Guide to Athens

Athens has been named one of the best college towns in the country and one of the best cities to retire. It has recently been recognized for its growing food scene and its legendary music scene has been going strong for decades. Below you'll find highlights and info on the best attractions, things to do, arts & entertainment, restaurants and more!

Music Haven

The streets of Athens are filled with color and the air is filled with music. Check out one of our top music venues:

Georgia Theatre
40 Watt
The Foundry

Look at the concert calendar to see what show to hit up next!

Outdoor Recreation

Athens is well-known for its local parks, with a wide variety of award-winning green spaces, trails, fields, and other fun attractions!

STATE BOTANICAL GARDEN OF GEORGIA @UGA
Address: 2450 South Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA 30605

MEMORIAL PARK AND BEAR HOLLOW ZOO
Address: 293 Gran Ellen Dr., Athens, GA 30605

SANDY CREEK PARK
Address: 400 Bob Holman Rd., Athens, GA 30607

BEN BURTON PARK
Address: 615 Mitchell Bridge Rd, Athens, GA 30606

BISHOP PARK
Address: 705 Sunset Drive, Athens, GA 30606

SANDY CREEK NATURE CENTER
Address: 205 Old Commerce Rd., Athens, GA 30601

North Oconee River Greenway
Address: 139 Ruth St, Athens, GA 30601
Foodie Itinerary
Athens has a variety of fantastic restaurants to explore. Here is only a short list of our favorites to get you started with. You will find a lot more as you stay longer in Athens!

**Brunch**

Mama’s Boy
Serving biscuits bigger than most appetites, this diner has made a name for itself among locals.

Big City Bread Cafe
Casual, family-run cafe serving locally sourced American fare plus housemade bread & pastries.

**Lunch**

Marti’s at Midday
Known for Southern classics, this cheery lunch spot & caterer offers up sandwiches, salads & more.

Grindhouse Killer Burgers
Local chain serving burgers, chili & shakes in a hip space with B-movies projected on the walls.

**Dinner**

Cali n Tito’s
This hot spot offers authentic Latin cuisine and some of the best vibes in town.

ZZ & Simone's
Pasta, wine, charcuterie and elegance! Find your favorite classic Italian dishes with an Athens twist.
Coffee Shops
We understand how difficult it can be to juggle classes, student organizations, internships and extracurriculars. For this reason, we have compiled this list of the best seven coffee shops in Athens, GA to help get your day moving.

Hendershot’s Coffee
Address: 237 Prince Ave

Bitty and Beau’s Coffee
Address: 1540 S. Lumpkin St

1000 Faces
Address: 510 N. Thomas St

Bitty and Beau’s Coffee
Address: 225 Herty Dr

Jittery Joe’s
Address: 237 Prince Ave, Athens, GA 30605

Molly’s Coffee Company
Address: 8830 Macon Hwy

Sips Espresso
Address: 1390 Prince Ave

Local Coffeehouse & Lounge
Address: 198 College Ave

Buvez
Address: 585 Barber St suite a

Walkers Coffee Shop & Pub
Address: 128 College Ave.
Where to Shop- Grocery Stores

Kroger
Large supermarket chain, plus health & beauty products.
Address (1): 2301 College Station Rd, Athens, GA 30605
Address (2): 191 Alps Rd, Athens, GA 30606

Publix
Supermarket chain with a wide selection of groceries, plus deli & bakery departments.
Address: 1860 Barnett Shoals Rd, Athens, GA 30605

Walmart Supercenter
Address (1): 4375 Lexington Rd, Athens, GA 30605
Address (2): 1911 Epps Bridge Pkwy, Athens, GA 30606

ALDI
Retail chain selling a range of grocery items.
Address: 1055 Gaines School Rd #104, Athens, GA 30605

Costco Wholesale
Members-only warehouse selling a huge variety of items including bulk groceries, electronics & more.
Address: 5550 Parkway Blvd, Bogart, GA 30622

Trader Joe's
Grocery chain with a variety of signature items, plus produce, dairy & more
Address: 1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy Ste 331, Athens, GA 30606

Asian Grocery Stores
Orient Mart
Address: 1055 Gaines School Rd STE 108, Athens, GA 30605

Fooks Foods
Address: 2026 S Milledge Ave, Athens, GA 30605

Mexican Grocery Stores
El Bajio Tienda Mexicana
Address: 395 Old Commerce Rd STE D, Athens, GA 30607

Indian Grocery Stores
Achachi International Market
Address: 2024 S Milledge Ave, Athens, GA 30605
Guide to Buying Furniture

1. Determine Your Needs and Budget
Identify the essential furniture items you need (e.g., bed, desk, chair, dining table). Determine how much you are willing to spend on furniture. Consider both quality and affordability.

2. Explore Furniture Shopping Options

New Furniture Stores:
IKEA: Known for affordable and stylish furniture. The closest IKEA store is in Atlanta, but they offer delivery services. 
Target & Walmart: Offer a variety of reasonably priced furniture and home goods.
Ashley Store: Offers a wide range of furniture, often with financing options.

Secondhand and Thrift Stores:
Goodwill: These stores often have used furniture at very low prices.
Habitat for Humanity ReStore: Sells gently used furniture, appliances, and home goods.

Online Marketplaces:
Facebook Marketplace: A popular platform for finding affordable second-hand furniture locally.
Amazon: For new furniture with delivery options.
Wayfair: Offers a wide variety of new furniture with different styles and price points.

3. Plan for Delivery and Assembly

Delivery Services: Check if the store offers delivery services and the associated costs.

Self-Assembly: Some furniture, especially from IKEA, may require self-assembly. Ensure you have the necessary tools for assembly.

4. Tips for Smart Shopping

Measure Your Space: Before buying, measure the space in your room or apartment to ensure the furniture will fit.

Quality Check: For used furniture, inspect items for any damage, bedbugs, or wear and tear.

Negotiate Prices: Don’t hesitate to negotiate the price, especially for secondhand furniture.
## Banking in Athens

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