ABOUT US

One of the most recognizable features of the Atlanta skyline is Georgia’s gold-domed state capitol, located several blocks southeast of the center of downtown. Although dwarfed by nearby skyscrapers, the dome glistens from the same hill that supported the first state capitol building in Atlanta.

Atlanta serves as Georgia’s fourth (and final) State Capitol following the cities of Augusta, Louisville, and Milledgeville. The building was completed on July 4th, 1889.

In 1889, newspapers called the new Capitol a "Temple of Democracy."
CAPITOL VISIT FAQS

WHEN IS THE CAPITOL OPEN?
The Capitol is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. The Capitol is closed on weekends and state holidays. Visitors must use the Mitchell Street (ground floor) entrances of the Capitol.

IS THERE A CHARGE FOR TOURS OF THE CAPITOL?
All tours of the Capitol, including the Capitol Museum and Hall of Valor, are free of charge.

HOW DO I SCHEDULE A GUIDED TOUR?
Guided tours are available for groups of 10 or more people. Tour numbers must include students and adults. A maximum of 50 people is allowed per tour. Please call 404-463-4536 or email gacapitoltours@uga.edu to schedule tours.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT ON A GUIDED TOUR?
Guided tours of the capitol include information about the history of Georgia, the Capitol building, historical portraits, and the Georgia Legislature. Tour routes and duration are subject to change. Groups should plan to spend 1-1 1/2 hours visiting the Capitol. This time includes a guided tour and a self-guided visit to our Capitol Museum, located on the fourth floor of the Capitol. The guided tour itself is usually between 45 minutes to 1 hour.

CAN OUR GROUP MEET WITH OUR GOVERNOR OR LEGISLATOR AND HAVE A PHOTO WITH HIM/HER?
Any meetings with elected officials must be scheduled separately from your group’s tour through the official’s office. Because of our limited tour staff, guided tours cannot be delayed or prolonged to accommodate meetings with officials.

ARE SELF-GUIDED TOURS OF THE CAPITOL ALLOWED?
Groups of all sizes may take a self-guided tour of the Capitol Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Reservations are not required for self-guided tours, however, large groups are encouraged to call the Tour Desk at 404-463-4536 prior to visiting. Visitors can print a copy of the Self-guided Georgia Capitol Tour and the Self-guided Georgia Capitol Grounds Tour from the website (below) to bring with them during their visit. Brochures are also available on site at the security desk (1st floor) and tour desk (second floor).

WHAT ARE THE SECURITY GUIDELINES FOR VISITING?
All adults aged 18 and older must show a photo I.D. upon entering the Capitol. In compliance with security regulations, visitors must enter the Capitol through a metal detector; the X-ray machine must examine hand-carried items. No weapons, including pocketknives, are allowed in the Capitol.

ARE THERE PLACES TO EAT AT OR NEAR BY?
Cafeterias are located across the street from the Capitol in the Coverdell Legislative Office Building and the James “Sloppy” Floyd Building for those who wish to purchase lunch. Also, the food court at Underground Atlanta is located one block from the Capitol. Tour groups bringing their own lunch may reserve the Garden Room, located across the street from the Capitol. The room is provided, free of charge, by the Georgia Building Authority. Please email Brooke Hamil (brooke.hamil@gba.ga.gov) for additional information and reservations for the Garden Room.

https://www.libs.uga.edu/capitelmuseum/index.html