

Panhandle Senior Travelers

Christmas in Atlanta

5 Days December 4-8, 2023

Enjoy Christmas in Atlanta where the city sparkles with Christmas Lights & Sights! Enjoy the Atlanta Botanical Gardens Christmas Lights and Lanier Island's Margaritaville's Lakeside Lights Spectacular, plus a tour of Roswell, GA. This tour also features some classic Atlanta attractions and newer attractions like The Center for Puppetry Arts and Illuminarium Atlanta.

Tour Highlights:

- Atlanta Botanical Gardens Christmas Lights
- Roswell Homes Tour
- Visit the Georgia Aquarium
- Tour the World of Coca Cola
- Visit the Center of Puppetry Arts
- Fox Theater Performance (as available)
- Jimmy Carter Library & Museum
- Illumination Atlanta
- Margaritaville's Lakeside Lights Spectacular
- Four Nights Lodging
 - Three Nights, Drury Inn Marietta, GA
 - One Night, Lanier Island's Legacy Lodge
- Four Hotel Breakfasts
- One Lunch
- One Dinner
- All Taxes and Tips on above services
- Luggage Handling (as available)
- Motorcoach Transportation & Driver's Tip

Per Person Prices Starting at:

\$1,160 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$1,500 SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$200 per person deposit due by June 20, 2023

Final Payment due by September 19, 2023

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Day 1 – Marietta, GA - Travel today takes you, Marietta, GA, just outside of Atlanta, where you enjoy a three-night stay at the Drury Inn. Dinner will be on your own, but you can take advantage of the hotel's 5:30 Kickback featuring a variety of hot foods and cold beverages.

Day 2 - Roswell Homes Tours – Free Time in Roswell - Atlanta Botanical Gardens Christmas - Start with breakfast at the hotel, then enjoy a day in Roswell, GA. Here you will tour three beautiful antebellum homes all decorated for the Holidays. Barrington Hall is the home of Barrington King, son of Roswell King, the founder of Roswell. You can tour this home strategically built on the highest point, overlooking the town. Today, this home is recognized as one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture in the country. It is also listed as one of Atlanta's 50 Most Beautiful Homes. Barrington Hall has the only antebellum garden in metro Atlanta that is open to the public. Also located on the magnificent grounds are the smoke house, ice house, a barn, and two wells.

Next, tour Smith Plantation, the home of Archibald Smith who traveled to Roswell in 1845 with his wife, children and thirty slaves. They built their home on a 300+ acre plantation. Tragedy struck when Smith's eldest son, Willie, was killed during the Civil War. Perhaps it was Willie's death that caused the family to hold tight their other possessions. Whatever the reason, Smith Plantation is filled with the family's original artifacts. See how time has altered this home from the time of slaves working in the fields to a day in 1986 when the family's descendants sold the home to the City of Roswell on the strict condition that the family's maid, Mamie Cotton, be allowed to live in the house for the remainder of her life.

Bulloch Hall is considered one of the most significant homes in Georgia. Here, Mittie Bulloch grew up, met a young man from the prominent Roosevelt family of New York, and captured his heart. In this home, the couple wed at Christmas time in 1853. This was the union that produced U.S. President, Teddy Roosevelt. The couple's other son, Elliott, fathered Eleanor, who became the wife of Franklin and served as our nation's most beloved First Lady. On the reconstructed service grounds are slave cabins and a carriage house. One of the cabins showcases living quarters and exhibits that provide opportunities to explore and recognize the role of African Americans in the history of Roswell.

Enjoy time on your own in Roswell for shopping and lunch on your own. Antiques, boutique clothing stores, delicious food items and even something for your furry friends, you'll find it all here in Roswell.

Return to your hotel this evening, dinner will be on your own, but you can take advantage of the hotel's 5:30 Kickback featuring a variety of hot foods and cold beverages.

This evening, enjoy the Atlanta Botanical Gardens Christmas Lights. Spread across 30 acres adjacent to Piedmont Park, Atlanta Botanical Gardens is one of the city's loveliest locations year-round – but it's especially beautiful drenched in thousands and thousands of lights. This brilliant blown glass installation by artist Dale Chihuly is even more splendid when illuminated at night. **(B)**

Day 3 – Atlanta, GA - Georgia Aquarium - World of Coca-Cola - Center of Puppetry Arts - Fox Theater Performance - This morning, visit the Georgia Aquarium, the largest aquarium in the world. Home to tens of thousands of animals including 500 species from around the world and more than 60 habitats including four beluga whales.

The aquarium features a number of exhibits that are sure to reel you in such as 4-D theater, the Penguin Waddle Walk, and the dolphin exhibit and show featuring an expansive underwater dolphin viewing window and a spectacular musical theatrical performance that highlights the emotional bond shared between dolphins and humans.

Next, you head to the World of Coca-Cola where the famous soft drink's story is told through fascinating exhibits, classic ads and a fanciful representation of the bottling process. Taste Coca-Cola products from around the world and pick your favorite before raiding the gift shop for souvenirs.

The afternoon features the Center of Puppetry Arts, a unique cultural treasure — a magical place where children and adults are educated, enlightened and entertained. You will visit the World of Puppetry Museum which features two galleries: the Global Collection Gallery and the Jim Henson Gallery. Get ready to rethink everything you know about puppets and puppeteers.

Dinner is on your own. Then this evening enjoy a performance at the Fox Theater (subject to availability) **(B)**

Day 4 - Jimmy Carter Library and Museum - Illuminarium Atlanta – Legacy Lodge - Margaritaville's Lakeside Lights Spectacular – Start the day with a visit to the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum. Located on 35 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds, the Carter Presidential Library is one of 13 presidential libraries in the United States administered by the National Archives. The permanent exhibits highlight Carter's life and career. Step into an exact replica of the Oval Office, experience a day in the life of the president, see exquisite state gifts, and take a virtual trip with the Carter Center on an interactive computer table. You will not only learn about the Carters' work after leaving the White House, they'll see the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to President Carter for that work.

Lunch is included today at a local restaurant followed by a visit to Illuminarium Atlanta. Embark on an African safari. Explore the depths of space. Sip cocktails in a Tokyo night market. From exhilarating natural wonders to enriching cultural moments and beyond, you'll be immersed in the world's most extraordinary experiences. Through the combination of state-of-the-art technology, such as 4K interactive projection, 360° audio, in-floor vibrations and scent systems, Illuminarium is an attraction that allows you to experience cinematic immersion like never before.

Depart Atlanta for Buford, GA and the Lanier Islands. Here you check into the Legacy Lodge for the night. Nothing satisfies the soul like sweet Southern hospitality. Welcome to the Legacy Lodge, your classic Lake Lanier accommodations option. Here is where authenticity and attention to detail deliver an unforgettable experience for guests every time they visit Lanier Islands. Dinner will be at the Lodge.

Tonight, visit Margaritaville's Lakeside Lights Spectacular for a night of nostalgic wintry fun. The Lakeside Lights Spectacular will take you on a magical walk through an amazing lighting extravaganza with festive seasonal music. **(B, L, D)**

Day 5 - Depart for Home - After breakfast, depart for home. **(B)**