



Atlanta Tops the A-list

It's a city of bright lights, bedazzling Southern nights and has all the makings for an AB great time

C ALL IT WHAT YOU WILL. Hotlanta, The Big Peach, The ATL, A-Town. It doesn't matter. What does matter is 200-something miles due south of Knoxville lies a multicultural hotbed of entertainment, arts, professional sports, shopping, hotels, and for dedicated food mavens, some of the topChefs in the world. For a weekend or a day trip, KNOXVILLE MAGAZINE's list of hot spots may include old favorites, but make no mistake, there are destined to be some new discoveries that are certain to leave you feeling peachy!

HOME BASE

The Mansion on Peachtree

IT IS SOMETIMES SAID that people may not remember what you said or even what you did. What they will remember, however, is the way you made them feel. Luxuriant, distinguished, deserving, the exception...is how guests are likely to feel at Atlanta's Mansion on Peachtree. The myriad of details meticulously tended to from the moment you arrive will leave you spellbound and aspiring to your next visit.

Every rung on this newest Rosewood property's ladder of service is solid and represents the culture this hotel has taken great care to instill. From Delanda at check-in, who worked magic to arrange a last minute spa treatment, to Timothy, the butler, who responded, with no forethought, to a simple gesture with, "Well if you care, then I care."

And Erica's wake-up call, noting current temperature and weather conditions, was as meditative and soothing as a morning yoga class.

The monochromatic tones throughout are rich in modern classic elegance adding to a boutique feel and intimate style. The rooms are spacious, transformed to characterize your personal preferences and loaded with every technology-



studded whim from VisionArt TV's with retractable canvases to digital doorbells and finger touch panels for "privacy" or "make the bed" requests. A built-in vacation awaits you in the bathroom with flat-screens mounted at the foot of the over-sized soaking tub, unless you opt for the marble walk-in shower, and Lydia Mondavi's 29 products that help formulate pure relaxation.

No detail has been left unturned, and if the hotel's Managing Director, Luigi Romanello, hasn't thought of it, make certain he will have done so by your next visit. *Mansiononpeachtree.com*

HIT THE TOWN

Nightlife

MIDTOWN

WHISKEY PARK:

Rande Gerber (Cindy Crawford's husband) has brought his New York sensation to Atlanta. *W. 188 14th St NE*

CRESCENT AVENUE:

A bar, restaurant and club-lined street including late-night hotspots **OPERA** and **SUTRA LOUNGE**.

THE GEORGIAN

TERRACE: Overlooking Peachtree, this hotel patio is perfect for cocktails and people-watching. *659 Peachtree St. NE*

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

*In Virginia Highlands try the newly-opened **PARISH** featuring New Orleans fare. Or pop in **BELLA CUCINA** for homemade tapenades, pesto and pasta sauces. Off Howell Mill Rd between Buckhead and Midtown you'll find a line out the door at Mexican joint, **NUEVO LAREDO**. Close by is **BACCHANALIA**, considered the best restaurant in the city by many Atlantans or **JCT KITCHEN**, Southern Farmstead Cooking by chef Ford Fry. For the men, don't miss **SID MASHBURN**, listed as one of GQ's Top 100 Men's Stores.*



PAMPER YOURSELF

29 Spa

29 SPA AT THE MANSION ON PEACHTREE is the 15,000 sq.ft. brainchild of native Atlantan, Lydia Mondavi, wife of wine magnate grandson Robert Mondavi. A skincare and beauty line entrepreneur, she discovered a way to use her newly acquired wine-making heritage coupled with Napa's natural resources to enrich her products with a silver bullet anti-aging ingredient—grape seed extract. She has also integrated her beauty and skincare philosophies into spa design and treatment methods translating to a spa experience where serene ambiance holds you captive and convinces you to internalize every moment. The treatments are unique, offering waterless manicures and pedicures, a "perfect-pairing" massage with tandem therapists working at once and 20-some-odd other indulgent services. The staff is exceptional and, as expected, every detail has been thought through from clove and cinnamon-scented neck pillows, waterbed massage tables, and down-filled silk robes that are truly worthy of being one of Oprah's Favorite Things.

EXPERIENCE

Arts & Culture

MIDTOWN

CASTLEBERRY HILL:

A historic arts district with galleries and shops that host special events and art strolls.

UNPLUGGED IN THE PARK:

Every Sunday, free concerts in Piedmont Park.

INDIGO:

Check out artists painting in this hotel lobby. 683 Peachtree St., NE

BUCKHEAD

BENNETT STREET:

A gallery-lined street including MICKEY LYNN DESIGNS featured on *The View*.

ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER:

Historic home and gardens with ongoing permanent and traveling exhibits. 130 W. Paces Ferry Rd. NW



MUST-EAST RESTAURANTS

The Neo Experience

THE EXPECTATION set forth at the Mansion on Peachtree transcends to the Italian-influenced experience at NEO, especially if you're fortunate enough to dine during Cody's shift. Highly recommended is any multi-course tasting menu that is not only an extraordinary feast for the eyes, but a palatable explosion of creativity and culinary adventure. Not to mention the breathtaking view of an English garden and reflecting pool that swoons you into thinking you're far removed from city life.

MIDTOWN

MAXIM PRIME: A new steakhouse concept by *Maxim* magazine in the newly renovated Glenn Hotel. 110 Marietta St. NW

FRENCH AMERICAN BRASSERIE or "FAB": garden fresh cuisine with to-die-for mussels, duck confit and Meyer lemon crepes. 30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd.

LUCKIE FOOD LOUNGE: A modern American menu also specializing in pastries. 375 Luckie St.

STATS: A gourmet sports bar good for pre-show or sporting events at Phillips. 300 Marietta St.

NAN'S: Authentic Thai fine-dining with chef Nan who served the Miss Universe Dinner and The Masters Champions Dinner. 1350 Spring St.

ECCO-ITALIAN: Fun, modern

atmosphere with an impressive selection of cheeses, meats and charcuterie.

NO MAS! CANTINA: A 50 ft. travertine bar and handmade furnishings enhance mouth-watering Mexican food. 180 Walker St.

REPAST: Fusion cuisine created by wife and husband culinary team in a funky, modern setting. 620 N. Glen Iris Drive

BUCKHEAD

HOME: The new rave recently opened by "Top Chef" contestant Richard Blais. 111 West Paces Ferry Rd.

ANIS: A small in-the-know French restaurant with terrific ambiance and a great patio. 2974 Grandview Ave

EUGENE'S: Award winning restaurant for wine, food and top chef. 2277 Peachtree Rd.



DON'T MISS

FERNBANK MUSEUM: "Martinis at Imax" on Fridays with martinis, live jazz and dancing under dinosaur bones before the nightly feature. 767 Clifton Rd. NE



HIT THE TOWN

Shopping

MIDTOWN

DREW LEWIS: (pictured above) A new NY style trendy boutique for men and women. 845 Spring St.

BUCKHEAD

ADDICTION: Women's boutique with accessories and home accents. 414 East Paces Ferry Rd.

FESTIVITY: Fun for things under \$100. 2353 Peachtree Rd NE.

LIV'S: Boutique with lots of variety and hard-to-find labels. 3794 Roswell Rd.

MARKET: A great eye for unique pieces. 2770 Lenox Rd. NE

POPPY'S: High-end women's boutique. 56 E Andrews Dr. NW

PIECES: eclectic furniture store. 3234 Roswell Rd. NW

ROCHE BOBOIS: European-inspired furniture 3400 Around Lenox Rd. NE

DON'T MISS

Iron Chef winner, **KEVIN RATHBUN**, offers interactive cooking classes that start from scratch. Classes end with sharing your prepared meal and wine pairings with one invited guest. \$350 (includes a chef jacket). rathbunsrestaurant.com