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The Big Chicken points the way to historic Marietta...a city rich in history, culture and charm. Located just 18 miles northwest of downtown Atlanta, Marietta offers visitors a glimpse of our southern heritage and unlimited opportunities for entertainment and fun. With something to please every member of the family, Marietta will be a trip for you to cherish.

Founded in 1834 on Cherokee Indian Land, Marietta first attracted tourists in the early 1800's. A bustling commercial center for Northwest Georgia, Marietta was the construction site for the Western & Atlantic Railroad. The mild climate drew summer residents from the south, escaping coastal heat and disease. However, with the Civil War, this peaceful resort became the scene of destruction. This is the site of the historically significant battle of Kennesaw Mountain where thousands of soldiers from the North and South died. General Sherman's troops destroyed the Marietta Square, although some residential areas were spared. The original Marietta Depot was the demarcation point of Andrew's Raiders during the famous *Great Locomotive Chase*, inspiration for the Disney movie.

After the Civil War, recovery was slow. Toward the turn of the century, there were signs of economic improvement and a return of tourists, now to include northerners

enjoying Marietta's mild-winters. Visitors today can experience the past as well as the present-day attractions in Marietta.

Marietta is home to five nationally registered historic districts, offering travelers a glimpse of our Southern past as well as modern-day museums, art galleries and renowned theaters. Visit restored 19th century homes and gardens and stroll around Victorian Glover Park located in the heart of the city.

Begin your experience by making a stop in the old Train Depot, which is home to the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau. Be sure and pick up a copy of the self-guided Marietta Walking-Driving Tour. You can take a **Historic Trolley Tour** or stroll Marietta's streets on the **Marietta Ghost Tour**. Visit the **Marietta Gone with the Wind Museum Scarlett on the Square** and take a glimpse back into the Academy Award winning movie with costumes, screenplays, scripts and much more! If culture is your interest, visit any of the four museums that are conveniently located one block in any direction from the Square. The **Marietta Museum of History**, which is located in the Kennesaw House, and features memorabilia of Marietta's past from Indian times to the present. The restored **Root House Museum** was home to Marietta's first pharmacist, William Root. **The Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art** features regional art and widely acclaimed exhibits. The **Marietta Fire Museum** is home to the Aurora, a restored 1850's steam engine, and features other firefighting paraphernalia. Marietta's Heritage Passport is an excellent way to experience the museums. The Passport allows you access to the three heritage museums at a 25% savings. It is available for purchase at the Marietta Welcome Center.

It's well worth the short drive to the Marietta Conference Center & Resort, built on the site of the Old Georgia Military Institute and destroyed by Sherman during the Civil War. Still standing on the grounds is Antebellum Brumby Hall & Gardens, home of Colonel Arnoldus Vanderhost Brumby, superintendent of the school. Then visit Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park and their newly renovated museum.

The turn-of-the-century Marietta Town Square is lined with specialty and antique shops, great restaurants and the renowned Theatre in the Square. Whether it's American, Australian, Italian, French, Chinese or Mediterranean cuisine, you are sure to find something to tantalize your taste buds. Dine in one of our many cafés and restaurants and then peruse our many antique and specialty shops where you are sure to find a treasure of your own. No matter what your interest, Marietta offers the atmosphere for you to have a memorable experience.

For more information on Marietta, call the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau at 770-429-1115; 800-835-0445 or visit www.mariettasquare.com

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 - **Antique and Specialty Shops**
 - **Restored 19th century homes**
 - **Art & History Museums**
 - **Civil War Battlefield and Sites**
 - **Regional Cuisine**
 - **Renowned Theaters**