

Explore Atlanta at ABFM

October 23–25, 2025

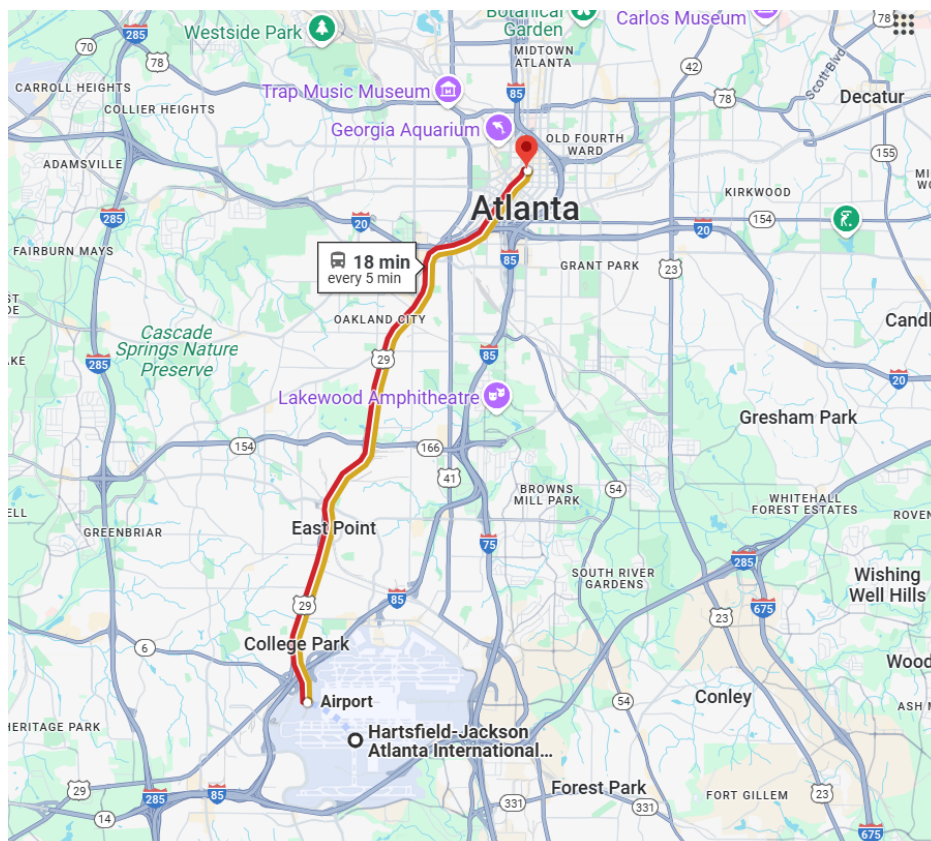
Conference Venue: Loudermilk Conference Center | 40 Courtland St NE, Atlanta, GA

Hotel: Ellis Hotel | 176 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA

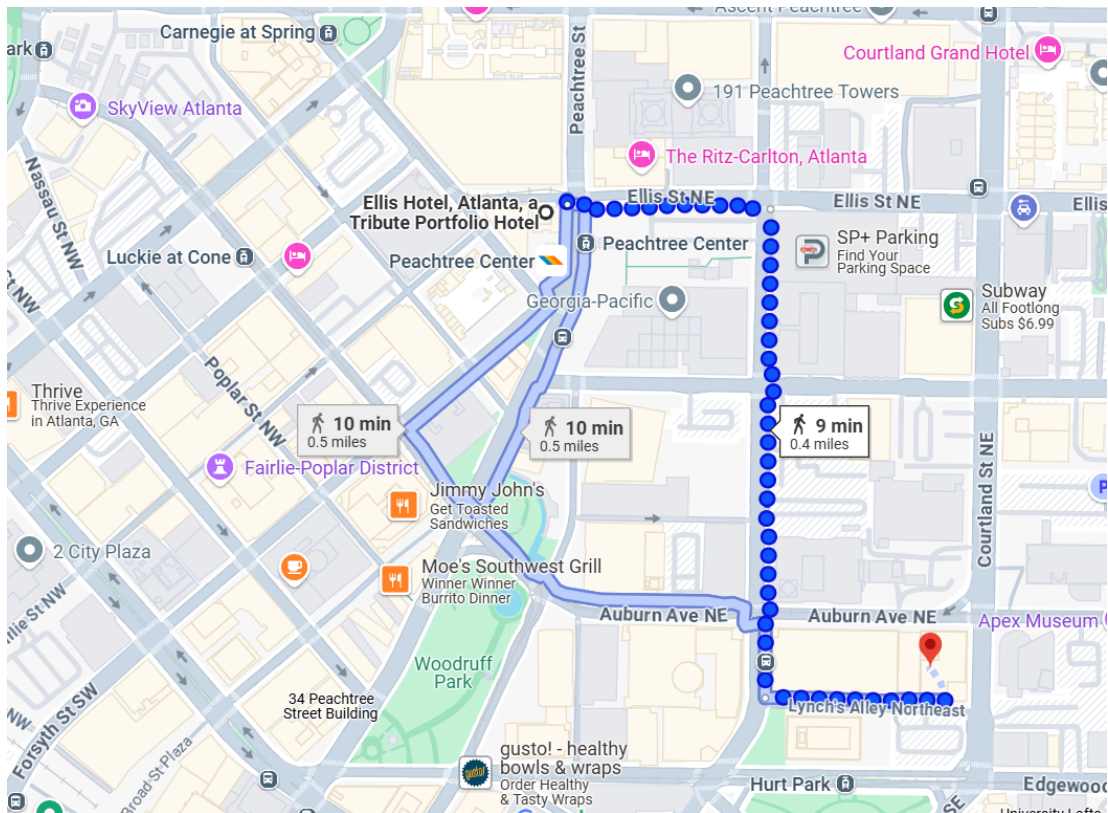
Transportation Information

From the airport to the hotel: The Ellis Hotel is easily accessible via MARTA trains, which run from the Atlanta airport approximately every 20 minutes. Both the Red and Gold lines operate from the airport to the hotel. A direct trainline to Peachtree Center Station is only eight stops from the Atlanta airport, and a one-way MARTA ticket costs \$2.50. The Peachtree Center Station is 187 feet to the Ellis Hotel and takes about 1 minute walk.

There are no hotel-provided shuttle services from the Atlanta airport. Depending on traffic, Uber costs to the hotel will be between \$20–\$40. Taxi rides will cost approximately \$35.



From the hotel to the conference center: The conference center is 0.4 miles from the hotel and takes about 9 minutes to walk there.



Dining Recommendations within Walking Distance

Breakfast & Coffee

- Numerous coffee choices – Starbucks, Dunkin', Land of a Thousand Hills, Jittery Joes, Caribou Coffee
- Rising Roll Gourmet Café – Modern café with craft coffee, teas, and light breakfast options.

Lunch

- Café Momentum Atlanta – A nonprofit restaurant with elevated seasonal dishes and a mission to support at-risk youth.
- Alma Cocina – Stylish Latin American spot offering creative tacos, ceviche, and margaritas.
- Big Kahuna – Hawaiian-inspired tacos, burgers, and tropical drinks in a casual setting (SunTrust Plaza).
- The Hub at Peachtree Center – Complex of 24 restaurants connecting the six buildings of Peachtree Center

Dinner

- Ray's in the City – Upscale seafood and steak, ideal for a relaxing dinner with wine.
- By George – Modern American with a French flair, inside the Candler Hotel. Ideal for upscale dining.
- AG, Modern Bar and Steakhouse – Located in the Ritz-Carlton, this steakhouse delivers classic cuts and Southern elegance.
- Sweet Georgia's Juke Joint – Southern comfort food with live jazz and soul music.
- Hard Rock Café – Burgers, wings, and classic rock memorabilia in a lively space.



Points of Interest



Georgia Aquarium. One of the world's largest aquariums, just a 15-minute walk from the conference venue. Also accessible by MARTA.

High Museum of Art. Atlanta's premier art museum featuring an array of historical and contemporary works. Located in Midtown, accessible via MARTA.

Atlanta Botanical Gardens and Piedmont Park. A 30-acre garden center adjacent to Piedmont Park in Midtown, the Atlanta Botanical Gardens comprise a series of themed gardens, regular outdoor art installations, and the 16,000 ft² Dorothy Chapman Fuqua Conservatory.

World of Coca-Cola. Right next to Georgia Aquarium.

Centennial Olympic Park. Built for the 1996 Olympics, this park offers fountains, gardens, and city views. 0.4 miles from the conference hotel.

[National Center for Civil and Human Rights](#). Engaging exhibits on civil rights history and global human rights movements. 0.7 miles from the hotel.

[Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park](#). Includes Dr. King's birth home, church, and final resting place. 1 mile from the hotel.

[Atlanta BeltLine](#). Walk or rent a scooter to explore this 22-mile trail lined with art, parks, and food stops.

[Ponce City Market](#). Shopping and dining options located on the Atlanta BeltLine with rooftop park/bar. 2 miles from the hotel.

[Broad Street](#). Pedestrian-only street located on GSU campus with a variety of good restaurants for lunch and dinner. Short walk from the hotel.

[Oakland Cemetery](#). Historic gravesites (Margaret Mitchell, Maynard Jackson) and guided tours.

Events & Entertainment



[Mercedes-Benz Stadium \(October 26\)](#): Atlanta Falcons vs. Miami Dolphins at 1:00 PM (post-conference)

[Atlanta Symphony Orchestra \(October 23 & 25\)](#): Conductor Vinay Parameswaran leads a program featuring works by Nina Shekhar, Reena Esmail, and Kala Ramnath, including *The Voice of Nature* and *Lumina*.

[Alliance Theater \(October 23–25\)](#): *COVENANT*. Described as “a striking Southern Gothic work” (*New York Times*), *COVENANT* is a haunting new play that pushes the boundaries between myth and reality.

Live music and comedy at [The Masquerade](#) or [Variety Playhouse](#) – Both venues have nightly lineups on **October 24 & 25**