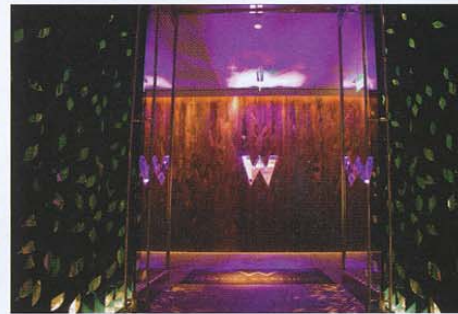


» W Hotel, a night of comfort located right in the heart of downtown.



Personally picked out and put to the test by South's own publisher, these places are guaranteed to please.

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When craving fast-paced city life in a place with world-class restaurants, shopping, events and festivals, it's nice to know that you don't have to travel outside of state lines for a good vacation. For a nonstop week or weekend, indulge a little and live it up in the Peach City.

## Stay

Spend a night, or two or six, at the stunning W Atlanta-Downtown and forget all of your worries while you dine and doze right in the middle of it all. Settle in to your cozy suite, resplendent with modern contours and plush seating and ogle over all of your amenities—from an outdoor heated pool to a swanky

lobby bar (rooms start at \$275). An equally majestic escape awaits travelers at The Georgian Terrace Hotel in Midtown. Located across the street from the Fox Theatre, these accommodations are in such a stunning setting and offer a rooftop view of the entire city, a luminous lobby that glows with natural light, and an elegant dining room that seems like it's inside an enchanted castle (rooms start at \$151).



» Posh Spot



» Vincenzo's specialty, hand-crafted pizza pie



## Play

If you're looking for a little R & R on your trip, make sure to stop in at Posh Spot, one of Atlanta's premier pampering destinations. While you're there, get a mani, pedi or a soothing facial in a rejuvenating environment. Seeking some excitement? Benefit in the culture that awaits you, whether it be a sophisticated evening of Martinis & IMAX at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History (open Friday nights in January) or a late night dance party at underground hipster hangout MJQ Concourse. While it's cold out, we suggest afternoon ice-skating in Centennial Olympic Park (admission is \$7, skate rental is \$2 per 90 minutes). Also, since you're nestled right between the Georgia Aquarium and the World of Coca-Cola and are only two miles from the High Museum of Art, after skating, you easily have the rest of your afternoon set out for you. Whether you're craving the ethereal sight of a beluga whale, the erotic vivacity of Salvador Dali (on display until Jan. 9) or the tantalizing flavors of America's favorite sugary beverage, pique your curiosity and learn something new about the world with a visit to one of Atlanta's most famous museums.

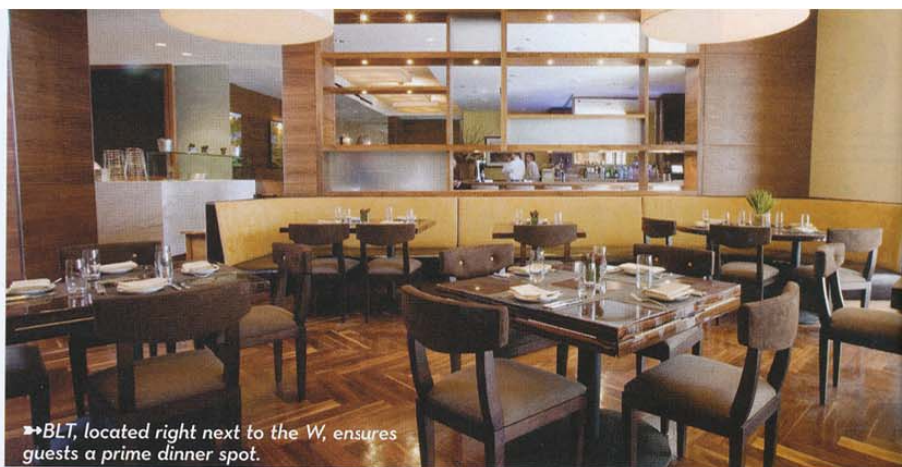
## Eat

With local foodie celebs like Tom Colicchio, Kevin Rathbun and Shaun Doty blowin' up the din-

ing scene in Atlanta, you're at no shortage of scrumptious meals in the city. If you're craving a little soulful seafood, head to C & S Seafood, where they specialize in oysters. With over a dozen different varieties, treat your taste buds and sample scrumptious shellfish from all over the country. Likewise, you can find a fine dining experience in your hotel at W Atlanta-Downtown's restaurant, BLT Steak. A luxury steakhouse, BLT cooks with only premium cuts of meat including USDA prime, certified Black Angus, American Wagyu and Japanese Kobe all within a posh urban setting, just a few steps away from your bedroom. But, if you're seeking something international, you'll find authentic Italian dishes at Vingenzo's Woodstock, where the spaghetti is fresh and cooked al dente and the wine runs freely. They have a fresh market too for those who want to bring a taste of the old country home with them.

## Shop

While you can't go wrong with the best in designer names at Lenox Square or Phipps Plaza, Atlanta's most brilliant finds pop up in boutiques and unassuming storefronts. Artistically-minded homeowners should pay a visit to the allures of home decor store Bungalow Classic, where it's easy to assemble a Martha Stewart approved room on a whim. The lover of the independent bookstore, meanwhile, will



BLT, located right next to the W, ensures guests a prime dinner spot.



relish in the quaint cheer of Decatur's children bookstore, Little Shop of Stories. With writers in and out the doors throughout the year, you never know if you'll happen across David Sedaris or Julie Andrews reading to a group of -5 year olds. The possibilities continue at "America's Favorite Antique Show," the Atlanta Scott

Antique Market, held at the Atlanta Exposition Center Dec. 10-12 and Jan. 7-9. Buy a mask from Africa, a pearl brooch from England and a priceless painting all at one stop. **S**

## A Weekend Guide for ATL

### WHERE TO STAY

**THE GEORGIAN TERRACE**  
800.651.2316,  
thegeorgianterrace.com

**W ATLANTA-DOWNTOWN**  
404.582.5800,  
watlantadowntown.com

### WHERE TO PLAY

**CENTENNIAL OLYMPIC PARK**  
404.222.7275,  
centennialpark.com

**POSH SPOT**  
770.435.9100,  
theposhspot.com

### FERNBANK MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

404.929.6300, fernbankmuseum.org

### HIGH MUSEUM OF ART

404.733.HIGH, high.org

### MJQ CONOURSE

404.870.0575

### THE WORLD OF COCA-COLA

800.676.2653, worldofcoca-cola.com

### WHERE TO EAT

**BLT STEAK**  
404.577.7601, bltsteak.com

### C & S SEAFOOD

770.272.0999,  
candsoysterbar.com

### VINGENZO'S WOODSTOCK

770.924.9133,  
vingenzos.com

### WHERE TO SHOP

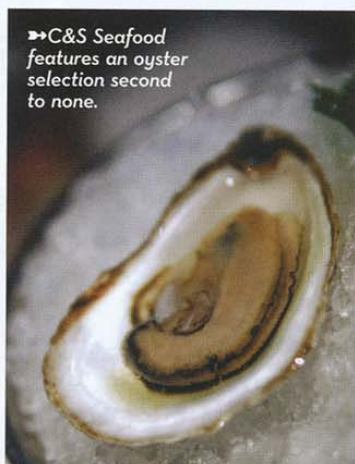
**ATLANTA SCOTT ANTIQUE MARKET**  
740.569.4112, scottantique-market.com

**BUNGALOW CLASSIC**  
404.351.9120, bungalow-classic.com

**LITTLE SHOP OF STORIES**  
404.373.6300, littleshopof-stories.com



C&S Seafood



C&S Seafood features an oyster selection second to none.