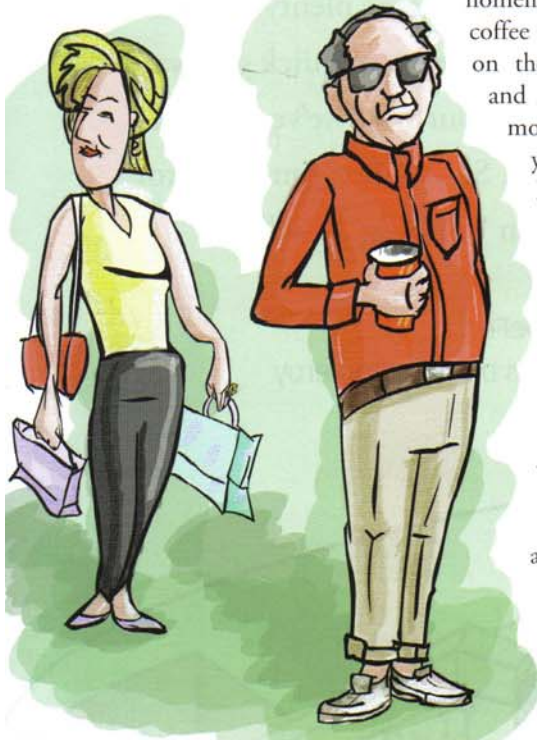


Classic City Couple: While Athens is a college town, it's not just about keg parties and bar-hopping. If wine and cheese and fine art are more your speed, you're in luck. There is indeed culture in the Classic City (just be wary of finding any downtown at 2 a.m. on Saturdays).



Start out the day with homemade pastries and coffee at **Big City Bread** on the corner of Finley and Meigs Streets. Each morning the courtyard fills up with local business owners, politicians and families enjoying the sunshine and food.

After breakfast, make a trip to nearby **Lyndon House Arts Center**. In addition to galleries showcasing local art and traveling exhibitions, the Hoyt Street center also features festivals, workshops and a gift shop featuring handcrafted goods from local artisans.

Next, head over to the **Georgia Museum of Art**. The museum, in the UGA Performing and Visual Arts Complex on the University of Georgia's south campus, is home to ever-changing art exhibits featuring some of the world's best painters and most influential artists.

Having built up an appetite by now, enjoy a cultured lunch at **Harry Bissett's New Orleans Café & Oyster Bar** on Broad Street in downtown. Succulent seafood and delectable Cajun food (try the rich crawfish etouffé) make up the menu in this casual eatery inspired by the Crescent City.

After lunch, take an excursion to the **State Botanical Garden of Georgia** on South Milledge Avenue. The 313-acre "living laboratory" is the perfect place to take a stroll and enjoy seasonal flora and fauna.

In the mid-afternoon or early evening hours, head to Athens' own **Five Points**, home to several shops and restaurants. Settle in at **Aromas** for a glass of wine or two before heading over to an elegant dinner at **Five & Ten**, known for its creative menus and nationally-recognized chef, Hugh Acheson. If you've still got enough energy to hit the town, check out **The Melting Point**, a music venue on the grounds of the **Foundry Park Inn & Spa**, which brings national and regional musical acts to an intimate, refined setting.

No. 1 Fan: Sports and Athens. Hmm. How about UGA football? OK, sure. But ponder this question: What if I don't have tickets to the big game? Worse yet, what if it's not football season? Is it even worth it for me to come to town? Absolutely.

Take a tour of the **Ramsey Student Center** on east campus. The 430,000 square foot building boasts state-of-the-art exercise facilities including a three-pool natatorium where UGA swimming and diving teams practice and compete, gymnastics training arena for NCAA Champions, the GymDogs, and weight rooms furnished with the latest exercise equipment. The center also features an indoor track, racquetball and squash courts and an indoor climbing wall.

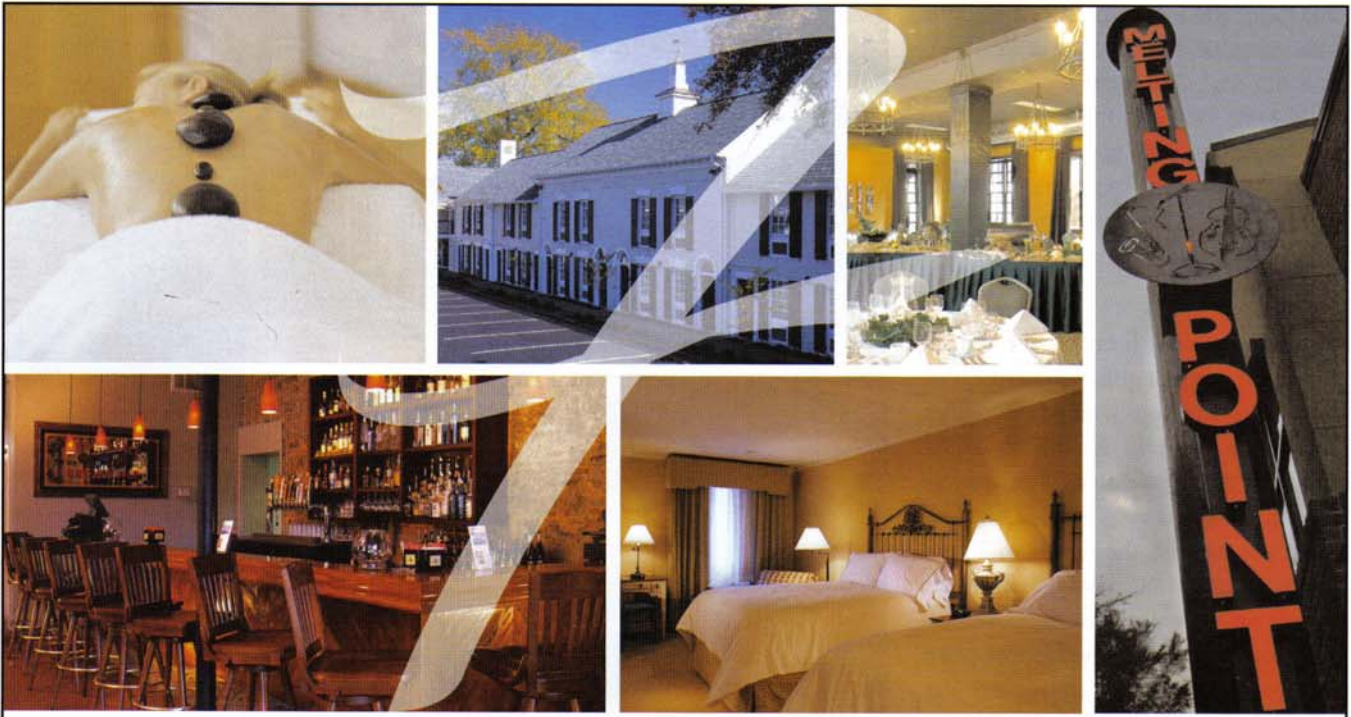
Next, it's off to the **Butts-Mehre Heritage Hall Sports Museum**. The museum derives its name from a pair of legendary UGA football coaches, Wallace Butts and Harry Mehre. The facility, located off Lumpkin Street on south campus, features displays of UGA athletic memorabilia, including Frank Sinkwich and Herschel Walker's Heisman trophy and retired football jerseys.

There's no need for a big lunch, so head to **Loco's Grill & Pub** on Harris Street off Baxter Street near campus—a home-grown franchise started in the late 1980s by two UGA students. Order up a round of sandwiches, and, depending on the day, sit back and relax and watch the game/tournament/match/race on TV.

True football fanatics will want to swing by **Sanford Stadium** at the heart of campus to see where the magic happens each fall in front of more than 92,000 rabid fans. Just find somewhere to park and enjoy the relatively close-up view of the field and its iconic hedges from Sanford Bridge.

When it's time for dinner, stop at a restaurant that's been an integral part of the athletic scene since 1963: **The Varsity**. The dogs may be a different sort than you're used to rooting for, but the food is legendary.



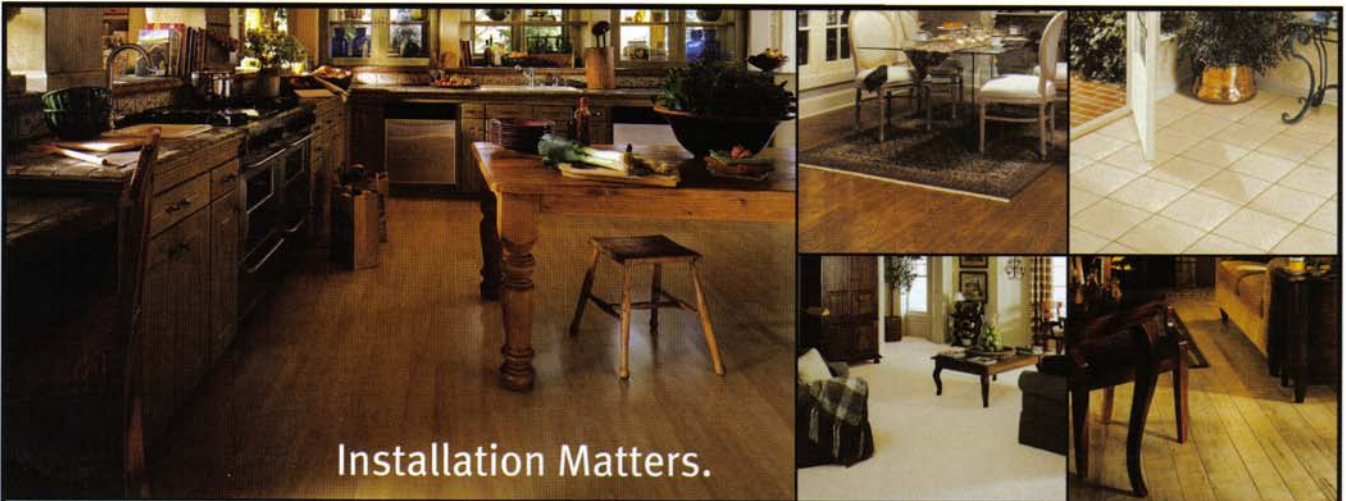


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