



## Fun Things to do in Atlanta: Take a Bike Tour of Atlanta Blog About December 7, 2012

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Thank God riding a bike is one of those things you never forget because it had been a long time since my butt had met the seat of a bicycle. **Terms & Conditions** 

> We had done plenty of walking/bus/trolley/whatever kinds of city tours you can imagine in the past. Looking for something fun to do in Atlanta we decided to try something different, and so it was that I found myself back on two wheels after all these years.



Robyn Elliott, the owner of Bicycle Tours of Atlanta, is used to bike riders of all abilities, showing patience even when I found myself struggling up the very few (luckily) hills in the city. A former construction inspector who watched the residential construction industry grind to a halt in 2008, Robyn knew she needed a new business and as an avid cyclist, she decided bike tours of the city would be the perfect idea. She had always enjoyed showing off her home town of Atlanta to visitors, so combining that with her love of biking was a natural fit.

The ten-mile, three hour Heart of the City tour shows you the signature and historic sites of this lovely Southern city, beautiful neighborhoods built during the Reconstruction Era and many other hidden jewels off the beaten path such as the historic Oakland Cemetery. We

rode our bikes right through the gorgeous cemetery which is more like a park with its lush greenery and landscaping.

You can get an incredible, encompassing view of the city from there as well. Biking past the amazingly restored, historic neighborhoods with their mansions and cottages truly makes you appreciate the attention that has been paid to maintaining the vibrant history of Atlanta.

They offer several different tours for different areas of Atlanta and for different interests – they even offer a Progressive Dinner Bicycle Tour so you can bicycle off the calories you have just consumed! Our tour included some of the elements of the Atlanta Street Art Bicycle Tour as we stopped to admire some of the fascinating murals hidden away on parking lot walls and overpasses.

All of their tours include a bike, helmet, bottled water and a snack. Robyn personally fitted our bikes to us, based on our height, and carefully demonstrated how to change gears and brake before we ever left the office.

Be aware that the Bicycle Tours of Atlanta office might be a little difficult to find as it is tucked away in the middle of the Studioplex Lofts in one of the suites. Just look for the Bicycle Tours of Atlanta sign. Happy biking!

For more information: http://www.biketoursatl.com/

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