

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Since 1973, Georgia has served as a backdrop for more than 700 major motion pictures, indie features and television series. Visitors can see where movie and television history was made all across the state.



### DAY ONE

Start your tour of Georgia made movies in Atlanta. The city of Atlanta has doubled as New York City in “[The Fighting Temptations](#),” and “[Sweet Home Alabama](#).” Stop by The Hebrew Benevolent Congregation Temple to see where Morgan Freeman drives Jessica Tandy to “The Temple” in the Academy Award winning Best Picture “[Driving Miss Daisy](#).”

Take a trip to The Tabernacle, a former church turned concert venue, used for the Beyonce Knowles, Cuba Gooding, Jr. feature “[The Fighting Temptations](#),” as well as the home of the Democratic National Convention in HBO’s Emmy Award Winning “[Warm Springs](#),”

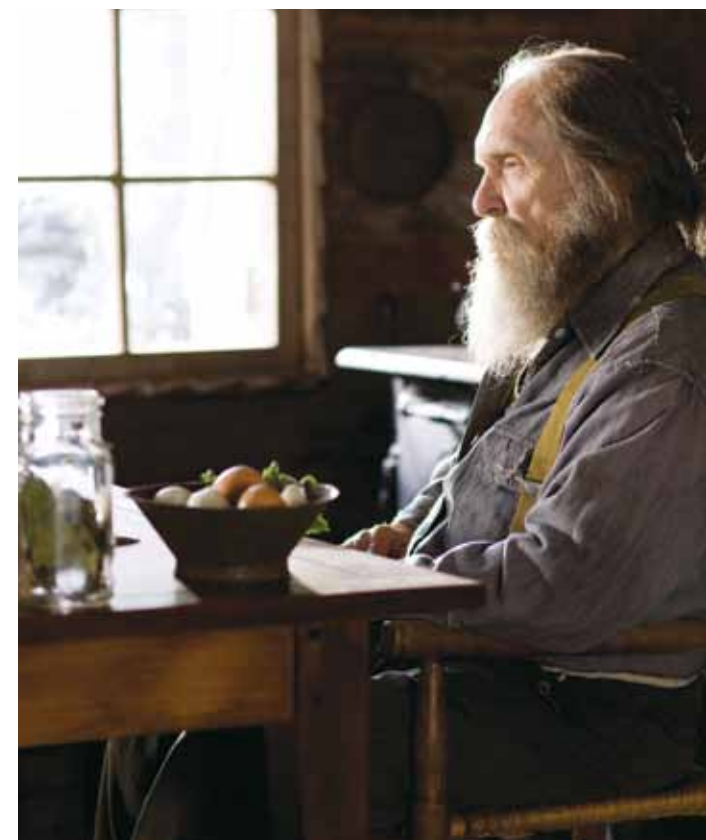
Piedmont Park is your next stop. This beautiful 85 acre park was seen in the 2004 film “[The Clearing](#)” starring Robert Redford, Willem Defoe and Helen Mirren.

After your trip to Piedmont Park, head over to The High Museum of Art. The 135,000 square foot building was chosen to be the perfect insane asylum for Hannibal Lecter in 1986’s “[Manhunter](#),” the prequel to “Silence of the Lambs.”

### DAY TWO

Day two takes you to Decatur for a day filled with movie memories. A ten minute drive from downtown Atlanta, Decatur has been home to plenty of filmmaking. The picturesque Adams Street houses can be seen in the Denzel Washington film “[Remember the Titans](#).”

A visit to Agnes Scott College reveals the set of both “[Scream II](#),” as well as Alan Alda’s “[The Four Seasons](#).”



The nearby Druid Hills neighborhood was also home to Jessica Tandy’s character in “[Driving Miss Daisy](#).” The opening and closing scenes of “[Remember the Titans](#)” take place at the Decatur Cemetery. The Emory University campus was used for the 2000 film “[Road Trip](#)” as well as for the graduation scenes in the Sean Penn directed 2007 project “[Into the Wild](#).”

### DAY THREE

Head south towards the Georgia Coast. Along the way, visit the Jasper County Courthouse in Monticello. It is famous for its scenes in the 1991 Joe Pesci, Marisa Tomei, Ralph Machio film “[My Cousin Vinny](#).”

You can’t even talk about Georgia film locations without mentioning Juliette and the film that put the town on the map- “[Fried Green Tomatoes](#).” In 1991, Juliette was a kudzu covered town with only one business remaining. Today, it is a thriving homage to its film career—from the [Whistle Stop Café](#) to the dozen or so antiques and “[Fried Green Tomatoes](#)” memorabilia stores, it is well worth a trip to spend a day.

#### DAY FOUR

Continue your trip to Savannah. No list of Georgia movies is complete without mention of Savannah and “Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil.” Over 85 films have been shot in Savannah, but “Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil” has had the biggest impact on the city. Visit the Mercer-Williams House Museum which served as the scene of the story’s pivotal murder, both in real life and the movie. After a visit to the famed house stop in to the “garden,” Bonaventure Cemetery where several famous Savannah residents are buried, including characters from “Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil.”

On the Hull Street side of Chippewa Square, one will see the original backdrop for the bench “Forrest Gump” sits on while recounting his amazing life to anyone who will listen. The bench is no longer there, but it is now housed at the Savannah History Museum. Have a meal at Love’s Seafood Restaurant, which was featured in the 1993 hit. Love’s is located on the banks of the beautiful Ogeechee River.

While you walk the streets of the historic district, keep in mind that Robert Redford rolled back the clock to the 1930’s in the historic city market area on West Congress for the golf film “The Legend of Baggar Vance,” starring Matt Damon, Will Smith and Charlize Theron.

#### DAY FIVE

Savannah’s Roundhouse Railroad Museum, a National Historic Landmark since 1978, was used in filming the movie “Glory” in 1988. Thirteen of the original structures survive, including the blacksmith shop and the brick mason shop.

The tree-lined drive up to Wormsloe Plantation at 7601 Skidaway Road was featured in the John Travolta, Madeline Stowe film “The General’s Daughter.”

#### DAY SIX AND SEVEN

Savannah is not the only coastal town that has hosted film projects. Make your way down the 100 miles of picturesque Georgia coastline to Brunswick and the Golden Isles of Jekyll Island, St. Simons Island, Sea Island and Little St. Simons Island. Spend the next two days exploring these enchanted islands where movies such as “The Legend of Baggar Vance,” “Glory,” “Roots” and the Jon Voight film “Conrack” were shot.

#### BEHIND THE SCENES MOVIE TOUR

Monticello - Relive a scene from “My Cousin Vinny” and meet some of the locals who were extras in the film. Contact the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of commerce in advance to schedule a visit.

[historicmonticello.com](http://historicmonticello.com)

## MADE IN GEORGIA:

Just a sampling of films and TV productions...

#### MOVIES (1973 - 2010):

- Deliverance
- Smokey and the Bandit
- The Big Chill
- Driving Miss Daisy
- My Cousin Vinny
- Fried Green Tomatoes
- Forrest Gump
- Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil
- Sweet Home Alabama
- The Fighting Temptations
- Diary of a Mad Black Woman
- Stomp the Yard
- We Are Marshall
- ATL
- Madea’s Family Reunion
- The Joneses
- Zombieland
- Get Low
- Due Date
- The Blind Side
- The Last Song

#### TV SERIES (1979 - 2010):

- Dukes of Hazard
- In the Heat of the Night
- House of Payne
- Meet the Browns
- Alton Brown’s Good Eats
- Paula Deen’s Home Cooking
- Paula Deen’s Party
- The Vampire Diaries
- Drop Dead Diva

