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Bright lights, mellow city. Need to get oriented? Sign up with City Segway Tours to ride a two-wheel, electric-powered scooter past-though not inside-the State Capitol, the World of Coke, Centennial Olympic Park and the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site in the Sweet Auburn district, where Dr. King was born and raised. Civil War buffs may want to visit. the Atlanta Cyclorarna & Civil War Museum in Grant Park. Take a seat in the auditorium and live through the Battle of Atlanta as a circular panoramic painting (these were a big deal at the end of the 19th century) revolves around you and a narrator recounts the events of July 22, 1864. Then there are the 50-plus malls in the metropolitan area. (Attention shoppers: Jimmy Choo just opened in Phipps Plaza.) You'll find clothes by local designers in the artsy Little Five Points neighborhood, and in affluent Buckhead, antiques on Miami Circle and Bennett Street. Buckhead is also home to some of the city's most exciting new restaurants, whose top chefs combine the best organic regional ingredients in imaginative ways.



ABOVE Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthplace in Sweet Auburn. #16#T The World of Coke, and Buckhead's Woodfire Grill.

where to stay

Buckhead, 3434 Peachtree Rd. N.E., 800-241-3333; doubles from \$259 Plush furnishings and pampering service in a prime uptown location near high-end Lenox Square and Phipps Plaza malls. HISTORY Georgian Terrace, 659 Peachtree St. N.E., 800-651-2316; one-bedroom suites from \$189 When Gane With the Wind opened in 1939. the reception was held in this 1911 gem, across from the landmark Fox Theatre. GOOD VALUE Emery Inn. 1641 Clifton Rd. N.E., 800-933-6679; doubles from \$110, including breakfast A French country-style inn with outdoor pool and garden.

where to eat

Rathbun's, 112 Krog St., 404-524-8280 Opened last year in an old stove factory in the funky Inman Park neighborhood, and already one of Atlanta's top 10. The southern-tinged New American food is served on Small Plates (calamari, butternut squash tortellimi), Raw Plates (tuna, oysters) and Second Mortgage Plates (20-02 grilled ribeye, \$33). Dinner for two, \$75. Woodfire Grill, 1782 Cheshire

Bridge Rd., 404-347-9055
A relaxed Buckhead dining room with a wine-country cottage feel. Chef Michael Tuohy emphasizes fresh, seasonal and artifortwo, \$75.
Watershed, 406 W. Ponce De Leon Ave., Decatur, 404-378-4900 A friendly spot in a converted gas station in the happening Decatur area. The menu may list fried cat-fish with hush pupples,

but this is southern cooking

pushed up a notch or two.

Dinner for two, \$50,



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