

# NEW YORK TRAVEL

## The Five-Point Weekend Escape Plan

### Explore the Arty Side of Atlanta

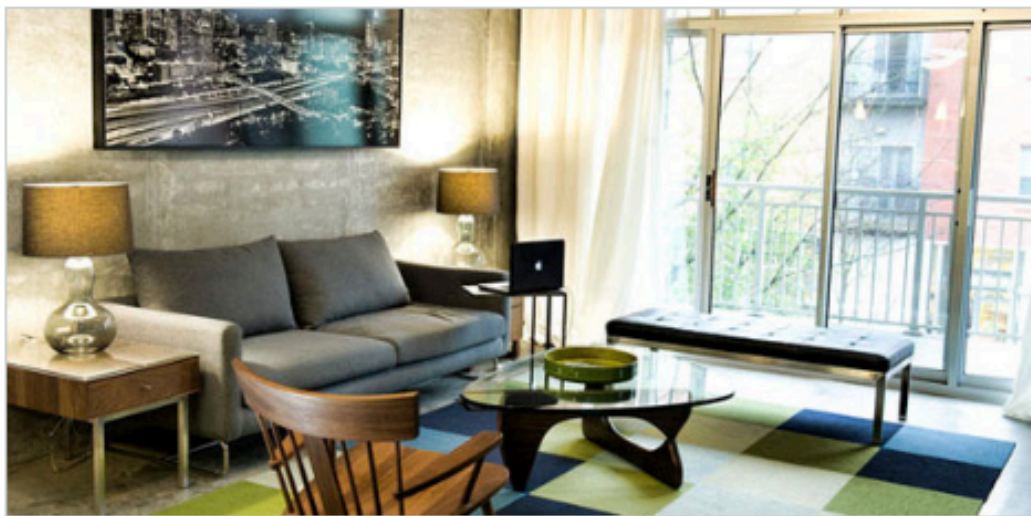
Thanks to revitalized neighborhoods full of young, creative types, a new wave of public art, and lots of love from the film industry, the “Hollywood of the South” isn’t just for rappers anymore.

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#### 1. Where to Stay



Claim your own piece of modern design in Atlanta in a chic Inman Park loft.  
(Photo: Courtesy of Airbnb)

Experience Atlanta like a local in the stylish digs of photographer and Georgia native Rob Simmons. His striking, black-and-white nighttime images of the city skyline adorn the walls of his [900-square-foot loft](#) (from \$105, via Airbnb) in the heart of Inman Park. The industrial-modern space has sleek design touches like a Noguchi coffee table, raw concrete walls and floors, a balcony that stretches the length of the unit, and a separate bedroom. Pick up provisions at nearby [Savi Urban Market](#), which stocks an impressive variety of gourmet goodies, including wine, beer, and cheese — bring back the nutty Georgia Gouda, from a farm in the southern part of the state (\$19/pound).

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Make your home base a few steps from one of the South's premier arts landmarks at the aptly named **Artmore Hotel** (from \$129). Located across the way from **Woodruff Arts Center**, which encompasses the High Museum of Art and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the revamped apartment building dates back to 1924, with a Mediterranean-style façade and cheerful courtyard. Rooms have an old-school vibe, with a black-and-white color scheme and pops of red, along with wall art of Hollywood stars (ask for one of the quieter top-floor rooms). After a day of artistic exploration, chill out on a couch at the al fresco cocktail garden in the courtyard with a drink like the Hitchcock (\$10), made with Four Roses bourbon, lemon juice, and Champagne.

literary luminaries as one of the South's most elegant hotels since it opened in 1911. Its star-studded guest list includes F. Scott Fitzgerald, Walt Disney, and most of the cast of *Gone With the Wind*, (the party before the film's premiere was held here). Request one of the renovated premier rooms or suites (from \$189) with crisp white duvets, flat-screen TVs, skyline views, and a washer/dryer in some units. Stop into the on-property **Livingston** restaurant for dinner under soaring white columns and a spectacular chandelier; the menu leans toward inventive takes on heart-of-Dixie dishes, such as free-range chicken-liver gyoza topped with Georgia peanut and cherry sauce (\$8), and sorghum and sea-salt brick chicken with turnip greens (\$21). Then pop across the street to the historic **Fox Theatre**, which hosts everything from classic movies to musicals and concerts by the likes of Beck and Aretha Franklin.