



## **Atlanta Mini Retreat 2016 September 15-16, 2016**

### **Fact Sheet/Q&A**

#### **List of Important Addresses:**

**Marriott Midtown Suites Atlanta:** 35 14th St NE, Atlanta, GA 30309

**Four Seasons Atlanta:** 75 14th St NE, Atlanta, GA 30309

**The High Museum of Art:** 1280 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30309

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):** 1600 Clifton Rd, Atlanta, GA 30333

**Mason Fine Art Gallery:** 415 Plasters Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30324

**Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport:** 6000 N Terminal Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30320

#### **Transportation Options**

UBER is the preferred method of transportation and is available everywhere (including at the airport, if you use UBERX or UBERSelect, you will need to coordinate pickup location with driver)

MARTA (public transit system that goes all around Atlanta and directly to and from airport)  
<http://www.itsmarta.com/>

To take MARTA from airport to Marriott Midtown Suites, board either train and take it to "Arts Center Station" stop (20-30 minute ride). Hotel is about a 10 minute walk from the station.

#### **TAXI**

Yellow Taxi: (404) 521-0200

#### **PRIVATE CAR**

**Executive Transport Limo** (Mention Referral by Paul Hastings)

Attn: Fred Amicha (770) 434-4222

[etlimo1@gmail.com](mailto:etlimo1@gmail.com)

#### **Legacy Atlanta (Woman-Owned Car Service)**

Attn: Carol (404) 761-5500

*You must mention Belizean Grove meeting to receive the following discounted rates from Airport to Marriott Midtown Suites:*

\$81.50 (all inclusive of taxes and gratuity) for inside airport (Meet & Greet)

\$71.50 (all inclusive of taxes and gratuity) for curbside pickup

## ATLANTA Q&A'S

### **Q: Do I really need to keep track of my nametag?**

A: Yes! This is very important! Please do NOT lose your nametag – it is a security issue. Nametags are your “badges” for the CDC on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and they must have the same name that appears on your passport or government issued ID. For example, if you go by Kate and your full name is Katherine, you must register as and use Katherine on your nametag. Middle names are not necessary. The Grove will list the name you registered with on your nametag so please contact Erin LeBlanc if your name is not correct.

### **Q: What will the weather be like?**

A: Atlanta weather is generally pleasant in mid to late September but could still be rather hot (mid to upper 80's) with the chance for showers. Be sure to bring an umbrella and comfortable shoes. Although it could be hot outside, remember to bring a jacket/sweater for indoors – the air conditioning can be cold.

### **Q: What time is hotel check in at the Marriott Midtown Suites?**

A: Official hotel check in is at 4 PM. We have asked to have some rooms available early but there is no guarantee. For those members who arrive on Thursday before their room is ready, we will have a Hospitality Suite where people can “freshen up” or change before the Program at the Woodruff Center at 4:30 PM.

### **Q: How far is the High Museum of Art from the Marriott Midtown?**

A: It is about a 15 minute walk. We will escort everyone on Thursday afternoon and walk together. For those who don't want to walk, you can call an Uber or Taxi from the hotel to drop you off.

### **Q: What is the dress code?**

A: We have three main events – suggested attire is listed below:

The High Museum of Art: (Thursday late afternoon/evening) is dressy business casual attire for an evening with Programs, cocktails and a seated dinner. Since we will be walking to the Woodruff from the Marriott, be sure to wear comfortable shoes!

CDC (Friday Day): Business or Business Casual Attire. We will be inside the CDC for the Program all day so be sure to bring a jacket or sweater in the event of extreme air conditioning.

Mason Fine Art (Friday Evening): Casual attire for a night of Southern Hospitality, Art, Music & BBQ. Wear your dancing shoes!

### **Q: Can I attend breakfasts at the Marriott Midtown Suites even if I am not staying there?**

A: Yes. Everyone who is registered for the Atlanta Retreat is welcome to attend the breakfast at Marriott Midtown Suites on Friday and Saturday morning.

**Q. Why Should I Visit the Atlanta Botanical Gardens on Thursday, Sept 15 (or on my own)?**

A. The exceptionally beautiful Atlanta Botanical Gardens is currently hosting the encore exhibition of the Internationally acclaimed glass artist, Dale Chihuly, “Chihuly in the Gardens”. Your hosted visit on Thursday includes a private tour; a discussion with their wonderful President & CEO, Mary Pat Matheson, who will give a “behind the scenes” of the Chihuly exhibit; and lunch at the award winning chef, Linton Hopkins, newest restaurant, “Linton in the Garden”. It will be fabulous way to launch your visit to Atlanta!! (The Gardens are a five-minute UBER ride from the Marriott Suites.)

**Q: Why Should I Visit The Center for Civil and Human Rights on Saturday, Sept 17 (or on my own)?**

A: Two very important reasons!! (1) When the International Women’s Forum (IWF) held their October 2014 World Leadership Conference in Atlanta with over 640 attendees, the Center for Civil and Human Rights was the highlight of the visit for the attendees. The Center is a cultural attraction that connects the American Civil Rights Movement to today’s increasingly important focus on Global Human Rights Movements. (2) We have arranged for the colorful, animated CEO, Derreck Kayongo, to speak to our group prior to your tour. Derreck and his family fled the civil war in Uganda, ultimately settled in the US, and he became a widely recognized entrepreneur. His story, as a political refugee turned into successful leader, is memorable and one you will not want to miss. You shouldn’t leave Atlanta without a thoughtful visit to this fabulous Center. (And for golfers, you can reach the Druid Hills Golf Club in a 15-minute taxi or UBER ride.)

**Q: What is so special about golf at the Druid Hills Golf Club?**

A: Druid Hills Golf Club is right in the heart of Atlanta, an historic 104 year old course that was part of the original Frederick Law Olmstead plans for the Druid Hills Neighborhood. It is only a 10-15 minute drive from our hotel. Full locker room facilities are available as well as a practice facility. The course is hilly and challenging for amateurs, the site of the Dogwood Invitational Tournament that has produced many a PGA professional. We are adjusting the tee times so that you can visit the Center for Civil and Human Rights and taxi over in time for the first tee.

**Q: Why should I visit The Carter Center?**

A: Aside from the important fact that our very own Mary Ann Peters is the new(ish) CEO of The Carter Center, you will find a spectacular garden and, on the same campus, the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. The Library and Museum, like all the presidential libraries, belongs to the National Archives; it is separate from The Carter Center. On Saturdays until 1:00 pm at The Carter Center you will also find Freedom Farmers’ Market.

The Museum showcases President Carter’s personal history, his presidency and his post-presidency activities through The Carter Center, the international not-for-profit he and Mrs. Carter founded in 1982. One of the Museum highlights is “A Day in the Life of a President”, an interactive exhibit that will bring back memories of events we all remember, only you will see them from President Carter’s perspective.

The exhibits on The Center's efforts to eradicate neglected tropical diseases such as Guinea worm disease are also quite interesting. The Museum is open 9-4:45 Monday-Saturday and 12-4:45 on Sunday. If there is sufficient interest, Mary Ann will arrange for a docent to take a group through the Museum.

**Q: What about Music Midtown?**

A: Music Midtown is the largest in-town music festival in Atlanta, occurring annually in Piedmont Park. The park is within walking distance of our hotel, so for music lovers this is a "no brainer". A wide variety of musical acts will perform over the 2 day event starting Sat afternoon, including Alabama Shakes and Beck. See <http://www.musicmidtown.com/> for a complete lineup. While Peter Conlon, the promoter for the festival, was recently quoted saying the theme for this year's festival is "a little less gray hair and a little more millennial", there will be a diverse crowd and music appealing to many.

**Q: What else is there to do in Atlanta?**

A: One of our very special attractions is the Atlanta Beltline. This is a 22 mile loop around the center of the city using the bed of the old railroad track. Bikers, walkers, rollerbladers and runners love this urban path that has attracted hundreds of pieces of community art and sparked development of cafes and restaurants and renewed interest in urban walkable living. It puts the NYC High Line to shame, and may be THE top urban redevelopment effort in the US. At [beltline.org](http://beltline.org) you can find a map and a calendar of the dozens of events from bus and bike tours to free yoga and bootcamp classes. One suggestion is to lunch at Ponce City Market in the fabulous courtyard, then hop on the trail to walk back to Piedmont Park and your hotel neighborhood. For a longer walk, start at The Carter Center and walk to Ponce City Market and even on back to Piedmont Park and your hotel.

Another great option is to visit the Georgia Aquarium, a wonderful aquarium located in downtown Atlanta, an easy trip from Midtown and walking distance from the World of Coca-Cola, CNN and Center for Civil and Human Rights. The Georgia Aquarium is home to thousands of animals, representing several thousand species, all of which reside in 10 million gallons of water, and is the largest aquarium in the western hemisphere.

<http://www.georgiaaquarium.org/>

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