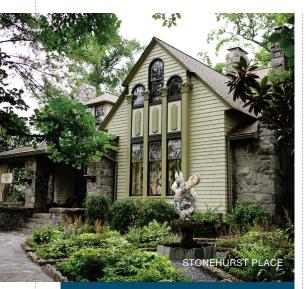
THE GETAWAY: STONEHURST PLACE

Deco Hideaway

At home in Midtown Atlanta By Lia Grabowski



THE NEIGHBORHOOD: In the heart of Georgia's sprawling capital, Midtown Atlanta is a vibrant arts district home to attractions like the Fox Theatre and High Museum of Art. On the neighborhood's eastern border, Piedmont Park and the Atlanta Botanical Garden offer a respite from concrete and skyscrapers.

**THE VIBE:** This elegant nineteenth-century home includes modern amenities that still maintain the original Art Deco aesthetic.

THE DIGS: Each of the six guestrooms at Stonehurst Place have their own distinct charm—from the Piedmont, decorated with photographs and memorabilia of famed Hollywood costume designer Edith Head, to the Eaves, a cozy attic room in the home's former nanny's quarters. Grab a sweet, like an individual blueberry pie or bite of chocolate decadence, from the dining room sideboard on your way in—they're homemade each day—or enjoy a glass of wine and homemade cheese straws from the living room's savory cabinet.

## **Dining Around**

A homecooked meal can be a rare treat on the road, but it's standard at the Stonehurst. Each morning's offerings are prepared and served by inn-keepers Grace and John Cardona in the Stonehurst's dining room. Grace is the mastermind behind each morning's two-course breakfast, putting out meals like lemon ricotta pancakes in castiron skillets or blue cheese-stuffed pears drizzled with honey and caramelized banana and yogurt parfaits. Use the Stonehurst as a base to explore

the restaurant scene of Midtown Atlanta—home to dozens of eateries within walking distance. Local hot spots include the Federal, a bistro named for Midtown's Federal Reserve Bank. Pork schnitzel with an onion salad and venison loin





# INSIDER'S SCOOP

The eco-friendly inn uses rainwater harvesting and solar thermal panels to reduce their carbon footprint.

with red wine cranberries showcase the chefs' inspiration—a combination of American steakhouse and French cuisine. A short walk from the Stonehurst, Hugh Acheson's Empire State South serves up an ever-changing roster of Southern-inspired fare, like octopus with pot likker or lamb and okra stew.

For an after-dinner libation, venture to the basement of the elegant Georgian Terrace Hotel for Edgar's Proof and Provision, where standouts include the chai tea old fashioned and a variety of mules with housemade ginger beer.

# **MIDTOWN EATS**

#### **BREAKFAST**

Head to **Babs Midtown**, an eclectic brunch spot with inspired options like the Moroccan Holiday—fire-roasted tomatoes and andouille sausage topped with eggs and served with fresh naan.

#### LUNCH

Take a short drive to **Ponce City Market** and enjoy your pick of gourmet food hall choices, like ramen or fried chicken biscuits, in a restored Sears, Roebuck & Co. historic building.

### DINNER

Pair pork schnitzel with a side of collard greens topped with bourbon-smoked paprika at Midtown gem, **the Federal.** 

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