Luther King Jr. Historic Site: Come see the birth place of this celebrated peacemaker, as well as the church where he grew up. Afterwards, stroll through and see the beauty of the "I Have a Dream" Rose Garden. The Visitor Center is open from 9 AM to 5 PM daily. <http://www.nps.gov/malu/planyourvisit/index.htm>

Transportation: The entrance to the park's parking lot is located on John Wesley Dobbs Avenue. There is no MARTA train to the park, but there are two bus lines, which include Route 3, Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr./Auburn Ave. and Route 99, Boulevard/Monroe Dr.

Cost: Admission is free.

Science and Nature:

Atlanta Botanical Garden: See the beauty of the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, and then afterwards enjoy Garden inspired menu from the team of Chef Linton Hopkins, a James Beard Award winner and popular local restaurateur, at The Café at Linton's in the Garden. The Gardens are open from 9 AM to 5 PM, Tuesdays through Sundays.

www.atlantabg.org

Transportation: On-site parking is available in the SAGE Parking Facility, and the maximum daily fee is \$15. MARTA Bus #27 stops at the main entrance at 1345 Piedmont Avenue.

Cost: Adult tickets are priced at \$18.95.

Georgia Aquarium: See the largest aquarium in the Western Hemisphere with 10 million gallons of fresh and marine water and tens of thousands of animals.

<http://www.georgiqaquarium.org/>

Transportation: Parking deck is \$10. The Georgia Aquarium is a 10-15 minute walk from the Dome/GWCC/Philips Arena/CNN Center Station on the Blue/Green MARTA train line or from the Civic Center or Peachtree Center Stations on the Red/Gold line.

Cost: \$35.95 for general admission for adults.

Fernbank Museum of Natural History: If you liked Jurassic World, then you will love Fernbank. Featured in its permanent exhibits are dinosaur skeletons, as well as the natural history of Georgia. The Fernbank also has an IMAX theater.

<http://www.fernbankmuseum.org/>

Transportation: Free parking is available. From east Atlanta, take the East/West (blue-line) MARTA train to the Decatur Station; then board Bus #2 (Ponce de Leon). Exit at the intersection of Ponce De Leon/Clifton Road. Walk to the right on Clifton Road and Fernbank will be the first driveway on your right

Cost: Museum tickets for adults are \$18, and IMAX tickets for adults are \$13.

Zoo Atlanta: Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My! Come and learn about the many different members of the animal kingdom, from Sumatran Tigers to Guatemalan Beaded Lizards. More than just a home for animals, Zoo Atlanta is a world leader in conservation efforts for endangered wildlife. <http://www.zooatlanta.org/>

Transportation: Located in Grant Park, where parking is free. Bus service is available from the Five Points MARTA station via Route #32.

Cost: Tickets for adults are priced at \$22.99.

Sports:

College Football Hall of Fame: More than old jerseys and pigskins, the College Football Hall of Fame is an interactive experience that is loved by all College Football Fans. After seeing the history, try your hand at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Skill Zone, or watch “The Game of Your Life” in the ultra-high definition theater.

<http://www.cfbhall.com/>

Transportation: Parking is \$10 for 3 hours, and then \$1 for each additional hour. The College Football Hall of Fame and Chick-fil-A Fan Experience is a 10-15 minute walk from the Dome/GWCC/Philips Arena/CNN Center Station on the Blue/Green MARTA train line or from the Civic Center or Peachtree Center Stations on the Red/Gold line.

Cost: Adult ticket prices are \$19.99.

Shopping:

Atlantic Station: If you need to shop in Midtown, Atlantic Station is the place to go. Featuring stores like American Apparel, Loft, and Express, you will surely find something you love here. Atlantic Station also has an 18 theatre cinema showing the latest new movies. <http://atlanticstation.com/>

Transportation: Paid parking is available, and the maximum rate is \$14. Take any North/South (Red or Gold) line MARTA train to Arts Center Station. Atlantic Station is an approximate 10 minute walk from Arts Center OR take our Free Ride Shuttle in the Marta bus bay.

Cost: Free.

Phipps Plaza and Lenox Mall: Luxury shopping at its best! Phipps Plaza and Lenox Mall are two luxury shopping malls located in Buckhead. Macy's, Michael Kors, and Nordstrom are just some of the many different stores you will find here. Phipps Plaza also has a luxury cinema that has reclining chairs, so you can enjoy the latest movies in true comfort.

Transportation: Free parking available at both Lenox and Phipps. Taking MARTA (from airport/downtown Atlanta), take the Gold Line (North/Doraville Line) to Lenox Station. Cross East Paces Ferry road up Lenox Road to pedestrian walkway (you are headed to the entrance between JW Marriott and Lenox Building). Head up the escalators and through the walkway into the mall. You may also take the Red Line (North/North Springs Line) to Buckhead Station. You may walk/take a taxi about two blocks north on Peachtree.

Cost: Free.

The Shops of Buckhead Atlanta: If you are looking to have a luxurious time or care to unwind in a upscale environment, then visit the newly established Shops of Buckhead! This venue is not only lined with 600,000 square feet of high-end retail stores, like Tom Ford and the only Christian Louboutin shop in Atlanta, but also an upscale gym and several world-class restaurants, such as Le Colonial and Brioni. When it comes to luxurious shopping, this stunning shopping venue wins the gold!

Transportation: Parking is \$3 for 3 hours, \$8 for 5 hours, and \$20 for 5+hours

Cost: Free

Misc:

ATL-Cruzers Electric Car & Segway Tours:

Enjoy a 1 hour and 30 minute (Electric Car) or 2.5 hour (Segway) city tour with us at the start of your trip to Atlanta. From learning about places to visit, to discovering the best restaurants the locals frequent, an Atlanta tour with ATL-Cruzers is a must do!

<http://www.atlcruzers.com/tours/electriccartours/>

Transportation: Tours depart daily at 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00. Check calendar on website for additional tour times during peak season.

Cost: \$29 Adult | \$27 Senior (65 & Older) | \$15 Children (8-17)