

# DISCOVER ALBANY

GEORGIA

*at your own pace*

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## Meetings & Conventions **Connect in Albany**

Albany has more than two dozen hotels • Unique reception and dining venues at Albany Museum of Art, Albany Civil Rights Institute, Chehaw Park, the Carnegie Library, Flint RiverQuarium and Thronateeska Heritage Center

Flexible meeting space is available in many Albany hotels

### SAMPLE OF MEETING & CONVENTION FACILITIES

James H. Gray Civic Center • Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center  
Merry Acres Event Center

Unique equipped venues, including Albany State University,  
Darton College, Sherwood Baptist Church and Mt. Zion Church  
Scenic outdoor meeting space - plantations, golf courses and an amphitheatre

### AFFORDABLE AND EASY ON THE BUDGET

Numerous group-friendly restaurants  
One-of-a-kind attractions and entertainment  
10 day trip options

### CONNECT AT ALBANY'S MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

*Here is a small sampling of Albany's one-of-a-kind meeting sites*

Chehaw Wild Animal & Adventure Park (accommodates up to 400 attendees)  
Nearly 800 acres of fun • Southwest Georgia's largest play park • Disc Golf Course  
• Petting Zoo and Miniature Train • Nature trails • Campgrounds • 11 screened  
and open pavilions plus Creekside Education Center - [www.Chehaw.org](http://www.Chehaw.org)

Flint RiverQuarium (accommodates up to 500 attendees)  
175,000-gallon aquarium • Blue Hole Spring • Over 30 species of birds in open-  
air aviary • Come face to face with the creatures of the deep • Rent the entire  
RiverQuarium or rent the Skywater Room and the Imagination Theater  
[www.FlintRiverQuarium.com](http://www.FlintRiverQuarium.com)

Albany Civil Rights Institute (accommodates up to 300 attendees)  
Interactive museum and exhibit tells the story of the Civil Rights Movement in  
Albany • Multimedia exhibits • Oral histories • Multipurpose room • Freedom  
Singers perform the 2nd Saturday of each month  
[www.AlbanyCivilRightsInstitute.org](http://www.AlbanyCivilRightsInstitute.org)

Thronateeska Heritage Center  
(accommodates up to 300 attendees)  
Tour the Night Sky at Wetherbee Planetarium • Historic Union  
Station Depot • Model Railway Exhibit • Last Brick Street in  
Albany - [www.HeritageCenter.org](http://www.HeritageCenter.org)

*For a complete list of options, call Courtney Spencer at the Albany  
CVB*



# CONNECT ON ALBANY-ONLY GROUP TOURS

## “Come and Meet” African American Heritage Tour

Interactive Civil Rights Institute • Freedom Singers featuring Rutha Harris • Hear “come and meet” hymns and spirituals at monthly performances

## Taste the Local Flavors – The Bounty of Southwest Georgia Tour

Tommy Mc’s Produce – berries, ciders, fruit preserves • Cromartie Pecan Farm • Sweet Grass Dairy – artisan cheeses  
• Still Pond Vineyards • White Oak Pastures organic beef farm • Dine in original barn at Pebble Hill Plantation

## “On Location” Movie Set Tour

Faith-based guided tour • Behind-the-scenes stories • Set locations: “Fireproof” (No. 1 Inspiration Movie of 2010), “Facing the Giants,” and the new 2011 movie, “Couragous”

## Paula Deen Hometown Tour

Trace the Albany years of the queen of Southern cuisine • Includes Paula’s favorite shops

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## Albany CVB Group Services

### *Planning your event:*

- Albany CVB staff will assist with bids for accommodations, meeting and gathering space, and will make certain you have the appropriate contacts to take care of all your needs.
- Albany CVB staff will assist with planning specialty tours for your groups..
- Albany CVB staff will arrange for welcome bags and greeting.

### *Upon arrival in Albany:*

*The Albany Welcome Center is located in the Historic Bridge House on the Flint River.*

- The first stop for groups should be the Albany Welcome Center.
- Staff will welcome your group and hand out welcome bags.
- Groups can see the film, “From the Heart of Southwest Georgia,” a great introduction to Albany and the SWGA region.
- Brochures, maps and one-of-a-kind Albany souvenirs are available, including Beny the stuffed turtle, Albany’s famous mascot.
- Riverfront Plaza, Turtle Grove Play Park and the Ray Charles Plaza are located next to the Albany Welcome Center, making a perfect spot for gathering the group together in a unique-to-Albany setting.

**NOTE:** All assistance with bids, requests for welcome bags and greeting and special tours must be made in advance.

### *Hub & Spoke Tours:*

Within approximately an hour’s drive of Albany:

- Thomasville Historic District
- Swamp Gravy Folk Life Play
- Still Pond Vineyard
- Blue and Gray Museum
- Habitat for Humanity Global Village
- Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village
- Jimmy Carter National Historic Site and Boyhood Farm
- Pebble Hill Plantation
- Andersonville National Historic Site and POW Museum
- White Oak Pastures (organic beef farm)



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