

THE GETAWAY: **STONEHURST PLACE**

Deco Hideaway

At home in Midtown Atlanta

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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 home-made 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 innkeepers 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 cast-iron 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



LIVING ROOM AT STONEHURST PLACE

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.



APPLE ROSE PETAL PIE

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**.