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Put some respect on the name, when you're in "The A-T-L," you've arrived. Whether you're in town for work or play, cruising downtown in a Rolls Royce Dawn, have tickets to a game (Atlanta boasts top home games both college and pro), or just here for a frat party at UGA, we got you boo, with a who's who of what to do. Throw a dart at any point on the map – Buckhead, Downtown, Eastside, Westside, South, Midtown, and even surrounding counties – and you'll hit a major draw. Stone Mountain and Six Flags. National Parks and nature preserves. Performing arts centers and a presidential library. This time of year? If you aren't at a Braves game, are you even here?

BARNSELEY RESORT

Welcome to your once upon a time full of history, romance, and outdoor adventure. A storybook estate built out of love 200 years ago by Godfrey Barnsley for his beloved bride, now this idyllic retreat is a love letter for all who come here seeking to get away to grow closer. On 3,000 breathtaking acres, indulge in exceptional cuisine, championship golf, a sporting club, relaxing spa,

horseback riding and hiking, biking, and walking trails, all just a short drive from both Atlanta and Chattanooga. Channel your main character energy among the Beer Garden, Saylor Hall, the Rice House, Town Hall, and Woodlands Grill, all the scenic spots that make up one of the Top 10 Resorts in the South from Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards, the Inn at Barnsley Resort. barnsleyresort.com

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THE STARLING HOTEL

Prepare to be impressed with every detail from bold design styles to sweeping views of the city skyline to pampering spa experiences. There are nearby sights galore, including art museums, shopping centers, and even the Center for Puppetry Arts, and in the lobby is Lantana, a premier restaurant serving seasonal faire such as Bang Island mussels and a garlic butter burger. If nothing else, head to the terrace pool for some much needed R&R in ATL's urban jungle. thestarling.com



BARBIE BEACH

In Turin, GA is a beach with some unusual inhabitants. This six-by-four-foot plot of sand is where Barbies and Kens (some clothed, some not) lounge and play. The display changes regularly to reflect current events like the Olympics, a royal wedding, or the Fourth of July. The exhibit began when the property owners changed the position of their driveway and discovered they had some extra land to work with. Follow signs to see this quirky, home-grown roadside attraction. [Facebook @Barbie-Beach](https://www.facebook.com/Barbie-Beach)



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TINY DOORS

The tour that everyone's talking about is smaller than one might expect. Karen Anderson Singer, the artist behind the ongoing project made up of seven-inch door sculptures has placed over 22 tiny doors throughout the city. Take a self-guided tour using a custom online map, each door a celebration of the specific neighborhood or area they are placed in. Some doors are even enabled through augmented reality to show visitors what lies inside of each gateway. tinydoorsatl.com



THE BOOTH MUSEUM

Experience the American West without leaving the Southeast. With over 120,000 square feet of display area, and as many as four rotating exhibits and permanent collections, this site will leave guests hollering "Yee-haw!" Upcoming exhibitions include contemporary American artists' metal sculptures. Be on the lookout for special events like lectures from visiting artists and curators and West Fest in October complete with a Western marketplace. boothmuseum.org



NEWNAN MERCANTILE

When the hustle and bustle of Atlanta gets to be too much, head to Coweta County for some laid-back adventures. This area boasts numerous entries in the National Historic Registry along with outdoor experiences, arts and entertainment outlets and more. If retail therapy along quaint main streets with locally owned storefronts sounds like the perfect get-away, traipse through any one of the towns to pick up goods that won't be found elsewhere. Newnan Mercantile started as an online store before opening its brick and mortar shop with items such as housewares, art, accessories and apparel, and one-of-a-kind pieces of furniture. newnanmercantile.com

SAVOY AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

The latest addition to the collection of Georgia Museums, Inc., here visitors will find what "connects people to the cultural diversity of the automobile." Featuring vehicles from across the globe and throughout history in revolving exhibits and one permanent exhibit, this attraction is for those who dabble in the auto-arts and staunch car enthusiasts alike. Events include "Hoods Up!" weekends wherein the inner workings of some of the vehicles are displayed, complimentary highlights tours (with price of admission), and even movie nights at the museum. Gentle-people, start your engines and head to this newly opened enterprise. savoymuseum.org



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