

## Atlanta – A City with Southern Charm and World-Class Sophistication

Thinking about doing some exploring while you are here in Atlanta in October? Considering taking in a show or attending a sporting event? We've got great news – Atlanta has a lot to offer when it comes to entertainment. Recently named #6 in Lonely Planet's "[10 Best in the US](#)" destinations, Atlanta is a city with Southern charm and world-class sophistication. Sports, concerts, theater, and other attractions abound in this beautiful city of the South and we thought we would introduce you to some of our favorites.

### Sports of All Kinds and at All Levels

Professional sports are big in Atlanta, and the folks here are known to be quite passionate about their teams. Atlanta is home to six major league teams: [Atlanta Falcons](#), (American football-NFL), [Atlanta Braves](#) (baseball-MLB), [Atlanta Hawks](#) (men's basketball-NBA), [Atlanta Dream](#) (women's basketball-WNBA), [Atlanta United FC](#) (European-style football-MLS), [Atlanta Blaze](#) (men's lacrosse-MLL); and three minor league teams: [Atlanta Gladiators](#) (hockey), [Gwinnett Braves](#) (baseball), and [Georgia Swarm](#) (men's lacrosse).

American-style football is especially big in Georgia, not only at the NFL level of the Atlanta Falcons (some of us are still recovering from the Falcon's devastating [Super Bowl LI](#) loss in February 2017), but at the college and high school levels as well. In fact, we love our college football so much, that the [College Football Hall of Fame](#) actually relocated from South Bend, Indiana (home of historic Notre Dame football!) to Atlanta in 2014! Take note: [Georgia Tech](#) and the [University of Georgia](#) are "must see" attractions for all die-hard college football fans.

#### Atlanta sporting events, October 20 – 28, 2017.

- Atlanta Gladiators – [Friday and Saturday, October 20 & 21](#), v. Florida Everblades, [Infinite Energy Center and Arena](#)
- Georgia Tech – [Saturday, October 21, 2017](#), Homecoming v. Wake Forest, Bobby Dodd Stadium
- Atlanta United FC – [Sun., October 22, 2017, 4pm](#), v. Toronto FC, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, (last reg. season match)
- Atlanta Falcons – at New England Patriots, ick. (Remember that Super Bowl we mentioned earlier? Well, it was the New England Patriots and quarterback Tom Brady that orchestrated the epic "come from behind" victory that still stings a little bit...)
- UGA – bye week, rats.
- Atlanta Braves – post-season playoffs begin October 3, 2017 – keep your fingers crossed!
- Atlanta Hawks – pre-season and regular season games TBA, [Philips Arena](#)

### Atlanta's Arts and Culture Scene

When it comes to arts and culture, Atlanta is rich with can't-miss classics and avant-garde performances. Atlanta is home to dozens of venues for concerts, plays, performances, comedy shows, and other live events. From orchestra concerts and ballet performances to comedy shows and Broadway shows, Atlanta has a venue for that. Some of the more unique venues in the area include the [Fox Theatre](#), the [Lakewood Amphitheatre](#), the [Shakespeare Tavern Playhouse](#) and [Agatha's A Taste of Mystery](#). This is just a small number of the venues where you can take in a show, whether you're in the mood for a classic play or a heavy metal concert. For more information, be sure to check out [Atlanta Theater](#) for details about upcoming shows all around Atlanta.

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### Atlanta Performances, October 21 – 28, 2017.

- Lakewood Amphitheatre – October schedule TBA
- Shakespeare Tavern Playhouse, 2017 – 2018 Season TBA
- Fox Theater – [David Sedaris](#), Sunday, October 22, 7pm.
- Agatha’s A Taste of Mystery – [The Spy Who Murdered Me](#) , Tues-Thurs: 7:30, Fri.: 8pm, Sun: 3pm.
- Atlanta Symphony Hall – [La La Land – In Concert with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra](#), Thurs. Oct. 26, 7:30pm

If it is the museum scene you are looking for, look no further than a few miles from Emory’s campus. Atlanta is home to many renowned (and several less “well known”) museums. Visits to the [Center for Civil and Human Rights](#), the [Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum](#), and the [Fernbank Museum of Natural History](#) are all included in this year’s Annual Course. However, if you have some extra time, there are many more museums to choose from!

Our “main stream museums” are anything but typical. The [High Museum of Art](#) has grown from its origins in a stately home on Peachtree Street to become the leading art museum in the southeastern United States, while the [Children’s Museum of Atlanta](#) began in 1988 as a virtual “museum without walls” until opening a permanent facility in 2003 in Atlanta’s Centennial Olympic Park. [Atlanta’s History Center](#) is **actually a collection of museums** including the [Atlanta History Museum](#), [The Swan House](#) (aka President Snow’s mansion in the Hunger Games: Catching Fire), the [Kenan Research Center](#), and the [Margaret Mitchell House](#) – the birthplace of the famous story, [Gone with the Wind](#).

The [Georgia Aquarium](#)’s 10 million gallons of water features more aquatic life in its seven unique galleries than any other aquarium and [Zoo Atlanta](#) is one of only four zoos in the United States to raise [Giant Pandas](#)! (Tip: if you are considering a trip to Zoo Atlanta, our very own [Christina Glon](#) is a docent at Zoo Atlanta and can give you the inside scoop on making the most of your visit.) The [Atlanta Botanical Gardens](#) offer 30-acres of botanical bliss through a variety of smaller themed gardens ranging from desert sands to tropical rain forests and everything in between.

But are you looking for something a little *off* the beaten path? How about the [World of Coca-Cola](#) or the [Waffle House Museum](#)? Going to be spending some extra time near the airport, forgo the chaos of the terminal and venture over to the [Delta Flight Museum](#). Looking for something close by? Consider walking across the street to the [David J. Sencer CDC Museum: A Smithsonian Affiliate](#) or just down Clifton Road to Emory’s [Michael C. Carlos Museum](#). Check out the history of the “world’s first 24-hour news network” with one of the many “behind the scenes” [CNN Studio Tours](#) or explore the history of money in the [Atlanta Monetary Museum](#) at the [Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta](#). And for the kid in all of us, the [Center for Puppetry Arts](#) features the famously fun [Worlds of Puppetry Museum](#).

With so much to offer, it is easy to see why we love to call Atlanta home. We look forward to welcoming you here in October and please feel free to reach out to any of us for excursion recommendations.

Sincerely,  
The Local Planning Committee,  
Christina Glon (Chair), Mark Engsborg, Amy Flick, and Jason LeMay