



HUNTSVILLE, AL AREA INFORMATION

Sitting at the foot of northern Alabama's Appalachian Mountains, the high-tech city of Huntsville's attractions reflect the heritage of Alabama's first English-speaking city, the strife of the American Civil War, and the accomplishments of America's rocket scientists. The city is nicknamed "The Rocket City" for its close history with U.S. space missions, as Huntsville has been important in developing space technology since the 1950s.

Overview

- [Official website](#)
- [Visitors website](#)
- [Parks and Recreation](#) maintains pools, parks, rec centers and more!
- [Area Hospitals](#)
- Population 194,585 (2017), metro population 441,000
- Hot, humid summers and generally mild winters



Transportation

By Car

Most residents have a car for great access to northern Alabama's scenic highways and byways.

Public Transportation

Huntsville [shuttle bus](#) system has nine routes covering more than 175 miles of city streets.

By Bike

Huntsville has a vast network of [bike paths and trails](#)

By Air

Huntsville International Airport is just 12 miles west of Huntsville.



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 US public-school system is determined by the age of the child. School districts are usually 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 deadline requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability, and contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

- [Huntsville City Schools](#) offer traditional neighborhood schools and Magnet Schools for science-based, performing arts, and International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programs.
- 38 [private schools](#) in Huntsville serve 7,146 students

Additional Resources

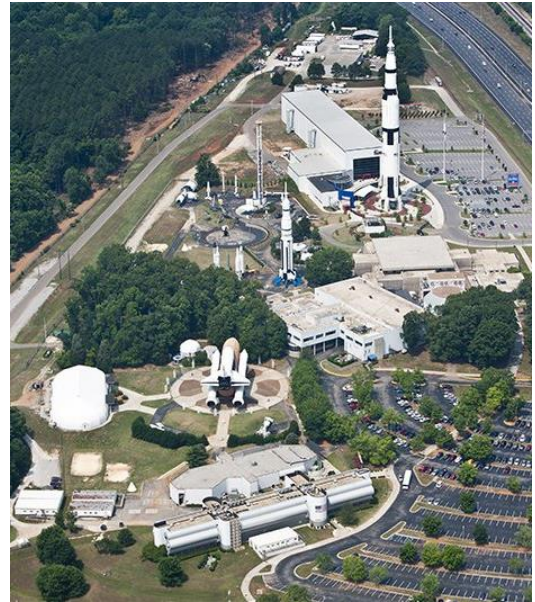
- www.greatschools.org
- www.eschoolprofile.com
- www.schooltree.org

Area Recreation

Southern charm exudes. You'll find a variety of attractions, whether you're interested in education, arts, nature or just pure entertainment. A highlight is [The US Space and Rocket Center](#) showcasing rockets, achievements, and artifacts. Or spend the day at the Tennessee River for relaxation or excitement, a favorite for fun in the sun.

Huntsville is home to some of the Southeast's most impressive creative endeavors, with local artists representing every imaginable creative discipline, stage shows, photography exhibits, film screenings, dance productions and musical performances.

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Culture and Museums](#)
- [The Great Outdoors](#)



Driver's License

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the [Alabama Law Enforcement Agency](#).

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