

Things To Do

Barnes & Noble

Best Bookstore for Browsing

The natural favorite for browsing books, this superstore has a huge selection of everything from the hottest novels to test-prep books for your kids. Multiple locations, bn.com.

Chastain Park Amphitheatre

Best Small Concert Venue

There's nothing like spending a summer night in Atlanta watching your favorite musical act up close with a glass of wine and a few good friends. Chastain Park Amphitheatre is the perfect place to do all of the above, and this year's lineup of musical acts includes stellar performers like the Gipsy Kings, Harry Connick Jr., Sting with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra, Chicago and more. 4469 Stella Drive, 404.733.4900, chastainseries.com.

Tin Lizzy's Cantina

Best Spot to Spend a Friday Afternoon

Whether you're stopping by for a quick lunch or joining friends for happy hour, Tin Lizzy's is one of Atlanta's favorite spots to start the weekend. There's an extensive margarita menu and several tasty tacos, and the queso and guacamole are some of the best around. And with two locations, both with patios, we weren't surprised to see this spot make our "Best Of" list. 3639 Piedmont Road, 404.846.6000; 415 Memorial Drive, 404.554.8220, tinlizzyscantina.com.

Piedmont Park and Park Tavern

Best Way to Spend a Sunday

Just think of it as our city's Central Park. Atlantans love to flock to Piedmont Park to enjoy sun-soaked days of dog-walking, jogging or pick-up games of Frisbee—or just to lounge around on a beach blanket. And the people-watching, park views, cold beer and events don't get any better than at Park Tavern. 400 Park Drive, 404.876.4024, piedmontpark.org; 500 10th St., 404.249.0001, parktavern.com.

Georgia Aquarium

Best Tourist Attraction

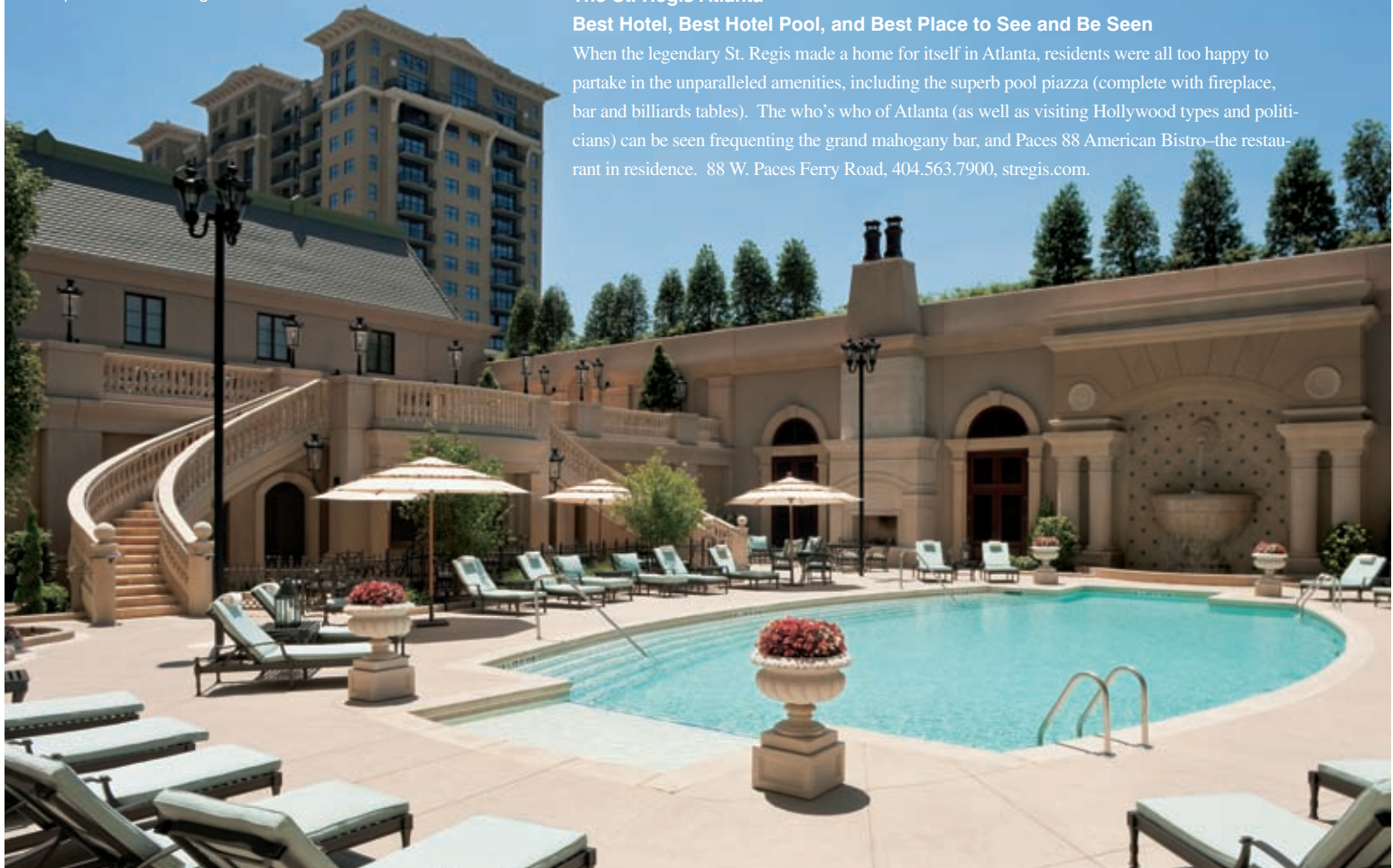
Atlanta is lucky enough to be home to the world's largest aquarium, and the 500-plus species of sea life attract millions of visitors each year. But you don't have to be a tourist to enjoy the beluga whales, whale sharks, leopard rays and manta rays. The locals love them, too. 225 Baker St., 404.581.4000, georgiaaquarium.org.

Piedmont Park

Best of What's Free

Piedmont Park is an oasis amid the bustling city—whether you're in the mood for a stroll, a bike ride, a game of soccer or chilling with friends, the sunny sky is the limit, and it's all gratis. 400 Park Drive, 404.876.4024, piedmontpark.org.

The pool at The St. Regis Atlanta



The St. Regis Atlanta

Best Hotel, Best Hotel Pool, and Best Place to See and Be Seen

When the legendary St. Regis made a home for itself in Atlanta, residents were all too happy to partake in the unparalleled amenities, including the superb pool piazza (complete with fireplace, bar and billiards tables). The who's who of Atlanta (as well as visiting Hollywood types and politicians) can be seen frequenting the grand mahogany bar, and Paces 88 American Bistro—the restaurant in residence. 88 W. Paces Ferry Road, 404.563.7900, stregis.com.