

the top 100

FIND ASIA IN AMERICA

CHINATOWN SAN FRANCISCO

Wander the labyrinth of back alleys in North America's oldest Chinatown, and discover a mix of the old and the new. This city within a city offers a colorful variety of sights, tastes and smells. It offers great food, and it's the perfect spot for dim sum on a Sunday, or a visit to a tea house any day of the week.

www.sanfranciscochinatown.com

CELEBRATE 400 YEARS

JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT NEWPORT NEWS/WILLIAMSBURG

Immerse yourself in this living-history museum of 17th-century Virginia. Discover the hardships the settlers faced, while exploring the nation's beginnings. Through gallery exhibits and re-created settings, visitors can explore the influence these cultural encounters had on shaping the nation and the world. European, Powhatan Indian and African cultures can all be explored in the indoor theater and gallery exhibits and the outdoor living-history program.

www.historyisfun.org

FIND YOUR INNER MAVERICK

PILOT A FIGHTER JET LAS VEGAS

Striker VIP, a company known for providing the ultimate in elite Las Vegas experiences, goes above and beyond, allowing

those with a need for speed to take off in a L39 fighter jet. A mock dogfight is filmed for posterity—putting "Danger Zone" on the soundtrack is completely optional.

www.strikervip.com

RUN LIKE ROCKY

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART PHILADELPHIA

This is one of the largest museums in the United States; however, before you venture inside, there's something else you have to see. Relive the famous scene from *Rocky*, and mimic Sylvester Stallone's run up the front steps. While you might feel a bit silly sprinting up to the museum, it's unlikely that any locals will flinch—you're not the first.

www.philamuseum.org

ENHANCE YOUR MIND

DISCOVERY PLACE CHARLOTTE

Science-minded visitors

will revel in the wonders of Discovery Place. All under one roof, you can immerse yourself in a movie at the IMAX Dome Theatre; experience interactive exhibits in the Charlotte Nature Museum's children's activity center, butterfly pavilion and more; and see how life, science and everyday decisions impact the human body at Discovery Halls' current featured exhibit, "Body Worlds."

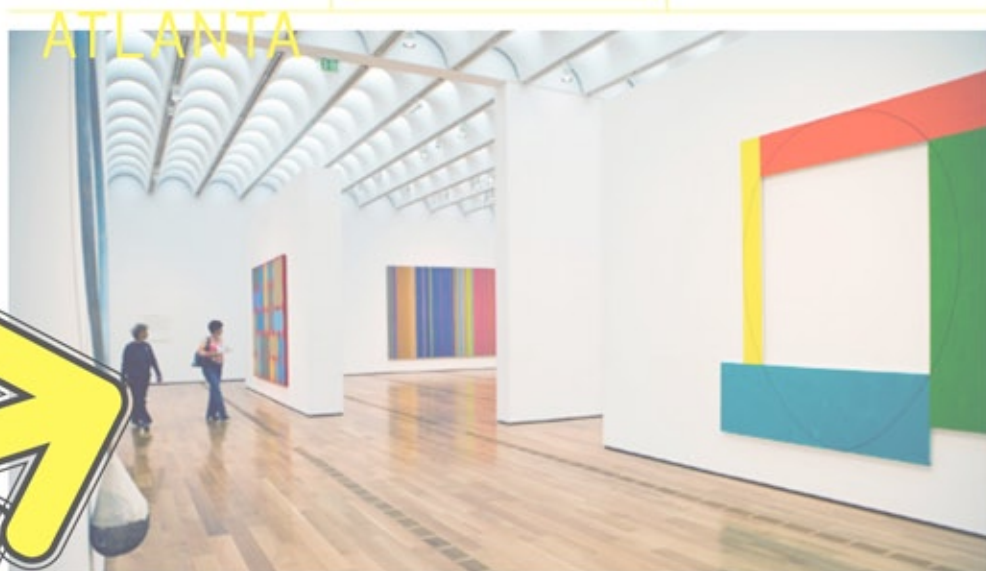
www.discoveryplace.org

BURN RUBBER

THE RICHARD PETTY DRIVING EXPERIENCE DAYTONA BEACH

Richard Petty is known as "The King," and his kingdom is the Daytona International Speedway, where he won the Daytona 500 seven times. Professional instructors at the Richard Petty Driving Experience will strap you in the shotgun seat for a three-lap, 160-mph ride-along on NASCAR's biggest stage.

www.daytonausa.com



Explore the exhibits

HIGH MUSEUM OF ART

Almost two years ago, Atlanta's High Museum unveiled its 177,000-square-foot expansion, which more than doubled the museum's size and featured three new buildings designed by world-renowned architect Renzo Piano. The result is a stunning cultural center that encompasses the museum, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Alliance Theatre, Young Audiences of Atlanta and the 14th Street Playhouse. The High's permanent collection is nothing short of outstanding, with a wide range of African, European, folk and modern art. The most exciting thing to happen since the museum's expansion, however, is "Louvre Atlanta," an unprecedented partnership between the High and Musee du Louvre that will bring hundreds of works of art from Paris to Atlanta over the next three years. Current exhibits (open through Sept. 2) include "The Decorative Art of the Kings" and "Kings as Collectors," both of which include paintings, sculptures and decorative art commissioned and collected by the French royal court. www.high.org

AMERICA'S PREMIER ART MUSEUM

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART NEW YORK

With a collection of more than two million works that span 5,000 years of history, the Met is one of the world's largest and most important art museums. View iconic works by almost every noteworthy artist, along with artifacts from cultures around the globe, including the greatest collection of Ancient Egyptian art outside of Cairo.

www.metmuseum.org

CENTRAL FLORIDA'S FAIRWAYS

GINN REUNION RESORT ORLANDO

The Orlando area is overflowing with year-round golf from the game's top designers. If you only have time for one resort, visit Ginn Reunion Resort, which boasts the Tom Watson-designed Independence Course, the Legacy Course designed by Arnold Palmer and the Jack Nicklaus-designed Tradition Course.

www.reunionresort.com

THE LEGACY OF MLK

MLK HISTORIC SITE ATLANTA

Get a glimpse into the life of this great leader at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic