

Coca Cola World

There are so many beautiful places to see in Atlanta, Georgia, but one fascinating place that most of our family members in Cleveland suggested to visit was the COCA COLA WORLD. They were right. It was a very awesome place.... And here are some pictures that contributor Randy Smith of Irving, Texas would like to share with you all!



FUN THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN ATLANTA

Summer Entertainment in Atlanta, GA is hot, but not because of the temperature.

There are so many new things to see that each time you come, you'll get a different Atlanta tourism experience. This summer, try Atlanta for less with these great deals and free attractions.

Take in the taste factory at the World of Coca-Cola while whale-watching adrenaline junkies can hit the Georgia Aquarium and Six Flags Over Georgia. Shopaholic bohemian hipsters can be found in Buckhead and Little Five Points, and family-fun-doer history hounds need look no further than the Martin Luther King, Jr. Historic Site, Stone Mountain Park and Atlanta History Center.



Alliance Theatre

Part of the Woodruff Arts Center, the Alliance Theatre is one of the largest regional theaters in the nation. Serving a diverse audience, the Alliance has produced more than 50 world premieres bringing the world's best talents to Atlanta.



Atlanta Botanical Garden

With more than 30 acres of gardens, forest, wildflower trails, and a 10,000 square-foot Fuqua Orchid Center, the Atlanta Botanical Garden is one of Atlanta's most beautiful attractions. The Canopy Walk, a 40-foot high suspension bridge creating a treetop walking trail is the garden's latest addition. Visitors will also enjoy the Edible Garden Outdoor Kitchen and soothing sanctuary of the Cascades Garden.



Atlanta Braves and Turner Field

The Atlanta Braves play from April through September at Turner Field. The Braves Museum and Hall of Fame features more than 600 Braves artifacts and photographs that trace the team's history from its 1871 beginnings in Boston to Atlanta.



ATL-Cruzers Electric Car Tours

Discover a new way to explore the city with ATL-Cruzers Electric Car Tours, Atlanta's only electric car tour company. Learn about Atlanta's rich history, find the most popular places to grab a bite or just sit back and enjoy the ride and beautiful city vistas.



Atlanta's Eclectic Neighborhoods

Little Five Points is Atlanta's bohemian hangout and home to a rich mix of art, theater, and shopping. **7 Stages Theatre**, **Dad's Garage**, and the **Horizon Theatre** are must-sees! **Virginia-Highland** features hip boutiques while **East Atlanta Village** is filled with homegrown restaurants and gastropubs. The historic district of **Cabbagetown** proudly boasts impressive architectural restorations.



Atlanta Falcons at the Georgia Dome

The **Atlanta Falcons** kick off the official season each September. The **Georgia Dome** has hosted numerous events including: the 1996 Summer Olympics, two Super Bowls, the annual Chick-fil-A Bowl and the 2007 NCAA Men's Final Four.



Atlanta Hawks and Atlanta Dream at Philips Arena

Philips Arena is home to the **NBA Atlanta Hawks**, and the **WNBA Atlanta Dream**, as well as world-class concerts and events.



Atlanta Higher Education Centers Score an A+ in Culture!

Globally-known performers are hosted at **The Robert Ferst Center** at Georgia Tech and Georgia State's **Rialto Center for the Performing Arts**, while the **Miriam H. and John A. Conant Center** at Oglethorpe University serves as the permanent home to the Georgia Shakespeare Festival. Art collections featuring many centuries of works are found throughout the **Michael C. Carlos Museum** at Emory, the **Oglethorpe University Museum of Art** and the **GSU School of Arts and Design Gallery**. The **Savannah College of Art & Design's** (SCAD) Atlanta Campus offers ongoing art exhibitions at its gallery, located at the Woodruff Arts Center. SCAD also restored the historic Peters House into Ivy Hall, which now hosts cultural events. Atlanta University Center's **Clark Atlanta University Art Gallery** and **Spelman College Museum of Fine Art** present exciting works by nationally acclaimed artists, as well.



Atlanta History Center

The Atlanta History Center features 32 acres of gardens, wildlife trails and woodland areas. The complex includes the 1840s Tullie Smith Farm and the fully restored 1928 Swan House mansion. The museum offers exhibitions on the Civil War, African-American heritage and Southern folk art, with a wing dedicated to the 1996 Olympic Games.



Atlanta Motor Sports

Road Atlanta in Braselton is a 2.5-mile track hosting the Petit Le Mans, plus sports car, vintage, motorcycle, and go-cart races from March through November. Gear up in your racing suit and head to **Andretti Indoor Karting & Games** where you can slip behind the wheel of SuperKart and speed away on one of the two new Andretti-designed indoor tracks.



Atlanta Opera and the Atlanta Ballet

The **Atlanta Opera** offers four main stage productions seasonally, in addition to pre-Opera lectures, student matinees and more. **Atlanta Ballet** is the oldest professional dance company in America. Performances combine contemporary and traditional with classic ballets and new choreography. Both companies perform at the **Cobb**

Energy Performing Arts Centre.



Atlantic Station

Great boutiques, sidewalk cafes and hip restaurants reign at **Atlantic Station**, designed to feel like a city within a city. Free shuttles are available from the Arts Center MARTA Station. The **Millennium Gate** showcases world-class architecture, art and history in an intimate gallery setting and beautiful grounds.



Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chastain Park Amphitheater

Part of the Woodruff Art Center, the **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra** (ASO) and its recordings have earned international acclaim with 27 Grammy Awards. If you want to listen to the divinity of the ASO under the stars, visit the new Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre, located just north of Atlanta. For more music in the great outdoors, visit the Chastain Park Amphitheatre, where moonlit dinner performances featuring big music stars make for a great date night.



Buckhead Arts & Galleries

Major Buckhead design and cultural districts include Miami Circle, Peachtree Decorative Arts Plaza, Galleries of Peachtree Hills and Bennett Street. The **Swan Coach House Gallery**, located on the campus of the Atlanta History Center, exclusively features both established and upcoming Southern artists. The **Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia (MOCA-GA)** permanently houses over 600 works by local artists in contemporary mediums.



Buckhead Entertainment and Nightlife

The luxurious community of **Buckhead** boasts exquisite dining and top-tier accommodations. See and be seen in the fabulous lounges such as **The Gold Room**, and enjoy the city's most talented musicians at **Dante's Down the Hatch** and the **Buckhead Theatre**.



Centennial Olympic Park

Home of the 1996 Olympic Games and the world's largest Olympic Ring fountain, **Centennial Olympic Park** provides year-round entertainment including concerts, festivals and family activities. If you want to explore more things to see and do around the park, **City Segway Tours** are entertaining and unique options for family fun. This self-balancing personal transport device lets you glide through Atlanta with ease! Riders 12 years of age and older can experience tours of all kinds, including the Legends & Lore Tour, Evening Glide and more.



Center for Puppetry Arts

As the largest organization in North America dedicated to the art of puppetry, the Center for Puppetry Arts features the nation's largest interactive museum, Puppets: The Power of Wonder. Weekly performances include a fun family series and New Directions for adults.



Chattahoochee River Fun

Sixteen recreation areas along a 48-mile stretch of the Chattahoochee River have been designed to preserve the river and provide outdoor family fun. Contact **Chattahoochee Outfitters**, a premier watercraft outfitter, for your next river trip. The **Chattahoochee Nature Center** in Roswell offers educational programs, canoe trips and other activities.



College Sports

Atlanta is home to many up and coming athletic stars. Spring offers **Georgia Institute of Technology's** baseball team, while summer features **Georgia State University's** (GSU) softball and soccer teams. Fall brings football, including the **Chick-fil-A College**

Kickoff, **100 Black Men Football Classic**, **Chick-fil-A Bowl**, SEC Championship and Georgia Tech and GSU's exciting seasons. Winter is filled with basketball games from Georgia Tech and GSU, as well as Morehouse College, Oglethorpe University and many more.



Decatur Square

The charming, quirky neighborhood of **Decatur** is found just six miles east of downtown. Friendly, walkable and right on the MARTA line, this community is home to more than 200 boutiques, restaurants and galleries. Eddie's Attic is a must-see for live, local musicians. Year-round festivals include the Arts Festival in May, the Beach Party in June and the Book Festival on Labor Day weekend.



Downtown Nightlife

Downtown Atlanta's nightlife has something for everyone. Enjoy drinks and sports at **STATS** and **Taco Mac**, concerts at **Tabernacle**, or watch the world turn from the **Sun Dial Restaurant Bar & View**. Relax with Wednesday WindDown in **Centennial Olympic Park** or have a taste of drama at **Agatha's – A Taste of Mystery**.



Fernbank Museum of Natural History

Fernbank Museum of Natural History brings the world's largest dinosaurs to life, and explores global cultures through a variety of hands-on exhibits. Enjoy a classy mix of culture and cocktails with Martinis & IMAX® every Friday night.



Festivals Galore

Midtown offers plenty of family fun with year-round festivals. Spring brings local artisans to the streets during the **Dogwood Festival** and musicians serenade the city during the **Atlanta Jazz Festival**. The **National Black Arts Festival** heats up summer, while **Taste of Atlanta** spices up cuisines with fall flavors.



The Fox Theatre

Designed in the late 1920s, this opulent, historic landmark was originally the Yaarab Temple Shrine Mosque. Today, The Fox Theatre presents shows by Broadway in Atlanta and Theater of the Stars, as well as a summer movie series. It is also home to the Atlanta Ballet's premier, annual performance of "Nutcracker."



Georgia Aquarium

Dive into a one-of-a-kind aquatic experience at the Georgia Aquarium, where imaginations go to play. At the world's largest aquarium, you'll discover graceful beluga whales, spectacular whale sharks, playful penguins and aquatic animals from around the globe.



Golf in Atlanta

Atlanta has more than 100 golf courses, public and private, encompassing the metro area. Enjoy in-town hot spots such as **Charlie Yates Golf Course**, North Fulton Golf Course, and Bobby Jones Golf Course. Championship links just outside the perimeter include **Stone Mountain Golf Club**, **Legacy on Lanier Golf Club**, **Canongate Clubs**, and **Bear's Best**. If you are in Atlanta in September you can watch the pros at **East Lake Golf Club** during the finale of the PGA TOUR Playoffs at **THE TOUR Championship** presented by Coca-Cola.



Grant Park

Atlanta's oldest city park features lush lawns and stunning views. Framed by gorgeous Victorian homes and nestled against **Zoo Atlanta**, **Grant Park** is a haven for families. It also borders the famous **Oakland Cemetery** as well as the **Atlanta Cyclorama**, which immortalizes the 1864 Battle of Atlanta.



Hard Rock Cafe

Rock your way to the Hard Rock Cafe Atlanta to experience exceptional “Love All, Serve All” service and delicious food within a living museum of authentic, rock music memorabilia. Check out our Rock Shop where you’ll find Hard Rock branded merchandise not available anywhere else. Located in the heart of downtown within walking distance from the Georgia Aquarium, Centennial Olympic Park and all the major downtown hotels makes Hard Rock Cafe the ideal choice for a memorable dining experience!



High Museum of Art

The High Museum of Art offers a diverse selection of art including 19th-20th century American works, European paintings, African and African-American, modern and contemporary art. The High is the leading art museum in the Southeast, and a part of the Woodruff Arts Center.



Historic Neighbors

The **Marietta Historic District** offers tours of the town and heritage museums. Visit the Square for specialty and antique shops, dining and entertainment, including two must see attractions, Marietta Gone With The Wind Museum: Scarlett on the Square and the **Theatre In The Square**. Tour antebellum homes in the **Historic Roswell District**, including the 1845 **Smith Plantation**. Visitors can also enjoy **Bulloch Hall**, the childhood home of Former President Theodore Roosevelt’s mother and the **Georgia Ensemble Theatre**.



Historic West End

The **West End** historic district is an urban neighborhood located just southwest of downtown Atlanta. The community dates back to the 1830s and features restored period homes and Victorian cottages. The **Wren’s Nest** was the home of Joel Chandler Harris, author of the Uncle Remus Stories, and **Hammonds House Museum** features African-American art. The **Atlanta University Center** (AUC) is the country’s largest concentration of African-American colleges. The AUC is comprised of Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, and the Morehouse School of Medicine.



Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta

Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta features hands-on exhibits and activities where kids can discover, imagine and explore as they learn how things work in their world. Whether it’s building a sandcastle, painting on the walls, or exploring the latest exhibit, children will discover why it’s a smart place to play!



Inside CNN Studio Tour

Tour the core of CNN Worldwide for an up-close look at global news in the making. This 55-minute guided walking tour offers behind-the-scenes views of Atlanta’s CNN studios and an exclusive glimpse of news and broadcasting in action.



Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum is an opportunity to learn about the life and work of the 39th president’s life. Explore an exact replica of the Oval Office, view special exhibits, and listen to oral histories and interviews from the Carter White House. You will also trace Carter’s life from his 6th grade report card to his 2002 Nobel Peace Prize.



Legendary, Luxury Shopping

Experience Buckhead's legendary shopping with exclusive specialty retailers such as Calvin Klein and Zara. Designer boutiques such as Hermes, Cartier and Kate Spade add a touch of glamour to any visit. Luxury retailers are found throughout **Lenox Square and Phipps Plaza**, including Saks Fifth Avenue, Jimmy Choo and Tiffany & Co. Visit Miami Circle and the Bennett Street District for museum-quality art and antiques.



Margaret Mitchell House

The three-story Tudor Revival mansion in Midtown was the home of author Margaret Mitchell, where she wrote the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Gone With the Wind*. The house offers tours, a museum and shop, as well as a literature series.



Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site & Sweet Auburn District

The area of Sweet Auburn served as the thriving center of Atlanta's Black enterprise from the 1890s to the 1940s. At the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, explore his birth home, historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, and The King Center, where Dr. King's Nobel Peace Prize is displayed. The crypt and gravesite of Dr. King and his wife, Coretta Scott King, are also located here.



Medieval Times

Journey back to the 11th Century for feasting, fighting and fun! Medieval Times is a family-friendly dinner theater featuring an authentic medieval feast and jousting tournament with live horses and fearless knights.



Michael C. Carlos Museum

Travel through space and time in the Michael C. Carlos Museum galleries where ancient objects from Egypt, Nubia, Near East, Greece, Rome, Asia, Africa and the Americas introduce visitors to the artistic culture and heritage of the world. Exhibited in the landmark building designed by noted architect Michael Graves, this collection also includes works on paper from the renaissance to the present day. Specials exhibitions and educational events tell the glorious stories of civilization.



Midtown Nightlife

Midtown has so many options for evening fun. Famous clubs such as **Sutra Lounge**, **Aurum** and **Opera** start the music early and keep the party going well into the night.



Midtown Walking and Bicycling Tours

Midtown walking and biking tours are available for many Atlanta attractions. Provided by **The Atlanta Preservation Center**, walking tours include historic neighborhoods and prominent buildings such as The Fox Theatre, one of the few remaining movie palaces of the 1920s. **Bicycle Tours of Atlanta** caters to many ability levels and features numerous options across the city, such as the Heart of the City Tour. The Progressive Dinner Bicycle Tour lets you experience Atlanta's coveted cuisine while burning a few calories.



North Georgia Day Trips

Just a short drive north of Atlanta you'll find gorgeous mountain scenery and hometown hospitality. **Wolf Mountain Vineyards** is elegantly simple, offering delicious plates paired with Georgia vinos. The town of **Helen**, a re-created alpine village complete with cobblestone alleys and old-world towers is a fantastic family option. **Babylond General Hospital**, home to the Cabbage Patch Kids, is a unique place where

you can take home a hand-stitched baby of your own!



Outlet Malls and Day Trip Shopping

North Georgia Premium Outlets in Dawsonville is Georgia's premium outlet center, offering 140 stores of current-season merchandise from designer labels. For retail, dining and entertainment options, stop into the shopping meccas of Discover Mills and the **Tanger Outlet Center**.



Piedmont Park

Piedmont Park features lush woods, Lake Clara Meer, picnic spots, skating paths and many annual events. More than 180 acres, the park is situated between 10th Street and Piedmont Avenue, where it joins the Atlanta Botanical Garden.



See Atlanta From Above

Whether floating in a hot air balloon or free falling from an airplane, you'll be sure to see Atlanta like never before... from above! **Balloons Over Georgia** provides incredible views of Lake Lanier, Stone Mountain, Kennesaw Mountain, the Atlanta skyline and the beginning so the Blue Ridge and Appalachian mountain ranges from one of the most beautifully colored balloons in the country. Get ready for the most exciting time of your life – skydiving! The **Above Atlanta Skydiving Center** (AASC) experience is line none other. At AASC, you will be accompanies on your skydive by the most enthusiastic skydive professionals in Georgia skydiving.



Stone Mountain Park

Home to the world's largest piece of exposed granite rock and longest running lasershow, Stone Mountain Park is Georgia's most visited attraction. The Lasershow Spectacular is choreographed with your favorite tunes and breathtaking pyrotechnics. With more than 3,200 acres of natural beauty, you'll find family-oriented recreational activities, special events, lodging and camping. Visit the 1870s town of Crossroads® for live shows, craft demos, shopping and dining, or enjoy the Great Locomotive Adventure, Scenic Railroad and Antebellum Plantation & Farmyard. Another family favorite is Sky Hike, the largest treetop adventure course.



Underground Atlanta

Six city blocks of Underground Atlanta have been transformed into a subterranean marketplace offering guided historic tours, more than 100 specialty stores, and Kenny's Alley music and nightlife district. You'll also find street-cart merchants and annual events such as the Peach Drop New Year's Eve Celebration and Heritage Arts Festival.



William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum

Through its exhibitions, publications and resources, this Atlanta Jewish Federation museum explores Jewish heritage and how it relates to other cultures and religions. It also contains two permanent galleries and hosts special rotating exhibits.



World of Coca-Cola

Experience the intriguing World of Coca-Cola! The museum features a multi-sensory 4-D theater, an extraordinary 1880s soda fountain, and unique live-action bottling line, plus an opportunity to sample nearly 70 different beverages from around the world.



Yellow River Game Ranch and Kangaroo Conservation Center

The **Yellow River Game Ranch** is 24 acres of wooded preserve along the banks of the Yellow River. It features more than 600 native Georgia animals, such as deer, buffalo, and the famous groundhog, General Beauregard Lee. The **Kangaroo Conservation Center** is home to the largest population of kangaroos outside of Australia



Zoo Atlanta

Located in historic Grant Park, Zoo Atlanta features more than 200 species of animals from the African plains and Asian forests. Visit the playful pandas, marvelous mammals and adorable reptiles and amphibians! The Ford African Rain Forest houses 24 gorillas, one of North America's largest captive populations.
