

*Gorgeous landscapes and impeccable style are both found at The Bleu Companies on HHI.*



# YOUR GUIDE TO TRAVELING SOUTH



*Styrene, The Bleu Companies on HHI*

The Lowcountry is one of the most beautiful destinations in the country (and no we aren't just biased). The beautiful beaches, the towering trees dripping with Spanish moss, the history and culture of our cities, and the incredibly warm and generous people are just a few reasons why millions flock to this region every year. But we live here. We know the romanticism and the draw our region has because we see it every day. We understand

the beauty and the culture because we live it. That's why we are highlighting the best the South has to offer: the off-the-beaten-path restaurants, the tucked-away boutiques, and the luxury hotels dripping with Southern hospitality. We've got the greatest destinations this great destination has to offer. So if you're just visiting or you're up for a day trip, use this list as an exploration guide to traveling the coastal South.



# Hostess City

→ FROM THE SPANISH MOSS DRAPED OAKS TO THE COBBLESTONE STREETS, SAVANNAH ROMANTICISM IS WORLD-RENOWNED. THIS GUIDE GIVES YOU THE BEST OF THE CITY THAT BOTH LOCALS AND TOURISTS LOVE TO ENJOY. **BY KELLY HEITZ**

▲ *A day spent exploring Savannah's famous squares is a day well spent. Try to hit all 22 of them in one afternoon!*



## WALKING TOURS THROUGH HISTORY

✦ Savannah has deep roots, deep history, and even deeper secrets. To get a full understanding of her mystery, you have to take a walking tour. There are no better tour guides than the folks at **Noble Jones Tours**. Their guides are walking encyclopedias of Savannah's history and culture. Through every cobblestoned street and monument-filled square, your guide at Noble Jones will bring you accurate historical recounts, interesting facts, and entertaining tidbits about Georgia's First City. You'll leave your tour feeling like you know Savannah better than you know yourself. For more information about tour offerings or to schedule a tour with Noble Jones, visit [noblejonestours.com](http://noblejonestours.com).

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▲ *A beautiful view from the Andaz*

## ANDAZ

✦ On Ellis Square awaits the urbane Andaz hotel. With its artful décor, relaxed urban vibe, and new South sophistication, Andaz Savannah delivers a bold, sleek style and a cool vibe to the Historic District. After a day of meetings or sightseeing, take an invigorating dip in the rooftop pool or sip a glass of wine by the fire pit as you gaze at the urban oasis views. The inviting outdoor terrace is one of Savannah's best sunbathed secrets. After a beautiful city overlook, sit down and savor the flavors at their farm-to-fork eatery, 22 Square. Award-winning chef, Lauren Teague, knows a thing or two about preparing a crowd-pleasing meal. This season, one of her favorites is the Hunter Cattle Company grass fed beef, served with oxtail, sundried tomato polenta cake, and a buttered veal gloss. [savannah.andaz.hyatt.com](http://savannah.andaz.hyatt.com)

This cozy British pub is the perfect place to enjoy a beer.



## AUTHENTICALLY BRITISH

\* Savannah's British influence is felt throughout the city, but no more than at **Six Pence Pub**, the most authentic British pub in the entire state. Located on Bull Street (the center of Savannah's Historic District), Six Pence is the perfect place to pop in for a beer (or four) after a day of walking the squares. The ambiance is exactly what you'd find in traditional British pubs, but with the hospitality you can only find in the South. [sixpencepub.com](http://sixpencepub.com)

## NEXT TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA

\* Who says Savannah isn't an international city? After you visit England, make your way to Australia with **The Collins Quarter**. Modeled after Melbourne's famous Collins

Quarter, a new "experimental kitchen" idea will be introduced to their Sunday Funday and Motown Monday extravaganzas. Their experimental menu reflects cuisine from the places all over the world their chefs have lived.



## SHOPPING BROUGHTON

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR FAVORITE BROUGHTON SHOPS:

### J. PARKER LTD.

Preppy men and women's clothing and accessories  
[jparkerltd.com](http://jparkerltd.com)

### GLOBE SHOES

Go-to for quality footwear since 1892  
**912.232.8161**

### LEVY JEWELERS

Family owned and operated since 1900  
[levyjewelers.com](http://levyjewelers.com)

### FAB'RIK

Trendy women's clothing and accessories  
[fabrikstyle.com](http://fabrikstyle.com)

### 24E

Contemporary and eclectic home fashions  
[24estyle.com](http://24estyle.com)

## IT'S ALL ABOUT BROUGHTON

\* Once Savannah's center for commerce, **Broughton Street** is back on the rise. With tons of local and big name shops and restaurants opening up, there's definitely something for everyone on this famed city street. So you don't miss anything, we suggest starting on the west end of the street at ZIA Boutique, an eclectic mix of handmade jewelry and accessories. Make your way east on that side of the street, stopping at all the fabulous shops along the way. When you get to Leopold's Ice Cream, stop for a sweet treat at the famous establishment owned by Hollywood legend Stratton Leopold. Next, make your way back west stopping at local favorites like 24e and The Paris Market.

## FEEL THE WIND

There's no better way of cruising through Downtown Savannah than on a motorcycle. The feeling of freedom, the 360 views, not to mention it's way easier to find parking!

### CLASSIC DESIGN AND STYLE

Brand new in Savannah, Indian Motorcycles is the place to go for that classic Indian look. These folks are passionate about bikes, so even if you're just stopping in, you're in for an awesome experience. The enthusiastic staff will get you geared up for the ride of your life. [indianmotorcyclesavannah.com](http://indianmotorcyclesavannah.com)



### NOTHING LIKE A HARLEY

Savannah Harley-Davidson has both a showroom outside the city and a shop of Historic River Street. If you're in town for the weekend, rent a bike from HD to explore the city on your own terms. [savannahhd.com](http://savannahhd.com)



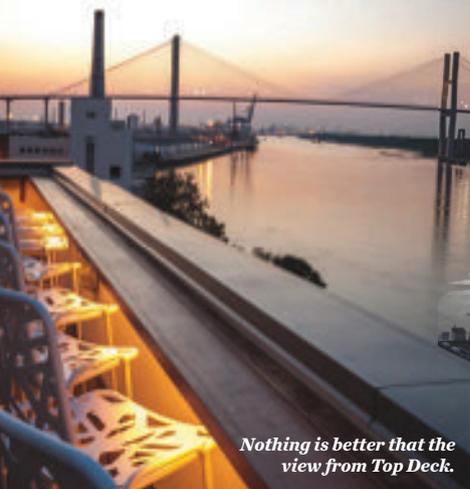
Stop into Collins Quarter for amazing coffee and an even better menu.



## AERIAL ADVENTURES

For the ultimate view of the city and her isles, take an introductory flight on Amphibian Air. This motorized hang glider takes you up in the air and soars like a bird over the city and ocean. It's the ultimate

Savannah experience for the adventurer at heart. Depending on weather conditions, your pilot might even let you take the reigns for a bit! For more information on the aircraft and booking the ride of your life, visit [amphibianair.com](http://amphibianair.com).



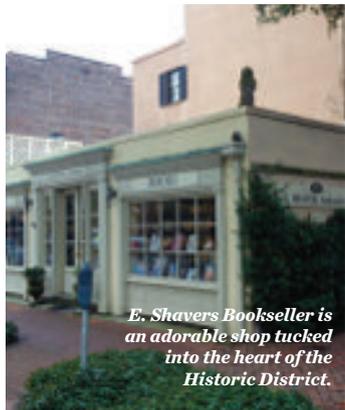
*Nothing is better than the view from Top Deck.*

### VIEW FROM THE TOP

\* The bar with the best view in Savannah has to be **Top Deck**. Perched atop the Cotton Sail Hotel, this casual yet sophisticated bar has an unobstructed view of the Talmadge Bridge and the river below. It's the perfect place to escape after a long day touring the Hostess City. Try one of their craft cocktails before choosing a beer off their extensive local menu. [topdeckbar.com](http://topdeckbar.com)

### A SAVANNAH TREASURE

\* Around the corner from the Cathedral sits a quaint little bookstore called **E. Shaver**. You might not happen upon it unless you're taking a quiet stroll through the Historic District (which is how you find some of Savannah's best kept secrets by the way). You'll have a blast exploring the shelves filled with new volumes of old classics. [eshaverbooks.com](http://eshaverbooks.com)



*E. Shaver Bookseller is an adorable shop tucked into the heart of the Historic District.*



### CRUISE THE RIVER

**EXPERIENCE SAVANNAH'S BEAUTY FROM THE BEST VIEW POSSIBLE ON A SAVANNAH RIVERBOAT CRUISE.**

#### DINNER ENTERTAINMENT CRUISE

Chow down on 5-star cuisine and dance the night away while cruising the Georgia Queen.

#### SATURDAY MOONLIGHT CRUISE

Take a moonlit cruise on the Savannah River for a romantic night out.

#### SUNSET CRUISE

The best view of the Savannah sunset is from the water.

*For more information visit [savannahriverboat.com](http://savannahriverboat.com).*

### MELLOW OUT

\* After perusing stacks of books, you'll most likely have worked up an appetite. Head down the street to Mellow Mushroom, one of Savannah's favorite pizza places. Perfectly located on Liberty Street, Mellow Mushroom is in the heart of the Historic District. Cool off with one of the many craft brews they have on tap. If you're alone, try a calzone: they're amazing. If you're with some friends, get one of Mellow Mushroom's specialty pizzas to share. We love the Maui Wowie, but you can't go wrong with any choice. [mellowmushroom.com](http://mellowmushroom.com)

### THE CENTER OF IT ALL

\* If you're looking to be within walking distance to some of Savannah's best attractions, be spoiled with impeccable service, and have killer views of both the city and the river, you should be staying at the **Hyatt**. Right smack in the middle of River Street, the Hyatt Regency Savannah has long been one of Savannah's favorite hotels. [savannah.hyatt.com](http://savannah.hyatt.com)



*Out doors pool at the Hyatt*



*With a hip downtown atmosphere and delicious pizza, Mellow Mushroom has quickly become a favorite hangout for locals.*

## CITY MARKET: THE HEART OF THE CITY

No doubt the best place in the city to hang out and people watch, City Market is Savannah's hub. With two city blocks closed for pedestrian traffic, you can walk through galleries and shops; all with a drink in your hand.



*City Market*

#### BELFORD'S

City Market's upscale restaurant, Belford's is known for its tremendous Angus steaks. Don't discount their seafood though, their take on Shrimp and Grits is one of the best in town. [belfordssavannah.com](http://belfordssavannah.com)

#### POUR LARRY'S

This basement dive bar has some of the cheapest beer in town. Plus, they've got bar games, live music, and a constant party atmosphere. [facebook.com/pourlarrys](http://facebook.com/pourlarrys)

#### SEPTEMBER

A chic, eclectic boutique, September is the best kept shopping secret in Savannah. It's the perfect place to stop for unique gifts, clothing and accessories. They are constantly updating their inventory, so you'll find something new every time you stop in. [facebook.com/september.boutiques](http://facebook.com/september.boutiques)

#### BYRD'S COOKIES

This famous Savannah cookie company is one of our favorite spots in City Market. You can sample any cookie you want at their cookie bar. We recommend the Georgia Peach Cookies. They've also got a few gluten free varieties too! [byrdcookiecompany.com](http://byrdcookiecompany.com)



### LIVVY BOUTIQUE

If your venture outside of Downtown Savannah and into the quaint neighborhood of Sandfly, you'll find a slew of bars, restaurants, and shops that are tucked away off the beaten path. Livvy Boutique is one of

these storied shops. Full of chic fashions, unique accessories and the sweetest bunch of people you'll ever meet, Livvy's is one of our favorite boutiques in Savannah. Be sure to stop in for amazing some amazing fashion finds. [shoplivvy.com](http://shoplivvy.com)



The new Beetnix Juice Bar on Broughton Street in downtown Savannah, makes this our healthiest choice this year. Opened by Shelly Lowther, it includes a cold press juice bar with healthy dishes and while you are there head up to the second floor and visit their her yoga studio called Dancing Dog.

### BETNIX JUICE BAR

\* In the heart of Broughton Street is a little juice bar with a lot of flavor. Hell-bent on promoting a healthy lifestyle in this Southern town, Beetnix offers an amazing selection of cold pressed juices, smoothies and café selections that are vegan, organic, and jam-packed with superfoods. We recommend stopping in for breakfast. Try the Fresh Start, a cold pressed juice made with cucumber, pineapple, mint and jalapeño – it will jump-start your morning like you never knew possible. [beetnixbar.com](http://beetnixbar.com)

### 24E

\* For modern design and contemporary home furnishings, you can't miss 24e while you're shopping on Broughton Street. Walking through the shop, you'll find an eclectic assortment of furnishings and accessories designed to help customers get inventive with their home design. 24e's amazingly talented staff can help with anything from picking out the perfect accent piece for your living room, to full-on home design services. [24estyle.com](http://24estyle.com)



▲ The Peach Bourbon Smash(left), the Beer Cocktail(right) and the Lowcountry Shrimp & Grits are featured at Jazz'd Tapas Bar. Trey Gurley performs live on Thursday nights.



### JAZZ'D TAPAS BAR

\* Something about descending a flight of stairs to drink below the earth's surface makes us, well, thirsty.

Above all the chic and ultra-hip spaces in Savannah, Jazz'd is our favorite place for cocktails, tapas and unforgettable live entertainment. An Americanized take on a centuries old Spanish tradition, Jazz'd offers an eclectic selection of over 35 tapas. With the intent of ordering multiple items and sharing, guests are encouraged to bring the entire clan. **Call for reservations 912. 236.7777 or go to [jazzdtapasbar.com](http://jazzdtapasbar.com)**

## IT'S COOLER IN POOLER

Pooler continues to be one of the countries fastest growing cities. Whether you are traveling alone or with a group, there is something in Pooler for everyone. This is one friendly city rich with history and a proud future. If you haven't lately, we recommend you take the day and discover the many perks of Pooler for yourself.



### TANGER OUTLET

Whether you are the ultimate trendsetter, looking for deals or a mom on the go, Tanger Outlet has the look for you. This spacious shopping oasis offers minimal traffic, lots of parking and great deals. [tangeroutlet.com](http://tangeroutlet.com)



### IMAX ROYAL CINEMAS

Experience a casual dinner theater, IMAX & Dolby 3D options with a bucket of popcorn and Milk Duds for the kids. Mom and dad, you can enjoy a beer or wine from the snack bar. You deserve it. [royalcinemaspooler.com](http://royalcinemaspooler.com)

### SURF LAGOON

A good water park in the key to a successful family vacation. Make your vacation splash at the best place to cool off in the South. [surflagoonpooler.com](http://surflagoonpooler.com)



### NATIONAL MIGHTY EIGHTH MUSEUM

90,000-square feet of history. This complex exhibits real aircraft, images & medals from the 8th Air Force. [mightyeighth.org](http://mightyeighth.org)

### OGLETHORPE SPEEDWAY PARK

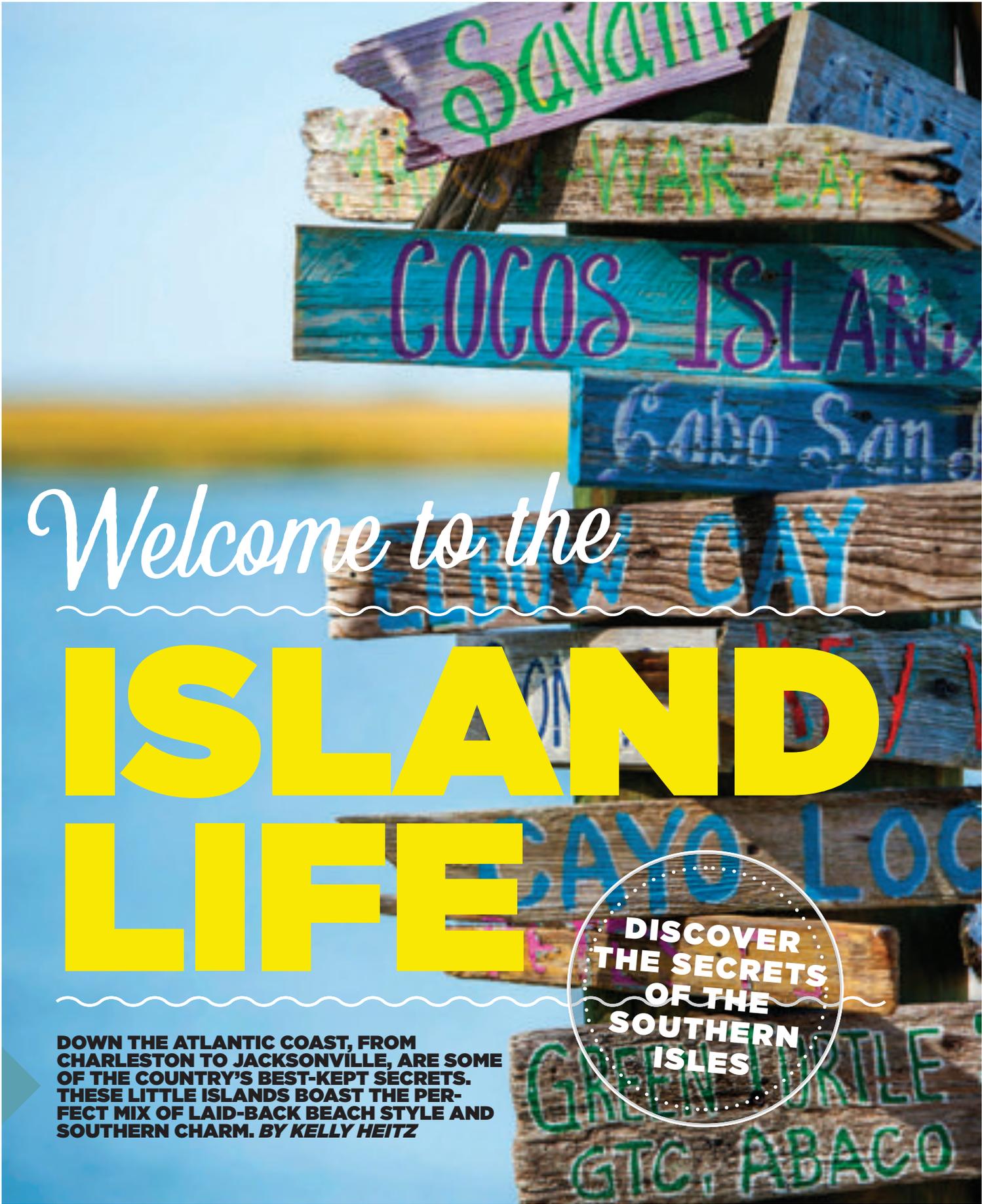
This half mile speedway has entertained race fans since March of 1951 when championship motorcycle racing debuted in Savannah. [ospracing.net](http://ospracing.net)

### FUN ZONE AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS PARK

With go-kart tracks, miniature golf, and one of the biggest arcades in the area, Fun Zone offers something for children, teens and adults alike. [poolerfunzone.com](http://poolerfunzone.com)



Release your inner Nascar at FUN ZONE.



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WAR CAY  
COCOS ISLAND  
Cabo San  
ELBOW CAY  
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GREEN TURTLE  
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Welcome to the

# ISLAND LIFE

DISCOVER  
THE SECRETS  
OF THE  
SOUTHERN  
ISLES

DOWN THE ATLANTIC COAST, FROM CHARLESTON TO JACKSONVILLE, ARE SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST-KEPT SECRETS. THESE LITTLE ISLANDS BOAST THE PERFECT MIX OF LAID-BACK BEACH STYLE AND SOUTHERN CHARM. *BY KELLY HEITZ*



▲ The lawn on the historic Jekyll Island Club is perfect for afternoon drinks or a rowdy game of croquet.

▼ If you're more into active adventures, take a horseback ride on the beach at the Cloister on Sea Island.

# Join the Club

→ ON TWO OF GEORGIA'S FAMED GOLDEN ISLES SITS THREE VACATION CLUBS THAT WERE ONCE SOME OF THE MOST EXCLUSIVE IN THE WORLD. TODAY THEY ARE LUXURY RESORTS VISITED BY EVERYONE FROM A-LIST CELEBRITIES TO FAMILY REUNION GROUPS. **BY KELLY HEITZ**

## THE CLOISTER

\* A secluded coastal retreat, **The Cloister** has been an elegant beach destination for decades. With personal service, spectacular dining and tons of fun activities, The Cloister is a beach resort that rivals anything the Caribbean has to offer. The Cloister Main Building is built in a stunning Mediterranean style inspired by the original 1928 building. A stay at The Cloister is defined by elegant dining experiences. **The Georgian Room**, Georgia's only Forbes Five-Star restaurant, features a menu full of locally and globally sourced ingredients to create their signature "new Southern" cuisine. For a more laid-back vibe, stop in **The Georgian Room Lounge** for craft cocktails and an imaginative small bites menu. For more information visit [seaisland.com](http://seaisland.com).

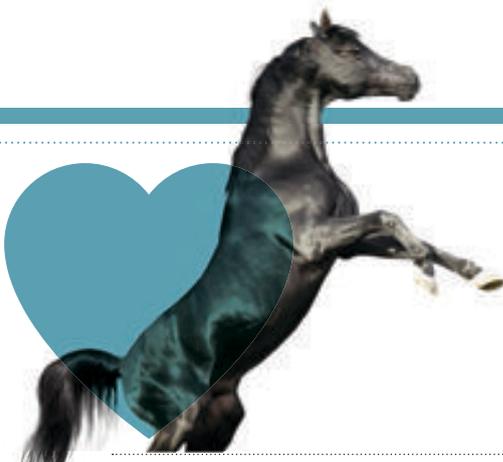
## SEA ISLAND BEACH CLUB

\* Part of the Sea Island resort experience, **The Sea Island Beach Club** (also known as The Cloister Beach Club) is an oceanfront oasis of a resort that is architecturally bold and sophisticated, while also offering the fun and laid-back vacation you hoped for. Ideal for couples or families, the Club has three swimming pools, access to water sports, and a stunning five miles of private beach. Other amenities also include **Wonderland** (the jaw-droppingly awesome ice cream and candy shop), a 100-seat movie theater, **Camp Cloister** for the kiddos and a casual dining restaurant. Don't forget to schedule a tee time at one of the island's exceptional championship courses. For information visit [seaisland.com](http://seaisland.com).

## JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB

\* Once considered the most exclusive vacation and social club in the world, the **Jekyll Island Club** was a summer home to well-known luminaries such as J.P. Morgan, William Rockefeller, Joseph Pulitzer and William K. Vanderbilt. Today, the club is a resort hotel that anyone can enjoy. Full of rich history and modern comforts, the Club is Jekyll Island's only four-star resort and is on the **National Register of Historic Places**. Guests are treated with first-class service and offered a plethora of activities. From carriage rides and history tours to golf, dolphin cruises, beach fun and bike exploring, the Jekyll Island Club Hotel has an activity for every personality in your group. For accommodations and visitor information visit [jekyllclub.com](http://jekyllclub.com).





## FOR THE LOVE OF HORSES

One of only a handful of places on the East Coast that are home to bands of feral horses, Cumberland Island is Georgia's largest and southernmost barrier island.

### WILD AND FREE

The allure of Cumberland Island lies in its unspoiled, wild spirit. With no phones, no roads and very few full-time human residents, this wild barrier island is the perfect place to go off the grid for a weekend. There are five designated campgrounds on the island, each with their own allure and wonder. Campers are limited to seven consecutive nights on the island, but that's probably just enough time to appreciate civilization again.

### THE DUNGENESS RUINS

Cumberland Island is more than just a natural paradise. Take a trip to the Dungeness Ruins (where you're likely to see some wild horses grazing), which was originally built by Revolutionary War Hero General Nathanael Greene's wife after his death. In 1884, Thomas Carnegie built a mansion on the original foundation. The Carnegie's Dungeness burned in 1959 and today only the ruins remain on site.

## EXPLORING THE ISLAND

For a safe, enjoyable trip to Cumberland Island be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes, pack snacks and water, and wear sunscreen! For information about booking campgrounds, planning a day trip or to learn more about "The Gateway to the Golden Isles" visit [nps.gov/cuis](http://nps.gov/cuis).



### TOP 3 EXPLORATION MUST HAVES

1. Binoculars: Rivers & Glen Trading Co. [riversandglen.com](http://riversandglen.com)
2. Walking shoes: Sperry Topsider [sperry.com](http://sperry.com)
3. Water bottle: [halfmoonoutfitters.com](http://halfmoonoutfitters.com)



## EXPLORE LITTLE ST. SIMONS

\* **Little St. Simons Island** is the last family-owned island on Georgia's coast. It was purchased in 1908 by Philip Berlzheimer and his descendants still own the island. They operate a retreat where only 32 overnight guests at a time are invited to visit to fish, hunt, horseback ride, canoe, take nature tours, and enjoy seven miles of beaches. If you're not up for staying the night, take a day trip to the island for a guided introduction to its wildlife and history. Your day trip leaves from Hampton River Marina on the north end of St. Simons Island and includes lunch, a naturalist-led tour, and an afternoon on the beach. For reservations and more information visit [littlestsimonsisland.com](http://littlestsimonsisland.com).

## THE THRILL OF THE SLIDE

\* Perfect for the whole family, Jekyll Island's **Summer Waves Water Park** is an ideal way to spend a hot summer day. Relax in Turtle Creek, the lazy river that takes you all around the park, or catch a wave in the Frantic Atlantic wave pool. Slides like Nature's Revenge and Force 3 will get the adrenaline pumping, but the best is Pirate's Passage – a five story, double drop dark enclosed slide that plunges riders into the unknown! For seasonal schedules and ticket information visit [jekyllisland.com](http://jekyllisland.com).

## SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION

\* The **Georgia Sea Turtle Center** on Jekyll Island is a marine turtle rehabilitation, research and education facility. The center provides state-of-the-art emergency care for injured sea turtles, as well as educational tours and experiences for the general public. If you're headed to the GSTC for the day, we recommend the Behind the Scenes Tour. On this tour you'll get a chance to go into the treatment centers to see how these endangered turtles are nursed back to health. You'll even get

The mesmerizing sands of Jekyll Island's Driftwood Beach.

Relax your cares away at Greyfield Inn.



### UNINHABITED BARRIER ISLANDS

#### MOST OF GEORGIA'S COAST IS UNTOUCHED BY MODERN CIVILIZATION.

#### LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND

Only accessible by private boat, Little Tybee is a favorite for recreational camping. [visittybee.com](http://visittybee.com)

#### WASSAW ISLAND

The most primitive and undeveloped of Georgia's barrier islands, Wassaw was sold to the Nature Conservancy with the understanding that no bridge would ever be built to it from the mainland. [fws.gov/wassaw](http://fws.gov/wassaw)

#### ST. CATHERINE'S ISLAND

Closed to the general public, St. Catherine's is widely known for its globally significant archeological and research sites. [stcatherinesisland.org](http://stcatherinesisland.org)

#### WOLF ISLAND

Only limited public recreation activities are allowed so as to protect the nesting grounds of native birds and loggerhead turtles. [fws.gov/wolfisland](http://fws.gov/wolfisland)

to meet a few of the patients! For tour information visit [gstc.jekyllisland.com](http://gstc.jekyllisland.com).

## DRIFTWOOD BEACH

\* For a beach trip unlike any other, spend a day at **Driftwood Beach**. Located on the north end of Jekyll Island, Driftwood Beach is littered with washed-up driftwood. This haunting and mesmerizing stretch of beach is often described as a tree graveyard. Not many people head to this area of the island; so it is perfect for a nice picnic or a mid-day getaway. For more information head to [goldenisles.com](http://goldenisles.com).

## SC'S GOLDEN ISLE

\* Still only accessible by boat, **Daufuskie Island** offers a glimpse of what island life was like before modern development. The native residents of Daufuskie are descendants of freed slaves who have made a living oystering and fishing for decades. The best way to get to know the island is through a tour with **Outside Daufuskie**. Board a golf cart and spend two and a half hours traveling the sandy roads to significant historic landmarks, artisan studios and galleries. Your interpretive historian guide will teach you everything about the history and culture of this unique island. For tour info and other activities visit [outsidedaufuskie.com](http://outsidedaufuskie.com).

### ► NATURAL MOSQUITO SPRAY RECIPE:

- > 1/2 litre of alcohol. This is approximately 17 oz.
- > 100 grams of whole cloves or approximately 3.5 oz.

> 100 ml of baby oil or similar (almond, sesame, chamomile, lavender, fennel etc) 3.4 oz.

**Preparation:** Leave cloves to marinate in alcohol four days. Stir every morning and evening and after 4

days add the oil. It is now ready.

#### How to use:

Gently rub a few drops into the skin of the arms and legs. Observe the mosquitoes fleeing the room. This is excellent to repel fleas on pets as well.



◀ The Saint Simons Island Lighthouse Museum is steps from the Village and Pier and the perfect activity to enjoy with kids.

▶ Saint Simons Island is a golfer's playground.



## THERE'S NOTHING LIKE ST. SIMONS ISLAND

\* The largest barrier island in the Golden Isles, St. Simons Island is a cozy beach town full of quaint shops, winding oak lanes, and bursting with history and intrigue. Visitors could spend hours exploring the island's pristine beaches, championship golf courses and a slew of attractions. Even just walking around The Village, St. Simons' adorable "downtown" area, is a day well-spent in this quintessential beach town.

### 129 STEPS TO THE TOP

\* Located near the village and pier, the St. Simons Lighthouse Museum is one of only five surviving light towers in Georgia. Visitors can climb the 129 steps to experience amazing panoramic views of neighboring Jekyll Island, the Georgia mainland, and the south end of St. Simons

Island. The Lighthouse Museum hosts several events throughout the year. Summer Sundays bring the Little Light Music Concert Series, a unique experience where concertgoers are encouraged to bring picnics and lawn chairs to enjoy live music on the oceanfront lawns of the St. Simons Lighthouse. For information and visiting hours visit [saintsimonslighthouse.org](http://saintsimonslighthouse.org).

### THE VILLAGE: THE ISLAND'S EPICENTER

\* Located on the south end of the island, The Pier Village District is the downtown social hub of St. Simons Island. A popular destination for locals and visitors to meet, mingle, shop, drink, and relax, The Village is what makes St. Simons Island the ultimate beach town. You won't find another place like it anywhere in the country. For a list of shops, restaurants and attractions visit [explorestsimonsisland.com](http://explorestsimonsisland.com).

### EXPLORE THE VILLAGE

#### HERE ARE SOME OF OUR FAVORITE VILLAGE SPOTS:

##### GOLDEN ISLES BRACELET CO.

Handmade local metal and wood jewelry  
[gibcbracelets.com](http://gibcbracelets.com)

##### HOPE'S

Trendy and affordable women's fashion  
[shophopes.com](http://shophopes.com)

##### BARBARA JEAN'S

Don't you dare miss their crab cakes  
[barbarajeans.com](http://barbarajeans.com)

##### BROGENS SOUTH

This sports bar is a local favorite  
[brogens.com](http://brogens.com)

##### MOONDANCE VINTAGE CLOTHING

Vintage boutique with a beachy flair  
912.268.2343

##### ZUZU'S

You won't find a better burger anywhere  
[facebook.com/zuzusicecream](http://facebook.com/zuzusicecream)

##### BLUE WATER CAFE

Casual waterfront dining with spectacular views  
[thebluwaterssi.com](http://thebluwaterssi.com)

##### ST. SIMONS SWEETS

Their fudge is heavenly  
[stsimonsweets.com](http://stsimonsweets.com)

##### PALM COAST

Coffee, craft beer, and live music: what more could you ask for?  
[palmcoastssi.com](http://palmcoastssi.com)

##### OCEAN MOTION SURF CO.

An island staple for over 20 years.  
[stsimonskaya-king.com](http://stsimonskaya-king.com)

##### SANDCASTLE CAFE

The ultimate breakfast buffet  
[sandcastleat-thepier.com](http://sandcastleat-thepier.com)

## EXPLORE NEW FAIRWAYS

\* A golfer's playground, St. Simons Island is home to a variety of beautiful and challenging courses. From the lush marsh views of the famed King & Prince Golf Club to the astounding 27 holes of the Sea Palms Resort, St. Simons has something to offer golfers of all skill levels. For information on courses and booking tee times visit [explorestsimonsisland.com](http://explorestsimonsisland.com).

## THE MARSHES OF GLYNN

\* The famed Marshes of Glynn separating St. Simons from the mainland is the perfect place to enjoy a day of exploration. Beauty, intrigue and animal encounters await you in this unspoiled wonderland.

## SOUTHEAST ADVENTURE OUTFITTERS

\* SouthEast Adventure Outfitters is your one-stop-shop for both equipment and tours. They offer daily kayak tours, nature boat cruises, kayak and powerboat fishing excursions and stand-up paddleboard rentals. For information on where to launch your adventure visit [southeastadventure.com](http://southeastadventure.com).



## DOG FRIENDLY BEACH

If you're looking for a beach to enjoy with your furry family members, St. Simons is perfect. Dogs are allowed year-round at beach access points west of the pier. All other beaches prohibit dogs from the Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. The rest of the year, dog-lovers are free to bring their dogs to any portion of the beach. For more information on pet-friendly areas visit [bringfido.com](http://bringfido.com).



◀ A stroll along the Tybee Island pier is a great way to meet local fishing enthusiasts.

# Tybee Island

→ KNOWN AS "SAVANNAH'S BEACH" THIS LITTLE ISLAND OASIS HAS IT'S OWN UNIQUE STYLE AND CULTURE. WE LOVE IT FOR ITS ECLECTIC VIBE, WARM RESIDENTS AND SLOW PACE. WHEN YOU'RE ON TYBEE ISLAND, YOU'RE ON "TYBEE TIME." **BY KELLY HEITZ**

## COTTAGE SHOPPING

\* For a break from the beach, you won't want to miss the adorable little cottage shops at **The Shops at Tybee Oaks**. You'll find everything from handmade souvenirs to eclectic fashion to beautiful jewelry. One of our fave shops is Ziggy Nicks Trading Co. ([facebook.com/ziggynickstradingco](https://www.facebook.com/ziggynickstradingco)) where you'll find new, handmade and vintage fashion and accessories inspired by all forms of rock and roll. For more store listings visit [facebook.com/tybeeoaks](https://www.facebook.com/tybeeoaks).

## NAMASTE, DUDE

\* For an enlightening watersport experience, try **Paddleboard Yoga at AOK Watersports**. Whether you're an experienced yogi or a beginner looking for a new challenge, SUP Yoga is an amazing workout and fun way to get to know the island. AOK also offers regular paddleboard lessons, kiteboarding

lessons, and rentals. For lesson and rental information visit [aokwatersports.com](http://aokwatersports.com).



Tybee Island's beaches are a playground for Savannahians and Tybee locals. From kiteboarding and surfing to sand volleyball and bocce, there's always something fun to do at the beach. Whatever your activity of choice, be sure to show up in style. Lacy coverups and cutoff denim are always good choices to throw on over your best suit.

## THE FAMOUS PIER

\* The Tybee Pier and Pavilion is a must-see for anyone visiting the island. Right at the end of Tybrisa Street (Tybee's beach shop and island bar hub), the pier juts right out into the Atlantic and is a great place for fishing and people watching. During the summer months, the attached pavilion has a snack bar ripe with classic beach eats like hot dogs and ice cold Coca-Cola. Throughout the year, numerous festivals and events are held in this open-air beachside locale. For event information and schedules visit [tybeeisland.com](http://tybeeisland.com).

## THE ISLAND'S BEST BEACH BARS

**AS MUCH A DRINKING TOWN AS A BEACH TOWN, TYBEE HAS A SLEW OF WATERING HOLES:**

### DOC'S BAR

A local favorite since 1948  
[912.786.DOCS](tel:912.786.DOCS)

### WET WILLIE'S

The best frozen drinks anywhere  
[wetwillies.com](http://wetwillies.com)

### HUC A POOS

Awesome pizza and beer dive bar  
[hucapoos.com](http://hucapoos.com)

### THE SAND BAR

Great spot right on the main strip  
[912.786.8304](tel:912.786.8304)

### TYBEE ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB

Beach bar meets art gallery meets 5-star cuisine  
[tybeeisland-socialclub.com](http://tybeeisland-socialclub.com)

### STINGRAY'S

Great outdoor patio with live music every weekend  
[stingraysontybee.com](http://stingraysontybee.com)

### SPANKY'S BEACHSIDE

Right off the beach - inventors of the chicken finger!  
[spankys-beachside.com](http://spankys-beachside.com)

### NORTH BEACH BAR & GRILL

The perfect spot with the perfect food  
[northbeach-barandgrill.net](http://northbeach-barandgrill.net)

The World of Coca-Cola Museum is one of the most-visited landmarks in Atlanta.



# Atlanta

→ THE EMPIRE CITY OF THE SOUTH IS NOT ONLY GEORGIA'S CAPITAL CITY, BUT IT'S ALSO A PRETTY AWESOME PLACE TO VISIT. IT'S HARD TO COVER THE WHOLE CITY IN JUST A FEW DAYS, BUT WE'VE GATHERED SOME HOTSPOTS YOU ABSOLUTELY CAN'T MISS.

▲ Centennial Olympic Park was built for the 1996 Olympic Games, but now serves as a gathering place for locals and visitors.

## RIVERSIDE OASIS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

\* Located in Atlanta's Vinings neighborhood, **Canoe** has been a local favorite for over 20 years. With a lush herb garden out back and an al fresco dining area overlooking the Chattahoochee River, Canoe has earned its name as an oasis in the city. Don't miss their Sunday brunch. Order a basket of Georgia Pecan Sticky Buns for the table as an appetizer, and then dive into the Nashville Hot Chicken Biscuit for your main course. [canoeatl.com](http://canoeatl.com)

## STAY WHERE HISTORY AND LUXURY COLLIDE

\* Set in a mansion dating to 1896, **Stonehurst Place** is an eco-friendly bed and breakfast complete with solar panels, eco bath products and a kitchen that serves up divine farm-to-table recipes. Stonehurst offers landscaped gardens and a relaxing Sleeping Porch, but don't think you're too far from the city's center to enjoy everything Atlanta has to offer. [stonehurstplace.com](http://stonehurstplace.com)

## ENJOY A CLASSIC

\* A trip to Atlanta is never complete without a visit to the **World of Coca-Cola Museum**. Here you can get a behind-the-scenes look at the Coke bottling process, take a tour through the history of the refreshing soft drink, and sample Coke products from all over the world. To get the full experience, you should set aside most of your day to exploring this world icon. [worldofcoca-cola.com](http://worldofcoca-cola.com)

## WORLD'S LARGEST DRIVE-IN

\* Serving customers in Atlanta since 1928, **The Varsity** is an Atlanta classic that'll never go out of style. The original Varsity is in downtown Atlanta near Georgia Tech, but they now have locations throughout the city. Do yourself a favor and visit the original to get a glimpse of the history and celebrity of this hometown institution. While you're there you have to order one of their famous chili cheese dogs with a side of rings. Don't forget to top it off with a Frosted Orange – an orange-flavored

## BUCKHEAD'S BEST

EXPLORING ONE OF OUR FAVORITE ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOODS.

**BRIDGE BOUTIQUE**  
SoHo meets Southern style  
[bridgeboutique.com](http://bridgeboutique.com)

**ATLANTA FISH MARKET**  
The best seafood selection in town  
404.262.3165

**PRICCI**  
The best Italian you'll find outside of Italy  
404.237.2941

**TULIPANO**  
Sleek and trendy women's fashion  
[shoptulipano.com](http://shoptulipano.com)

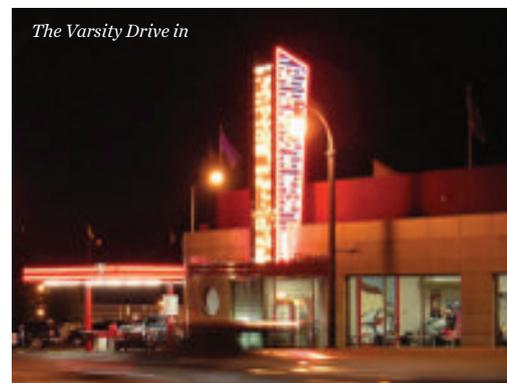
**CHOP'S LOBSTER BAR**  
Actually famous for their steaks 404.262.2675

milkshake that tastes like a melt-in-your-mouth Dreamsicle treat. [thevarsity.com](http://thevarsity.com)

## ENJOY A PIECE OF OLYMPIC HISTORY

\* Built for the 1996 Olympic Games as a gathering spot for visitors and residents, **Centennial Olympic Park** is now a beautiful 21-acre park in the heart of downtown Atlanta. While there, visit the **Fountain of Rings**, the centerpiece to the park. It's the world's largest interactive fountain and is in the shape of the Olympic Ring symbol. [centennialpark.com](http://centennialpark.com)

The Varsity Drive in



## TOWERING BEAUTY

\* The Mandarin Oriental, Atlanta, one of the city's finest hotels, is located right in the heart of Buckhead. The Mandarin offers its guests luxury and comfort from the goose down bedding to the plush bathrobes. Plus, the stunning architecture and design will keep you coming back to The Mandarin every time you visit the city. [mandarinoriental.com](http://mandarinoriental.com)

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Take a tour of the historic Fox Theatre or stop in to see a Broadway show.

## A NIGHT AT THE FOX

\* Formerly a movie palace, the **Fox Theatre** is a beloved historic landmark in the heart of the city. From Broadway musicals to concerts performed by major recording artists, there's bound to be an amazing show to catch at the Fox. You can even take tours of this historic treasure. The Fox Theatre Tour is a 60-minute guided program that will showcase the must-see details of the Fox and its remarkable history. You'll even learn how locals saved this beauty from the wrecking ball. [foxtheatre.org](http://foxtheatre.org)

## HOME OF THE BRAVES

\* Whether it's baseball season or not, a trip to this sports icon is a must when visiting ATL. Even though it's a fairly new park, **Turner Field** artfully combines the nostalgia and atmosphere of old-time baseball with a state-of-the-art environment unlike any other park in the country. If you're there in season, book the Braves VIP Experience. You'll get a behind-the-scenes pregame tour of Turner Field, a sideline view of the pros' batting practice, and access to the 755 Club Delta 360 Lounge. It's the only way to enjoy a Braves game right. [atlanta.braves.mlb.com](http://atlanta.braves.mlb.com)

## NOT THAT KIND OF GUNSHOW

\* Chef Kevin Gillespie offers a bold new take on traditional dining by fusing Brazilian churrascaria style dining and Chinese dim sum at **Gunshow**. Selections are presented on carts to patrons who

*Whether you're a baseball fan or not, Turner Field is an awesome place to spend the day in Atlanta.*



select from them tableside. The menu includes Chicken & Waffles with a Vietnamese twist, Pork Belly Steamed Buns, and Barbecue Georgia Quail. The atmosphere and service in this Glenwood Park locale could not be more unique and downhome. [gunshowatl.com](http://gunshowatl.com)

## THE BOHEMIAN CENTER OF THE SOUTH

\* **Little Five Points** is a neighborhood on the east side of Atlanta that's always bustling with eclectic sights and sounds. We love exploring this alternative neighborhood and meeting the generous people who call it home. Full of artsy establishments and painted with murals, Little Five Points is a great place to spend an afternoon. For drinks and amazing burgers, visit **The Vortex**. You can't miss the 20-foot high laughing skull façade. [littlefivepoints.net](http://littlefivepoints.net)

## HOME GROWN HEALTHY

\* For the ultimate in Southern cooking without the clogged arteries, take a visit to **Home Grown**. This Reynoldstown eatery offers creative and delicious breakfast options and a hearty brunch menu on the weekends. After your meal take a stroll through their garden out back, which supplies food to the restaurants kitchen. See, they really are "Home Grown." [homegrowinga.com](http://homegrowinga.com)

## CHIC BOUTIQUE

\* The **Artmore** is a boutique hotel that offers an ultra-chic setting in the center of Atlanta's Cultural Art District. Offering more than just a comfortable place to lay your head, The Artmore prides itself on delivering a personalized guest experience. This hotel features suites and rooms in a fully renovated 1924 historic building. Custom bedding and large rooms add to the great value of the Artmore. The outdoor courtyard features a large fountain and fireplace and is a perfect place to relax in the evening. The Studio Lounge is a hip place to enjoy top-shelf wines and drinks with a great selection of gourmet specialty dishes. [artmorehotel.com](http://artmorehotel.com)



▲ *The Artmore is mid-town Atlanta's premier boutique hotel experience.*



## ▶ EXPLORE THE URBAN WATERWAYS

Escape the urban jungle for a piece of paradise in Atlanta. Set out on a raft, kayak, or inner tube from the picturesque Powers Island Park River to the Chatahoochie River with the guides at Urban Currents. Channel your inner Huck Finn, kick back, and float along some of the most picturesque river scenery. This is a perfect way to spend a hot summer day with friends and family! For more information visit call [404.590.2922](tel:404.590.2922)