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# Cheap Living...

OPIA's Guide to Affordable Housing, Transportation,  
Food, and Fun in Major Cities for HLS Students  
Spending a Summer Working in the Public Interest

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**Atlanta**

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Congratulations! You've gotten a great public interest internship. You're ready for the challenges and rewards of your job, but are you ready to move to, navigate, and enjoy a new city on a modest salary?

It can be difficult to live cheaply in some of the world's most expensive (and exciting) cities, so OPIA and the 1L Public Interest Section Representatives have put together a guide to give you a few tips on how to get by (and have fun) on a public interest salary. We'll tell you how to find safe, inexpensive housing, get around in the city, eat out or in, hang out, and explore the city's cultural offerings. This is our 14th edition of Cheap Living. For summer 2008, we updated guides for the following major U.S. cities:

- Atlanta
- Boston
- Burlington, VT
- Chicago
- Cleveland
- Los Angeles
- New York
- Philadelphia
- San Francisco
- Washington, DC

We also updated:

- International Travel Planning

And added a new Guide:

- London

If you're working in another city, check with OPIA to see if there is an edition from a prior year.

In compiling these guides, we relied on numerous sources: our own experiences, law school career service offices, newspapers, the Internet, and especially Harvard Law School students. The information in *Cheap Living* is meant to be helpful, not authoritative. No doubt, we have missed some stellar bargains. By listing a feature in the guide, we do not mean to endorse it, other than to say that a student like you has mentioned it as a great deal. *Cheap Living* remains a work in progress. Restaurants and attractions continuously open and close. If you notice any listing is out of date or if you have suggestions or additions for 2009, please let us know!

A very special thanks to all of the 1L Section Reps who researched and wrote this year's *Cheap Living Guides*. Even in the midst of exams, the Auction, Ames, and everything else that consumes 1L year, they made time to make sure that their classmates get the most out of their public interest summer internship experience. Have a wonderful summer!

- Kirsten Bermingham, OPIA Program Coordinator

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## WELCOME TO ATLANTA

Welcome to Atlanta, y'all! Atlanta (aka the "ATL" or "Hotlanta") offers many opportunities for getting by on a tight budget. In many respects it is a much more affordable place to live than the metropolises of New York, D.C., and Chicago.

Before you head south, the first thing you should do is call the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Center at 1-800-ATLANTA or visit [www.atlanta.net](http://www.atlanta.net) for your complimentary visitor's information packet.<sup>1</sup> Also, see [www.atlantaga.gov/Visitors/Attractions.aspx](http://www.atlantaga.gov/Visitors/Attractions.aspx) for an official listing of city attractions, landmarks, sports, colleges and universities. For additional information provided by non-governmental entities check out [www.atlanta.com](http://www.atlanta.com) for "your guide to Atlanta" and [www.atlanta.citysearch.com](http://www.atlanta.citysearch.com), which is sure to be a summer staple. Other good sites for general information on the city include [www.accessatlanta.com](http://www.accessatlanta.com) and [atlanta.yahoo.com](http://atlanta.yahoo.com). Additionally, see <http://features.cityguide.aol.com/atlanta/freebiesanddeals> for fun bargains. These web sites will answer almost any question you have concerning what Atlanta has to offer!

## HOUSING

Housing in Atlanta tends to be cheaper than in other big cities. Considering costs and the three-month time, subletting an apartment in the metropolitan area is probably ideal. Atlanta is a sprawling suburban city. Living downtown is not necessarily an ideal choice, but there are other areas within the "perimeter" (I-285) that offer convenient access to downtown. Many different apartment complexes are situated near Emory University and Georgia Tech campuses. Georgia Tech is in the heart of downtown Atlanta, while Emory is a 20-minute drive from the center of the city, located in Decatur. The best method for finding students who are subletting their apartments is to check 1) student classifieds in university papers and bulletin boards on campus, 2) **Atlanta Craig's List** at <http://atlanta.craigslist.org/>, 3) **NALP online apartment exchange** at [www.nalpexchange.org](http://www.nalpexchange.org), or 4) to hear by word-of-mouth. Another resource for apartment hunting is the **Apartment Guide** at [www.apartmentguide.com](http://www.apartmentguide.com), which lists apartment ads for the entire Atlanta area. Another free apartment referral service, which serves all areas of Atlanta, is the **Atlanta Apartment Connection, Inc.** They may be reached at 770-668-0811. Also, ask the people you will be working with for the summer whether they have friends/colleagues who would be willing to rent out a room in their home or need a house-sitter for the summer.

Atlanta is one sprawling suburb with only a few areas that have large concentrations of students and young professionals. **Virginia Highlands, Little Five Points, Midtown**, and parts of **Decatur** tend to be the hippest, most progressive parts of the city. Also, look in **Grant Park, Inman Park and the Summerhill** area for hidden bargains.

The suburbs are probably your best option for affordable housing, but you will need a car. For your best bet, head northeast of the city on I-85, to the area around **Emory University and the nearby Morningside area**. Numerous apartment complexes and affordable rentals are populated by young professionals and students, and the nightlife is vibrant. Many Emory students sublet apartments in that area during the summers. Up I-85 are **Tucker and Stone Mountain**, other affordable areas that are a bit

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<sup>1</sup> Note: must allow 3-4 weeks for free delivery. A fee is required to expedite the shipment.

farther away from the city. All of the suburbs along I-85 have easy access to the MARTA monorail, which goes directly into downtown. On the northwest side of town, there are a number of apartment complexes in the **Windy Hill** area. Living off of I-400 near **Sandy Springs** is another good option. Look for large apartment complexes near MARTA stations. **Vinings** is another affordable living area with a slightly longer commute. This listing of communities is of course, just a partial listing. These areas are all in a reasonable commuting distance, and you should find plenty of young people living in the area.

Generally speaking, rates for efficiency apartments in Atlanta proper and surrounding areas start at around \$500 a month, and there are many options available. The rule of thumb for housing prices in Atlanta is that most places inside the perimeter (I-285) are more expensive. Of course, the trade-off for moving further out is the longer commute. Most people working in Atlanta for the summer will probably be working in the downtown area. Housing here is limited and consists mostly of large expensive homes or apartments in less safe areas. Midtown is a convenient location, fairly close to downtown, but again, housing in this area is fairly steep.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**Having a car is a necessity**, especially if you live in the suburbs. So, bring one, make friends with someone who has a car, or consider renting one. For the best deals, check out [www.rentalcars.com/City/Atlanta/](http://www.rentalcars.com/City/Atlanta/). The following car rental spots offer traditional rentals to those under 25, but be prepared to pay an extra daily fee of \$15-\$25: Alamo (800) GO-ALAMO; Enterprise (800) 261-7331; Thrifty (877) 283-0898; National (888) 826-6890; and Dollar (800) 800-3665, which also offers a 5-25% discount through Student Advantage. For a short term car rental (i.e. lunch break or after work event) you may want a Zipcar. To learn more about hourly car rentals in Atlanta check out [www.zipcar.com/atlanta/check-rates](http://www.zipcar.com/atlanta/check-rates).

When you decide where to live, choose an area easily accessible to the interstates. I-285 is the perimeter highway that makes a loop around the city; I-75 runs through downtown going from northwest Atlanta to southeast Atlanta; I-85 runs through the city from northeast Atlanta to southwest Atlanta; I-400 runs north from 75/85; and I-20 runs east to west through the middle of downtown. If you live far from the interstate in a community close to the city, traffic leading to the interstate may add a *significant* amount of time to your commute. Be forewarned that Atlanta is known for its terrible traffic congestion at peak hours, so plan your commute wisely!

If you do not have a car, you can get around using the MARTA rapid transit system. MARTA means "**Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority**." MARTA consists of two monorails, one going North-South and the other going East-West, and a system of connecting buses. It expanded extensively into the surrounding counties for the Olympics. However, if you want to use public transportation, plan to live close to one of the stations. Unlike with Boston's "T," MARTA stations are far apart and tend to be surrounded by enormous parking lots and strip shopping centers. It can be dangerous at night walking from the station to your apartment; you may want to consider riding a connecting MARTA bus if there is one that services your neighborhood. One-way bus or rail fare costs \$1.75 in the form of a Breeze card or ticket, similar to the Charlie system used on Boston's "T"; these can be bought and reloaded at Breeze Vending machines available at all 38 MARTA stations. If you plan to use MARTA regularly, it is cheapest to buy monthly passes, which may be purchased at MARTA RideStores and area

grocery stores. You can call (404) 848-5000 or check [www.itsmarta.com](http://www.itsmarta.com) for more information and to get routes and schedules. In Cobb County, the Cobb Community Transit, Cobb County's public bus system, may be useful - (770) 427-4444 or [www.cobbdot.org/cct.htm](http://www.cobbdot.org/cct.htm).

Although they are more expensive, **taxis** are also available. Some popular choices are Atlanta's Yellow Cab (404) 521-0200 and Checker Cab (404) 351-1111.

**Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport** (1-800-897-1910 or [www.atlanta-airport.com](http://www.atlanta-airport.com)), "the world's busiest passenger airport," is directly off of I-85 and accessible by MARTA. Call AAA Airport Express (800) 354-7874 or (404) 767-2000 or Atlanta Airport Shuttle (404) 524-3400 to get a shuttle to the airport.

## **FOOD**

In the past several years, Atlanta has become the home of many eclectic and delicious dining options. Although it takes some effort to look beyond the endless fast-food chain restaurants throughout the city, searching for good food in Atlanta is well worth it! A wide range of excellent eateries with distinctive Atlanta atmospheres awaits the summer visitor. (All phone numbers begin with area code 404 unless otherwise indicated.)

Check out the following restaurant guides for more info:

**Best in Atlanta:** [www.bestinatlanta.com/restaurants.html](http://www.bestinatlanta.com/restaurants.html)

**Access Atlanta:** [www.accessatlanta.com/restaurants/](http://www.accessatlanta.com/restaurants/)<sup>2</sup>

**Atlanta CitySearch:** <http://atlanta.citysearch.com/find/section/atlanta/restaurants.html>

**Atlanta-Restaurants Info:** [www.atlantarestaurants.com/](http://www.atlantarestaurants.com/)

**Atlanta Cuisine:** [www.atlantacuisine.com](http://www.atlantacuisine.com)

## **Buckhead**

**Atlanta Bread Company**, 3365 Piedmont Rd. NE, (814-9990). Best of the new wave of quick-casual bakery cafes, and inexpensive at that. Various locations. Some locations have WiFi.  
[www.atlantabread.com](http://www.atlantabread.com)

**Buckhead Bread Company & Corner Café**, 3070 Piedmont Rd NE, (240-1978). A blatant yuppie hangout, but very good, reasonably priced food.

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<sup>2</sup> Note: requires brief user registration

**China Moon**, 3527 Northside Parkway at West Paces (237-8888). Excellent, decently priced Cantonese food.

**Henri's Bakery**, 61 Irby Ave, NW (237-0202). Great sandwiches, pastries, and cakes. An Atlanta institution. (Another location at 6289 Roswell Rd NE).

**OK Café**, 1284 West Paces Ferry Road, NE, (233-2888). Excellent southern cuisine and take-out. Huge portions.

**Pricci**, 500 Pharr Rd (237-2941). Perhaps Atlanta's best Italian restaurant. Excellent food and reasonable prices. Famous tiramisu.

**Steamhouse Lounge**, 3041 Bolling Way at Pharr Rd (233-7980). A funky, affordable seafood bar straight out of Key West. Wonderful lobster sandwiches.

**The One Star Ranch**, 25 Irby Ave (233-7644). An inexpensive BBQ joint, with Texas-style beef ribs.

**Three Dollar Cafe**, 3002 Peachtree Road (266-8667). Big bar and restaurant with good, cheap food (despite the name, entrees cost more than \$3).

**Imperial Fez**, 2285 Peachtree Road (351-0870). This is how to escape to Morocco on a public interest budget. Enjoy a 5 course, set price meal (\$45). Expensive, but the experience will be unforgettable.

### **Buford Highway**

For the best and cheapest ethnic food around, head to Buford Highway:

**Bien Thuy**, 5095 Buford Hwy, Doraville, (770) 454-9046. *Creative Loafing* magazine calls it “the Tina Turner of Atlanta's Vietnamese restaurants: a salt-of-the-earth survivor with legs.”

**Canton House**, 4825 Buford Hwy, Chamblee, (770) 936-9030. Arguably the best dim sum in the area.

**El Taco Veloz**, 5084 Buford Hwy, Doraville, (770) 936-9094. Irresistible tacos and massive burritos.

**Hae Woon Dae**, 5805 Buford Hwy, Doraville (770) 458-6999. Authentic Korean BBQ and cuisine. A little pricier but worth it.

**Havana Sandwich Shop**, 2905 Buford Hwy, (404) 636-4094. Home-style Cuban cooking.

**Hoa Binh Fast Food Restaurant**, 4897 Buford Hwy in Orient Center, (770-458-8990), Korean BBQ with pho in 3 sizes and bun (noodle salads).

**Hong Sandwich Shop**, 4646 Buford Hwy, (770-457-3020). Deli with Vietnamese sandwiches.

**Little Szechuan**, 5091-C Buford Hwy, Doraville, (770-451-0192). An extensive menu (more than 250 items!) with food for the timid and adventurous alike.

**Mozart Cafe and Bakery**, 5301 Buford Hwy, Doraville (770-936-8726). The best Asian bakery around.

**New Paradise**, 4796 Buford Hwy, Chamblee (770-936-0306). Delicious Cantonese cuisine.

**Panahar**, 3375 Buford Hwy (633-6655). Atlanta's sole Bangladeshi restaurant and a great place for vegetarians.

**Penang**, 4897 Buford Hwy, Suite 113 (770-220-0308). The city's best Malaysian restaurant.

**Pho 79**, 4166 Buford Hwy, (728-9129). Hot pho and other tasty combination soups.

**Rincon Latino**, 5055 Buford Hwy, Chamblee, (770-936-8181). Salvadorian/ Guatemalan restaurant serving papusas and shrimp cocktail, priced and sized for the small budget.

**Tofu 88** 5490 Buford Highway (770-457-8811). Korean tofu soup—cheap and delicious.

### Decatur

**Doc Chey's Noodle House**: 1556 North Decatur Road (404) 378-8188. Large portions, a favorite of Emory students. Also a Virginia-Highlands location.

**DeKalb Farmer's Market Cafeteria** 3000 E. Ponce de Leon Ave., (404) 377-6400. An amazing place to shop and eat.

**Java Monkey**, 205 E. Ponce De Leon Ave, (404) 378-5002. Organic coffee house and wine bar.

**Sushi Avenue**, 308 W. Ponce de Leon Ave., (404) 378-8448. Fairly inexpensive solid sushi.

**Taqueria Del Sol**, 359 W. Ponce de Leon Ave., (404)377-7668. Cheap, fabulous Mexican.

**Zyka**, 1677 Scott Blvd., (404) 728-4444. Amazing Indian at great prices.

### Downtown

**Delectables**, One Margaret Mitchell Square (404) 681-2909. Among the top spots for best value lunches in the city. Located in Atlanta Public Library.

**Haveli**, 225 Spring St, (404) 522-4545. The best Indian food in Atlanta.

**Thelma's Kitchen**, 302 Auburn Ave, NW (404) 688-5855. Serving up excellent fried chicken with biscuits and gravy for very little cost.

**The Varsity**, 61 North Avenue, NW Atlanta (404) 881-1706. An Atlanta institution. World's largest drive-in fast-food grease pit. Cheap and good food. Ask for a naked dog (plain hot dog) and an F.O. (frozen orange) and they'll think you're a native.

## Midtown

**Après Diem**— 931 Monroe Drive, Suite C-103, (872-3333), Called one of the “casual dining jewels of Atlanta,” this classy place offers good food and nice wine list in a funky atmosphere.

**Cowtippers**, 1600 Piedmont Rd, (874-3469). Rustic American place for steaks or barbecue, with loaded baked potatoes. Large outdoor patio. Well known as a popular gay bar in the area.

**Eats**, 600 Ponce de Leon Ave, (888-9149). One of the best meals and deals in town. Excellent pasta and chicken at very low prices.

**Einstein's**, 1077 Juniper St, (876-7925). Outdoor patio, long lines, and well-made, cheap American fare - burgers, pasta, sandwiches.

**Fat Matt's Rib Shack**, 1811 Piedmont Ave, (607-1622). Perfect ribs, amazing blues, and a great taste of Atlanta. Don't miss this place.

**King and I**, 1510-F Piedmont Rd in Ansley Mall, (892-7743). One of the better Thai places in town, and cheap to boot. Try the rad na.

**Mary Mac's Tea Room**, 224 Ponce de Leon Ave, (876-1800). Small restaurant famous for cheap home cooking and fine soul food. A must-do part of your summer in Atlanta.

**Mama Fu's Asian House**, 1935 Peachtree Rd, (404) 350-9999. A great spot to enjoy Pan-Asian cuisine and music. Check out <http://mamafus.com> for more information. There a few spots in and around Atlanta.

**St. Charles Deli**, Technology Square at Georgia Tech. 22 5<sup>th</sup> Street. (249-7733). One of Atlanta's most famous delis. Cheap sandwiches and salads; good desserts too.

**The Old Spaghetti Factory**, 249 Ponce de Leon Ave, (872-2841). The decor resembles that of a train; the pastas are good, plentiful, and cheap.

**Tortillas**, 774 Ponce de Leon Ave, (892-0193). Great Mexican food for cheap prices. Huge 2-lb. burritos for a few dollars.

**The Vortex**, 878 Peachtree St, (875-1667). Funky, good value rock n' roll bar with great burgers and sandwiches. (Another location in Little Five Points at 438 Moreland Ave, NE)

**Pad Thai**, 1021 Virginia Ave, (892-2070). Near-perfect Thai food with the service to match.

## Virginia-Highlands/Little Five Points

**Alon's Bakery**, 1394 N Highland, (872-6000). The best bakery in town, wonderful sandwiches and pastries, baked on the premises.

**American Roadhouse**, 842 N Highland (872-2822). Great, cheap diner with an eclectic menu, from burgers to Southwestern fare.

**Caramba Cafe**, 1409 N Highland, (874-1343). Inexpensive Mexican food and great margaritas.

**Fellini's Pizza**: several locations near Little Five Points.

**Flying Biscuit**, 1655 McLendon Ave, (687-8888). Small, cheap cafe with best breakfast in Atlanta, owned by Indigo Girls. Healthy and crowded. The funkiest, coolest Atlantans congregate here for weekend brunch. (Another location in Midtown at 1001 Piedmont Ave)

**Murphy's**, 997 Virginia Ave, (872-0904). Varied menu with touches of Asia, Southwestern and the classics. Great sandwiches. Cheap. Good brunch.

**Paolo's Gelato Italiano**, 1025 Virginia Ave. (607-0055). Colorful Italian gelateria.

### **Other Locations around Atlanta**

**CiCi's Pizza**, \$3 all-you-can-eat pizza, pasta, and salad every night.

**Hank's Ice Cream**, 753-A Cherokee Avenue, (622-0007). Located in Grant Park, near Zoo Atlanta and the Cyclorama, this Houston export churns out delicious homemade ice cream in both classic and unusual flavors.

**Mellow Mushroom**, Several locations around metro Atlanta, known as a yummy pizza joint.

**Ru San's Sushi**, cheap sushi in Buckhead and Midtown.

**SLICE Pizza Lounge**, 2 spots in Atlanta: 259 Peters St. and 85 Poplar St. Check out [www.sliceatlanta.com](http://www.sliceatlanta.com) for more information.

**Waffle House**, Ubiquitous along Southern highways, this greasy spoon is open late (some are 24-hours), offers bottom-less cups of coffee, and the best hash browns on earth—scattered, smothered, covered and chunked.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

### **Museums**

You will have no shortage of things to do with your free time in Atlanta this summer. Make sure you explore **Centennial Olympic Park** in Downtown Atlanta, with all of its Olympic sites and memories. The newest popular attraction is the Georgia Aquarium, 225 Baker Street, (494) 581-4000, [www.georgiaaquarium.org](http://www.georgiaaquarium.org), which boasts an impressive array of sea life. General admission is \$26 for adults. The **High Museum of Art**, 1280 Peachtree Street, N.E. (404) 733-4400, [www.high.org](http://www.high.org), houses

European and American paintings, African, decorative and twentieth-century art, photography, graphics, and "Spectacles," a gallery for kids of all ages. Adults \$15; students \$12. Also check out the **CNN Center**, One CNN Center Suite Atlanta, (404) 827-2300, [www.cnn.com/CNNCenter](http://www.cnn.com/CNNCenter) and **The World of Coca-Cola Museum**, 55 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, (404) 676-5151, [www.woccatlanta.com](http://www.woccatlanta.com) (Adults \$9). Allow at least an hour for a self-guided tour. Located adjacent to Underground Atlanta, [www.underground-atlanta.com](http://www.underground-atlanta.com). MARTA: Five Point Station. See gorillas, orangutans, tigers, lions, giraffes, elephants, birds and more in natural habitats at **Zoo Atlanta** (404) 624-5600, 800 Cherokee Avenue, S.E. Adults \$18, college students, \$14, [www.zooatlanta.org](http://www.zooatlanta.org).

Another entertaining way to spend an afternoon is at **Fernbank**, a 150-acre environmental/education complex that includes a major Museum of Natural History, a Science Center, Planetarium and Observatory, and the Fernbank Forest, [www.fernbank.edu/museum/index.html](http://www.fernbank.edu/museum/index.html). 767 Clifton Road, N.E. (404) 929-6300. Fabulous IMAX movie theatre. Student tickets for the museum are \$11 and a combo museum/IMAX pass is \$15.00. On Friday nights from 6-10 pm, take a date to Martinis and IMAX. Sip cocktails, listen to jazz, and see one of the films that begin every hour. As you can see, a plethora of fairly cheap options are available to you and you can get student discounts for many of the more well-known entertainment places. You can contact the **Department of Tourism** for more information, at (404) 929-4000.

If you are a history buff, spend a day at **Atlanta History Center** located at 130 W. Paces Ferry Rd. (404) 814-4000, [www.atlantahistorycenter.com](http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com). It has only been open for five years and has impressive visiting exhibits, as well as the famous Tully Smith House and the Swan House. Also, see the **Atlanta Cyclorama** (next door to the zoo) located on 800 Cherokee Avenue, S.E. (404) 658-7625. The 1864 Civil War Battle of Atlanta revolves around you, literally, in this immense painting in the round, which was completed in 1885. Admission is \$7, [www.bcaatlanta.com/index.php?pid=81](http://www.bcaatlanta.com/index.php?pid=81). Also, visit the **Jimmy Carter Library and Museum** at 441 Freedom Parkway (404) 331-3942, [www.cartercenter.org/library.html](http://www.cartercenter.org/library.html). President Jimmy Carter's life and administration, and the office of the presidency itself are portrayed through films, videos and displays. **Copenhill Cafe** features casual, self-service dining and an outdoor patio with a view of the Atlanta skyline. Act like you belong or find a friend who is interning there for the summer, and meet foreign diplomats and hang out in their periodical section where you can get your hands on a newspaper from every major city around the world. Library open Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Sunday noon - 4:45 p.m. Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 students. MARTA: Bud 16 (Noble) to Cleburne Avenue from Five Points Station.

Another historical monument is the **Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.** at 450 Auburn Avenue, N.E. (404) 331-5190, [www.nps.gov/malu](http://www.nps.gov/malu). Visit the King Center site and Dr. King's grave, birth home of Dr. King and **Ebenezer Baptist Church** where he preached. Basic King Center tours are self-guided. Birth home tours are also available. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Special bonus—No charge! MARTA: Bus 3 (Auburn Ave.) from Five Points Station or Edgewood/Candler Park Station. Emory's relatively new **Michael Carlos Museum** at 571 Kilgo Street (right on the edge of campus) has been recognized as one of the finest museums in the city and only "suggests" that you donate \$7 to cover admission. The Carlos is open Monday-Saturday, 10-5 and Sunday 12-5, and can be reached at (404) 727-4282, [www.emory.edu/CARLOS/](http://www.emory.edu/CARLOS/). Finally, the **Oakland Cemetery** at 284 Oakland Ave. SE, (404) 688-2107, is the resting place of many Civil War soldiers, golfing legend Bobby Jones, and "Gone with the Wind" author Margaret Mitchell. Recently restored to pristine condition, it is boasts quiet, pleasant walking trails, [www.oaklandcemetery.com/](http://www.oaklandcemetery.com/). For particular

fans of the author, go on a 90-minute guided tour at the Margaret Mitchell House and Museum. 990 Peachtree Street, (404) 249-7015, [www.gwtw.org/](http://www.gwtw.org/).

## **Performing Arts**

**The Center for Puppetry Arts**, 1404 Spring Street, (404) 873-3301 is the largest institution in the U.S. dedicated to the fine art of puppetry, [www.puppet.org](http://www.puppet.org). Not only do they put on performances and workshops, but the museum also features exhibits and puppets from around the world.

**The Georgia Shakespeare Festival** box office phone: (404) 264-0020, 4484 Peachtree Road, NE on the Oglethorpe Campus. Wonderful renditions of Shakespearean classics performed all through the summer by some of Atlanta's finest actors. Pack a picnic dinner and enjoy an outdoor meal and entertainment before the show.

**The Atlanta Ballet** is another wonderful night out; the Atlanta Ballet is the oldest ballet company in the U.S. presenting exciting classical and contemporary works. 1400 W. Peachtree Street, (404) 873-5811. **Alliance Theatre** and **Robert W. Woodruff Arts Center**, 1280 Peachtree Street, N.E., (404) 733-5000. The Woodruff Center, the Southeast's leading professional theatre, offers group discounts, private theatre performances, backstage tours and facilities for post performance receptions.

**Neighborhood Playhouse** 430 West Trinity Place, 373-5311 features Broadway and off-Broadway musicals and has student rates.

More art and cultural opportunities can be found near Peachtree in the theater district at the **Fox Theatre**, 660 Peachtree Street, N.E. (404) 881-2100, [www.foxtheatre.org](http://www.foxtheatre.org). Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this 1929 Moorish/Egyptian/Art Deco fantasy hosts a wide range of live performances, plus a summer movie series.

## **Movies**

The **Tara** has great indie and art flicks, 2345 Cheshire Bridge Rd, (404) 634-6288. For more mainstream movies try **AMC Phipps Plaza 14**, 3500 Peachtree Rd, (404) 816-4262 in Phipps Plaza Mall. Buy tickets on the second floor and go upstairs to watch the movie. (The set-up is a little confusing!) Also, check out **Atlantic Station**, [www.atlanticstation.com](http://www.atlanticstation.com).<sup>3</sup> **AMC Buckhead Backlot Cinema and Café**, 3340 Peachtree Rd, (404) 467-0862, offers movies for \$7 with student ID and food can be ordered as well. Even cheaper, **Georgia Tech Movie Theater**, \$3 movies for off-campus students at the student center. However, Georgia Tech offers FREE movies during the summer. "Flicks on Fifth" occurs about 5 times a summer. There is a blow-up outdoor movie screen and free popcorn. Bring a chair, beach towel, or blanket and have a great time *gratis!* For more information, call Georgia Tech at (404) 894-2000 and ask for student services. Finally, rumor has it that there are \$1 movie theaters in areas surrounding Atlanta, such as in Fayetteville, GA (which is about 25 minutes south of Atlanta) so definitely inquire when you get there!

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<sup>3</sup> See shopping section for more details on Atlanta Station.

## Music

The **HiFi Buys Amphitheatre**, 2002 Lakewood Way, (404) 443-5000, is a 19,000-seat concert facility. The **Chastain Amphitheater** holds many concerts throughout the summer featuring a variety of talented artists such as Natalie Cole and the Indigo Girls. You should experience a concert in this outdoor amphitheater some time during your stay. At the amphitheater, people usually bring gourmet picnic meals, and eat them by candlelight before the concert begins. It is a marvelous experience, and all the seats in the house are good.

The **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**, 1293 Peachtree Street, N.E. Suite 300, (404) 733-4900, is one of the nation's finest orchestras. The **Atlanta Symphony Chorus** is an Atlanta institution, world famous for its sound and fanatically loyal members. Hear them anytime you possibly can. The ASO presents Classical Master Season Concerts in Symphony Hall. Champagne and Coffee Concerts, Family Concerts and more in Atlanta Symphony Hall from May to September, and Classic Chastain Concerts at Chastain Park Amphitheatre from June to August. Fabulous music and cultural festivals abound, so keep your eyes and ears open. A few to look out for: the **Midtown Music Festival**, **Virginia Highlands Summer Fest**, and the **National Black Arts Festival**.

The local music scene in Atlanta is great and attracts bands from Athens (home of REM and the B-52s), Birmingham, and other music-rich southern cities, with many venues in Buckhead and Virginia Highlands. You can find live reggae every night at **CJ's Landing**. Check out **Eddie's Attic** in Decatur, a very popular place for catching live acoustic and folk music. Also, **Dark Horse Tavern** in Virginia Highlands is a fun night spot. The **Tin Roof** in Buckhead offers great live blues.

## Bars and Clubs

Summers in Atlanta mean great nights with friends spent hanging out on the porches and patios of some of Atlanta's best nightspots. **Buckhead**, **Midtown**, **Virginia Highlands**, **East Atlanta**, and **Little Five Points** are popular among young professionals and students because of the profusion of popular hotspots.

The heart of **Buckhead** (Peachtree, Paces Ferry and Roswell Road) is a circus on Friday and Saturday nights with half of the city's twenty and thirty-something populations barhopping among the twenty or thirty bars to choose from. Prepare yourself for an ultra-cheese-y area filled with yuppies, frat boys, and amateur gangstas. Check out **Café Tu Tu Tango**—great tapas and drinks named after artists in an eclectic atmosphere filled with art for sale; **Fado**—Irish pub; **Tongue and Groove**—pretentious bar to “be seen” at. There are also trendy clubs like **Oxygen** and atmosphere-rich dessert cafes such as **Cafe Intermezzo**. The **Masquerade**, which is located at 695 North Avenue, N.E., (404) 577-8178, features heaven, hell, purgatory, and live bands. Also fun is the **Have A Nice Day Cafe** on 3095 Peachtree Road, (404) 261-8898. If you're looking for a more mellow evening away from the crop-tops and techno bars, go to **Churchill Downs** or the old classic pub the **Rose and Crown**. Comedy clubs are also popular choices. **The Comedy Connection** has amateur comedy on Tuesdays and professionals on weekends, as well as good drinks (2 drink minimum).

If you're into a more laid back, casual social scene, you'll probably enjoy **Virginia Highlands**. A number of terrific bars are all within walking distance including **Moe's and Joe's**, **Taco Mac**, **Limerick**

**Junction**, and **Neighbor's Pub** (all on Highland Ave.). Also check out the **Darkhorse Tavern**, a understated bar with great food.

**Midtown** is another fun area filled with artsy types and is gay-friendly; you'll see attractive young professionals, students, hipsters, and couples on the town. **Apres Diem**—good food and nice wine list in a funky atmosphere. **MJQ Concourse** is a night club that features eclectic live music—everything from house, hip hop, neo soul, drum n base, to Brit pop. Located at 736 Ponce de Leon Ave.

**Little Five Points** is as alternative as Atlanta gets and has a slew of great bars. Check out **Brewhouse Cafe** where you can get reasonably priced, good beer, super cheap specials after eleven, and hang out on their killer patio. Also, try **Star Community Bar** and the **Variety Playhouse** where you can find good local and nationally-known bands. Also close to **Little Five** is **The Martini Club**, 1140 Crescent Ave., (404) 873-0794, a lounge set in a 1920's home decorated circa 1930's and 40's. Serving 54 different martinis and offering up great live jazz, the **Martini Club** is open Monday to Saturday.

**East Atlanta** is the up-and-coming part of town where all the truly hip hang out. It boasts some very cool bars—the **Earl** (sort of a dive, dark, great live music, \$2 PBR), **Flat Iron** (more young professional, but fun), **Echo Lounge** (another great place to hear live music).

Don't miss Atlanta's entertainment district in the center of town, **Underground Atlanta** (404) 523-2311, 50 Upper Alabama Street. Located at the historic railroad Zero Mile Post on Alabama Street between Peachtree Street and Central Avenue is Atlanta's "original" city center. **Underground** features specialty retailers, an international food court, cart vendors and 20 restaurants and nightclubs.

### **The Great Outdoors**

There are also plenty of opportunities to explore the great Southern outdoors, although you should bring your sunscreen and be prepared to swelter in the summer heat and humidity. These options are often the most inexpensive and the most fun! **Piedmont Park** downtown is a great place to rollerblade or bike, and there are often fun arts & craft fairs and other events in the park. On 10th and Peachtree there is a fabulous park with many activities all summer. **Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Inc.** is located in Piedmont Park at The Prado, 1345 Piedmont Avenue, (404) 876-5859. This tranquil oasis borders Piedmont Park, and tropical, desert and endangered plants from around the world are shown year-round in the Fuqua Conservatory. Admission: \$12. MARTA Mon.-Sat., Bus 36 (North Decatur) from Arts Center Station. Sunday, Bus 31 (Morningside/Lindbergh) from Lindbergh or Five Points Station.

On a more mellow note, outside of the city there is Southern countryside worth exploring. **Stone Mountain Memorial Park** is located 20 minutes outside of Atlanta. The park contains man-made beaches on a nice lake, a scenic climb up the mountain (or take the cable cars for the easy way up), many picnic areas, sports complexes, a nightly laser show (the largest in the country) set to music (a summer is not complete without hearing "Devil Went Down to Georgia" at the Stone Mountain Laser Show), and many summer festivals, rodeos, and craft fairs. Also, for civil war buffs, there are museums and programs detailing the history of Stone Mountain, (770) 498-5690, the world's largest exposed mass of granite. The surrounding park of 3,200 acres encompasses swimming, fishing, tennis, golf, skylifts, and other activities. Attractions open June - August 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Admission: \$8/car or \$35/annual pass.

**Lullwater Park**, 1463 Clifton Road, is Emory's gem. You can see Emory President's home, feed the ducks, bike or jog around the lake. (Warning: there are no restroom facilities at the park, so plan ahead!) If you like water-parks, you also should try Whitewater, a huge water-park in Marietta, though this is pretty expensive. **White Water Park** is located at 250 Cobb Parkway North, Marietta (770) 424-9290. This is the South's largest park with nearly 40 scenic acres of water adventure themes from around the world: Atlantic Ocean, Bahama Bob-slide and other attractions from relaxing to high-thrill! All ages come here, and there are separate kids areas. You can grab a six-pack and a bunch of friends to "Shoot the Hooch" and raft down the **Chattahoochee River** for some whitewater fun. Or for the more adventurous of you, a white water adventure on the **Nantahala, Ocoee, or Chattooga Rivers** awaits! Low individual and group rates are available. For information, contact the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, 675 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E. 8th Floor, Atlanta, (404) 817-6788. The **Malibu Grand Prix**, 5400 Brook Hollow Parkway, Norcross, (770) 416-7630, includes scaled Formula One racing, Sprint Car racing, Atlanta's premier sports arcade, nine batting cages, bumper boats and a full service restaurant. This racy combination offers fun-filled family entertainment. At **Q-Zar - The World's Favorite Laser Game** Venture Dr, Gwinnett, (770) 497-1313, zap into this futuristic live action indoor laser game.

"A World of Fun, Not a World Away," **Six Flags Over Georgia**, 7561 Six Flags Parkway, Austell, (770) 948-9290, is a huge amusement park with over a hundred thrilling rides. Admission is a little on the expensive side, with one-day tickets running around \$49.99, but this price includes unlimited access to rides and most daily shows. Since the park is open from 9 a.m. until 1 a.m., you can make this venture an all-day affair. Tickets are available in the summer months; these give you another ticket free for a future visit to the park.

## Sports

**Braves** baseball games are a favorite summer pastime, and \$6 tickets are usually available, and \$1 "Skyline" tickets are available day of game beginning three hours prior to game time at the ticket window. The team plays at Turner Field, Atlanta's newest stadium built especially for the 1996 Olympic Games. Take your car and park at one of the numerous surrounding lots or take MARTA to the Georgia State stop and walk three blocks to the stadium. To get Atlanta Braves Baseball tickets, call (800) 326-4000 (Ticketmaster), or visit the website at [www.atlantabraves.com](http://www.atlantabraves.com). The general information line is (404) 522-7630.

**Atlanta Falcons** Ticket Office is located at One Georgia Dome Drive Atlanta GA, 30313, (404) 223-8000. To get to the stadium, take MARTA to the Omni/Georgia Dome stop or take I-85 south to the connector and look for exit signs to the Georgia Dome.

## Shopping

For those more inclined toward indoor activities, Atlanta offers a plethora of shopping opportunities. **Underground Atlanta**, [www.underground-atlanta.com](http://www.underground-atlanta.com), offers "unique shopping, dining, history, and entertainment." There are large malls all over town including **Perimeter**, 4400 Ashford/Dunwoody Road, N.E. , (770) 394-4270. **Lenox Mall** and **Phipps Plaza**, 3500 Peachtree Road, N.E., claim to be the Southeast's true fashion center featuring Tiffany & Co., Gucci, Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord & Taylor and Parisian. These malls are on the more upscale side in Buckhead. **Northlake Mall**, 4800 Briarcliff Road, (770) 938-3564, has less expensive stores including Macy's, JCPenney, Sears, and Parisian. For

outlet shopping, check out the **North Georgia Premium Outlets**, located at 800 Highway 400 South Dawsonville, GA 30534, (706) 216-3609. You can find 25 to 65 percent discounts at 140 stores in a village-like setting, including Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, Calvin Klein and Coach. For something different than your average mall, check out **The Gallery at South Dekalb**, a mall that caters primarily to a close-knit African-American community, featuring talent shows, game nights and urban fashion. Finally, a new spot to visit is **Atlantic Station**, [www.atlanticstation.com](http://www.atlanticstation.com), which provides a mix of shopping, dining, movies, sports bars, and more!

### **Getting Away**

At **Callaway Gardens** in Pine Mountain (about a two hour drive), (706) 663-2281, [www.callawaygardens.com/index.htm](http://www.callawaygardens.com/index.htm), are 2500 acres of native wildflowers, woodlands, scenic drives, trails, golf, tennis, fishing and more and are open daily. The cost of admission is \$13, and the beach is open during the summer for an additional charge.

Around 45 minutes northeast of the city, **Lake Lanier** is a beautiful lake where one can find beaches, picnic areas, and hiking trails. However, there is an admission charge for the water slides by the lake. Contact the Lake Lanier Islands Emerald Point Resort, 7000 Holiday Road, Lake Lanier Islands, (770) 932-7200, [www.lakelanierislands.com](http://www.lakelanierislands.com), for more information on this 1,200-acre resort featuring two hotels, water park, golf, boat rentals, campgrounds, stables and ten pavilions for group outings. Islands are open all day, every day. Admission: \$7 per car, \$35 annual pass, Beach and Water Park: Adults: \$29.99, children under 42" and senior citizens are \$16.99, children 2 and under free.

At **Islas de Oro**, you can find unspoiled beaches, wildlife, historic homes, and Marshes of Glynn.

**Savannah**, Georgia is approximately 5 hours from Atlanta. The downtown historic district is located on the Savannah River. Tour antebellum homes or have lunch in one of the many parks and gardens in this classic southern city. To get to Savannah, take I-75 SE to I-16 E.

**Black Rock State Park** is three miles north of Clayton via US 23, Mountain City, 706-746-2141. Black Rock has extensive hiking trails crisscrossing 1,800 acres with trails ranging from easy to rugged. Mountains, waterfalls, abundant wildlife and a variety of flowers fill this park, located approximately two and a half hours from Atlanta.

**Great Smokey Mountain National Park** is about three hours north near Gatlinburg, Tennessee. There are beautiful trails from nature walks to day hikes to parts of the Appalachian Trail. Camping facilities are also available in the park. Take I-75 North then I-40 east to exit 486. Then follow the signs through Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg to the Park. (You can do some great outlet shopping or see Dollywood on the way if you want.)

**Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga**, 1-800-262-0695, is about 2 hours north of Atlanta, taking I-75 north to I-24 west. Opened in 1992, the aquarium is the first and largest freshwater aquarium in the world, boasting an IMAX 3D theater as well as a 9,000-animal population that includes river otters, paddlefish, and other species native to the southeast.

**Beaches:** Gorgeous beaches are quite close, only about a 6 hour drive south to the panhandle of Florida or northeast to the coast of North and South Carolina. The top vacation spots are Destin and Panama

City, Florida and Hilton Head, NC. Condos can be rented by the day and by the week. Search online real estate agencies that specialize in summer rentals.

### **Southern Comfort**

For a complete listing of upcoming specific events and activities, get a free copy of Creative Loafing (<http://atlanta.creativeloafing.com/gyrobase>), be advised that it is a self-proclaimed “shelter from the mainstream,” a monthly paper, from local newsstands and grocery stores. This guide lists many cheap and convenient activities. The Friday and Saturday Living and Weekend sections of *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution* also have pretty thorough listings of social events going on around town. Finally, discounts for various places (Six Flags, Whitewater) and events can often be found on the back of Coca-Cola cans (Coke was founded in Atlanta, you know). Enjoy ATL!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

American Red Cross	(404) 876-3302
Atlanta Children’s Center	(404)-892-3713
Atlanta Urban Ministry	(404) 881-6744
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta	(404) 601-7000
Environment Georgia	(404) 892-3573
Hands on Atlanta (a clearinghouse of volunteer opportunities)	(404) 979-2800
Jerusalem House (homeless with HIV/AIDS)	(404) 350-1633
Partnership Against Domestic Violence	(404) 870-9600
Planned Parenthood	(404) 688-9305
Project Open Hand	(404) 872-6947
Veterans’ Administration Medical Association	(404) 321-6111 Ext. 7728

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