

Staying Sassy in Savannah

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If you thought the scene in Savannah was all about the river walk in the oldest city in Georgia, you are in for a pleasant surprise. Gone are the days when this was simply a summer beach getaway, with the added bonus of open container laws. A recent revival has seen brand new businesses setting up shop, more restaurants and attractions than ever before, in a city that celebrates its history as much as its future.

Livening up the local skyline is San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants' latest offering - The Brice. The boutique

hotel is the only Kimpton property in Georgia as the brand expands in the Southeast. The savvy and sassy traveler in you will adore the contemporary, sleek design of this jewel set in the heart of Savannah's historic district. The building is an adaptive reuse of one of the city's timeless structures, the Coca-Cola bottling plant origi-

nally built in the 1860s. Its eclectic character features

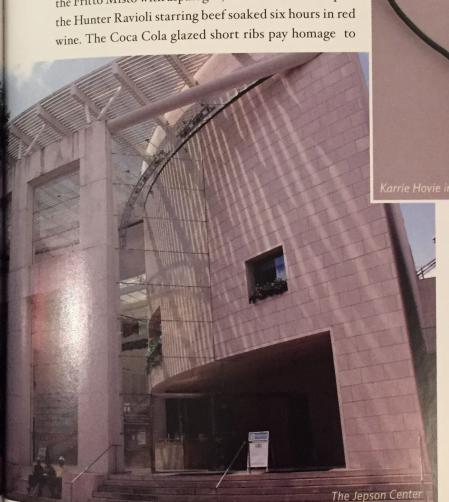
larger-than-life horse imagery paying reduct to the livery previously located on the hotel site as well.

The 145-room hotel offers guests amenities like yoga mats, free bike rentals and a diverse choice of ready to eat and refrigerated snacks in-room. Tucked in the center of the hotel is the Secret Garden, a private sanctuary, with bar service, of course. For pet-lovers, The Brice welcomes buddies of all breeds, weights and sizes for no additional fees or deposits and on the first Tuesday every month, honors them with a Canines and Cocktails event.



Complimentary coffee and tea for a good four hours each morning is a sure to get you going for the day. The lobby feels like an inviting library with rows of books and newspapers and lends itself well to a daily social hour when guests get a chance to mix and mingle over a glass--or two--of wine in the evening. Appetizers and drinks-to-go are offered up too. Fridays are **Bow Tie Fridays**, thanks to General Manager Mitch Linder and his slight obsession with this southern statement piece.

The Brice is also home to Pacci Kitchen + Bar, a chef-driven Kimpton restaurant and craft cocktail bar. A menu created by locally celebrated Chef Roberto Leoci features sophisticated and soulful Italian cuisine. Try the Fritto Misto with asparagus, flounder and shrimp or the Hunter Ravioli starring beef soaked six hours in red wine. The Coca Cola glazed short ribs pay homage to



history of the erstwhile bottling plant. They even have a signature bourbon cola bottled drink you can try only at Pacci. And don't leave without a taste of Bombolini - Italian doughnuts in Leoci's strawberry rhubarb jam - the perfect itty-bitty pieces of goodness!

Just minutes from The Brice, along Habersham, are some of the city's best restaurants including B.Matthews Eatery, The 5 Spot kitchen and bar, and Blowin' Smoke Southern Cantina. The Telfair Academy, Owens-Thomas House and Jepson Center make up the oldest public art museum in the South. The Jepson Center is a modern museum space hosting fabulous events and even has an upcoming exhibit





featuring Whitfield Lovell's latest installation Deep River exploring the flight to freedom (until February 2015).

Art lovers should positively hit up the Savannah Voice Festival, a celebration of opera, musical theatre and song. Bringing classical vocal excellence to the area through a celebration of concerts, events and educational programming throughout the year, they focus on awareness and audience development in the performing arts. Orchestrated by Sherrill Milnes and Maria Zouves, each season serves over 100 artists, 7000 audience members and 45 events. Oh, and if all of this galavanting around gets too tiring then remember to get some ice cream at Savannah mainstay Leopold's and head to the Milan Day Spa for some Tiller a calm oasis that also doubles as an art gallery, in the mass, of the activity that is Broughton Street. Using only Emines a handmade organic skincare from Hungary, the award-winning destination sure shows you a good gary, the award-winning destination sure shows you a good

time in their cozy hidden spa space. Broughton Street also offers a booming retail area with cute boutiques and local stores if shopping is more your activity of choice but rest assured once inside Milan, you may not want to walk back out again. Enjoy!

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