

Welcome

Welcome to Atlanta from your Guest Experience Committee! We're glad to have you here and look forward to working with you this week at the 2018 NACRO conference.

We want to enjoy your NACRO experience, but also want to ensure you have a chance to take in some of what makes the 'capitol of the South' such a vibrant city. From finding a good spot to relax before Blueprint and Mastery or grabbing drinks to network with your peers to exploring some of this city's outstanding cultural sites and venues, we've compiled some information to make the most of your time while you're here.

If you have any questions or need some tips, feel free to call or text Hughes at 470-218-6626.

We're glad you're here and look forward to a great week!



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Where to Eat?

As you get settled in and plan what to do in your off time, here are some suggestions near our hotel:

Looking to grab a meal with some colleagues? There are three options right where we're staying!



Sway

Sway in 2014 was named by Thrillist.com as "One of the Nine Places that Define Atlanta Fried Chicken."

Executive Chef Thomas McKeown's menus combine the flavors of Southern kitchens, family cook outs and Sunday dinners with the freshest ingredients from local farms, dairies and purveyors.

Twenty-two Storys

Twenty-Two Storys is Atlanta's beer forward Gastropub, serving the finest Georgia beers and ales, a delicious beer-influenced menu of dinners and snacks and the best pretzels in Atlanta - all with 17 TVs showing every pitch, punt, serve and goal.

Twenty-Two Storys has an extensive and regularly changing selection of draught beers brewed locally by craftsman Georgia brewers.



Polaris

Polaris serves handcrafted cocktails and chef-inspired shared plates with amazing panoramic views of the Atlanta skyline. Guests shoot 22 stories up in the hotel's glass elevators and are transported to a breathtaking space that is both completely modern and a tribute to Polaris' retro history.

Our menu rotates every few weeks to ensure guests enjoy the freshest ingredients, seasonal inspirations and recent 'Eurekas!' from our kitchen.

Other nearby spots: a nice walk or quick Uber ride to some of Atlanta's best!

Barcelona Wine Bar

Cooks and Soldiers

Empire State South

JCT Kitchen

Krog Street Market Food Hall

Mary Mac's Tea Room

Miller Union

Ponce City Market Food Hall

Ray's in the City

Sweet Georgia Juke Joint

The Optimist

West Egg

What to Do?

Here are some ways to take in the sites in Atlanta, all less than 30 minutes from the conference hotel.

Museums and Cultural Sites:

Center for Civil and Human Rights
Exhibits with a focus on human rights

Georgia Aquarium
One of the world's largest aquariums home to over 120,000 animals

World of Coca-Cola
Museum showcasing the popular soft drink

Children's Museum of Atlanta
30,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits

Margaret Mitchell House and Museum
Museum on one of Atlanta's most famous residents and author of *Gone with the Wind*

Atlanta History Center
Incredible museum devoted to the history of Atlanta, Georgia, and the South.

Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University
Museum on the Emory campus featuring a large collection of mummies, American, and Classical art.

High Museum of Art
The South's leading art museum.

Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site
King's birthplace, family church & tomb

Atlanta Botanical Garden
Located in Piedmont Park, a 30 acre botanical garden

Carter Center
Home of Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum

Oakland Cemetery
Final resting place of famous Atlantans, including Margaret Mitchell and Bobby Jones.

Activities:

CNN Studio Tours
Behind the scenes at the TV news network

Centennial Olympic Park & SkyView Atlanta
Site of 1996 Olympics now a popular park with giant Ferris wheel with gondolas.

Atlanta Beltline Eastside Trail
Green way running through some of Atlanta's most vibrant neighborhoods.

Atlanta Braves
Home game against LA Dodgers at SunTrust Park

Concert venues to check out:

Tabernacle
Fox Theatre
Dad's Garage
Variety Theatre
Buckhead Theatre
Atlanta Symphony
Alliance Theatre



How to Get There?

MARTA - Public Transit

MARTA is Atlanta's rapid transit rail system. It carries passengers from the airport up to Buckhead and beyond, and east and west through Atlanta's neighborhoods. Get the scoop on where it will take you here.

ATL Street Car

Atlanta's newest means of transportation, the Atlanta Streetcar operates on a 2.7 mile loop from the convention and entertainment district to the Sweet Auburn area. Hop on here!

Shuttles & Limo Services

If you are looking for a quick, easy and elegant way to get around Atlanta, try a shuttle or limo service. These safe, courteous drivers will get you to and from with no hassle.

TaxiCar

Atlanta taxicabs are another great option to get you where you need to go, with flat rates available between the airport and areas like downtown, Midtown and Buckhead.

UBER and Lyft

UBER and Lyft are both available options when visiting Atlanta.

By Car

Have car, will travel. Atlanta's neighborhoods and business districts are accessible by car and many provide ample parking for visitors. The city and state also provide drivers with valuable resources such as traffic and construction alerts.

Walking and Biking

Atlanta is a great city to stretch your legs a bit. Take a stroll through our walkable in-town neighborhoods or go for a bike ride on the Atlanta BeltLine. Whether on two feet or two wheels, Atlanta has plenty of green space to feed your love of the outdoors.