

Downtown Atlanta, Georgia



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Tour Summary

We're visiting World of Coca Cola, Imagine It!, The Children's Museum of Atlanta, the CNN Center, and the gold-dome-topped Georgia State Capitol Building. The first three cluster around Centennial Olympic Park, which is really an attraction in itself so we will glimpse a bit of it as well. This tour can be done in one day or spread out over two or more days. For children, the World of Coke and Imagine It! are the star attractions. For adults, the capitol and Inside CNN will inform and entertain.

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Introduction





Here we are in downtown Atlanta! The best starting point for our tour is Centennial Olympic Park because most of the exciting places we're visiting ring this unique site. It provides 21 acres of lush green space in

the heart of downtown Atlanta. Enter from
Park Avenue West right near the center.
The Sculpture of Dreams is a good
landmark.



Looking north, across the Great Lawn and through the Children's Garden and Playground, we see our first attraction, World of Coke. It's in the middle of the block, on Baker Street, between Georgia

Aquarium (the world's largest, featured in another VTT tour, "Atlanta, Georgia in the Wild!") and Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta.



World of Coke is really the inside scoop on the history and art of an international icon.



This exhibition has lots to delight youngsters and the young at heart...



...and Imagine It! is every child's idea of heaven. It's geared to the under-eight crowd. Here, all grownups must be accompanied by a kid, and all kids must be accompanied by a grownup. We'll visit the year-round exhibits and much more.



Heading for the CNN Center, cut back through the park and pass the Quilt Plaza, a five-tiled monument telling the story of the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996.



You then reach the Fountain of Rings, one of the most photographed landmarks in Georgia. Exit at the south end of the park and you are facing the CNN building.



We have all watched CNN and wondered how the anchorperson could have such a grip on what was happening around the world. Well, now you are going to find out. Discover the multitude of people and the amazing technology that make CNN one of the world's top-rated news stations.



Next stop: Georgia State Capitol, completed in 1889 and listed on the National Historic Registry. The sight of its most impressive outside feature - a dome covered with Georgia gold leaf and topped by a female statue of Freedom holding a sword to her side and a lantern aloft - leaves everyone in awe.



Within it are statuary, portraits, markers, Confederate and other war flags, and banners. The fourth floor comprises the Georgia State Museum of Science and Industry. The experience is even more impressive when the legislature is in session.

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