

The Final Atlanta Day

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Monday I woke up early and as Craig headed to work he dropped me off in Midtown where I walked over to the Fox theater a glorious 1920's theater built in Moorish style and is still used for special movie showings.

I then took the train up to Buckhead and hopped a bus to get to the Atlanta History Museum which was well worth the trip. I first went to an old plantation house which was beautiful and even went on the tour. Also there was the Smith Farm which was from 1850 and remained in the family until 1967 and showed a glimpse into the life of a middle class family in 1850. On the grounds was a slave cabin and history about slave life. Inside the museum was several great exhibits. One was on the native Cherokees who were relocated to Oklahoma in 1838 on the trail of tears. The other one was a Civil War exhibit showing the course of the war and the ultimate cost of 620,000 men who died. The last area was a history of Atlanta during reconstruction and the Twentieth Century. I could have spent all day there and as it was I spent 4 hours. I then caught a bus up to Buckhead Station where I went to meet up with two acquaintances of mine Katie and Nandi at the CDC. It was fun to catch up and see them. I then hopped the train back to midtown and waited for Craig to get off work.

In the evening we went out for dinner and then grabbed ice cream at Cold Stone and walked around and talked which was also fun.

So here it is the last night in Atlanta and the overall trip was great! It was perfect. The weather was perfect and I enjoyed all the tourism and history Atlanta has to offer. And lastly, it was so good to reconnect with my friend and spend time with him. He was the best host ever and I learned so much on this trip about myself and how much I crave the connection and intimacy to another person and enjoy their company and the companionship to share ideas and thoughts and dreams hopes and fears regrets and sorrows. To have someone to process all those things with someone to offer a lending ear to and someone who hears and listens in return