



A Memorable Mother's Day in Atlanta

ATLANTA (May 1, 2003) – May brings Mother's Day and a perfect opportunity to treat Mom to all that Atlanta has to offer. Several attractions and restaurants around town are offering special deals, from luxurious indulgence to scrumptious meals at Atlanta's finest restaurants.

Treat Mom to a fun-filled afternoon of puppets and tunes at the internationally renowned **Center for Puppetry Arts (CPA)**, one of Atlanta's hidden treasures. Discover fascinating dino-facts, amazing life-like puppets and whimsical songs in the educational adventure "Dinosaurs." Afterward, visit "Puppetry in Focus: Treasures from our Global Collection," in the special exhibit gallery and the Center's permanent exhibits in the puppetry museum, "Puppets: The Power of Wonder." Buy one regular price ticket to the show and Mothers will receive free admission. Mothers can also register to win a complimentary CPA membership and take home a Pterodactyl puppet from the create-a-puppet workshop.

For a day of exploring Atlanta's adult cultural art scene, head to the **Alliance Theatre** for a spectacular performance of Sondheim's "Pacific Overtures." This theatrical event combines one of the most prolific composers of American musical theater with the Asian theater traditions of Kabuki and Noh, along with haiku and Japanese musical techniques. Tickets may be purchased at the Woodruff Arts Center box office or online at www.alliancetheatre.org.

Early May is a peak time for Atlanta's gardens and the **Atlanta Botanical Garden** Connoisseur Garden Tour has become a traditional Mother's Day outing for families. This tour of nine private Atlanta gardens displays great design and planting ideas from Atlanta's most talented gardeners and landscape architects. The tour is held rain or shine, on Saturday, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 11 from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call 404.876.5859 or visit www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org.

Honor Mom and spend quiet time chatting over traditional afternoon tea at the **Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta and Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead**. Tea is served from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily and reservations are recommended. All mothers will receive a chrysanthemum to take home to mark the special occasion. For more information call, 404.659.0400 or visit www.ritzcarlton.com.

Mothers in need of rest and relaxation during her special day can escape in the lap of luxury with the **Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta** "Bed & Breakfast" package. Complete with valet car service and all of the amenities of Atlanta's only five star hotel, she'll

enjoy an evening of comfort and delicious dinner in her elegant room. The next morning she will have the option of ordering breakfast to from one of Atlanta's finest restaurants, Park 75. For more information on this package, contact Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta reservations at 404.881.9898.

Sports loving Moms will have Atlanta's best sporting events to chose from during her special weekend. On Saturday, May 10 the **WUSA Atlanta Beat** will take on the San Diego Spirit at 7 p.m. at Herndon Stadium. On Sunday, May 11, take Mom out to the ballgame at Turner Field as the **MLB Atlanta Braves** play the San Francisco Giants at 1:05 p.m.

Several of Atlanta's top restaurants have prepared special Mother's Day brunch menus. **City Grill** invites families to Mother's Day brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 11. A special buffet will feature assorted fruit, French toast, scrambled eggs with fresh herbs, grits, bacon and skillet potatoes with onions along with a selection of cakes and pies. Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling 404.524.2489.

Join **Dailey's Restaurant and Bar** for Mother's Day Jazz brunch on Sunday, May 11, with live entertainment by The Obie Jesse Trio. For reservations, call 404.681.3303.

Experience an Atlanta tradition with chicken salad and cheese straws at the elegant **Swan Coach House Restaurant**. Located on the grounds of the Atlanta History Center in Buckhead, the Swan Coach House is an Atlanta landmark of traditional Southern elegance. Though the restaurant is not open on Sunday, May 11, enjoy a day exploring the exhibits and grounds of the Atlanta History Center and then head for a delicious lunch at the restaurant. A special Mother's Day tea will be held on Thursday, May 8. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling 404.261.0636.

Maggiano's Little Italy, Buckhead is hosting Mother's Day brunch in the elegant upstairs ballroom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The menu includes such items as Fran's potatoes and onions, muffins, scones, bagels, cinnamon rolls, Rigatoni DiGregorio, shell pasta and meat sauce, veal cannelloni, chicken parmesan, salmon, tilapia and sherry piccata sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted vegetable medley, a wide range of delectable desserts, as well as a specialized children's menu.

The **Garden Terrace** restaurant in the lobby of the downtown Hilton Atlanta will offer a new spring Sunday brunch menu from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Sunday. Treat Mom to a "bottomless" basket of house-baked breads, muffins and danish. The á la carte brunch menu includes a choice of an appetizer and entrée with a complimentary mimosa and coffee or tea. A special children's menu is also available for ages 5-12. Children under 5 are complimentary.

This Mother's Day celebrate with a delicious dinner at **Callaway Gardens**. The generous buffets in the Plantation Room, Piedmont Dining and Mountain Creek Inn Ballroom will include items such as mouth-watering appetizers, a variety of salads, fresh-baked breads, prime rib au jus, baked grouper with grapefruit salsa, roasted duck with

peach sauce, a selection of breakfast foods, an incredible dessert selection and more. Each Mother enjoying brunch will receive a potted plant to take home. Entertainment will be provided in the Mountain Creek Ballrooms by classical guitarist Ron Sherrod from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or to make reservations call 1.800.CALLAWAY.

For a complete listing of Mother's Day activities in Atlanta, visit www.atlanta.net.

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