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## **MIDTOWN ATLANTA OFFERS MYRIAD OF FUN FOR TRAVELERS**

**ATLANTA** – Considered to be one of Atlanta’s most vibrant neighborhoods, Midtown has a cosmopolitan stature that comes from the eclectic blend of fun and unique attractions, renowned shopping and numerous entertainment options. Hotel Palomar Atlanta, located in the heart of Midtown, offers guests the convenience of being close to the city’s most desirable event venues, cultural attractions, and sophisticated nightlife to experience the energy of this cultural capitol of the South.

### **Arts & Culture**

Midtown’s extensive art scene and rich history create cultural offerings unmatched in the South. From historic to modern, visitors can enjoy art, performances and educational opportunities throughout the city.

The Woodruff Arts Center is the largest performing and visual arts center in the nation, encompassing the Alliance Theatre, Atlanta Symphony Hall (home to the GRAMMY award-winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra), High Museum of Art, Young Audiences, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse and Table 1280 restaurant.

High Museum of Art attracts more than half a million visitors each year, hosting world-renowned exhibits with works by van Gogh, Norman Rockwell and Michelangelo. The High’s permanent collection of more than 11,000 works includes African, American, decorative, European, folk, modern and contemporary art and photography.

The High developed an exclusive partnership with the Musée du Louvre in Paris that brings hundreds of works from the Louvre’s collections to Atlanta from October 2006 through 2009. This is the only opportunity in the United States to see this prestigious collection.

The Fox Theatre is one of the country’s best preserved picture palaces from the Golden Age of cinema. Designed and built in the 1920s, the theater was originally the Yaarab Temple Shrine Mosque, the headquarters of the Shriners. Visitors encounter an indoor Arabian courtyard with flickering stars and drifting clouds when they come to see the Atlanta Ballet, a summer film series, Broadway productions and other musical performances.

The 15-acre Atlanta Botanical Garden borders Piedmont Park and brings exhibitions from world-renowned artists such as Dale Chihuly and Niki de Saint Phalle. The Garden features outdoor gardens, walking trails, Children’s Garden, the Dorothy Chapman Fuqua Conservatory housing rare and endangered plants from tropical rainforests and desert regions, and the Fuqua Orchid

Center.

### **Out on the Town**

Located in Midtown's west side, Compound is an Atlanta hotspot. The weekend begins with Thursday nights, better known as Alma at Compound where free salsa lessons are given in this hip Latin dance scene.

Dress to impress at Cosmopolitan where the lounge is packed for Acoustic Thursdays and Friday nights for the free buffet during happy hour. Enjoy their drinks of the month, such as the Sour Appletini, and a wide range of menu options from calamari and hummus to beef tenderloin kebobs and coconut-fried shrimp.

The ultra-chic Halo Lounge in the Biltmore across the street from the Hotel Palomar is one of the best laid-back settings for socializing, mid-tempo music and classic cocktails.

Once known as the funky eleven50 nightclub, which opened in 2000 and closed six years later; the new and improved Opera boasts more than \$2 million in renovations with upgrades such as a bigger dance floor, second-floor opera boxes and a new DJ booth.

### **Shopping in Midtown**

Atlanta has one of the top ten retail markets in the country, and the city's neighborhoods are a great place to find antiques, art galleries, arts and crafts stores, thrift stores and boutiques.

In Midtown, travelers can enjoy Atlantic Station, the newest addition to Atlanta's shopping scene. Located in Midtown's Westside, this urban development boasts more than 20 eateries and 30 retailers including Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, Bath and Body Works, DSW Shoe Warehouse, Dillard's, Express, Gap, White House/Black Market and IKEA.

Atlanta's malls feature such anchor stores as Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Dillard's, Belk, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom and Saks Fifth Avenue. Together, Lenox Square and Phipps Plaza offer the most concentrated collection of upscale stores available anywhere in the city, including Barneys, Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co., Jil Sander, Gucci, Cartier, Burberry, Jimmy Choo and Louis Vuitton.

### **The Great Outdoors**

Set at the foot of the Appalachian Mountains and blessed with a mild climate year-round, Atlanta has city parks and trails as well as outlying areas that present challenging outdoor adventures.

Piedmont Park provides an in-town recreational venue in Atlanta's Midtown area. With 185 acres, sidewalks and expansive green spaces, the park includes playgrounds for children of varying ages, baseball, soccer and football fields as well as public tennis courts. Pedestrian walkways are perfect for a stroll, providing spectacular views of the city skyline and Lake Clara Meer. Canine lovers can exercise their pets at the Piedmont Park Dog Park, an enclosed area where dogs can play off-leash.

The PATH trails for pedestrians, bikers and rollerbladers is 18 miles from Georgia Tech through Atlanta suburbs to Stone Mountain Park. Stop at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum, experience the quirky Little Five Points, or enjoy lunch in Decatur. Other in-town PATH trails include the South Decatur Trolley Trail, the Westside Trail and the Chastain Park Trail.

## **Other Area Attractions**

Dive into a one-of-a-kind aquatic experience at the world's largest aquarium, the [Georgia Aquarium](#). Get up close with gentle whale sharks, toothy sand tiger sharks, graceful beluga whales, playful sea otters and aquatic animals from around the globe. With the largest collection of aquatic animals, kids and adults alike are sure to see something new.

From a multi-sensory 4-D theater, a marvelously restored 1880s soda fountain, a one-of-a-kind World of Coca-Cola glass bottle produced in a real, live bottling line, to an opportunity to sample nearly 70 different beverages from around the world, you'll experience something inviting around every corner at the [World of Coca-Cola](#).

Located in historic Grant Park, [Zoo Atlanta](#) features more than 200 species of animals from the African plains and Asian forests. See Bornean Sumatran orangutans, Asian small-clawed otters and Sumatran tigers, plus a pair of Giant Pandas and a new panda cub. The Ford African Rain Forest houses one of the largest captive gorilla populations in North America with a total of 24 gorillas.

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