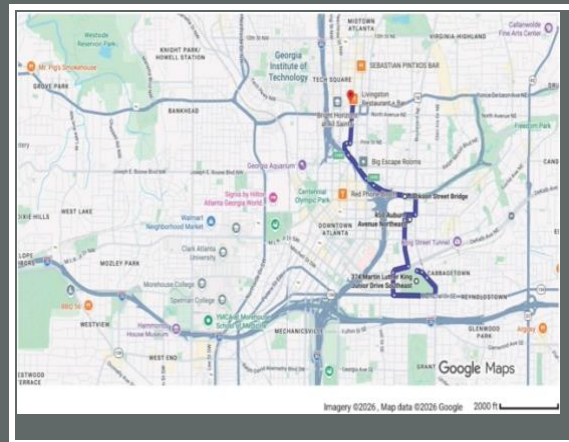
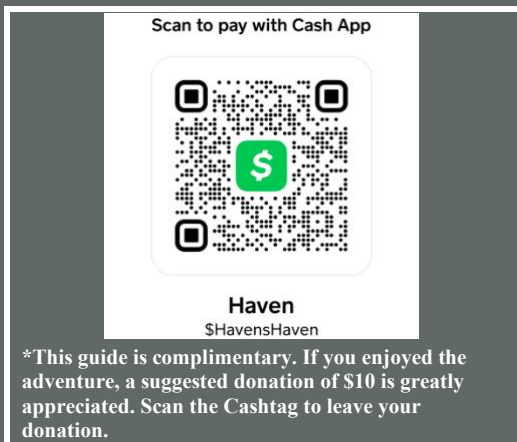


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Self-Guided Tour and Scavenger Hunt



1. Stop One: Enduring Love

Oakland Cemetery | 374 MLK Jr Drive SE, Atlanta, 30312

Welcome to Oakland Cemetery – one of Atlanta’s oldest historic landmarks and the resting place of generations who shaped this city. Established in 1850, Oakland Cemetery holds thousands of couples, making it one of Atlanta’s most powerful archives for love stories.

On this stop, you can learn about the symbolism carved into monuments as you walk through the grounds; clasped hands representing reunion, ivy symbolizing fidelity, and roses suggesting enduring love, each symbol representing a relationship that mattered deeply to someone.

While exploring, look for:

- ☐ A love symbol carved into a headstone (clasped hands, rose, or ivy branch)
- ☐ A married couple’s shared headstone
- ☐ An angel statue

BONUS: Oakland Cemetery offers a love-themed scavenger hunt for purchase on-site.

2. Stop Two: The King and Queen feat. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King

MLK Jr. National Historic Park | 450 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta, 30312

Do you know the story of one of the city’s most influential partnerships? Their love story began in Boston in 1952, where Martin, a young minister studying for his doctorate, met Coretta. Their relationship quickly grew into a partnership. They married in 1953 and later returned to Atlanta in 1960, where their family and leadership became central to the Civil Rights Movement.

While exploring, look for:

- ☐ The Eternal Flame
- ☐ Ebenezer Baptist Church
- ☐ “I Have A Dream” World Peace Rose Garden

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3. Stop Three: Love Locked

Jackson Street Bridge | 433 Freedom Park Trail, Atlanta, 30312

Welcome to one of Atlanta's most breathtaking viewpoints – The Jackson Street Bridge. This love lock bridge has become one of Atlanta's most beloved locations for proposals, date nights, engagement photos, and romantic moments shared between couples.

The area surrounding the bridge is closely connected to Atlanta's Civil Rights history and the evolution of neighborhoods shaped by the city's cultural and historic identity. For couples, the bridge represents another kind of history – the private moments that become part of a person's life story, a proposal, an anniversary celebration, or simply sharing the sunset transforms this place from an ordinary place to a meaningful one.

The tradition of love locks originates in Europe after World War I. The fad exploded when couples started attaching padlocks to bridges as a symbol of lasting love before throwing away the key. The custom spread worldwide, and by the 2010s, visitors began placing locks on the Jackson Street Bridge and commemorating the moment with a photo in front of the iconic Atlanta skyline.

Photo Op: Catch a selfie in front of the Jackson Street Bridge at dusk.

WARNING: If you choose to leave a lock on the bridge, don't throw your keys away over the edge.

4. Stop Four: Date Night

Fox Theater | 660 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, 30308

You've reached your last stop – the Fox Theatre – Atlanta's legendary palace of entertainment. Since its opening in 1929, the Fox Theatre has been a place where people have celebrated first dates, marriage proposals, anniversaries, and special occasions.

During the golden age of cinema, going to the movies was an experience. Couples dressed up and spent an evening escaping into a live performance. The Fox became part of Atlanta's own romance traditions, creating memories for generations.

Photo Op: Snap a pic underneath the Famous Fox Theatre marquee.