



GEORGIA STUDENT TRAVEL

GEORGIA 101

From interactive activities to historical landmarks, you'll find Georgia is full of educational, enriching and fun experiences. Bring your history books to life by tracing the steps of heroes across battlefields of human conflict in both war and in peace. Did you know Georgia has a presidential legacy? Presidents Jimmy Carter, Franklin Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson have all called Georgia home, and each of their legacies are here waiting to be discovered. From the history books to the science books, Georgia works to expand the minds of its youth.

HISTORY & HERITAGE

Located in the southeastern United States, Georgia is one of America's most diverse states. Georgia is the largest state east of the Mississippi River, stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Appalachian Mountains.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau (2008), Georgia's population is 9,685,744. Atlanta, Georgia's capital and largest city developed as a transportation crossroads and was the heart of the Old South until it was destroyed in 1865 during the Civil War. Today, the city is the transportation gateway and home to the busiest passenger airport in the world. Georgia blends the best of Old South historic sites and southern hospitality with new burgeoning business growth and big city culture.

PRESIDENTIAL LEGACY

Southern people, culture, heritage and events have had an impact on American and World history through the lives of three former presidents. Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Jimmy Carter all have significant ties to Georgia. Their homes and stories are found in sites from Augusta to Warm Springs, Plains to Atlanta.

GEORGIA'S CIVIL WAR

From Chickamauga, the second-bloodiest battle of the Civil War, to Andersonville, the most notorious prison camp of the War, Georgia has a wealth of battlefields, cemeteries, arsenals, museums, mansions and stories. The Civil War's impact on Georgia was greater than any other event in the state's history with some 11,000 Georgians killed and over 100,000 total casualties. The Blue and Gray Trail, which extends from Chattanooga to Atlanta, highlights some of the most preserved land and battle sites of the 1860s.

CIVIL RIGHTS

From the battlegrounds of the Civil War to civil rights, Georgia's place in the epic struggle for equal rights is second to none. Native Atlantan Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is buried at the King Center and his birth home is a National Historic Site.

NATIVE AMERICAN

Travel the scenic route of the Chieftains Trail through the Appalachian foothills to explore northwest Georgia's Native American heritage. From mysterious rock formations high atop a wind-swept summit and ceremonial Indian mounds on the river bank below, to the Chief Vann House, "showplace of the Cherokee Nation," immerse yourself in a time belonging to three distinct Native cultures: Mississippian, Creek and Cherokee.

EDUCATIONAL & FUN

GEORGIA AQUARIUM

Atlanta - Experience the world's largest and most engaging aquarium. With eight million gallons of fresh and marine water and more aquatic life than found in any other aquarium! georgiaaquarium.org

TUBMAN AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

Macon - Uncover Harriet Tubman's remarkable story at the largest African American museum in the state. The Tubman Museum represents a key educational and cultural resource for the state. tubmanmuseum.com

SOUTHERN MUSEUM OF CIVIL WAR & LOCOMOTIVE HISTORY

Kennesaw - Take a trip back in time and catch a glimpse into the daily lives of soldiers during the Civil War and to even relive the "Great Locomotive Chase." southernmuseum.org

NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTER'S FORT DISCOVERY

Augusta - Offers a variety of programs that emphasize hands-on math, science and technology experiences. nscdiscovery.org

COCA-COLA SPACE SCIENCE CENTER

Columbus - Your flight directors will prepare you for your space odyssey. Test your talent to be an astronaut as you master the controls of the Shuttle or take the helm of the controls in the launch pad. Experience a simulated mission in the Challenger Learning Center. ccssc.org



INSIDE CNN STUDIO TOUR

Atlanta - Journey into the heart of the world's news leader. This 55-minute behind-the-scenes tour shows you exactly what it takes to deliver the news available to over 2 billion people worldwide.

cnn.com/studiotour

AGRIRAMA

Tifton - Georgia's Museum of Agriculture and Living History Museum consists of five areas: a traditional farm community of the 1870s, an 1890s progressive farmstead, an industrial sites complex, a rural town, a national peanut complex, and the Museum of Agriculture Center. Over 35 structures have been relocated to the 95 acre site and faithfully restored or preserved.

agrirama.com

A WALKING TOUR OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Gainesville - This tour begins at the Southeast corner of the Gainesville Downtown Square (near the courthouse) at the Sun and ends just past the tennis courts and American flag where you will come to Pluto and Alpha Centauri. Call the Gainesville-Hall County Convention & Visitors Bureau at 770-536-5209 for more information.

northgeorgiaastronomers.org/scalemodel

BOOTH WESTERN ART MUSEUM

Cartersville - This 120,000 square foot Museum offers main galleries featuring contemporary Western American art. Other galleries feature historic Western art, Civil War art, Presidential portraits and letters, Western movie posters, and Western illustration. Sagebrush Ranch is an interactive gallery where children of all ages can learn about art and Western America.

boothmuseum.org



STONE MOUNTAIN PARK

Atlanta - This Park is a green oasis where families and friends can enjoy the outdoors together. Listed in Frommer's 500 Places to Visit with Your Kids Before They Grow Up, this five square mile park includes attractions, entertainment and recreation.

stonemountainpark.com

SIX FLAGS OVER GEORGIA

Atlanta - Looking for thrills? Here you will find the tallest, fastest and wildest rides in the Country! (Including a few record-breakers!)

sixflags.com/overGeorgia/

FERNBANK MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Atlanta - Home to Dinosaurs! Come face to face with the world's largest dinosaurs, discover Georgia's natural history, make a cultural connection, enjoy hands-on exhibits and more! Don't miss the incredible 5-story experience of an IMAX film.

fernbankmuseum.org

NEW WORLD OF COCA-COLA

Atlanta - The new and expanded World has something for everyone! With a thrilling 4-D Theater, the world's largest collection of Coke memorabilia, a fully functioning bottling line that produces commemorative 8-ounce bottles of Coca-Cola, a Pop Culture Gallery and nearly 70 different products to sample you are sure to please everyone in your group!

worldofcoca-cola.com

GEORGIA SEA TURTLE CENTER

Jekyll Island - This educational center and rehabilitation facility offers great opportunities to learn about endangered sea turtles and other environmental topics. Activities include scavenger hunts, turtle walks and tours.

georgiaseaturtlecenter.org



THE CENTER FOR WILDLIFE EDUCATION AND THE LAMAR Q BALL JR. RAPTOR CENTER

Statesboro - Located on 5 beautiful acres in the heart of the Georgia Southern University Campus, this site provides an opportunity to view our native raptors in their natural environment. An amphitheater is used for live wildlife programs and flight shows.

welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/wildlife

WILD ADVENTURES THEME PARK

Valdosta - One of the top 50 Theme Parks in North America, discover the largest collection of rides in the South, hundreds of exotic animals, amazing daily shows, a refreshing water park, and all-star concerts. Also, make sure to visit Splash Island Water Park, located inside, featuring a 20,000 gallon wave pool, a lazy river and more!

wildadventures.net

TELLUS: NORTHWEST GEORGIA SCIENCE MUSEUM

Cartersville - Opened on January 12, 2008, this world class museum is located just north of Atlanta in Cartersville and is a fun learning experience for children and adults. Tellus is the expansion of the Weinman Museum. Come explore the Earth and search the stars at Tellus.

tellusmuseum.org

OKEFENOKEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Folkston - One of the oldest and best preserved freshwater systems in America is located in the southern part of the state. Native Americans called it Okefenoka, meaning "Land of the Trembling Earth." Now this place, where earth, air, fire and water continuously reform the landscape, is preserved within the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, created in 1936 to protect wildlife and for you to explore. Guided boat tours take visitors through cypress forests, historic canals and open prairies.

fws.gov/okefenokee

NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM AND SOLDIER CENTER

Columbus - This state-of-the-art immersive museum will take you through World War I trenches and Vietnam-like jungles, offering a fascinating perspective on what it means to be a U.S. Army infantry soldier. Eight life-like battle scenes from historical infantry moments start the tour, preparing you for the six other in-depth galleries that explain the infantry experience at different times in history.

nationalinfantrymuseum.com