

# AAD Family Reunion

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## ATLANTA Here We Come!

The 2024 Andrews, Anderson, Dowd Family Reunion is quickly approaching. We are finalizing plans and taking final counts of the number of people journeying to Atlanta this year. If you are considering joining us, please let us know by the end of next week.

Atlanta is a popular city, and they host numerous events during the summer. The reunion committee is confirming plans and the number of family members attending. We need your financial commitment to get an accurate count and logistics lined-up.

Please [PAY HERE](#) & Book Hotel Room

We know that traveling can be expensive. To make it more affordable, we have included all our planned activities into the assessment fee to ensure we fellowship, laugh, and make new memories together. We pray you are able to join us this July in ATLANTA!

We also wish you a relaxing and enjoyable  
**Memorial Day Weekend!**



## GET YOUR REUNION T-SHIRTS

We are using a local Atlanta vendor for T-shirts and you will place t-shirt orders with us. Thank you, Madison Hueston, for the t-shirt design.

[Order T-shirts by completing the form.](#) Please indicate Quantity and Size when placing your order.

### Size & Cost

- S, M, L, & XL  
**\$12.00**
- 2X, 3X, & 4X  
**\$14.00**



Pay for your t-shirt through the same reunion assessment link. [PayPal Payment](#).

Please **select "FRIENDS & FAMILY"** when paying to avoid added fees on reunion account.

Or **mail a check payable to "Delna Gray"**  
Delna Gray, 1296 Cronson Blvd.,  
PO Box 3007, Crofton, MD 21114



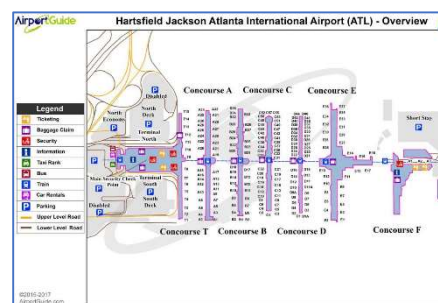
# ATLANTA AIRPORT & TRANSPORTATION

ATLANTA's Hartfield-Jackson International Airport is the busiest airport in the world and has been for the last 23 out of 24 years. Here is [an article and some tips](#) for Navigating Atlanta's Airport.



## Arriving ATL

The **Plane Train** is Hartsfield-Jackson's underground automated people mover. It connects the domestic and international terminal buildings with the airport's **seven concourses** (T, A, B, C, D, E & F) and domestic baggage claim.



## Ground Transportation Centers

Located at the **western end of the domestic terminal**. Transportation options from the airport include shuttles, buses, MARTA rail, rental cars, limousines, or taxis.

- Free, 24-hour-a-day shuttles are available from the domestic terminal, parking areas and **Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) train service**. MARTA operates a train line that connects the airport to downtown Atlanta. [The train ride takes approximately 20 minutes<sup>1</sup>](#).



### MARTA Fare

Cash Fare .....\$2.50  
Breeze Card \$2 in addition to the cost of a fare or pass.  
Single Trip.....\$2.50  
Round Trip.....\$5

1-Day Pass .....\$9  
2-Day Pass .....\$14  
3-Day Pass .....\$16  
4-Day Pass .....\$19  
\*Fares are subject to change.

- A free shuttle is available to takes passengers to the rental car center. All 12 rental car companies are connected to the airport via the **ATL SkyTrain** from the domestic terminal. The **ATL SkyTrain** also stops at the Georgia International Convention Center.
- Ride-Sharing Services (Uber and Lyft)** can drop passengers off curbside; temporary pick-up locations are well-marked and are located in the economy lots. You can easily request a ride using their apps for door-to-door transportation. Look for **orange signs** if you're heading to rideshare or the cellphone car lot<sup>12</sup>.
- Taxis** are also available at ATL. You can find them at designated taxi stands for transportation directly to your desired location.

## OTHER TRANSPORTATION

### Atlanta Streetcar

Operating on rail, Atlanta Streetcar makes 12 stops along a 2.7-mile loop and offers a safe, convenient means of connecting some of Atlanta's most popular sites in the convention and entertainment district, all the way to the Sweet Auburn District. Single trip fare is \$1; multiple trip passes are available.

### Last-Mile Mobility

Options such as Relay Bike and scooters (such as BIRD, Lime, and Uber) are in various areas of the city. Simply download an app, locate the transportation mode, and unlock it from the app.



## Departing ATL

Flying out of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) can be a breeze with some helpful tips. We strongly encourage you **to arrive at the airport at least 2 and ½ hours prior to departing Atlanta.**

- **Arrival Time:** Aim to arrive at least **2 hours** before your domestic flight departure time. This allows for check-in, security, and any unexpected delays.
- **Ground Transportation:**
  - **Arriving by Car:** If dropped off or picked up, use the **lower-level entry** on the domestic side near hourly parking for curbside access. Avoid switching lanes on the upper level.
  - **Public Transportation:** Atlanta's **public rail line (MARTA)** has an airport station. Trains run from downtown to the airport and surrounding neighborhoods.
- **Navigating the Airport:** ATL's automated people mover, the **Plane Train**, connects concourses. Trips between each of the seven concourse stops average just **two minutes**.

*Note:* Familiarize yourself with **directional signage**, which may be behind foliage.
- **Security Checkpoints:** Security lines usually take **20 to 30 minutes**. Arrive early and check security wait times online in advance.

*Tip:* If you have TSA PreCheck, make sure your whole party is in the same airline reservation to go through TSA PreCheck with you.
- **Lounges and Dining:**
  - ATL has 14 airport lounges. The largest Delta Sky Club is on Concourse B, offering panoramic views of downtown Atlanta.
  - With over **100 restaurants**, including homegrown options like Grindhouse Killer Burgers, you will not go hungry.
  - [For drinks, try Concourse E's One Flew South, a two-time James Beard Award nominee, or sample local breweries at rapper Ludacris's Chicken + Beer on Gate D-5<sup>1</sup>.](#)
- **Passing the Time:**
  - Explore the downstairs people-mover near the Plane Train. It features exhibits on Atlanta history, Zimbabwean stone sculptures, and even a faux rainforest with LED lights.



# Reunion Registration Fees & Schedule at a Glance

## Registration Fees

We are working to make this an enjoyable experience and sharing the pricing with you now so you can plan and prepare for the upcoming 2024 Family Reunion.

- **\$175 per adult** (11 years old & up)
- **\$110 per child** (3 – 10 years old)
- **Free** for 0 to 2 years old infants and toddlers

**Payment Link** - [paypal.me/aadfamlyreunion](https://paypal.me/aadfamlyreunion)

Ensure you **select** “**FRIENDS & FAMILY**” to avoid more fees being added to the reunion account.

You can also **mail a check** payable to “Delna Gray”: Delna Gray, 1296 Cronson Blvd., PO Box 3007, Crofton, MD 21114

Visit the AAD Family Reunion page for more details: <https://aadfamilyreunion.org>

## Schedule at a Glance

### Thursday, July 18, 2024

- Reunion Check-in and weekend details
- Family Meet & Greet (Embassy Suites)

### Friday, July 19, 2024

- Free time to explore Atlanta, GA
- AAD Family “Atlanta...Black Excellence” Banquet (Embassy Suites)

### Saturday, July 20, 2024

- Wear your AAD Reunion T-shirts
- Family Picture
- Tour the Atlanta area by bus
- AAD Family Meal (Popular Local Spot)

### Sunday, July 21, 2024

- Breakfast & Family Meeting

## EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL RATE EXTENDED UNTIL 06/24/24

The Downtown Embassy Suites at Centennial Olympic Park has an **AAD Hotel Rates** are **\$199 per night**. To reserve your room,

1. Click the **hotel link**: [Embassy Suites Atlanta Centennial Olympic Park Hotel \(hilton.com\)](https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/atlhysmh-embassy-suites-atlanta-hotel/)
2. Enter the reunion dates: **July 18 - 21, 2024**
3. Enter the **Group Code**: **91L** for the *AAD Family Reunion* rate.

Or **call 1-800-EMBASSY (362-2779)** to book your reservations and give them the **group code 91L**. Please do not call the hotel directly. Email the reunion committee if rooms are not available at [aadfamilyreunion@gmail.com](mailto:aadfamlyreunion@gmail.com)

**Hotel Parking is 20% of valet parking. Rate is currently \$55.**

## ATLANTA FUN FACT



Atlanta has become a major hub for filmmaking in recent years, earning the nickname “**Hollywood of the South.**” Blockbusters like **Black Panther**, **Spider-Man**, and **The Hunger Games** were all filmed in or around the city!