

CULTURE

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Telfair Children's Art Museum

Need to fill a rainy spring day?

Georgia's museums have you covered with all types of exhibits, from art and history to NASCAR. These sites make indoor discovery fun—for adults and kids alike.

SAVANNAH

Telfair Museums

Savor art, history, and architecture in a city renowned for each at the three sites composing the Telfair trio. Explore modern American art—including works by Jasper Johns and Roy Lichtenstein—plus a new, immersive children's art museum at the Jepson Center. Steps away, browse 19th- and 20th-century American

and European works, including Savannah's iconic *Bird Girl* statue, at the regal Telfair Academy, built in 1819 and opened as the South's first public art museum in 1886. Complete the day at the Owens-Thomas House & Slave Quarters, where 45-minute guided tours offer insights on the antebellum art and furnishings on display, as well as the interwoven history of the home's original owners and enslaved laborers.

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Spark of Conviction at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights

ATLANTA

National Center for Civil and Human Rights

Gain new appreciation for the events and heroes that defined the U.S. civil rights movement—and the era's connection to the broader, global fight for equal rights—as you stroll through three floors of interactive displays. Explore papers and artifacts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., plus in-depth ex-

hibits on segregation policies as well as the movement leaders and everyday citizens behind the 1960s sit-ins, boycotts, and marches to end them. Hear Dr. King's speech at the 1963 March on Washington, engage in a simulated lunch counter sit-in, and reflect on other key civil rights milestones before moving to upper-floor exhibits, which highlight international human rights' campaigns, many of which are ongoing.

CARTERSVILLE

Booth Western Art Museum

True to its tagline, this top-rated Smithsonian Affiliate lets visitors "explore the West without leaving the South" via the world's largest permanent exhibition space dedicated to Western art. Permanent exhibits spotlight Native American artifacts, Civil War art, presidential letters and photographs (including signed letters from every U.S. president), and a sweeping collection of paintings, photography, and sculptures capturing the people and landscapes of the American West from the 1800s to today. Don't miss the authentic 1865 stagecoach; galleries of colorful indigenous art, textiles, and pottery; or the soaring *Eagle Catcher* bronze that stands in the center of the museum's stunning sculpture atrium.

Eagle Catcher bronze sculpture at the Booth Western Art Museum



COLUMBUS

National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center

Experience American military history through the eyes of an infantry soldier in the museum's signature exhibit, *The Last 100 Yards*, featuring life-sized dioramas of U.S. battles from the Revolutionary War to WWII, Vietnam, and Desert Storm. With more than 1,800 artifacts on display, 36 interactive exhibits, and an outdoor campus of fully preserved WWII-era buildings to explore, there's plenty here to engage military history buffs, but the museum's wow-worthy displays of weaponry, armored vehicles, and individual soldiers' personal effects make exhibits accessible and engaging even for history novices. For an additional fee, enjoy virtual simulator experiences, such as driving a Humvee or flying a Black Hawk helicopter.

A World Power (1920-1947) gallery at the National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center

DAWSONVILLE

Georgia Racing Hall of Fame

A must stop for motorsports enthusiasts, this museum captures the thrill of racing through the decades, from Red Byron's 1939 Ford (winner of the 1948 NASCAR championship) and Buck Baker's 1957 Chevy to more contemporary stock cars and memorabilia, plus a kid-friendly mock pit crew experience. Along with the evolution of racing, the museum highlights

Dawsonville's role as the birthplace of stock car racing with a short "drive-in" movie and exhibits on Dawsonville racing legends like Gober Sosebee, whose Daytona-winning Ford is on display. Don't skip the extensive collections devoted to Dawsonville father-and-son drivers Bill and Chase Elliott, which includes Bill's wrecked car from the 1998 DieHard 500 and the car Chase drove to snag his first NASCAR Cup Series win in 2018.

Buck Baker's 1957 Chevy at the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame

