

Insider's Guide to

Welcome to Hot-Lanta! The unofficial capital of the "New South" is a sprawling metropolis that's constantly being reinvented. So where to start? Don't worry; the Sonnhalter Insider's Guide to Atlanta is here to help.

We asked some of our friends in the ATL for their suggestions on where to go and what to do to get a feel for the "real" city. Sure, there's legendary soul food and good old southern hospitality, but with so many people flocking to The A, there's a true melting pot of cuisine, sounds and sights. After all, at Sonnhalter, we not only like to get our hands dirty, we like to make our stomachs happy too!

So, when you're not busy with business, make sure you get out and enjoy all this Olympic city has to offer. With so many vibrant neighborhoods, things are always jumping.

Downtown Atlanta/Convention Center

Busy Bee Café

Soul Food

(404) 525-9212

www.thebusybeecafe.com

Open since 1947, this downtown classic is a staple of the community, with southern soul classics made right.

The Deer and the Dove

New American

(404) 748-4617

www.deerdove.com

The Deer and The Dove is a neighborhood restaurant serving "rustic new American dishes" — think rabbit, duck, and venison prepared in the kitchen's wood-burning oven — along with smaller dishes comprising of ingredients from local and small Georgia farms.

Der Beirgarten

German

(404) 521-2728

www.derbiegarten.com

A spacious biergarten tucked away minutes from the Convention Center. Offers a true taste of German hospitality and dining.

Magic City Kitchen

(404) 495-4808

www.magiccitykitchen.com

We take pride in serving our signature wings. Over the years we have expanded our menu to encompass recipes ranging from catfish nuggets to items that have been created by our guests such as the chicken, shrimp, broccoli loaded potato.

Meehan's Public House

Irish Pub

(404) 214-9821

www.meehanspublichouse.com/location/downtown

Classic Irish dishes elevated to the gourmet level, with the service and good-hearted ambiance you'd expect from a classic Irish Pub.

Poor Calvin's

Asian Fusion, Southern, Comfort Food

(404) 254-4051

www.poorcalvins.com

Modern, intimate eatery featuring an Asian fusion menu, plus both classic & creative cocktails.

Ray's in the City

Steak & Seafood

(404) 524-9224

www.raysrestaurants.com/raysinthecity/home

Amazing steaks, seafood flown in daily and regular live jazz make this the place in downtown for fine dining.

Stats Brewpub

Brewpub

(404) 885-1472

www.statsatl.com

Occupying the space that was Nike's hospitality suite for the Olympics, this is the ultimate location for a casual meeting, private event or tasty meal. Many tables feature built-in beer taps.

Thrive

American & Sushi

(404) 389-1000

www.thriveatl.com

An upscale, casual restaurant where food, drink & lounge all intersect. American favorites meet inventive sushi, with a tremendous beer, wine and sake list.

Little Five Points/Old Fourth Ward

Bomb Biscuit

(678) 949-9439

www.bombbiscuitatl.com

Serving a variety of biscuits and fried chicken biscuit sandwiches and the popular cinnamon rolls.

Delbar Middle Eastern

Middle Eastern

(404) 500-1444

www.delbaratl.com

Delbar Middle Eastern is the best spot in Atlanta for delicious and authentic Middle Eastern cuisine cooked the way your grandmother would at home. You are sure to love everything about our cuisine.

El Super Pan

Pan-Latin

(404) 600-2465

www.elsuperpan.com

A highlight of the Ponce City Market, this stand offers up Latin-inspired sandwiches, soups, entrees and cocktails.

Fox Bros. Bar-B-Q

Barbecue

(404) 577-4030

www.foxbrosbbq.com

Texas transplants in Atlanta with a keen interest in Kansas City style leads to a wonderful collision of traditions. Consistently mentioned in national listings of the best BBQ.

Gigi's Italian Kitchen & Restaurant

Italian

(404) 371-0889

<https://gigisitaliankitchenatl.com/>

A neighborhood Italian restaurant, the menu is short, but very seasonal and curated. Gigi's is known for their Caesar salad, Beef Carpaccio, Chicken Marsala, Pistachio Gelato, and Limoncello Highball.

Nine Mile Station

Beer Garden

(770) 999-1532

www.9milestation.com

An experience like no other in Atlanta sits atop the Ponce City Market, with food and beer as stunning as the views, featuring a seasonal menu prepared in an open kitchen.

Staplehouse

New American

(404) 524-5005

www.staplehouse.com

The for-profit subsidiary of The Giving Kitchen Charity, this one-of-a-kind concept combines a love for locally sourced, fantastic cooking with a cause to help the local food industry workers.

Wrecking Bar Brewpub

Brewpub

(404) 221-2600

www.wreckingbarbrewpub.com

Set in the basement of a Victorian mansion, and growing out of an architectural salvage store, the beer and food are as unique as the backstory at this brewpub.

Inman Park

Beetlecat

Oyster Bar

(678) 732-0360

www.beetlecatatl.com

This retro-themed raw bar is justifiably popular for their seafood and cocktails, as well as the décor and surroundings.

BoccaLupo

Italian

(404) 577-2332

www.boccalupoatl.com

With hand-cut pastas and years of experience at the best Italian restaurants, BoccaLupo makes delicious and inventive additions to homemade classic recipes.

Bread & Butterfly

European

(678) 515-4536

www.bread-and-butterfly.com/details

All-day café & bistro, offering everything from cappuccino & croissant to charcuterie & duck à l'orange in an authentic European locale complete with one of the best porches in Atlanta.

Kevin Rathbun Steak

Steakhouse

(404) 524-5600

www.kevinrathbunsteak.com/menu.html

A converted warehouse makes for a creative backdrop to an equally creative take on the traditional steakhouse.

Sotto Sotto

Italian

(404) 523-6678

www.sottosottoatl.com

Fresh, simple and traditional are the driving force at this cozy eatery. Named by the New York Post as one of the 20 best Italian restaurants in America.

Poncey-Highland

Minero

Mexican

(404) 532-1580

www.mineroatlanta.com

Imaginative, locally sourced Mexican fare & craft cocktails served in buzzy quarters with a patio.

Tio Lucho's

Peruvian

(404) 343-0278

www.tioluchos.com

Reminiscent of his time growing up in Lima and Piura, Peru, the menu from Chefs Arnaldo and Manuel Lara focuses on shareable seafood, meat and side dishes using seasonal ingredients sourced locally and imported from Peru in a laid back, family friendly atmosphere.

West Midtown

Campagnolo Restaurant + Bar

Italian

(404) 343-2446

www.campagnoloatl.com

This modern space with rustic accents & a patio offers a seasonal Italian menu of pastas & mains.

Cooks & Soldiers

Basque

(404) 996-2623

www.cooksandsoldiers.com

More than the average tapas bar, with a wood-fired grill and a focus on the people and cuisine of the region straddling Spain and France.

Divan Restaurant & Bar

Persian

(404) 467-4297

www.divanatlanta.com

Mediterranean fare, cocktails & hookah in a homey, multiroom, multihued space with couches.

Ecco Midtown

European

(404) 347-9555

www.ecco-atlanta.com

Sleek spot for an ever-changing menu of seasonally inspired Continental fare & a bustling bar scene.

Le Fat

Vietnamese

(404) 439-9850

www.lefatatl.com

Bold flavors and a deep understanding of traditional Vietnamese dishes, combining French colonial and Asian influences.

Nagomiya

Japanese

(404) 975-3851

www.nagomiyaatlanta.com

Nagomiya is an authentic Japanese-owned eatery that focuses on craft sushi along with izakaya tapas that goes well with enjoying delicious drinks.

Nan Thai Fine Dining

Thai

(404) 870-9933

www.nanfinedining.com

Recipient of the prestigious Four Diamond Award 16 years consecutively, Nan Thai Fine Dining serves Thai food at its finest.

Redbird

(404) 900-5172

www.redbirdatl.com

Redbird offers a fun, lively and comfortable atmosphere with a come as you are sensibility. A chic eatery with a shaded terrace serving rustic meat & seafood dishes, plus craft beer & wine.

STK Steakhouse

Steakhouse

(404) 793-0144

www.stksteakhouse.com/venues/atlanta/

Sleek Southern outpost of famed NY-based steakhouse chain with cocktails & grilled meats.

Midtown

Campagnolo

Italian
(404) 343-2446
www.campagnoloatl.com

This modern space with rustic accents and a patio offers a seasonal Italian menu of pastas and mains.

Lyla Lila

Southern European
(404) 963-2637
www.lylalilaatl.com

Lyla Lila, an expression of Southern European culinary traditions with an emphasis on Italian cuisine, natural wines and curated cocktails. The menu changes daily as the restaurant aims to serve as a respite from everyday life.

Nan Thai

Thai
(404) 870-9933
www.nanfinedining.com

Upscale Thai eats, and a modern, zenlike atmosphere make this a Midtown staple.

Omakase Table

Sushi
(404) 205-5876
www.omakasetableatl.com

Omakase Table is an intimate omakase dining experience. The fish is sourced directly from Toyosu Fish Market in Tokyo to ensure the highest quality sushi possible. We boldly season our Niigata prefecture koshihikari rice with aged red vinegar to achieve a perfect flavor harmony between the fish and rice.

South City Kitchen

Southern
(404) 873-7358
www.midtown.southcitykitchen.com

Situated in a 1920s bungalow, with Southern classics being given a sophisticated spin.

Tandoori Pizza & Wing Co.

Pizza
(404) 841-8472
www.bhojanic.com

A brand-new Indian concept, Tandoori Pizza & Wing Co. serves up inspired traditional fare with a unique twist. Visitors can expect Naan pizzas topped with chutney and vegetables, as well as Saag pestos and Tandoori spiced wings.

Glenwood Park

Gunshow

Eclectic
(404) 380-1886
www.gunshowatl.com

Rolling carts combining Brazilian Churrascaria with Chinese Dim Sum is only the start of the eclectic mix at this fun hotspot.

Chico & Chang

Chinese
(404) 815-8882
www.chicoandchangatlanta.com

Dinner at Chico and Chang! Chinese & Mexican staples including stir-fries, burgers, wings, tacos & enchiladas.

Grant Park

Estrellita

Filipino
(404) 390-3038
www.estrellitafilipino.com

Serving delicious authentic Filipino food. Included on the menu are the restaurant's beloved Lumpia (Filipino egg rolls) and fried chicken skins as appetizers, and entrées including Lechon Kawali (fried pork belly), pork BBQ skewers, and Kinilaw (which the owners call a Filipino ceviche).

Little Bear

(404) 500-5396
www.littlebearatl.com

Cozy, brick-lined eatery featuring a rotating menu with international dishes and high-quality beverages in a casual, affordable setting.

Talat Market

Thai
(404) 259-6255
www.talatmarketatl.com

Trendy Thai eatery with a terrace offering locally sourced dishes, cocktails and a take-out option.

Buckhead

Aria

New American
(404) 233-7673
www.aria-atl.com

A chef-driven enterprise from Gerry Klaskala. Visually stunning takes on modern American cuisine that makes this a consistent "Best of" list staple. Ask about the "secret" wine cellar table.

Atlanta Fish Market

Seafood
(404) 262-3165

www.buckheadrestaurants.com/restaurant/atlanta-fish-market/

With the widest selection of fresh fish in the southeast, this casual, urban loft-like location has an ever-changing menu sure to please any kind of seafood lover.

Atlas

Upscale American
(404) 600-6471
www.atlasrestaurant.com

Celebrating the best in seasonal American cuisine with fresh ingredients, inspired flavor pairings and attentive staff. Located inside the elegant St. Regis Hotel.

Bones

Steakhouse
(404) 237-2663
www.bonesrestaurant.com

A Zagat Survey top choice, this Atlanta tradition has 40 years of providing the finest service and best steaks, leading to local, regional and national recognition.

Hal's, The Steakhouse

Steak/New Orleans
(404) 261-0025
www.hals.net

For more than 20 years, Hal's has created award-winning steaks and "Big Easy" favorites, all in a welcoming atmosphere.

Le Bilboquet

French
(404) 869-9944

www.lebilboquetatlanta.com

Upscale, light-filled cafe & white-tablecloth restaurant featuring traditional French cuisine. The Cajun chicken is one of their signature dishes and a must try!

Little Alley Steak

Steak House
(404) 254-1899
www.littlealleysteak.com

Upscale cuts, local charcuterie & an extensive spirits list from a vibrant, retro-chic steakhouse.

Restaurant Eugene

Farm-to-Table
(404) 355-0321
www.restauranteugene.com

A James Beard Award winner with an overriding philosophy of respect for the region and ingredients. Add an expertly curated wine list and you have a one-of-a-kind experience.

Roshambo

Diner
(404) 835-7373
www.roshamboatl.com

The menu features diner classics like grilled cheese, a double-stacked burger, and eggs Benedict, as well as blue plate specials including spaghetti and meatballs, chicken pot pie, and prime rib.

10 Degrees South

South African
(404) 705-8870
www.10degreessouth.com

An intimate, secluded spot in the midst of Buckhead's bustle, with inspired South African cuisine.

Tomo

Japanese
(404) 835-2708
www.tomorestaurant.com

With a chef from the legendary Nobu, and a sophisticated location inside the Ritz-Carlton, this is a must-visit location for any fan of sushi, sake and Japanese cuisine.

Umi

Sushi
(404) 841-0040
www.umiatlanta.com

Airy and contemporary, with the highest quality sushi and other Japanese flavors. Also features exclusive craft sake and handmade cocktails.

Decatur

Brick Store Pub

Belgian Pub
(404) 687-0990

www.brickstorepub.com/

Sure, the beer list is longer than the menu, and a cable news network named them the best beer bar in America, but the creative spins on traditional pub food are just as great.

Brush Sushi Izakaya

Japanese
(678) 949-9412

www.brushatl.com

"Japanese Gastropub," with small plates, sushi and more, including an omakase, or chef's tasting menu, one of the ATL's hardest-to-get reservations.

Chai Pani

Indian
(404) 378-4030

www.chaipanidecatur.com

This hip Decatur spot offers the best in Indian street food. A departure from the traditional Indian restaurant, but with flavors and ingredients sure to please.

Corner Slice

Pizza
(404) 343-0415

www.cornersliceatl.com

Old-school neighborhood pizza joint features pies with "crispy crust all around the edges," as well as wings, salads and sandwiches.

Cuddlefish

Sushi
(678) 949-9412

www.cuddlefishatl.com

The focus of the new omakase-style restaurant would be "purely sushi, no fluff" simply serving quality nigiri sushi and delicious temaki/hand rolls!

Kimball House

French
(404) 378-3502

www.kimball-house.com

Located in an old train depot, this French (with a southern flair) restaurant is also justifiably famous for their raw bar.

Revival

Southern
(470) 225-6770

www.revivaldecatur.com

With a nod to southern traditions of a family-style Sunday dinner, Revival focuses on farm-fresh ingredients and precise execution.

Tortuga y Chango

Mexican
(404) 257-6232

www.tortugaychango.com

Food served at Tortuga y Chango is meant for pairing with mezcal and the cocktails. Knowledgeable staff presenting the breadth of agave distillates paired with primarily coastal seafood dishes, prepared from family recipes.

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Briarcliff Heights

Desta Ethiopian Restaurant

Ethiopian
(404) 929-0011

www.destaethiopiankitchen.com

Popular with vegetarians, but also featuring mouth-watering Ethiopian staples like marinated lamb tips, this authentic spot offers a plethora of exotic dishes.

Brookhaven

Kaleidoscope

Pub
(404) 474-9600

www.k-pub.com

Taking the traditional concept of a pub, and turning it on its ear with an international, eclectic menu.

The One Sushi +

Sushi
(404) 869-6988

www.theonesushiplus.com

Fresh sushi and a modern take on traditional Japanese food, in a hip, industrial location.

Castleberry Hill

Paschal's

Soul Food
(404) 525-2023

www.paschalsatlanta.com

Open for more than six decades, this historic meeting place is an icon in Atlanta, with signature soul dishes, and world-famous fried chicken.

East Atlanta Village

Argosy

New American
(404) 577-0407

www.argosy-east.com

Stylish gastropub featuring New American fare & a vast craft beer list in wood & exposed-brick digs. Go to Argosy in East Atlanta Village to drink a few beers and eat good bar food, or dance to DJs and play skee-ball in the back.

East Lake

Poor Hendrix Bar or Restaurant

Gastropub
(404) 549-8756

www.poorhendrix.com

Small plates, American classics and amazing selections of beer, wine and spirits make for the definition of a neighborhood hang-out.

Emory

The General Muir

Contemporary New York Deli
(678) 927-9131
www.thegeneralmuir.com

A modern take of the traditional Jewish deli, The General Muir has won accolades for their inventive blending of the familiar with the new, and focusing on fresh ingredients and simple preparations.

Westside

Bacchanalia

New American
(404) 365-0410
www.starprovisions.com/bacchanalia/

A top spot since 1993, with contemporary American cuisine, Bacchanalia features light and creative plates, white-tablecloth attentive service and seasonal menus.

Twisted Soul Cookhouse & Pours

Soul Food
(404) 350-5500
www.twistedsoulatl.com

Comfortable, modern soul food restaurant giving Southern classics & brunch a creative approach.

Marietta

Seed Kitchen & Bar

American Fusion
(678) 214-6888
www.eatatseed.com/

Inventive and locally sourced American fare meets Asian, Latin and European influences in a sleek space. The menu varies by season, but never fails to impress.

Spring

New American
(678) 540-2777
www.springmarietta.com

Nestled in historic Marietta Square, and serving a small, ever-changing menu that's dictated by seasonality and sustainability.

Thaicoon

Thai & Japanese
(678) 766-0641
www.thaicoonatlanta.com

Authentic Thai mixed with sushi and Japanese classics.

Vinings Area

101 Steak

Steakhouse
(770) 805-8855
www.101steakatl.com

Contemporary steakhouse serving fresh cuts, seafood & cocktails in a modern, elegant atmosphere.

C&S Seafood & Oyster Bar

Seafood
(770) 272-0999
www.candsoysterbar.com/vinings

Raw bar, lobsters & classic cocktails in a strip-mall setting with an old-school urban vibe.

Canoe

New American
(770) 432-2663
www.canoeatl.com

Farm-to-table New American cuisine in an elegant garden setting overlooking the Chattahoochee River.

Crispina Ristorante & Pizzeria

Italian
(678) 426-7149
www.crispinaatlanta.com

Sophisticated eatery specializing in elevated Italian cuisine including Neapolitan-style pizzas.

L'Thai West Organic Restaurant

Thai
(770) 434-4344
www.lethai.com

Organic, gluten-free, vegan friendly Thai restaurant.

The Orient Express

Japanese
(770) 438-9090
www.orientexpressatl.com

Chinese fare meets sushi & hibachi in 3 rooms of a renovated railroad car.

Paces & Vine Restaurant

American
(404) 205-8255
www.pacesandvine.com

Stylish restaurant serving classic American comfort food crafted from locally sourced ingredients.

SOHO American Bistro

American
(770) 801-0069
www.sohoatlanta.com

Trendy spot for upscale/casual global fare such as the signature Sea Bass, or New Zealand Elk, there are plenty of other options including gluten-free and vegetarian selections.

Stockyard Burgers and Bones

American
(678) 310-1095
www.stockyardburger.com

Enjoy a variety of craft burgers, salads, entrees including smoked-in-house ribs, coffee-rubbed bone-in ribeye along with a full-service bourbon bar featuring local craft beer and signature cocktails.

Multiple Locations

Antico Pizza

<https://littleitalia.com/#benvenuto>
Brick-oven pizza and more.

The Big Ketch Saltwater Grill

www.thebigketch.com
Fresh seafood delivered daily, in a casual "Beach House in the middle of the city."

Café Sunflower

www.cafesunflower.com
Serving Atlanta vegans and vegetarians for over 20 years.

Hudson Grille

www.hudsongrille.com
More than a sports bar, with multiple Atlanta-area locations. The popular downtown location is steps from the CNN & Convention Centers.

Muss & Turners

www.mussandturners.com
Creative sandwiches and southern favorites.

Superica

www.superica.com
Tex-Mex at 2 locations; an Atlanta favorite.

Taqueria del Sol

www.taqueriadelosol.com
Amazing from-scratch Mexican, southern and southwestern favorites.

The Flying Biscuit

www.flyingbiscuit.com
A favorite breakfast spot, with southern favorites served in a funky atmosphere.

The Varsity

www.thevarsity.com
Truly an Atlanta institution. The original location is a must-visit.

Verde Taqueria

www.verdetacos.com/
Originally in Brookhaven, now with 3 locations in metro Atlanta.

Vortex

www.thevortexatl.com/
Consistently named Atlanta's best burgers, with attitude to spare and a beer list to be envied.

Nightlife and Bars

Barcelona Wine Bar – www.barcelonawinebar.com

Blind Willie's – www.blindwilliesblues.com

Brick Store – www.brickstorepub.com

Buckhead Theatre – www.thebuckheadtheatreatl.com

Center Stage – www.centerstage-atlanta.com

Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center – www.cobbenergycentre.com

Eddie's Attic – www.eddiesattic.com

Fox Theatre – www.foxtheatre.org

Glen Hotel Sky Lounge – www.glennskylounge.com

Holeman & Finch Public House – www.holeman-finch.com

Johnny's Hideaway – www.johnnyshideaway.com

Jonnie MacCracken's Celtic Pub – www.johnniemaccrackens.com

Leon's Full Service – www.leonsfullservice.com

Manuel's Tavern – www.facebook.com/ManuelsTavern

Midway Pub – www.themidwaypub.com

Northside Tavern – www.northsidetavern.com

O-Ku – www.o-kusushiatl.com

Pinewood Tippling Room – www.pinewoodtr.com

Sister Louisa's Church of the Living Room & Ping Pong Emporium – www.facebook.com/SisterLouisasChurch

S.O.S. Tiki Bar – www.sostiki.com/

The Earl – www.badearl.com

The Local – www.facebook.com/pages/The-Local/120785347935395

The Regent Cocktail Club – www.ldvhospitality.com/brands/the-regent-cocktail-club/

The Sound Table – www.thesoundtable.com

The Tabernacle – www.tabernacleatl.com

Variety Playhouse – www.variety-playhouse.com

Atlanta Sightseeing

Atlanta Botanical Garden – www.atlantabg.org

Atlantic Station – www.atlanticstation.com

Bobby Dodd Stadium –
www.ramblinwreck.com/genrel/071001aaa.html

Centennial Olympic Park – www.gwcca.org/park/

Center for Puppetry Arts – www.puppet.org

Children's Museum of Atlanta –
www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org

College Football Hall of Fame – www.cfbhall.com

Ebenezer Baptist Church – www.ebenezeratl.org

Freedom Park – www.freedompark.org

Georgia Aquarium – www.georgiaaquarium.org

High Museum of Art – www.high.org

Jimmy Carter Library and Museum – www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov

Krog Street Market – www.krogstreetmarket.com

Margaret Mitchell House & Museum – www.atlantahistorycenter.com/explore/destinations/margaret-mitchell-house

Martin Luther King National Historic Site –
www.nps.gov/malu/index.htm

Mercedes-Benz Stadium – www.mercedesbenzstadium.com

Ponce City Market – www.poncecitymarket.com

Sky View Atlanta – www.skyviewatlanta.com

State Farm Arena – www.statefarmarena.com

SunTrust Park – www.atlanta.braves.mlb.com/atl/ballpark/

World of Coca-Cola – www.worldofcoca-cola.com

Zoo Atlanta – www.zooatlanta.org

Taxis & Ground Transportation

Atlanta Car Service – (404) 992-9988

Atlanta Checker Cab – (404) 351-1111

Atlanta Royal Cabbies – (404) 584-6655

Atlanta Taxi Cab – (404) 935-9555

Best Atlanta – (404) 436-0147

Buckhead Safety Cab – (404) 875-3777

Cascade Cab Co. – (404) 758-5521

Cowry Classic Limo & Car Service – (404) 740-3037

Downtown Atlanta Taxi – (404) 850-1475

Greene Worldwide Transportation – (404) 875-3866

Lyft – www.lyft.com

Uber – www.uber.com

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