Atlanta is Georgia’s largest city and the principal trade and transportation centre of the southeastern United States. It is the centre of an extensive metropolitan area that includes 20 counties and cities such as Decatur, East Point, and Marietta. Atlanta owes its existence to the railroads, the routes of which were determined by geography. Lying as it does at the southern extremity of the Appalachian Mountains, it became the gateway through which most overland traffic had to pass between the southern Atlantic Seaboard and regions to the west. In 1837 a spot near what is now Five Points, in the centre of the present-day city, was selected for the southern terminus of a railroad that was subsequently built northward to Chattanooga, Tennessee.
Hotels

Atlanta’s Midtown and Downtown neighborhoods make up the heart of the city and are the best places to stay for travelers who want to go sightseeing, especially those who prefer to be within walking distance of the main attractions. These areas also have a good selection of hotels.

- **The Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta**
  210 Peachtree St NW
  Atlanta, GA 30303
  Phone: +1 (404) 659-1400 / [Website](#)

- **Hyatt Regency Atlanta**
  265 Peachtree Street NE
  Atlanta, GA 30303
  Phone: +1 (404) 577-1234 / [Website](#)

- **Hilton Atlanta**
  255 Courtland Street NE
  Atlanta, GA 30303
  Phone: +1 (404) 659-2000 / [Website](#)

- **Marriott Marquis Atlanta**
  265 Peachtree Center Ave
  Atlanta, GA 30303
  Phone: +1 (404) 521-0000 / [Website](#)

- **Sheraton Atlanta Hotel**
  165 Courtland Street
  Atlanta, GA 30303
  Phone: +1 (404) 659-6500 / [Website](#)

- **Ellis Hotel / Marriott Bonvoy**
  176 Peachtree Street NW
  Atlanta, GA 30303
  Phone: +1 (404) 523-5155 / [Website](#)
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Attractions

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Georgia Aquarium
225 Baker St NW
Atlanta, GA 30313
Phone: +1 (404) 581-4000 / Website

World of Coca-Cola
121 Baker St NW
Atlanta, GA 30313
Phone: +1 (404) 676-5151 / Website

CNN Center
190 Marietta St NW
Atlanta, GA 30333 / Website

Fox Theatre
660 Peachtree St NE
Atlanta, GA 30308
Phone: +1 (855) 285-8499 / Website

Stone Mountain Park
1000 Robert E Lee Blvd
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Phone: +1 (770) 498-5690 / Website

Atlanta Botanical Garden
1345 Piedmont Ave NE
Atlanta, GA 30309
Phone: +1 (404) 876-5859 / Website
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Centennial Olympic Park
265 Park Ave W NW
Atlanta, GA 30313
Phone: +1 (404) 223-4412 / Website

Martin Luther King Jr. Historic Site
450 Auburn Ave NE
Atlanta, GA 30312
Phone: +1 (404) 331-5190 / Website

Piedmont Park
1320 Monroe Dr NE
Atlanta, GA 30306
Phone: +1 (404) 875-7275 / Website

High Museum of Art
1280 Peachtree St NE
Atlanta, GA 30309
Phone: +1 (404) 733-4400 / Website

Center for Civil and Human Rights
100 Ivan Allen Jr Blvd NW
Atlanta, GA 30313
Phone: +1 (678) 999-8990 / Website

Atlanta History Center
130 W Paces Ferry Rd NW
Atlanta, GA 30305
Phone: +1 (404) 814-4000 / Website

Atlanta Zoo
800 Cherokee Ave SE,
Atlanta, GA 30315
Phone: +1 (404) 624-5936 / Website
Downtown Touristic Attractions Map
Transportation

Atlanta is easy to navigate, both with your own set of wheels or on public transportation. The city is well served by the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority bus and rail system and a

Atlanta Streetcar  
Cost: $1  
https://www.itsmarta.com/streetcar.aspx

MARTA train & buses  
Cost: Varies  
https://www.itsmarta.com/index.html

Xpress  
Cost: Varies  
https://www.srta.ga.gov/

CobbLinc  
Cost: Varies  
https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/cobblinc

Panther Express  
Cost: free for students  
https://parking.gsu.edu/transportation/