

Weekend Getaways

Looking for a quick weekend escape? Look no further. Here, some of our favorite small inns and B&Bs across the state.

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The Gastonian

With its wide verandas, live oaks heavy with Spanish moss and leisurely pace, Savannah is a city made for romance. The Gastonian, on East Gaston Street in Savannah's beautiful historic district, fits right in with its beautiful surroundings. The elegant 17-room inn, the only Relais & Chateaux property in Georgia, consists of two Italianate Regency-style houses built in 1868 and separated by a formal garden. Each of the rooms and suites has its own theme and charm, and all of them boast working fireplaces and sumptuous tubs. A fantastic, Southern-style breakfast, afternoon tea and late-night dessert, coffee and cordials all add to the charm. 800-322-6603, gastonian.com.

Hearthstone Lodge

Adjacent to the Chattahoochee Natural Forest and Carter's lake (about 70 miles north of Atlanta), this destination offers three guest suites, so overcrowding is not an issue. Quiet and peaceful, guests can linger in the hot tub under the stars, read a book on the expansive outdoor deck (feel free to borrow something from the 500-volume library), or idle by the trout pond and 50 foot waterfall. There's also plenty of outdoor adventure, including horseback riding, hiking trails, golf, tennis, boating, fly fishing and more. Your stay includes a full country breakfast, afternoon refreshments and bedtime sweets. 800-695-0905, thehearthstonelodge.com.

The Len Foote Hike Inn at Amicalola Falls State Park


If you want to truly get away from it all, Len Foote Hike Inn is a one-of-a-kind retreat. Owned by Georgia State Parks, this eco-friendly lodge is accessible only by foot — guests hike a moderate five-mile trail to get there, which can take anywhere from two to four hours. Featured are 20 rooms with bunk beds (six rooms have connecting doors for families), fun and hearty family-style meals, and educational and entertaining programs — ranging from storytelling to worm composting — offered nightly in the Sunrise Room. Grab a seat and enjoy the view overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains, hike the Appalachian Trail or simply enjoy the silence. Reservations are accepted up to 11 months in advance; 800-573-9656, hike-inn.com.



Serenbe Bed and Breakfast

Located in the rural hills 30 miles south of Atlanta, yet a world away, this historic farm was named by its current owners to reflect their desire to create a place to "find the serenity to simply be." Sophisticated accommodations range from rooms in a restored 1930s horse barn to two Earthcraft House cottages. Here, you're invited to feed the cows and chickens, take morning walks in the woods or moonlit canoe rides, dangle your feet in a trickling stream or relax in poolside cabana swings. 770-463-2610, serenbe.com

Sugar Magnolia Bed & Breakfast

Inman Park has the distinction of being Atlanta's first suburb and the neighborhood, now the premiere Victorian district in town, is on the National Register of Historic Places. Sugar Magnolia is a fine example of the high style once enjoyed by some of the city's top residents. Restored to its original charm (the house was built in 1892), it features a three-story turret and grand staircase, six fireplaces, oval beveled windows, hand-painted plasterwork and the front hall's magnificent crystal chandelier. 404-222-0226, sugarmagnoliabb.com 

Opposite page: With its wrap-around porch and elegant antique furnishings, Macon's 1842 Inn is a perfect romantic retreat.

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