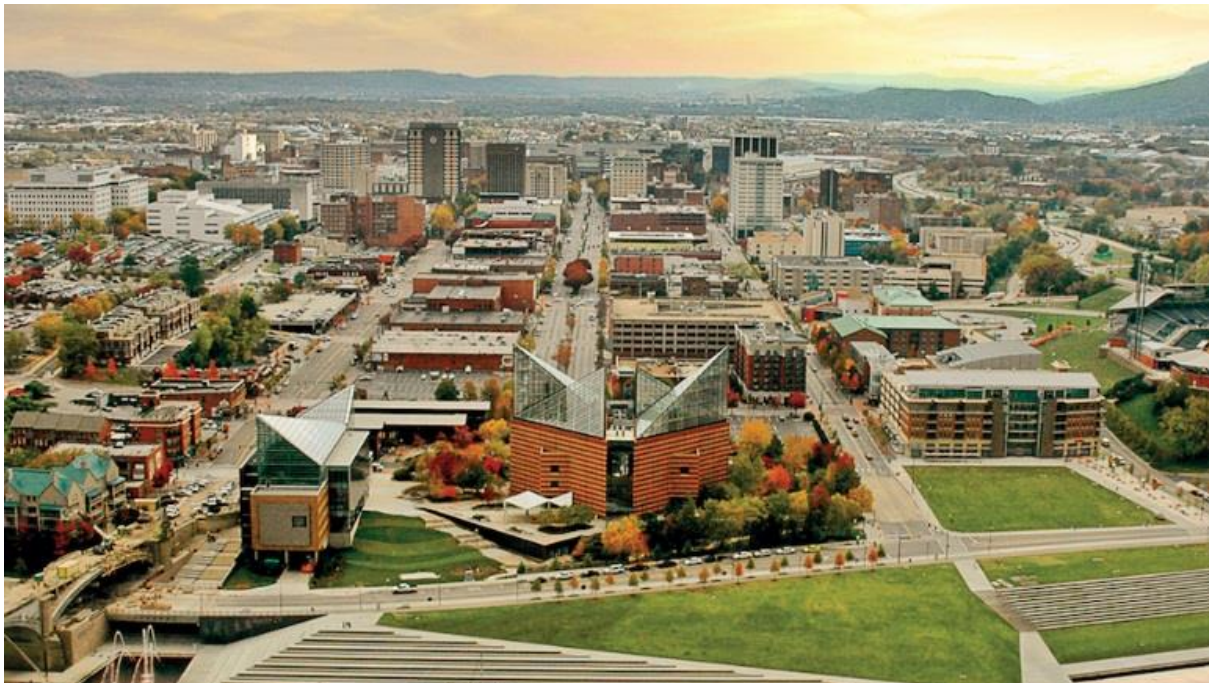




CHATTANOOGA, TN AREA INFORMATION

In the past few decades [Chattanooga](#) has experienced a revival of their great city by restoring the downtown and historic districts as well as redeveloping the riverfront. Chattanooga has become a leader in sustainable development and values its natural landscape having access to the Tennessee River watershed and the Smokey Mountains. This city is home to many hang gliders, cave explorers, bass fishers and mountain climbers. Perhaps it is this love for nature that inspired Chattanooga to create zero-emission public buses. As Chattanooga is a mid-size city, it can support its natural beauty and resources without having to compromise its urban modernity. Chattanooga has seen many major events in American history, which can be felt and seen in the Museums that stand in the city. With a stable economy based on manufacturing and service industries, Chattanooga has seen incredible progress in recent years and continues to do so.

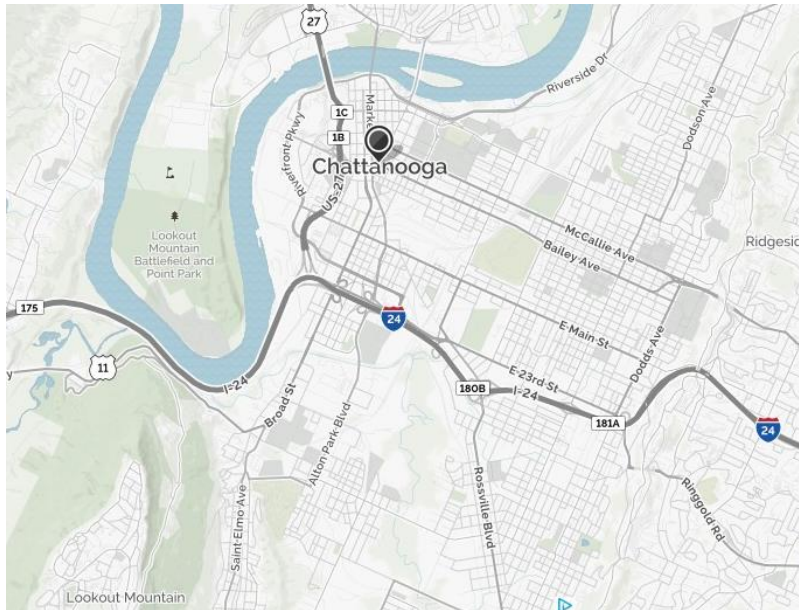


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Transportation

By Car

It is easy to drive and park around Chattanooga. Centrally located in the southeast, three major highways serve the city (I-75, I-24 and I-59). Whether you drive yourself or let someone else take the wheel via [Uber](#) or [Lyft](#), all of Chattanooga's attractions are accessible by car.



By Bus and Trolley

Ditching your car is just as easy in Chattanooga. [The Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority \(CARTA\)](#) is the public transit system. Not only does CARTA take you in and around the city, it also operates the Lookout Mountain Incline Railway. Along with the bus and incline railway, CARTA has a shuttle system that takes you to and from the downtown parking garages. For information on routes and schedules, [click here](#).



By Bike

Biking in Chattanooga is a great way to take in its beautiful nature, network of [trails](#) and pedestrian bridges. CARTA is in cooperation with the city's bicycle network. Chattanooga has the first bike share system in the South and has 300 bikes at 30 different locations.



By Air

[Chattanooga Airport](#) is 10 miles away from downtown and offers direct and one stop flights to most domestic destinations.

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Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the public school system is determined by the age of the child. Typically, the child must be 5 years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. School districts may be very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the September 1st requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability.

Contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

Public, Private, and Preschools

Chattanooga has many great schooling opportunities with colleges and several renowned preparatory schools.

- A complete listing of public schools in Chattanooga can be viewed [here](#).
- Chattanooga has many private, prep and boarding schools. A complete listing of private schools in the Chattanooga area can be viewed [here](#). Chattanooga has one International School named [Brown Academy](#). Chattanooga is also home to [Baylor Boarding School](#) which is a nationally and internationally renowned school.
- A directory of preschools and daycare in the Chattanooga area can be viewed [here](#).

Additional Resources

- www.greatschools.org
- www.eschoolprofile.com
- www.schooltree.org

Colleges/Universities in the area

- [University of Tennessee at Chattanooga](#)
- [Sewanee The University of the South](#)
- [Tennessee Temple University](#)



Recreation

Listed below are a few of the attractions offered in Chattanooga. A more complete listing of attractions in Chattanooga can be found [here](#).

- [Sight Itinerary for History Lovers](#)
- [Museums in Chattanooga](#)
- [Music and Nightlife](#)
- [Chattanooga Festivals](#)
- [Outdoor Recreation](#)
- [Chattanooga Park Locator](#)
- [Dining in Chattanooga](#)
- [Chattanooga Farmers Market](#)



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Obtaining a Driver's License

In the US, a driver's license or ID card is issued by each individual state and not by the federal government. Since there is no national identity card in the USA, and many Americans don't have a passport or carry around a birth certificate, a driver's license issued by your state is often the only official piece of identification for many citizens. Since 9/11, you will need to show a valid driver's license or State ID card to enter many big office buildings.

If you have an out-of-state or out-of-country license, you may use it for as long as you maintain your residency in the state where it was issued. If you are moving permanently to Tennessee, you may use your out-of-state license for only your first 30 days. You must turn in any driver license or permit from another state or country if you have one.

To change to a Tennessee license, you can start the application [online](#), and then visit a Driver's Service Center with the following documents:

- Proof of U.S. Citizenship, Lawful Permanent Resident Status or Temporary Legal Presence documents.
- Proof of Tennessee Residency.
- Proof of SSN if one has been issued.
- Current State License/ID, with proof of name change if required.
- A completed Application for a Tennessee Driver License.

Required documents for registering and titling a car can be found [here](#).

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit [Tennessee Driver & Motor Vehicle Services](#).

Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.