

DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Restaurant ratings: ****Superlative, ***Excellent, ** Very Good, *Good Price per person, excluding alcohol: \$ (Under \$15), \$\$ (\$16-\$30), \$\$\$ (\$31-\$49), \$\$\$ (\$50 or more).

In the Marriott Marquis

<u>Sear</u> (American). Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The signature restaurant of the hotel with fireinspired dishes like steaks, seafood and even dessert.

<u>High Velocity</u>. Open for lunch and dinner. One of the largest sports bars in downtown Atlanta with 29 HD TV's and tasty pub fare like sliders, chicken wings and 24 varieties of beer.

Pulse. (American). Cocktail lounge with an amazing 50-foot tall color changing sail.

Downtown

****<u>Atlanta Grill.</u> \$\$\$\$. *181 Peachtree Street, NE. (404) 659-0400*. Steakhouse with a Southern flare. In the Downtown Ritz-Carlton Hotel, a short three-block walk from the Marriott Marquis. Menu includes chops, and seafood. Two private dining rooms seating up to 20. Dressy casual.

**<u>Max Lager's Wood-Fired Grill & Brewery.</u> \$\$. 320 Peachtree Street NE. (404) 525-4400. The oldest independent brewery restaurant in town with pizza, burgers salads and voted The Best Place in Atlanta for the Beer Connoisseur by Atlanta Magazine. Walk one block to Peachtree Street and turn right.

**** Nikolai's Roof. \$\$\$. 255 Courtland Street NE. (404) 221-6362. Modern American cuisine with a nod to the restaurant's long-time Russian influences. This Atlanta landmark, on the 30th floor of the Hilton Atlanta (connected by sky bridge to the Marriott Marquis), has received the highly coveted AAA Four Diamond award for 24 consecutive years. Dress-Business attire. Dinner <u>Tuesday through Saturday</u>.

*** **<u>Ray's in the City</u>**. \$\$\$. 240 Peachtree Street. (404) 524-9224. Steak and seafood. Hand-cut steaks, made-to-order sushi and seafood flown in daily from the Atlantic and Pacific all in a casual, yet elegant setting. One-and-a-half blocks from the Marriott Marquis.

*** White Oak Kitchen. \$\$\$. 270 Peachtree Street. (404) 524-7200. Contemporary Southern. An imaginative farm-to-table menu, that exudes both rustic charm and urban chic. One the corner of Peachtree and Baker, one-and-a-half blocks from the Marriott Marquis.

**<u>Alma Cocina</u> \$\$. 191 Peachtree Street, NE. (404) 968.9662. Modern Mexican. Brings a whole new approach to Latin and Mexican cuisine from fried avocado tacos to braised beef cheek machaca. Walk to the end of the driveway and turn left on Peachtree Center Avenue. At the corner, turn right on John Portman Blvd. and walk one block on Peachtree Street and turn left.

Buckhead

****<u>Aria.</u> \$\$\$. 490 East Paces Ferry Road. (404) 233-7673. Modern American. Zagat's rates them "Best in Service" in Atlanta with excellent contemporary American fare served by a wonderful staff in a lovely setting. 6 miles from the Marriott Marquis. <u>Closed Sundays</u>

****Bone's. \$\$\$\$. Fine Dining Steakhouse. 3130 Piedmont Road. (404)-237-2663. Atlanta's oldest and often rated among the "Best in Food." It's a timeless chophouse with meat that never disappoints and steaks that are "bad to the bone," a stellar wine list and professional service that can't be topped. 7 miles from the Marriott Marquis.

****<u>Restaurant Eugene.</u> \$\$\$\$. 2277 Peachtree Road. (404) 355.0321. Sophisticated upscale New American with a Southern accent. Offers unfolding layers of flavor and has devotees raving "Who cares about the price when the service and ambiance are fantastic?" 5 miles from Marriott Marquis.

Decatur/Emory

***Cakes & Ale. \$\$. 155 Sycamore Street. (404) 355-0321. A spot to surely impress food-loving visitors with a fierce dedication to gifts of the current growing season combined with a restless imagination for Southern and Mediterranean flavor combinations. 7 miles from the Marriott Marquis.

*** <u>Flotaway Café.</u> \$\$\$. *1123 Zonolite Road. (404) 892-1414*. Gourmet/American. Located in a renovated warehouse, the chefs have transformed this space into a contemporary dining experience with food that celebrates the farm and a menu that features fresh seasonal cuisine with French, Mediterranean and Italian influences. 5.6 miles from Marriott Marquis. Business Casual attire. <u>Closed Sundays & Mondays</u>

***<u>4th & Swift.</u> \$\$\$. *621 North Avenue NE. (678) 904-0160*. Occupying the space that was once the engine room of Southern dairies, new regional classics are invented with farm to table creations like: roasted leg of venison, wood grilled flank steak and Bramlett Farm trout. 2 miles from Marriott Marquis.

East Atlanta Village

*** **Gunshow.** \$\$\$. 924 Garrett Street, Ste. C. (404) 380-1886. New American/Southern. A bold, new take on the traditional dining experience. Inspired by Brazilian churrascaria-style dining and Chinese dim sum, Gunshow's dishes are presented on rolling carts and trays to diners at their tables where they can choose what to order. Pricing is a la carte. 4.5 miles from Marriott Marquis.

Inman Park

*** **Boccalupo.** \$\$. 753 Edgewood Ave NE. (404) 577-2332. Italian/American. Homemade pastas with bombastic sauces in a lovably eccentric bungalow. Try black spaghetti with sausage and shrimp, or tagliatelle, golden from egg yolks, cradling the latest seasonal produce. 2.2 miles from Marriott Marquis.

<u>Westside</u>

****<u>Antico Pizza Napolitana</u>. \$\$. *1093 Hemphill Ave NW*. *(404) 724-2333*. Pizza. The pizzas live up to the hype as a must-stop spot for the wood-fired beauties. Communal seating. 3.5 miles from the Marriott Marquis.

****Bacchanalia. \$\$\$\$. 1198 Howell Mill Road. (404) 365.0410. Gourmet American. Most consider Bacchanalia to be the top-rated restaurant in the city -- with New American cuisine that features locallysourced ingredients and world class service in an industrial setting. Private room can hold up to 20 people. 2.7 miles from Marriott Marquis. <u>Closed Sundays.</u>

*** <u>Miller Union.</u> \$\$\$. 999 Brady Ave NW. (678) 733-8550. Casual American/Southern. Listed on Best New Restaurants in America by Bon Appetit and Esquire. This charming, polished beacon transformed itself from an industrial other-side-of-the-tracks wasteland to a special spot embracing Southern credos like grilled pork loin simmered in field peas, braised greens and green tomato salsa. Location called one of the great dining sanctuaries in town. 2.5 miles from Marriott Marquis.

*** <u>The Optimist.</u> \$\$\$. 914 Howell Mill Road. (404) 477-6260. They bring a seaside fish camp experience to Atlanta with fresh oysters from the Alabama coast, and Maine sea scallops to whole toasted Georgia trout in an old ham-aging house setting. 2.2 miles from Marriott Marquis.

At the Airport

One Flew South. Concourse E. One of the top airport restaurants in the world. Upscale restaurant offers a menu ranging from sushi to Southern-inspired global fare.

Pascal's Southern. *Terminal and Concourse A.* An Atlanta institution with fried chicken and catfish, country fried steak, mac 'n cheese or Southern vegetable plates.

<u>Grid House Killer Burgers</u>. *Concourse D.* A full-service outpost where you can build your own burgers, shakes, fries and drinks.

<u>Sweetwater Drafthouse and Grill</u>. *Concourse A and B.* Favorite local brewery with burgers. Chicken sandwiches, etc.

<u>Atlanta Chophouse</u>. *Atrium NE* Features a menu that blends classic steakhouse with Atlanta atmosphere.

PLACES OF INTEREST NEAR DOWNTOWN

College Football Hall of Fame, 250 Marietta Street

World of Coca-Cola, 121 Baker Street, NW

Centennial Olympic Park, 265 Park Avenue West

CNN Headquarters, One CNN Center

Center for Civil and Human Rights, 100 Ivan Allen Blvd.

Fabulous Fox Theatre-660 Peachtree Street



Fernbank Museum of Natural History, 767 Clifton Road, NE

Georgia Aquarium, 225 Baker Street

High Museum of Art, 1280 Peachtree Street, N.E.

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum, 453 Freedom Parkway

Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, 450 Auburn Avenue, NE

Margaret Mitchell Museum, 979 Crescent Avenue

BARS AND CLUBS

For millennials...hipsters, clubbers...or those that want to be.

Decatur/Emory

Brick Store Pub

Eddie's Attic

<u>Midtown</u>

<u>Flip Flops</u>

<u>Ri Ra</u>

Twains Billiards

Dark Horse Tavern

Hand in Hand

Little Five Points

Wrecking Bar Brewpub

Inman Park/Emory

Krog Street Market

USA Today's pick of top dance clubs