



BEYOND THE CONFERENCE

The Ultimate Atlanta Experience Guide

Welcome to Atlanta—known as The City in the Forest!

While the conference schedule is packed with incredible sessions and networking opportunities, we also invite you to experience the energy, charm, and diversity of Atlanta beyond the conference. From lush green spaces and rich cultural landmarks to iconic attractions, vibrant food halls, and top-tier shopping, this city has something for everyone. Whether you're looking to unwind in nature, dive into local history, discover sustainable initiatives, or simply enjoy a memorable meal, Atlanta has it all.

Explore all that Atlanta has to offer!

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OUTDOOR & HIKING ACTIVITIES

- **Atlanta Botanical Garden**

A lush, 30-acre oasis with diverse display gardens, a tropical conservatory, and seasonal exhibits.
1345 Piedmont Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30309 (10 min drive from Westin Buckhead)
Visit Website: <https://atlantabg.org>

- **Atlanta Beltline**

A vibrant multi-use trail connecting parks, art installations, and neighborhoods. Perfect for walking, biking, and exploring local culture.
Access Point: 830 Willoughby Way NE, Atlanta, GA 30312 (15 min drive from Westin Buckhead)
Visit Website: <https://beltline.org>

- **Piedmont Park**

Sprawling urban green space is ideal for walking, recreation, and scenic lake views.
1320 Monroe Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30306 (15 min drive from Westin Buckhead)
Visit Website: <https://www.piedmontpark.org>

- **Blue Heron Nature Preserve**

A serene 30-acre woodland sanctuary with trails and wildlife observation in north Buckhead.
Edgewood Ave NE, Atlanta, GA (7 min drive from Westin Buckhead)
Visit Website: <https://www.blueheronnature.org>

- **Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area**

Riverside park offers hiking, birding, kayaking, and peaceful river trails.
River Vista Dr W, Atlanta, GA (15 min drive from Westin Buckhead)
Visit Website: <https://www.nps.gov/chat>

- **Morningside Nature Preserve**

Hidden gem near Midtown offering shaded walking trails, a suspension bridge, and dog-friendly areas along the South Fork Peachtree Creek..
2020 Lenox Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30324 (10 min drive from Westin Buckhead)
Visit Website: <https://www.atlantatrails.com/hiking-trails/morningside-nature-preserve>

- **Chastain Park**

One of the city's largest parks, featuring trails, golf, tennis courts, and picnic areas.
4469 Stella Dr NW, Atlanta, GA 30327 (8 min drive from Westin Buckhead)
Visit Website: <https://www.chastainpark.org>

- **Path400 Greenway Trail**

A scenic 5-mile trail perfect for walking, jogging, or cycling through Buckhead's green corridor.
Along GA-400, Atlanta, GA (8 min drive from Westin Buckhead)
Visit Website: <https://path400.org>

- **Cochran Shoals Trail**

An easy, flat walking trail alongside the river, ideal for birdwatching, walking, and wildlife observation.

1956 Eugene Gunby Rd, Marietta, GA 30067 *(20 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.nps.gov/chat/planyourvisit/cochran-shoals.htm>

- **Stone Mountain Park**

Georgia's most-visited attraction offers nature trails, scenic views, and the popular hike to the top of Stone Mountain.

1000 Robert E Lee Blvd, Stone Mountain, GA 30083 *(35 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.stonemountainpark.com>

- **Chattahoochee Nature Center**

A 127-acre environmental sanctuary featuring native wildlife, walking trails, gardens, and river access. Great for nature lovers and families alike.

9135 Willeo Rd, Roswell, GA 30075 *(25 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.chattnaturecenter.org>

- **Atlanta Trails**

AtlantaTrails.com is a comprehensive guide to the best hiking, running, and outdoor adventure spots in and around Atlanta, featuring detailed trail maps, photos, and tips for exploring Georgia's scenic landscapes.

Visit Website: <https://www.atlantatrails.com/>

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

- **Centennial Olympic Park**

A 22-acre greenspace built for the 1996 Olympics, now hosting concerts and cultural festivals.

265 Park Ave W NW, Atlanta, GA 30313 (12 min drive from Westin Buckhead)

Visit Website: <https://www.gwcca.org/centennial-olympic-park>

- **College Football Hall of Fame**

Interactive exhibits and gameday theater celebrating football history at all levels of the game.

250 Marietta St NW, Atlanta, GA 30303 (12 min drive from Westin Buckhead)

Visit Website: <https://www.cfbhall.com>

- **The King Center**

Honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with exhibits, his birth home, and the eternal flame.

449 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30312 (15 min drive from Westin Buckhead)

Visit Website: <https://thekingcenter.org>

- **Atlanta History Center**

A 33-acre campus with museums, historic homes, and gardens, offering insight into Atlanta's past.

130 W Paces Ferry Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30305 (8 min drive from Westin Buckhead)

Visit Website: <https://www.atlantahistorycenter.com>

- **National Center for Civil and Human Rights**

Powerful, immersive museum exploring civil rights history and modern global human rights movements.

100 Ivan Allen Jr Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30313 (12 min drive from Westin Buckhead)

Visit Website: <https://www.civilandhumanrights.org>

- **Margaret Mitchell House**

Tour the former home of the author of *Gone With the Wind* and learn about her literary legacy.

990 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30309 (9 min drive from Westin Buckhead)

Visit Website: <https://www.margaretmitchellhouse.com>

- **High Museum of Art**

One of the leading art museums in the Southeast, with a rich collection and rotating exhibitions.

1280 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30309 (10 min drive from Westin Buckhead)

Visit Website: <https://www.high.org>

- **Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum**

Exhibits on President Carter's life, presidency, and global humanitarian work.

441 Freedom Pkwy NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 (15 min drive from Westin Buckhead)

Visit Website: <https://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov>

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

- **SkyView Atlanta**

A 200-foot Ferris wheel offering panoramic views of downtown Atlanta
168 Luckie St NW, Atlanta, GA 30303 *(12 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*
Visit Website: <https://www.skyviewatlanta.com>

- **Georgia Aquarium**

One of the world's largest aquariums, home to whale sharks, belugas, and diverse marine life.
225 Baker St NW, Atlanta, GA 30313 *(12 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*
Visit Website: <https://www.georgiaaquarium.org>

- **World of Coca-Cola**

An interactive museum showcasing Coca-Cola's history, global brand story, and tasting experiences.
121 Baker St NW, Atlanta, GA 30313 *(12 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*
Visit Website: <https://www.worldofcoca-cola.com>

- **Fernbank Museum of Natural History**

Interactive science exhibits, dinosaur displays, and a forest trail make this a fun and educational stop.
767 Clifton Rd, Atlanta, GA 30307 *(17 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*
Visit Website: <https://www.fernbankmuseum.org>

- **Zoo Atlanta**

Home to over 1,000 animals including pandas, gorillas, and elephants, with engaging exhibits and interactive activities for kids.
800 Cherokee Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30315 *(20 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*
Visit Website: <https://zooatlanta.org>

SUSTAINABILITY FOCUSED ATTRACTIONS

- **Southface Institute**

A nonprofit focused on sustainable building practices, energy efficiency, and climate solutions. Their Resource Center offers tours of a high-performance building using renewable energy and green design.

241 Pine St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 *(15 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.southface.org>

- **Georgia Tech Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design**

One of the greenest buildings in the Southeast, certified under the rigorous Living Building Challenge. Offers tours showcasing cutting-edge sustainability in architecture and systems.

349 Ferst Dr NW, Atlanta, GA 30313 *(15 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://livingbuilding.gatech.edu>

- **Atlanta Community Food Bank**

A large-scale nonprofit committed to food justice and reducing waste through food rescue and redistribution. Offers volunteer opportunities and sustainability-focused programming.

3400 North Desert Drive, Atlanta, GA 30344 *(25 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.acfb.org>

- **Truly Living Well Center for Natural Urban Agriculture**

Urban farm promoting community engagement, organic farming, and sustainability education. Offers public events, tours, and workshops.

324 Lawton St SW, Atlanta, GA 30310 *(20 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://trulylivingwell.com>

- **EcoAddendum (Eco-A)**

Offers guided eco-walks and educational programs in Atlanta's urban forests to promote conservation and native ecology.

Multiple locations depending on the event

Visit Website: <https://www.ecoaddendum.org>

- **Trees Atlanta**

A nonprofit dedicated to protecting Atlanta's urban tree canopy through planting, education, and conservation. Visit their TreeHouse at the Atlanta BeltLine for interactive exhibits.

112 Krog St NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 *(15 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.treesatlanta.org>

URBAN MARKETS & FOOD HALLS

- **Ponce City Market**

Renovated warehouse featuring a food hall, retail shops, rooftop games, and BeltLine access.

675 Ponce de Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 *(12 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://poncecitymarket.com>

- **Krog Street Market**

An indoor market with curated food stalls and boutique shops on the Eastside BeltLine.

99 Krog St NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 *(15 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.krogstreetmarket.com>

- **Chatahoochee Food Works**

A 31-vendor food hall in West Midtown offering global flavors, chef-driven concepts, and outdoor seating in The Works development.

1235 Chatahoochee Ave NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 *(20 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.chatahoocheefoodworks.com>

- **Politan Row at Colony Square**

A stylish, chef-driven food hall located in Midtown's Colony Square development. Perfect for upscale, quick bites with a modern twist.

1197 Peachtree St NE Suite 150, Atlanta, GA 30361 *(10 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.politanrow.com/atlanta>

- **Sweet Auburn Curb Market**

Historic indoor public market offering soul food, fresh produce, local meats, and small eateries. A cultural landmark in Atlanta's Old Fourth Ward.

209 Edgewood Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30303 *(15 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://thecurbmarket.com>

- **Atlanta Dairies**

A revitalized dairy plant turned into a mixed-use space with live music, bars, and casual dining. Not a full food hall, but a cool gathering space with food and drinks.

777 Memorial Dr SE, Atlanta, GA 30316 *(18 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.atlantadairies.com>

SHOPPING & DINING

- **Lenox Square**

Upscale indoor mall with a range of dining, from casual eateries to fine-dining restaurants.

3393 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30326 *(3 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.lenoxsquare.com>

- **Phipps Plaza**

An elegant shopping destination also featuring a variety of sit-down restaurants and cafés.

3500 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30326 *(4 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.shophipps.com>

- **The Shops Around Lenox**

Charming open-air center offering a mix of cafes, upscale bistros, and boutique restaurants.

Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30326 *(4 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.shopsaroundlenox.com/>

- **Buckhead Village District**

An upscale, walkable eight-block district featuring luxury retailers like Hermès, Dior, and Tom Ford, alongside vibrant dining, art installations, and regular events.

Peachtree Rd & East Paces Ferry Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30305 *(3 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://buckheadvillagedistrict.com>

- **Lucy's Market**

A stylish café and gourmet market offering prepared foods, local produce, flowers, and unique gift basket services.

56 E Andrews Dr NW, Atlanta, GA 30305 *(5 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://lucysmarket.com>

- **Little Five Points**

Atlanta's iconic bohemian enclave known for vintage clothing, independent record shops, quirky bookstores, and street art

E. College Ave & Euclid Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 *(15 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://www.little5points.com>

- **Virginia Highlands**

An upscale yet laid-back district filled with stylish fashion boutiques, home décor shops, and artisanal eateries.

North Highland Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30306 *(15 min drive from Westin Buckhead)*

Visit Website: <https://virginiahighlanddistrict.com>