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Atlanta's Minds & Brands Everyone Is Watching

Southern Comfort

From elegant brunches to late-night dining and immersive cultural stops, Atlanta effortlessly blends Southern charm with cosmopolitan energy—perfect for visitors who crave style, substance and the city's undeniable flair. *by ERIN KAIN*



Bright environs make for a stunning stay at Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta.

STAY:

Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta

Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta—Midtown's only true five-star property—stands as the city's premier luxury retreat and is celebrated for refined service, elevated style and impeccable Southern hospitality. Spacious rooms and suites showcase sweeping skyline views, while

the serene, full-service spa and indoor pool provide an urban sanctuary. Just steps from the High Museum, Piedmont Park, vibrant nightlife and the Beltline, it's where culture, comfort and chic seamlessly converge for an unforgettable Atlanta experience. fourseasons.com/atlanta

SIP:

Atlas

Atlas is Buckhead luxury distilled. Anchored inside the St. Regis Atlanta, the bar offers museum-level surroundings, white-glove service and cocktails as artful as the space itself. Think impeccably-dressed bartenders, rare spirits and a crowd that favors classic glamour over trends. Ideal for power martinis, celebratory toasts or a decadent nightcap, Atlas delivers a refined, see-and-be-seen experience that feels timeless, indulgent and unmistakably elite. atlasrestaurant.com

Atrium

Light-filled by day and moodily seductive by night, Atrium is a Beltline-adjacent stunner that effortlessly blends design, dining and destination drinking. Set inside Ponce City Market, the bar's soaring glass ceiling and lush greenery create a cosmopolitan backdrop for impeccably crafted cocktails and polished pours. It's the kind of place where lunch turns into cocktails, cocktails turn into dinner plans, and Atlanta's most stylish crowd lingers long after golden hour fades. atriumatl.com



Grab a cocktail at Ponce City Market's Atrium.

Mediterranean charm meets sociable sipping. Celebrated for its mezze boards, spice-driven cocktails and lively happy hour culture, this stylish spot blends shared plates with spirited pours that perfectly segue from early evening drinks to dinner. The warm, inviting ambiance keeps conversation flowing as effortlessly as the wine and inventive cocktails, making it a neighborhood favorite. ela-atlanta.com

SAVOR:

Ela

Tucked in the vibrant Virginia-Highland neighborhood, Ela is where

Lucky Star

At Lucky Star, the food is as thoughtfully crafted as the cocktails. Taiwanese-inspired small plates and

elevated bites take center stage, layering bold flavors, playful textures and chef-driven creativity that reward lingering. Designed for sharing, the menu moves effortlessly from craveable snacks to more substantial dishes, all meant to be enjoyed alongside expertly mixed drinks. A casual stop often evolves into a lingering, food-forward evening driven by curiosity, conversation and exceptional flavor. luckystanatl.com

No. 246

A perennial favorite among Atlanta insiders, No. 246 strikes the ideal balance between laid-back charm and polished appeal. The bar hums with energy as classic Italian cocktails, amaro-forward pours and thoughtfully curated wines set the tone for long, convivial nights. Anchored by soulful, red-sauce-inspired dishes and wood-fired pastas, it's the kind of place where one drink easily becomes three. no246.com

Umi

Umi elevates Japanese cuisine with meticulous precision and a kitchen that honors tradition while embracing creativity. From pristine sashimi and artful sushi rolls to sumptuous robata-grilled specialties, each dish is crafted with impeccable technique and premium ingredients. Balanced by elegant presentation and warm service, Umi's food unfolds like a refined tasting experience, making every bite an occasion. It's where Atlanta's discerning diners come for both culinary excellence and a memorable evening. umiatlanta.com

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PLAY:

Beltline

Atlanta's Beltline transforms urban mobility into a living cultural canvas. Lace up for a scenic walk or bike ride along repurposed rail corridors that link vibrant neighborhoods, lush parks and colorful street murals. Pop into galleries, markets and alfresco cafes along the way—each turn reveals local makers, spontaneous performances and skyline views that capture the city's creative pulse. The Beltline is at once an outdoor gallery, wellness route and social artery. beltline.org

Fox Theatre

A masterpiece of Moorish Revival glamour, the Fox Theatre is where history meets high-impact entertainment. In February, the stage comes alive with the legendary Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, performing multiple evenings of electrifying choreography that blends tradition and innovation. With its star-studded ceiling, ornate interiors and marquee shows, an evening here feels like both a cultural event and a night on the town. foxtheatre.org

High Museum of Art

The High Museum of Art is Atlanta's cultural crown jewel, where fashion, photography and visionary art converge under one sleek roof. This month, experience *Blazing Light: Photographs by Mimi Plumb*, a sweeping photographic exploration of the American West, alongside the lush retrospective *The Lost World: The Art of Minnie Evans* and, still on view, *Viktor&Rolf: Fashion Statements*.

where couture becomes art. With thought-provoking galleries and rotating exhibitions, every visit feels like a revelation.

Ponce City Market

Housed in a historic Sears building, Ponce City Market is the city's go-to destination for design-forward shopping, global eats and rooftop fun. Browse indie boutiques and handcrafted goods before ascending to Skyline Park, where carnival games meet rooftop bars and sweeping city views. With chef-driven restaurants, casual cafes and curated events year-round, it's the quintessential blend of commerce, culture and community. poncecitymarket.com

Westside Provisions District

Westside Provisions District is Atlanta's style-set enclave, where polished boutiques, contemporary galleries and elevated dining intersect. Think statement fashion labels, sleek home design boutiques and decadent restaurants tucked into industrial-meets-modern architecture. It's a neighborhood that rewards the curious: shop unique pieces, sip artisanal cocktails and settle into a long, late lunch beneath exposed brick and big-city energy. westsideprovisions.com

From left: The High Museum showcases spectacular art exhibits year-round; the Beltline is the perfect outdoor hot spot.



From left: Taiwanese-inspired small plates at Lucky Star; Janelle Monae performs onstage at The Fox Theatre.

