

2016 IEEE PES SUBSTATIONS COMMITTEE COMPANION TOURS - Atlanta

MONDAY, MAY 23

Companion Tour 1: "All About Atlanta" City Tour 9:30am-1:00pm

Details:

Tour Starting Point: Westin Peachtree Plaza
Tour Ending Point: Westin Peachtree Plaza OR Drop at Centennial Park
Duration: 3 ½ hours
Lunch: Not included

ITINERARY:

9:30am Group Departs Westin Peachtree Plaza via coach

9:30am-1:00pm All About Atlanta Tour

1:00pm Coach drops at Centennial Park and then returns to Westin Peachtree

Highlights:

- Fox Theatre
- Governor's Mansion
- Margaret Mitchell House
- Centennial Olympic Park
- Martin Luther King Center
- Georgia Aquarium
- World of Coca-Cola
- High Museum
- CNN Center
- The Swan House

Today's tour begins on Atlanta's longest and most famous street – Peachtree Street. You will see downtown's soaring skyscrapers, midtown's "Fabulous" Fox Theatre, the High Museum of Art and "The Dump", where Margaret Mitchell wrote *Gone with the Wind*.



Next stop Buckhead – an area of exquisite homes often called the Beverly Hills of the South. Nestled in this exclusive area are the Governor's Mansion, Atlanta History Center and the Swan House.

On the way back to town, you will see the shopping and entertainment district—Atlantic Station, the Georgia Tech campus and many Olympic venues. Pass by the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, Centennial Olympic Park and the CNN Center. You will then enjoy a driving tour of Sweet Auburn Avenue, the first, and for a long time the most thriving black business district in the south and important landmark of the Civil Rights Movement. Visit the Ebenezer Baptist Church where Dr. King and his father were pastors and see the eternal flame marking the burial crypt and symbolizing the continuing effort to realize his vision for a world of justice, peace and equality for all mankind.

No tour in Atlanta would be complete without a look at Turner Field – Home of the Braves and the golden domed State Capitol

Building. You will be both entertained and enlightened on this panoramic tour of Atlanta. At the end of the tour, guests will have the option to be dropped off at Centennial Park for the opportunity to explore, enjoy lunch or visit a museum on your own. Centennial Park is the remaining legacy of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games and is anchored by the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, CNN Center, Center for Civil and Human Rights Museum and the College Football Hall of Fame.



TUESDAY, MAY 24

Companion Tour 2: **“A Taste of Atlanta: Downtown Southern Food Walking Tour”** 10:45am-3:15pm

Details:	Tour Starting Point:	Westin Peachtree Plaza
	Tour Ending Point:	Sweet Auburn Curb Market (Streetcar needed for return transfer)
	Duration:	4 ½ hours
	Lunch:	15 Tastings at 7 Local Restaurants Included

ITINERARY:

10:45am	Group departs Westin Peachtree Plaza for one-way transfer to Paschal’s
11:00am – 3:00pm	Downtown Southern Food Walking Tour
3:00pm	Guests either choose to remain on own in Downtown or take Streetcar back to Westin Peachtree Plaza
3:15pm	Approximate return time to hotel

Today’s “Taste of Atlanta” offers an insight into Southern food features including 15 delicious tastings from 7 food stops. This tour will introduce you to chefs and food vendors in restaurants and markets where locals eat and shop. You’ll try soul food, barbecue, Low Country cuisine, Creole-style candies, and today’s newest Southern specialties, as you learn about the history and regional variations of Southern food. Mouth-watering food samples, enough for lunch, are served from some of Atlanta’s best locally owned restaurants and food shops.



Your local guide is a culinary storyteller who loves sharing the story of Southern food with you. Come feed your belly and your mind on this food tour through Atlanta’s oldest neighborhoods. The tour includes a leisurely 2 mile walk in Historic Downtown.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Companion Tour 3: Historic Meets Hip - Roswell “Authentic American South” **9:30am-2:45pm**

Details: Tour Starting Point: Westin Peachtree Plaza
Tour Ending Point: Westin Peachtree Plaza
Duration: 5 ¼ Hours
Lunch: On Own

ITINERARY:

9:30am Group departs Westin Peachtree Plaza via minicoach
10:00am-1:45pm Tour Historic Antebellum Home, Historic Roswell and lunch & shopping on your own along “Hip” Canton Street
2:00pm Depart Roswell
2:45pm Approximate return time to Westin Peachtree Plaza

Tour Description:

Southern Trilogy Home tours, Civil War history, and the Chattahoochee River blend with a hip culinary scene, vibrant arts and an award-winning historic shopping district in Roswell—just 20 minutes north of Atlanta. Today’s tour gives you the opportunity to experience the authentic American South exploring Roswell’s 640-acre Historic District and a unique shopping and dining locale.

Arriving in Roswell, your first stop will be at one of the antebellum homes, Barrington Hall.

Experience a Bold Inspiration

In the 1830s, Barrington King and his father, Roswell King, co-founded the colony which became Roswell, Georgia. On the highest point, overlooking the town, Barrington built a magnificent home for his family which today is recognized as one of the best examples of Greek Revival architecture in the United States. Well-known as one of "Metro Atlanta's 50 Most Beautiful Homes" (Atlanta Magazine), Barrington Hall sits on seven acres in downtown Historic Roswell. Barrington Hall has been painstakingly restored and is furnished with many original family possessions. The grounds include the only antebellum garden in the Atlanta area that is open to the public—7 acres of original grounds that look much as they did 160 years ago.



Next, enjoy a short driving tour of Roswell’s Historic District as your guide in period dress brings alive Roswell’s interesting history. Sights include the Roswell Town Square (where 400 Roswell mill workers (mostly women and children) were charged with treason and held overnight until they could be sent by wagons to Marietta and also the setting for President Theodore Roosevelt’s visit to Roswell), Roswell Presbyterian Church (used as a hospital for Union soldiers during the Civil War), Great Oaks (1842) and more.

Continue on to nearby Canton Street for lunch and shopping on your own. This section of Roswell’s historic district showcases more than 22 restaurants and sidewalk cafes, 16 unique shops, and nine vibrant art galleries all housed in period buildings. Recognized as a “foodie” destination, Roswell has restaurants for every taste—barbecue and bistro, tapas and Thai, down-home Southern cooking to continental cuisine.

