

7 most romantic spots to celebrate your anniversary around Atlanta

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Bob Andres House smoked salmon at Canoe. (BOB ANDRES/AJC staff)

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If you're celebrating your anniversary in Atlanta, you have many romantic spots to make the occasion that much more special.

The ideal location to celebrate your lives together and plans for the future depends on the individual couple, of course, but the following are seven of the most romantic spots to celebrate your anniversary around Atlanta:

An intimate restaurant

Nikolai's Roof, on the top floor of the Hilton Atlanta, 255 Courtland St. NE, Atlanta. 404-221-6362. nikolaisroof.com.

The spectacular views through floor-to-ceiling windows are enough to make dining at Nikolai's Roof special, but its elegant dishes and AAA Four Diamond awards for 27 consecutive years make the experience truly memorable.

Canoe, 4199 Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta. 770-432-2663. canoeatl.com.

Named the most romantic restaurant in Georgia by Town & Country magazine, Canoe is located in Vinings, along the banks of the Chattahoochee River. Enjoy an intimate meal, and take a romantic stroll through the beautiful grounds afterward.

Apres Diem, 931 Monroe Drive, Suite C-103, Atlanta. 404-872-3333. apresdiem.com.

Apres Diem provides a slightly more relaxed yet sophisticated experience and serves fine American-Mediterranean fusion dishes.

The symphony

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-733-5000. atlantasymphony.org.

Georgia Symphony Orchestra, Marietta Performing Arts Center, 1171 Whitlock Ave., Marietta. 770-429-2390. georgiasymphony.org.

DeKalb Symphony Orchestra, performances usually held in the Marvin Cole Auditorium on the Perimeter College of Georgia State University's Clarkston Campus. 678-891-3565. dekalbsymphony.org.

Georgia's wineries

Georgia Wine Tours, pick up/drop offs at Dunwoody MARTA Station or Cobb Galleries Centre Parking Deck. 404-924-1288. georgiawinetours.com.

If you'd like to visit several wineries, let Georgia Wine Tours pick you up and take you on a scheduled tour, or devise one of your own.

Chateau Elan, 100 Rue Charlemagne Drive, Braselton. 678-425-0900. chateauelan.com.

Take the scheduled tour or a private one such as the Tour of Georgia, which also lets you taste Georgia's local cheeses and olive oils. You can also extend the romance by staying the night at the Chateau Elan Inn.



Ansley Park's most beautiful feature, Piedmont Park at dusk.

Picnicking at Atlanta's parks

Piedmont Park, along 10th Street and Piedmont Avenue in Midtown Atlanta. piedmontpark.org.

With a view of Lake Clara Meer as well as the Atlanta skyline, Piedmont Park is the perfect setting for an anniversary picnic.

Alpharetta Arboretum at Webb Bridge Park, 4780 Webb Bridge Road, Alpharetta. 678-297-6123. awesomealpharetta.com.

Start with a picnic and end your day with by biking or strolling hand-in-hand through beautiful trees and plants that are native to Georgia.

Romantic hikes

AtlantaTrails.com recommends several hikes that are ideal for sharing a romantic moment. The site specifically mentions proposals, but why let the romance end there?

East Palisades Trail on the Chattahoochee River

The East Palisades Trail is a short drive from Midtown Atlanta and offers beautiful river views as well as shady areas.

Sweetwater Creek Red Trail

The Sweetwater Creek Red Trail provides gorgeous views of the whitewater and waterfalls of Sweetwater Creek State Park.

Spas that offer couples treatments

Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta, 75 14th St. NE, Atlanta. 404-881-9898. fourseasons.com.

Enjoy a Ritual for Two, which includes a 50-minute couple's aromatherapy massage, 50-minute customized facial or pomegranate polish and a champagne toast.

Mandarin Oriental Atlanta, 3376 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta. 404-995-7500.

Book a couple's suite to enjoy a large marble soaking tub for two and other amenities. You'll also receive a treatment for two that includes a couples' bath and full body massage and facial, followed by fresh fruit and juice. mandarinoriental.com/atlanta/

In the skies above Atlanta

From atop the W Atlanta-Downtown, 45 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., Atlanta. 404-582-5800. watlantadowntown.com.

Have a nice meal at the W and head up to the roof, where you can depart on a 30-minute Prestige Helicopters tour of the Buckhead and downtown Atlanta areas. Wrap up the evening by staying the night at the hotel.

North Atlanta Executive Air Service, 404-580-6798. atlantaheli.com.

Tour areas such as downtown Atlanta, Stone Mountain, Lake Lanier or Amicalola Falls.