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Atlanta's Top Holiday Traditions

1. At Macy's at Lenox Square mall, come ride Priscilla, the [Pink Pig](#), on train tracks through a life-sized storybook that includes the original Pink Pig and her friends (Nov. 1, 2009 – Jan. 4, 2010). While you're there, witness the Great Tree atop Macy's, standing 70 feet tall and weighing an average of 16,000 pounds fully decorated.
2. Tube down a 400-foot hill and play in 200 tons of fresh snow at Atlanta's first snow park at [Snow Mountain](#) (Dec. 26, 2009 – March 1, 2010) at Stone Mountain Park. Also at the park, check out [A Stone Mountain Christmas](#) (Nov. 14-Dec. 30), complete with live shows, The Polar Express 4D experience, a visit with Santa Clause, a sing-a-long Christmas train ride and more.
3. Visit Centennial Olympic Park to experience the Southeast's only outdoor [ice skating rink](#) (Nov. 14, 2009 – Jan. 31, 2010). In the evening, skate through the park's [Holiday in Lights](#) (Nov. 14, 2009 – Jan. 3, 2010).
4. Celebrate the 50 Year Anniversary of [Atlanta Ballet's The Nutcracker](#) at the Fox Theatre (Dec. 11-27).
5. Kick off the New Year at the [Chick-fil-A Bowl](#) for the 42nd annual rivalry game between the ACC and SEC at the Georgia Dome. After the game, watch the world-famous, 800-pound peach makes its 138-foot drop at Underground Atlanta's [21st Annual Peach Drop](#), the largest New Year's Eve Party in the Southeast.

Visit Atlanta.net/holiday (launching Oct. 26) to explore 50 Atlanta holiday traditions and begin planning your trip to Atlanta.

Atlanta's Suite Temptations for Pets and Kids

In a city known for its Southern hospitality, it's no surprise that Atlanta is a kid-friendly and pet-friendly destination. [Hotel Palomar Atlanta](#) provides a VIP (Very Important Pet) amenity delivered to your room upon arrival, along with pet bowls, a pet bed and a dog leash. Kids will receive a special KimptonKids welcome gift upon check-in and child-size animal print robes are available for loan. Accredited babysitting services and pet sitting services can be arranged through the concierge. At the [Westin Peachtree Plaza](#), each child will receive a tote bag full of gifts including their own room key and a make-your-own postcard kit, and at the [Omni Hotel at CNN Center](#), children receive suitcases filled with games and books, a backpack upon check-in and menu choices prepared especially for young travelers. Both of these hotels are also pet-friendly.

Art and History Touch Down in ATL's Airport

In 2010, [Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport](#) will take passengers on "A Walk through Atlanta History" in a new multimedia installation that will bring the city to life for visitors and Atlantans alike. Through short videos, wall images and colorful reader rails, the exhibit will highlight eight points in Atlanta history, including the founding of Atlanta, the Civil War and the siege of Atlanta, the Civil Rights Movement in Atlanta and the achievements of Mayor Hartsfield and Mayor Jackson.

Atlanta Airport Makes Renting Cars *Plane Simple*

More than 2 million people rent vehicles each year at Hartsfield-Jackson and the number is expected to increase by as much as 65 percent by 2015. ATL SkyTrain, making its first run on Nov. 10, will be able to transport more than 10,000 people an hour from the airport to a new centralized car rental center. The scenic, five-minute ride along a 1.5-mile-long, elevated railway, will make the transition from plane to car easy and stress free.

Other ways to get around the city:

- [MARTA](#) (Atlanta is one of 8 of the largest U.S. airports to have rail service that drops passengers off within walking distance of the terminals)
- [City Segway Tours of Atlanta](#)
- [Bicycle Tours of Atlanta](#)
- [Atlanta Trolley Tour Line](#)