

TRANSPORTATION

ADVANCING COMMERCIAL AND CONSUMER TRAVEL

Considered to be the gateway to the Deep South, Chattanooga's commercial transportation infrastructure offers a unique combination of railroads, interstates, airports and waterways. Travel options for residents and guests are diverse and include national air carrier service, private air service, and one of the only municipally-offered electric bus services in the nation as well as a system of all-electric car charging stations.

A "5 Star" distribution community, Chattanooga offers excellent North/South (I-75 and I-59) and East/West (I-24) access. In addition, Chattanooga places companies within an easy drive of major markets including Atlanta (118 miles), Nashville (133 miles), Knoxville (112 miles) and Birmingham (146 miles). The city's central location is within a day's drive of one-third of U.S. consumer markets. Chattanooga's location is a boon to travel enthusiasts and transporters alike. In fact, the area is the headquarters for logistic giants like U.S. Xpress, Covenant Transport and Kenco Logistics.

Located on the Tennessee River, barge lines transport goods along 16,000 miles of navigable waterways administered by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). While the Tennessee River connects with the Missouri and the Ohio rivers to the north, commercial traffic can use the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway to reach major southern port cities on the Gulf of Mexico.

Since the days when Chattanooga was known as the "Dynamo of Dixie," rail carriers have played a large part in the industrial success of the area. Today, Norfolk Southern and CSX transport tons of freight through the region daily. International and national companies have located in Chattanooga specifically to take advantage of favorable rail costs involving the transport of raw materials and finished goods.

In addition to commercial and industrial enterprises, Chattanooga offers many options for business and family travel. For those wishing to travel by air, Chattanooga Airport and private air companies offer direct flights and connections to cities across the U.S. and the globe.

Chattanooga also has one of the largest fleets of clean, fuel-efficient electric buses in the U.S. In addition, the U.S. Department of Energy has selected Tennessee along with five other states and the District of Columbia to install chargers for electric cars. More than 30 charging stations are already available in the Chattanooga area, with at least 35 more slated for installation.



DID YOU KNOW?

Today, over 38,000 barges carry more than 50 million tons of goods up and down the Tennessee River annually.



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CHATTANOOGA'S AIR CARRIERS AND DIRECT FLIGHTS

Dallas, TX	American Eagle
Chicago, IL	American Eagle
Detroit, MI	Delta
Destin/Ft. Walton Beach, FL	Vision Airlines
Tampa Bay, FL	Allegiant Air
Orlando, FL	Allegiant Air
Atlanta, GA	Delta
Charlotte, NC	US Airways
Washington, DC	US Airways

INTERSTATE

A major portion of the U.S. population is within a day's drive of Chattanooga, promoting commerce and tourism across the Southeast. Interstate connections in the area facilitate the distribution of finished products and the delivery of raw materials to production and manufacturing locations. Travelers utilize these roadways regularly to and from both business and pleasure destinations. Interstates 24, 59 and 75 are a vital link for commercial and industrial transportation throughout the U.S. Major corporations are prompted to locate production and distribution facilities in Chattanooga where cities such as Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville, Knoxville, Memphis and Charlotte are within easy access.

CHATTANOOGA AIRPORT

Providing convenience and a high level of client satisfaction, Chattanooga Airport offers many of the benefits that travelers have come to expect from larger airports. Delta, Allegiant Air, U.S. Airways, Vision Airlines and American Eagle provide regular flights to major cities such as Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas,

Detroit, Orlando, Tampa, Destin/Ft. Walton Beach and Washington, D.C. More than 12 million people reside within a 500-mile radius of Chattanooga, and many have discovered the ease of air travel to and from the city with shorter lines, faster check-in and rapid boarding and baggage claim.

CUSTOM AIR TRANSPORTATION

Private air service is available for business travel, family getaways and private parties. Chattanooga Airport is home to two fixed-base operators: TAC Air and Wilson Air Center. Hess Jet also offers customized air transportation.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) provides residents with affordable and efficient public transportation. A total of 16 CARTA bus routes run throughout the area and serve as a vital link for commuters and shoppers. Nationally recognized for its commitment to green transportation, CARTA operates the largest number of electric buses in the U.S. and was a pioneer in the deployment of this cutting-edge technology. Its free downtown shuttle is popular with local citizens and visitors, connecting attractions such as the Tennessee Aquarium and IMAX 3D Theater to the Chattanooga Choo Choo complex and other nearby hotels and restaurants. CARTA's Care-A-Van is available to residents with disabilities or illnesses that would otherwise prevent them from utilizing public transportation.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Chattanooga is among the first cities in the nation to participate in a test of America's biggest electric charging network for battery-powered cars. In 2009, the state of Tennessee and five other states were selected by the U.S. Department of Energy as sites for the installation of EV chargers. In Hamilton County, EV chargers are now available at over 30 sites and more have been slated by government officials. Options for clean, green transportation grow as stations are installed in homes, businesses, parking garages, stores and gas stations across the city.

GREYHOUND

With more than 2,300 destinations across the United States, Greyhound Lines, Inc., serves over 25 million passengers nationally each year, including service from Chattanooga. Safe, clean and convenient long-distance bus service provides area citizens with an alternative to tiring and more costly drives on their own. Schedules and ticketing are readily available with numerous departures throughout the day. The Greyhound network also partners with a number of private bus lines around the country, ensuring a coverage area that caters to the needs of its clients.

GROOME TRANSPORTATION

Shuttle service to and from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and Nashville International Airport is reliable, affordable and time-saving with Groome Transportation. Since 1995, the company has been providing courteous shuttle service for travelers to these major air transportation centers. With 19 trips to each location daily, convenient departure and return times from Atlanta or Nashville airports are always available. Relieving travelers of the stress and expense of driving, parking and securing their vehicles for extended periods of time, Groome Transportation regularly boards and drops off in Calhoun, Chattanooga, Dalton, Marietta, Monteagle and Murfreesboro.



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CHANGE



It's funny how where you're going today can have a huge impact on where we all go tomorrow. How one, simple act can help grow our economy, attract new industry and open up a world of possibilities for our city. This is more than civic responsibility or being community minded; it's the power of change. And it starts when all of us make that one, simple decision to **get on board.**
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CARTA ROUTES

- 1** Alton Park
- 2** North Chattanooga
- 4** Eastgate/Hamilton Place
- 5** North Brainerd
- 6** East Brainerd
- 7** Chattanooga Housing Authority
- 8** Eastdale
- 9** East Lake
- 10** East Chattanooga
- 13** Rossville
- 14** Mocs Express
- 15** Saint Elmo
- 16** Northgate
- 19** Cromwell Road
- 21** Golden Gateway
- 28** Amnicola Highway



MEGABUS

Chattanooga's newest transportation option is the express, city-to-city bus company, Megabus. Megabus offers four trips daily to Atlanta and two trips daily to both Knoxville and Nashville departing from the South Terrace Plaza Shopping Center in East Ridge. In addition to affordable fares starting at \$1, Megabus has a state-of-the-art, environmentally-friendly bus design including power outlets, restrooms and free Wi-Fi. With a presence in over 60 U.S. cities, this growing company has serviced over 12 million people in North America.

RAILROAD

Railroad transportation has a long and prominent role in the history of the Chattanooga area and has contributed to its growth and

economic vitality for more than 150 years. The CSX and Norfolk Southern railroads carry a substantial tonnage of freight through the Chattanooga area to destinations across the United States. The Enterprise South Railroad primarily serves the needs of the \$1 billion Volkswagen auto assembly plant at Enterprise South Industrial Park. The Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum keeps the area's rail heritage alive, provides passenger excursions and often serves as a venue for location filming of major motion pictures.

TRUCKING

Chattanooga has developed into a nationwide center for long-distance trucking and the distribution of finished goods and raw materials to markets and manufacturers. Serving a nation that depends on over-the-road carriers for much of its interstate commerce, US Xpress and Covenant Transport, two of the largest and most technologically advanced trucking companies in the country, are headquartered in Chattanooga.

LOGISTICS

Given its proximity to major U.S. markets, access to over 70 transportation carriers and manufacturing heritage, Chattanooga was recognized by *Food Logistics* magazine as a Top 10 region for locating a food and beverage distribution center. The area has also been listed as a 5-star logistics hub by *Expansion Management* and *Transportation and Distribution* magazines based on its service to manufacturing, solid infrastructure for ground transport, and its support for air, water and rail transport. Among the leading providers of transportation, warehousing, fulfillment and logistic services are Access America Transport,

Derby Supply Chain Solutions, Kenco Logistic Services, Pilot Freight Services, Team 3 Logistics and Tranco Logistics. One of the nation's leading third-party logistics providers, Kenco celebrated 60 years of service in 2010. Access America Transport has been recognized by *Inbound Logistics* as a Top 100 third party logistics provider. Established in 1970, Pilot Freight Services is the largest privately held U.S. freight forwarder operating today. Located in Cleveland, TN, Derby has worked closely with larger manufacturers such as GE and Whirlpool/Maytag/Amana. Located within minutes of downtown Chattanooga, Tranco Logistics' warehouse offers storage for both bulk items and documents, while the company's vehicle fleet offers same day, next day and special deliveries. Team 3 Logistics specializes in automotive supply chain and value-added services.

WATER TRANSPORTATION

With connections to 14 inland rivers and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, the Tennessee River is a thoroughfare for the transportation of products across the country. Barge traffic is common on the river, and these workhorses carry a variety of commodities. Two public terminals, Centre South Riverport/Industrial Park and the Port of Chattanooga, are located within the city limits and serve as major points of entry for loading and unloading goods. Parker Towing Company, Inc., is one of the largest barge lines in the Southeast and a major transporter of coal. Riverside Industries operates a shipping complex in the city which coordinates water, rail and road systems. Serodino, Inc. transports more than 2 million tons of cargo a year on the upper Tennessee River.



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