

# Three Places to Go in Atlanta When You're Broke AF.

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I chose to highlight my favorite places in the city of Atlanta whether it be: food, entertainment, and other forms of socialization. Here you can find the pros and cons of each establishment and a comparison of what reminds me of this establishment in similarity to the other establishment that can be found in Tampa.

However, don't look any further I have curated a list of places where you can have fun in the city but it won't break your bank! Tampa in retrospect to other major cities is relatively a cheaper city to live in versus cities like Miami, Atlanta, New York, and more. However, when you're adulting paying bills, dates, gas, groceries, and other necessities life can often make you feel like you are broke.



# 1. The High Museum of Art

Number one on our list is the High Museum of Art located in Midtown Atlanta. The High Museum of Art is one of Atlanta's top premier art museums. It has been featured in pop culture with exposure from Marvel Studio's being filmed for Black Panther, featuring American designer, entrepreneur, and the artistic director of Louis Vuitton Virgil Abloh's highly exclusive fashion exhibit, and other popular exhibits like Yayoi Kusama's "Infinity Mirrors" exhibit have been featured in magazines like Rolling Stone just to name a few things this establishment is known for in the city.

"The High" for short has always been one of my favorite places to go visit in the city. From the endless aesthetics inside the art museum, to bomb cafeteria food, to the amazing social functions like "Friday Jazz" this museum is completely different from any other museum I have attended.

Is it even fair to compare this to the Tampa Museum of Art? Not even, Tampa wishes it had the pull like "The High". There aren't enough exhibits in Tampa, it's a cute establishment though. However, I know I said I would list my pros and cons, so here they are.

## PROS:

- Amazing pieces, over five floors of different art genres.
- HUGE ESTABLISHMENT, social distance friendly.
- Has a cafeteria, so you won't go hungry.
- Great social functions for not just adults, but teens too. (Check out 'Teen Night')
- There is a great possibility you will run into celebrities.
- Student Discounts!!!

## CONS:

- Parking is trash because they don't have on-site parking.
- If it's a specialty exhibit you have to pay general admission and then the exhibit fee.

## 2. Ponce City Market



Second, on our list is the Ponce City Market located on Ponce De Leon Avenue, Atlanta, GA. Ponce City Market (PCM) is a place where locals and tourists gather to socialize, eat, and drink. In comparison PCM Karma is similar to Armature Works located in downtown Tampa.

There are plenty of food establishments in PCM, but also PCM caters to those who are there To socialize. PCM has a special then you called, “The Roof Top”. Here, guests can find themselves in a whirlwind of fun, With amenities such as a rooftop

Carnival, and outdoor bar, and during the holidays a winter wonderland featuring a rooftop skate ice skating rink PCM is nothing short of fun. If you are 21 and older the rooftop becomes adult-friendly after 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Another reason why I love Ponce City Market (PCM) is that it allows locals and tourists to access so many parts of Atlanta from that location. If you want to have a picnic they have a park, if you want to skateboard they have a skating park, if you want to get active and workout they have a trail that you can run, bike, or even walk your dog that is around 12 miles long.

There's plenty of things that are hosted there from weekly yoga, to trivia nights, to the Taste of Atlanta there's plenty to do at PCM. Of course, PCM isn't perfect, and here's the list of why:

PROS:

- The rooftop is the bomb, an amazing aesthetic.
- Adult-only after 5 p.m. on the weekends.
- Great food options.
- Easy access to the city.
- Off the expressway, so you don't have much traffic.

CONS:

- PACKED on the weekends.
- Terrible parking, need I say more.
- Kids and families there so watch out.



### 3. Edgewood



Finally, our last choice isn't much of an establishment but more of a location in the iconic area that is known as Edgewood. Edgewood is very much a comparison to Ybor City, it has that same "sketchy" nightlife feeling to it. Unfortunately, Edgewood does not have running chickens at 2 in-the-morning. It also does not have Pirahana but what does Edgewood have?

Well, Edgewood has Escobar the famous Lounge that is currently owned and ran by famous Atlanta rapper and native 2 Chainz. Unlike Piranha, Escobar is more focused on the food scene versus its social scene.

The food there would tempt you to "slap yo mama" as locals put it. However, it's important to note that while you are eating and grooving inside Escobar. Keep in

mind, the local crackheads will either be security for your car or break into it if you don't pay them.

Very much like Ybor City, Edgewood makes sure that you pay close attention to your belongings and surroundings. Here are a few things to pay attention to:

PROS:

- Great foodie place, local food trucks, and small black-owned restaurants.
- BOMB nightlife!
- Always sure to have fun.

CONS:

- Crackheads will scam you.
- Unsafe area depending on where you park.
- Towing people make plenty of money off everyone.
- Shoot-outs are a thing.

So if you're broke AF, like most of us here, our list should help you the next time you're struggling to find a place to eat when you ballin' on a budget. Oh, and there is always McDonald's if none of these fit your budget.