

Marietta, Georgia



It's hip to be Square.

Stroll along cobblestone alleys and discover a city rich in history & charm located just 18 miles NW of downtown Atlanta.

Five national Register Historic Districts feature over 150 antebellum and Victorian-style homes – a reminder of the time when Marietta was a summer resort for planters from the coastal region of Georgia. These districts can be explored with a self-guided walking tour, aboard a trolley or on a lantern-led ghost walk.

Events during the Civil War did much to shape Marietta's history. Marietta is where the famous "Great Locomotive Chase" began in 1862. The Battle of Kennesaw Mountain in 1864 is memorialized at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, which pays tribute to the entire Atlanta Campaign. Other reminders of this conflict are the Marietta National Cemetery and the Marietta Confederate Cemetery. Although General William Sherman burned the downtown area, Marietta "arose from the ashes" and built a charming, Victorian town Square still in evidence today. The square is filled with charming shops, boutiques, theatre, museums & restaurants.

"It's Hip to be Square"

The Historic Marietta Square has become the "happening" place to be with the addition of new and trendy shops joining the great selection of antique shops, boutiques and restaurants. Today, over 60 retail establishments' grace the historic square – a truly diverse shopping experience. www.MariettaSquare.com

"Clang, Clang Clang Went the Trolley"



New this year, the Historic Marietta Trolley explores this historic city from the vibrant downtown square, past antebellum homes to the battlefield at Kennesaw Mountain. For times and prices, contact the Historic Marietta Trolley Company, 770-425-1006 or visit www.MariettaTrolley.com

"Guided Walking Tour Spooks Locals"

Meet the Ghosts of Marietta on a lantern-led walking tour of Marietta and the Marietta Square. The tours begin every Friday & Saturday and last approximately 90 minutes. For times and prices, contact Ghosts of Marietta at 770-881-8011 or visit www.GhostsOfMarietta.com

Story Ideas

"Frankly my Dear..."

Back in 1939, a legend was born. The movie, *Gone with the Wind* premiered and "frankly my dear" became a household phrase and won its way into America's heart. Highlights of the museum collection include the original bengaline honeymoon gown worn by Vivien Leigh. For information and admission costs, contact the Marietta *Gone with the Wind* Museum: Scarlett on the Square, 770-794-5576 or visit www.gwtwmarietta.com



"Arrive as a Group, Tour as an Individual"

Marietta's Heritage Passport is an easy way to experience the old South in Marietta. This package features Marietta's top three museums: Marietta *Gone with the Wind* Museum, the Marietta Museum of History and the Root House Museum – at a discounted price. Available for sale at the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau, 770-429-1115, www.MariettaSquare.com.



"Another Opening, Another Show"

Theatre in the Square, housed in a former cotton warehouse, has been called "the most charming performing space in the Southeast" by *Southern Living*. This intimate, 225-seat facility features Broadway caliber productions. Matinee performances available. For schedule, times & cost, call 770-422-8369 or visit www.theatreinthesquare.com.

"Make our Christmas Past, Your Christmas Present"

Experience the holidays the way it used to be. Join us in beautiful, historic Marietta as we kick off the holiday season with the *Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Home Tour*, December 6-7, 2008. The tour features historic homes and public buildings, all decorated for the season. The Victorian square, with its charming shops and restaurants, is illuminated with thousands of luminaries and Theatre in the Square presents special holiday performances. For information about the tour, go to www.mariettapilgrimage.com. For general information call 770-429-1115 or visit www.MariettaSquare.com.



"Circling the Square" Sample Itinerary

Annual Events

Morning

- Begin at the Marietta Welcome Center in the old train depot.
- Walk next door to the Marietta Museum of History and meet Mayor Hammitt, the Civil War Mayor of Marietta
- Just next door is the Marietta Gone with the Wind Museum: Scarlett on the Square, where you can view original movie memorabilia.
- The tour continues to the Root House Museum, which is the oldest frame house in Marietta



Lunch

Grab a sandwich at once of the many restaurants on the Square and have a picnic in Glover Park – you might even catch a noontime concert.

Afternoon

- Browse the shops and galleries around the Square
- Take a ride through history on the Historic Marietta Trolley
- Tour Marietta's five National Register Historic Districts
- Along the route, visit Kennesaw National Battlefield Park
- Tour the grounds at Brumby Hall & Gardens



Evening

- Enjoy an evening of entertainment with dinner on the Square followed by a carriage ride around the historic town square, a play at Theatre in the Square or a lantern-led ghost walk.

April

- Glover Park Concert Series (last Friday night of every month through August)
- Taste of Marietta (last Sunday in April)

May

- May-retta Daze Arts & Crafts Festival
- Marietta Farmers' Market (Saturdays, May-Labor Day weekend)

June

- Dixie Highway 90-Mile Yard Sale (from Ringgold to Marietta)



Street Festival

July

- The Fourth in the Park, Annual Parade & Fireworks

September

- Art in the Park (Labor Day Weekend)
- Historic Marietta Antique

October

- Harvest Square Arts & Crafts Festival
- Scarecrows in the Square



November

- Marietta Square Holiday Open House



December

- Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Home Tour (first weekend in December)
- Santa on the Square
- Candlelight Shopping

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