

HOLIDAYS IN SAVANNAH

CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH A VISIT TO THE HOSTESS CITY OF THE SOUTH

Twinkling holiday lights set the cobblestone roads aglow, and crisp Georgia weather is at its best. As you make your way from serene city squares to the charming City Market, you'll find everything right in your very next steps, from exclusive dining options and eclectic shops to bustling nightlife and historical landmarks. If there was ever a time to experience this Southern city, it's now.

If you're pining after a cozy, hip spot to grab a drink and nosh on locally sourced Southern cuisine, **22 SQUARE RESTAURANT AND BAR** will check all the right boxes. Centrally located in the eclectic Andaz hotel—just blocks away from the river—it's an exciting place to begin or cap off the night (or both!). Indulge in a carefully crafted cocktail by one of their esteemed mixologists, who take pride in using fresh juices, homemade syrups, and artisanal liquors.



Everyone loves a rooftop bar, but **THE FITZROY** does it right. This downtown bar is steeped in history and has an epic rooftop that's ideal for taking in the sunset or dancing the night away. Backed by the team behind the Collins Quarter, their curated craft cocktails and Australian-inspired pub food can be enjoyed outside up on the roof or in their chic indoor seating. Stop by for happy hour anytime between 3 and 6 p.m. for great deals, Monday through Thursday, in this swanky setting adjacent to bustling Bay Street.

From the seasoned hospitality group that runs places like B. Matthews Eatery and Blowin' Smoke Southern Cantina comes the newest brick-and-mortar location for a Savannah favorite, **THE 5 SPOT**. Serving up a modern American menu for breakfast, lunch, and dinner—French Toast made from sourdough, The 5 Spot Reuben, and Shrimp and Grits are just a few of the delicious menu items—this casual neighborhood kitchen was so popular in Habersham Village that a new location was opened downtown.



OPPOSITE PAGE (clockwise from top left) Live music at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa; a festive cocktail and chicken and waffles from 22 Square Restaurant and Bar; a handcrafted cocktail and the chic bar area at The Fitzroy; a couple take in the Christmas cheer; a mixologist creates a cocktail at 22 Square Bar.

THIS PAGE (clockwise from top left) A couple strolls by the fountain in Forsyth Park; a gingerbread house on display at Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa's 19th Annual Savannah Harbor Holiday Series; a fireworks show at Tybee Island; a fresh seasonal salad from The 5 Spot; Tybee Beach Pier and Pavilion during sunset; a child takes in the scene at the Savannah Holiday Market.

If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind outing, check out the **WESTIN SAVANNAH HARBOR GOLF RESORT & SPA'S 19TH ANNUAL SAVANNAH HARBOR HOLIDAY SERIES**. Participate in the competition by building your own edible gingerbread masterpiece or simply take in the spectacular gingerbread houses on display in the lobby. Either way, it's a free, fun-filled event that's open to the public. While you're there, you can even have breakfast with Santa, create festive ornaments, and attend a holiday concert.

New to the scene but not to be overlooked is the **SAVANNAH HOLIDAY MARKET**. Channeling the nostalgia of a European Christmas market, on Saturday, December 14 from 12 to 7 p.m., scads of Georgia Grown vendors will line the riverfront esplanade of the Westin Savannah Harbor and Savannah Convention Center, displaying a wide range of handcrafted items that are authentic to Georgia—perfect for those hard-to-find Christmas gifts you might need.



Whether you're looking for quality time spent with family or an unforgettable weekend with friends, let Savannah treat you to a memorable winter getaway.

Wrap up an incredible holiday at **TYBEE ISLAND**. Although it's known for its wide, sandy beaches, it's not just a top-notch summer spot. It boasts plenty of entertainment year-round, including a sensational fireworks display on New Year's Eve. Grab the whole family and make your way to Tybee Beach Pier and Pavilion to take part in the largest fireworks show in the

southeastern United States. The next day, start the year off fresh with this quirky tradition: the Tybee Polar Plunge. Over 1,000 brave souls immerse themselves into the chilly Atlantic, and afterwards, many gather with friends to watch the Gang of Goofs contest—a wacky costume parade complete with celebrity guest judges. Talk about a happy-go-lucky way to kickstart the new year!

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