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A Weekend in... Savannah, Ga.

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Jazz'd Tapas Bar

Southern charm and history intertwine with a lively cultural scene to make this Ge town the perfect destination for laid-back explorations and kick-up-your-heels ft

Sleep

Located in a residential neighborhood, the Gastonian blends luxury accommodations with country appeal. Comprising two Regency-Italianate mansions with a total of 17 guest rooms, the B&B offers all the bells and whistles you'd expect in a AAA Four Diamond inn. It's an easy walk to the city's famed squares and a slightly longer stroll to Savannah's gallery- and shop-heavy River Street and City Market.

Eat

Indulge your inner aristocrat at the iconic Olde Pink House, which serves elegant Southern cuisine in an 18th-century mansion. If you prefer your fine dining with a sense of humor, try Noble Fare, a 32-seat bistro where Chef Patrick McNamara dazzles with dishes like Duck Duck Duck No Goose — duck breast, duck confit

If You Go

Gastonian

220 East Gaston St. (800) 322-6603 www.gastonian.com

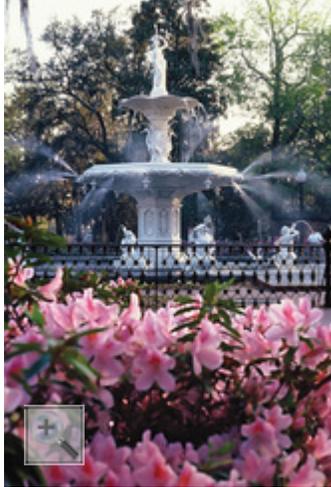
Olde Pink House

23 Abercorn St. (912) 232-4286

Noble Fare

321 Jefferson St. (912) 443-3210 www.noblefare.com

risotto and foie gras — and a seasonal crème brûlée. Or bring the whole family to the Firefly Café; the casual neighborhood bistro dishes up an eclectic mix of fresh offerings for adults, a menu for the little ones and pet-friendly dining al fresco beneath live oaks dripping with Spanish moss.



Forsyth Park fountain

Drink

Looking for jazz, blues or swing music? Maybe even some singing in the style of Savannah’s own Johnny Mercer? Step into Jazz’d Tapas Bar, an industrial-chic nightspot in the basement of the historic Kress building that serves up live music, martinis and tapas.

Firefly Café

321 Habersham St.
(912) 234-1971 www.fireflycafega.com

Jazz’d Tapas Bar

52 Barnard St.
(912) 236-7777 www.jazzdsavannah.com

Telfair Museums

(912) 790-8800
www.telfair.org

Carriage Tours of Savannah

At the cross streets of Jefferson and W. St. Julian
(912) 236-6756
www.carriagetoursofsavannah.com

Davenport House Museum

324 E. State St.
(912) 236-8097
www.davenportmuseum.org

See

It’s three for the price of one at the Telfair Museums, where a single entry fee grants you access to a trio of wondrous exhibition spaces. Tour the landmark Owens-Thomas House and the Telfair Academy mansion, buildings so beautiful they threaten to upstage the pieces on display inside. Then admire the works on paper of pivotal artists from the last 50 years in the Jepson Center’s Kirk Varnedoe Collection, named for the late Savannah native, scholar and Museum of Modern Art curator.

Do

Want to experience the city’s sights and sounds without wearing yourself out? Hitch a ride with Carriage Tours of Savannah, which offers entertaining and informative 50-minute excursions. The horse-drawn carriages depart from the gazebo in the center of City Market. On your ride, you’ll surely see some of the area’s many historic homes that have been restored and reopened to the public as museums, restaurants or inns. One of them, the Davenport House Museum, is perhaps the best example of Federal architecture in town. Daily guided tours give guests a taste of Southern living in the 1820s.

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