

HEPEX 2025 Workshop

Tuscaloosa, Alabama, United States

Entertainment and Sightseeing Suggestions

Tuscaloosa

Group activities - need to self organize and then register:

- Escape Tuscaloosa <https://www.escapetuscaloosa.com/>
- Druid City Makerspace <https://druidcitymakerspace.com/>
- Popstroke (mini golf) <https://popstroke.com/venues/tuscaloosa/>
- Rolf's German Restaurant <https://rolfs-deli.com/> - Wednesday, Food Pairing, 6 pm

Notable dining:

- BBQ (Alabama Specialty): Archibalds, Dreamland, Jim N. Nicks, Moes
- Casual to fine dining in Downtown Tuscaloosa area:
 - River
 - Evangeline
 - The Sanctuary
 - Chuck's Fish
 - Half Shell Oyster House
 - Five
 - Rolf's German Restaurant
 - Sugo Italian
 - Jalapenos Downtown
- Taco Mama (downtown) - Taco Tuesdays - half off margaritas
- Rama Jama - University of Alabama themed burger/breakfast place

Bars/pubs with nightly activities:

- Loosa Brews (Typical week (need to check social media): Tues - Trivia, Wed - Wine tasting, Thur - Singo)
- Black Warrior Brewing (Typical week (need to check social media): Tues - Trivia, Wed - Bingo, Thur - Singo)
- World of Beer (Typical week (need to check social media): Wed - Trivia, Thur - Bingo)
- The Sanctuary (Live Music)

Notable pubs and bars downtown:

- Craft cocktails: Session, Brown's Corner, Nocturnal, Catch-22
- Rooftop: The Lookout, Roll Call
- Avenue Pub
- Alabama Peanut Company (southern U.S. boiled peanuts and craft beer)
- The "world famous" University of Alabama Strip (college bar street)

- The Wine Market (wine flights and tasting)
- Alcove

Birmingham (before or after workshop)

Site-seeing:

- Civil rights museum
- Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum (1200+ motorcycles and race cars)
- Southern Museum of Flight
- Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark (walking tour through an old blast furnace for making iron)
- Vulcan statue and lookout
- Oak Mountain State Park
- Botanical Gardens
- Cahaba River Bluffs Trail

Dining (some on this list are national award winners):

- Blueprint on 3rd
- Automatic Seafood
- Current Charcoal Grill
- Hot and Hot Fish Club
- Chez Fonfon
- Galley and Garden
- Bottega
- Helen
- Cafe Dupont
- Ovenbird
- El Barrio
- Paramount
- Makario's Kabobs and Grill
- Johnny's
- Bistro Two Eighteen
- The Garage
- Season 52
- Tavern
- North Italy
- Cheesecake Factory

Craft Brew Pubs:

- Monday Night Social
- Back Forty
- Cahaba
- Good People

- Uproot
- Avalon
- Trimtab

Craft Cocktail Bars:

- House of found objects
- Juniper
- Paper Doll
- Adios
- The Collins Bar
- Mayawell (Tequila Bar)