

## Southern in the City Fall Escape

From stylish restaurants to boutique hotels, this Atlanta, GA getaway will have you packing your bags.



The Optimist

Photo: Robbie Caponetto



Designer Billy Reid's new digs

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**Why we're packing our bags:** Atlanta's burgeoning Midtown neighborhood has a whole new crop of hearty and stylish restaurants, shops, and museums. Spend a weekend in this Georgia Peach for all the panache of the Big Apple, sans tacky street vendors.

**Perfect for:** Epicureans and style-setters looking for a big-city getaway.

**On the itinerary:** Midtown, home to the High Museum of Art ([high.org](http://high.org)), is the heart of Atlanta's art scene. New to the 'hood, the Museum of Design Atlanta ([museumofdesign.org](http://museumofdesign.org)) celebrates the design of items from handbags to skateboard graffiti. Stock up on fall tweed at Billy Reid's ([billyreid.com](http://billyreid.com)) new outpost in the Westside Provisions District ([westsidepd.com](http://westsidepd.com)), a collection of boutiques in a former meatpacking plant.

**Save room for:** Oysters on the half shell from The Optimist ([theoptimistrestaurant.com](http://theoptimistrestaurant.com)), chef Ford Fry's new seafood joint. The Lawrence ([thelawrenceatlanta.com](http://thelawrenceatlanta.com)) serves suppers with Southern touches such as pork belly with sweet-tea jus. Try chocolate-chip cookie dough cheesecake from Café Intermezzo ([caffeinintermezzo.com](http://caffeinintermezzo.com)), an Atlanta favorite opening November 1 in Midtown.

**Rest your head:** The Artmore Hotel is a boutique foil to Midtown's towering chains, with comfy rooms nestled in a 1920s building. (Rates from \$129, [artmorehotel.com](http://artmorehotel.com))

**Bring it back:** A dress shirt (\$125-\$175) from the eponymous shops of Midtown power couple Sid and Ann Mashburn ([sidmashburn.com](http://sidmashburn.com), [annmashburn.com](http://annmashburn.com)).

**Don't miss:** The hush-hush happy hour at Empire State South. Follow them on Twitter (@ESSouth, [empirestatesouth.com](http://empirestatesouth.com)) for the daily secret word; whisper it to the bartender for a sweet deal.

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