



## **Look to Atlanta for Labor Day Fun**

ATLANTA (Aug. 27, 2002) – Labor Day marks the end of the season and the last chance to find out what’s hot about Atlanta summers. Whether seeking the last big family outing before fall hits or taking the time to explore your own backyard, Labor Day weekend in Atlanta is sure to be an exciting and entertaining close to summer.

Enjoy an Atlanta tradition at the Stone Mountain Park Lasershow Spectacular. Be sure to visit the Park’s newest additions, The Great Barn and Crossroads, an 1870s Southern town. Literally grab a bite to eat at Miss Katie’s Sideboard Restaurant, and watch out for those biscuit-throwing servers. Or cool off in the winds of a Georgia hurricane in the state’s only 4D theater.

Culture lovers will find music, theater, dance and art at several of Atlanta’s museums and performance spaces over Labor Day weekend. Tap your toes to the performance of Tony-award winner Savion Glover in “Bring in ‘da Noise, Bring in ‘da Funk” at The Alliance Theatre Company or be the first to catch the world premiere of Nobel prize-winning Italian playwright Dario Fo’s “The Peasant’s Bible” at 7 Stages. Art lovers can catch their last chance to view the vibrant and colorful work of Jacob Lawrence at the High Museum of Art or be the first to explore the newest exhibit at the Michael C. Carlos Museum, “Mel Bochner: If the Color Changes.”

Looking for the coolest place to be this Labor Day? Stroll through the Storza Woods at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, one of the few remaining mature hardwood forests in the City of Atlanta or wander through the Garden’s new high-elevation, climate controlled Fuqua Orchid Center. Take a dip in the wave pool at Six Flags White Water Park or cool off as the wind hits your face at 60 miles per hour on Superman – The Ultimate Flight at Six Flags Over Georgia.

End the summer on a high note Callaway Gardens’ Sky High Hot Air Balloon Festival. Festivities will include balloon rides, children’s games, face painting, helicopter rides, a rock-climbing wall and all of the traditional Callaway family activities.

The Puppets Take Atlanta festival may be over, but the performances go on at the Center for Puppetry Arts. Explore the power of puppets at the Center’s create-a-puppet workshop or learn the lessons of life at the performance of “The Fox and the Little Red Hen.”

Still waiting for the best bargains for back to school shopping? The sidewalks will be sizzling at the North Georgia Premium Outlets during their annual Labor Day sidewalk

sale. Shoppers can find additional savings of up to 70 percent off regular retail prices at more than 140 stores showcasing leading designers and manufacturers.

Catch the action of the Atlanta Braves as they take on the Pittsburgh Pirates. Game time is 1:05 p.m. on Labor Day, but get there early to experience the interactive ballpark complete with batting cages, face painting and two restaurants overlooking the outfield. In addition, the first 12,000 children through the gates of Turner Field, ages 14 and under, will receive a Rafael Furcal bobblehead doll.

Atlanta provides the perfect summer getaway for the Labor Day weekend, from family fun to a romantic rendezvous. Be sure to visit [www.atlanta.net](http://www.atlanta.net) for a full listing of events and activities, or to purchase a perfect weekend package complete with two-night hotel stays and tickets to these and more great Atlanta attractions.

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