

# Out & About

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE, AND HOW TO STEP INTO THE SUNSHINE

| ON THE ROAD |

## DOWN SOUTH

With its grand antebellum architecture and Spanish moss-shaded streets, Savannah, Georgia's oldest city, is a timeless charmer. But a chic hotel-and-food scene is making it a modern getaway. Grab a pulled-pork-and-pepper-relish sandwich at the Grey Market's convivial lunch counter (right), then start exploring.



**STAY** at the Alida hotel for quick access to the riverfront and downtown—that's if you can pull yourself away from its cozy-cool décor and cabana-flanked rooftop pool.

**SHOP** boutique-lined Broughton Street. Duck into the Paris Market and Brocante to get lost among artfully curated antique chandeliers, leather goods, and jewelry.

**STROLL** through historic downtown with a bourbon-peach Savannah smash from the hotel (it's legal to sip on the go), then picnic under the grand southern live oaks at Forsyth Park.

| WHY NOT? |

## Make Like Monet

Brush up on your drawing and painting skills *en plein air*.

### Chicago

Students at the **Chicago Botanic Garden** set up easels near tranquil water-scapes, including the Great Basin and the North Lake, and practice capturing their sparkle in brushstrokes.

[chicagobotanic.org](http://chicagobotanic.org)

### Austin, Texas

Dabble in new mediums—vibrant alcohol inks on ceramics, acrylic paint on birch wood—while taking in bucolic views of the **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's** gardens and woodlands.

[wildflower.org](http://wildflower.org)

### Bronx, New York

Blooming magnolia trees make stunning figure models at the **New York Botanical Garden's** class on spring foliage.

[nybg.org](http://nybg.org)

### Memphis, Tennessee

Observe turtles, koi, and other wildlife at the **Memphis Botanic Garden**, then render their portraits in a quick-sketch or watercolor class.

[memphisbotanicgarden.com](http://memphisbotanicgarden.com)

| SECRET SOURCE |

## Makr

"Every detail in this studio's leather-and-canvas accessory line feels carefully considered. My weekender bag is hardware-free, keeps my essentials organized, and has survived years of travel."

—Living art director James Maikowski

Sling tote, in Natural Canvas and Tan, \$220, [makr.com](http://makr.com).



| ON OUR BOOKSHELF |

**My Mexico City Kitchen** (Lorena Jones Books) holds the key to Gabriela Cámara's extra-creamy guacamole: The chef-owner of the famed Distrito Federal spot Contramar adds a splash of olive oil to "enhance the silky texture of the avocado." **Delicious Metropolis** (Chronicle) pairs painter Wayne Thiebaud's iconic confections with cityscapes in similar shades; in his eyes, Sacramento, California's pink skies and blue hills look sweet enough to eat. A recliner-loving divorcé spontaneously adopts a border-collie mix he calls Layla—like the song—and a revived sense of adventure in Mary Miller's wry **Biloxi** (Liveright). In short order, he's off on a screwball, ultimately sweet quest to make up for lost time.