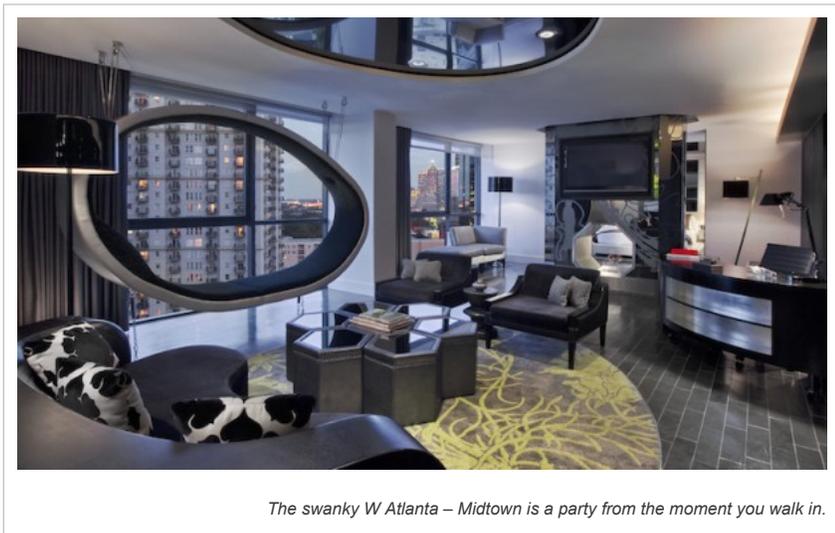




The Last Fling Before the Ring

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Celebrate your last night of singledom with **JEZ's** ultimate guide to bach and bachelorette parties, both near and far.



The swanky W Atlanta – Midtown is a party from the moment you walk in.

...FOR PARTY ANIMALS

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Stay: W Atlanta – Buckhead

Drink the day away atop the superhip rooftop pool at this Buckhead mainstay or head next door to Lenox Square to scoop up sexy attire for the evening's activities. Ask about the Before "I Do" package at the rooftop bar Whiskey Blue, which includes a VIP table, complimentary Champagne toast and party favors. *Overnight rates from \$237, @watlbuckhead (https://twitter.com/watlbuckhead)*

Eat: Superica

Ford Fry's Tex-Mex casual spot at Krog Street is famous for its fresh margs, addictive guacamole and prime people-watching perch just off the Beltline. If brunching is more your style (hello, hair of the dog), try the killer huevos rancheros—with a Bloody, of course. [@supericaatl \(https://twitter.com/SupericaATL\)](https://twitter.com/SupericaATL)

Drink: Little Trouble

You'll feel like you're in a different city in this new lounge, tucked off Howell Mill. Clever cocktails like Form & Dysfunction and Martin Hates Baseball will get you buzzing before you really hit the town.

Play: Lips Atlanta

The crew here is used to typical, ahem, bachelorette-party accessories—they'll even bake your group a specially shaped cake. Fill up on frozen cosmos before heading onstage, where the bride-to-be gets a celebration song, a shot and a selfie with a drag queen. [@lipsatl \(https://twitter.com/LipsATL\)](https://twitter.com/LipsATL)

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Stay: Four Seasons Atlanta

When Midtown is your playground, there's no better spot to stay than the Four Seasons. Go big and don't go home when you book the Presidential Suite—2,200 luxurious square feet where you and your bros can live the high life. *Overnight rates from \$299, @fsatlanta (https://twitter.com/FSAtlanta)*

Eat: STK

Mingle with sexy singles (but keep it PG!) over sumptuous steak and crab legs at this hot spot. Suit up in Theory threads and belly up to the bar for a round of Southern Gentlemen to remind you to be on your best behavior. [@stkatlanta \(https://twitter.com/STKAtlanta\)](https://twitter.com/STKAtlanta)

Drink: Koo Koo Room

For you, nothing less than bottle service will do. Book a VIP table at this eclectic underground dance club off Crescent Avenue, conveniently located just around the corner from your digs at the Four Seasons. [@kookooroom \(https://twitter.com/kookooroom\)](https://twitter.com/kookooroom)

Play: Cheetah Lounge

Your bachelor party may be the one time your fiancée makes an exception for a strip club, so why not head to one of the best in town? Our lips are sealed. [@thecheetahatl \(https://twitter.com/THECheetahATL\)](https://twitter.com/THECheetahATL)

...FOR THE CLASSY BUNCH

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Stay: The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead

With The Ritz-Carlton as your home base, you'll be primed to hit Buckhead in high style. First stop is The Ritz-Carlton Spa, where the Prelude to a Perfect Day includes massages and facials for you and your favorite girls.

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Kick off the night with a round of drinks at Atlanta hot spot STK.

Overnight rates from \$229, [@ritzcarlton](https://twitter.com/RitzCarlton) (<https://twitter.com/RitzCarlton>).

Play: The Painted Pin

The Painted Pin is truly a playroom for adults, with bowling, bocce ball, oversize Jenga, Skee-Ball and more in a dimly lit ubercool speakeasy-style atmosphere. Come early or plan to wait, as they don't take lane reservations past 5pm on weekends. [@thepaintedpin](https://twitter.com/ThePaintedPin) (<https://twitter.com/ThePaintedPin>).

Eat: Dolce Italian

You're probably all on a diet to fit into your gowns, but Dolce Italian's pizza and pasta are worth the splurge—and don't forget the Nutella budino for dessert. Besides, you'll burn it off later (see "Play")! [@dolce_italian](https://twitter.com/Dolce_Italian) (https://twitter.com/Dolce_Italian).

Drink: Gypsy Kitchen

Keep it classy with cocktails like The Seville Rose or Leather & Silk. Bonus points if you can score a table on the outdoor terrace, where the twinkling lights of The Shops Buckhead Atlanta are straight out of a fairy-tale. [@gypsykitchenatl](https://twitter.com/GypsyKitchenATL) (<https://twitter.com/GypsyKitchenATL>).

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Stay: The St. Regis Atlanta

This luxury hotel is meant for kings, which is just what you'll be during your stay. Spend the afternoon at the pool before freshening up for a fancy night out, starting right downstairs. Overnight rates from \$237, [@stregisatl](https://twitter.com/StRegisAtl) (<https://twitter.com/StRegisAtl>).

Eat: Chops Lobster Bar

There's a reason Chops consistently makes our "100 Hottest Restaurants" list year after year. Besides the obvious lobster, the New York strip and lump crab are equally as decadent. After dinner, if you know the right people, head to The Club, the speakeasy-style, invite-only spot downstairs. [@chopslobsterbar](https://twitter.com/ChopsLobsterBar) (<https://twitter.com/ChopsLobsterBar>).

Drink: Himitsu

A few doors down from Umi, Himitsu is Farshid Arshid and Charlie Hendon's exclusive new cocktail lounge—and we're not kidding on the exclusive part. Request a reservation through email or get referred by a friend. If you get in, order from the highly curated sake list or try a smoky Ko-Hi cocktail.

Play: Tongue & Groove

You may be a classy bunch, but you're not too cool for a little dance-floor action at the famous Tongue & Groove. You're guaranteed to run into at least a few bachelorette parties—what could be better? [@tongueandgroove](https://twitter.com/TongueandGroove) (<https://twitter.com/TongueandGroove>).

...**FOR FOODIES**

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Stay: Loews Atlanta Hotel

A bachelorette party is worth splurging for a suite, and the elegant ones here will get you prime views of ATL from the 25th floor. Get a workout high from on-site classes like Core Fusion Barre and Exhale Flow Yoga to prep for the delicious food you'll eat later. Overnight rates from \$219, [@loews_hotels](https://twitter.com/Loews_Hotels) (https://twitter.com/Loews_Hotels).

Eat: Better Half

Prix-fixe menus have never been so fun at this intimate spot in West Midtown. Check the website before you go, as dishes change weekly—except for the handkerchief pasta with wild mushrooms, which is a mainstay for a reason. And for dessert? A little eye candy, courtesy of chef-owner Zach Meloy.

Drink: Bar Margot

Tucked inside the Four Seasons, Bar Margot feels sleek and modern—a sharp contrast from the space's former occupant, Park 75. An excellent wine list is complemented by sophisticated house cocktails, like Gin Margot and Lady Victoria. Try one of each! [@barmargotatl](https://twitter.com/BarMargotATL) (<https://twitter.com/BarMargotATL>).

Play: Opera Nightclub

Call an Uber and get your dance on in this beautiful club, one of the fanciest in town. If you and your girls are feeling frisky, head upstairs, where small stages and a pole practically beg for your best moves. [@operaatlanta1](https://twitter.com/OperaAtlanta1) (<https://twitter.com/OperaAtlanta1>).

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Stay: InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta

Centrally located in Buckhead, the InterContinental is a classic choice for luxurious digs. Even better for foodies, Southern Art and Bourbon Bar is downstairs, so you can get your drink on before stepping foot outside. Overnight rates from \$259, [@interconhotels](https://twitter.com/InterConHotels) (<https://twitter.com/InterConHotels>).

Eat: The Southern Gentleman

There's no better place in town to order a mint julep, but you'll also want to try the barrel-aged cocktails. For dinner, it's Southern classics with a twist—think Dixie bacon carbonara, or shrimp and grits. [@atsoutherngent](https://twitter.com/ATLSouthernGent) (<https://twitter.com/ATLSouthernGent>).

Drink: The Blind Pig Parlour Bar

This speakeasy hidden inside Smokebelly BBQ pays homage to the 1920s with craft cocktails hailing from the Prohibition era. Keep it simple with a classic pisco sour, or switch it up with the whiskey-based Fine Thing to Say.

Play: Red Martini

A posh ambience, the hottest DJs and an elite clientele in the center of Buckhead ensure your spirits will be flying high on your last night out as a single man. [@redmartiniatl](https://twitter.com/RedMartiniATL) (<https://twitter.com/RedMartiniATL>).

...**FOR HEALTH NUTS**

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Stay: Mandarin Oriental Atlanta

The rooms are divine, but what really shines at the Mandarin is the spa. You'll want to plan a full day here to take advantage of this two-floor retreat, where treatments like stone massages and vitamin renewal facials will get you looking—and feeling—your best for the big day. @mo_atlanta (http://@mo_atlanta).

Eat: True Food Kitchen

After shopping at Lenox Square, hit up True Food Kitchen for a late lunch. Share a round of starters like shiitake lettuce cups, kale and avocado dip, and the seasonal vegetable board that only taste indulgent. Even the drinks are healthy(ish)—we're partial to the cherry bourbon sour. [@truefoodkitchen](https://twitter.com/TrueFoodKitchen) (<https://twitter.com/TrueFoodKitchen>).

Drink: Bartaco Buckhead

If margaritas aren't your thing, then... who are you? In all seriousness, this Mexican spot off Roswell Road pulls

off more than margaritas quite well. Take the caipirinha, granada or sashito, for example—all refreshing, light and fun to say. [@bartacolife](https://twitter.com/bartacolife) (<https://twitter.com/bartacolife>).

Play: The IVY Buckhead

It's frat central at The IVY—but, hey, at least most of them have manners. We love The IVY for its laid-back vibe; no Herve Leigers required. [@theivybuckhead](https://twitter.com/theivybuckhead) (<https://twitter.com/theivybuckhead>).

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Stay: W Atlanta – Midtown

Smack in the middle of Midtown, the swanky W is a party from the moment you walk in. Strut your fit bod at WET pool deck; then head upstairs to Whiskey Park. Its Biting the 'Bulleit' package for bachelor parties includes a complimentary round of Bulleit Bourbon and half-price cigars. *Overnight rates from \$128*, [@wattlmidtown](https://twitter.com/WAtlMidtown) (<https://twitter.com/WAtlMidtown>).

Eat: Lure

Both the service and the seafood at Lure are hard to beat, from salmon to swordfish to snapper. Prepare to pay for valet, or keep it simple and take Uber. [@Lureatl](https://twitter.com/LureATL) (<https://twitter.com/LureATL>).

Drink: The Lawrence

Upscale but comfortable, The Lawrence is the perfect spot to settle in for a few rounds. The friendly bartenders are happy to shake up something special; though we recommend the Stormy Weather. [@thelawrenceatl](https://twitter.com/TheLawrenceATL) (<https://twitter.com/TheLawrenceATL>).

Play: Topgolf Midtown

Free-flowing drinks (try the Melon Mulligan), fun music and friendly competition makes for a perfect evening at the new Topgolf Midtown, no matter your skill level on the course. [@topgolfatlanta](https://twitter.com/TopgolfAtlanta) (<https://twitter.com/TopgolfAtlanta>).

...FOR PARTY ANIMALS: NEW ORLEANS

A 6 ½-hour drive or 90-minute flight from Atlanta

Stay: Hotel Le Marais

A trendy boutique hotel a half-block off Bourbon Street? Ideal headquarters for your last hurrah. Start and end the night at the LED-lit Vive Bar, which opens onto a French Quarter courtyard complete with a saltwater pool, outdoor bar and plush lounge furniture. *Overnight rates from \$326 (two-night minimum)*, [@hotellemarais](https://twitter.com/HotelLeMarais) (<https://twitter.com/HotelLeMarais>).

Eat: Café Du Monde

It may be cliché, but it's not overrated. Get a true taste of New Orleans at the original Café Du Monde, a must-visit for alfresco coffee and beignets with prime views of the mighty Mississippi and the St. Louis Cathedral. Our recommendation? Don't wear black (watch out for that powdered sugar!).

Drink: Pat O'Briens

You can't go to Pat's without ordering a hurricane and finding a table in the outdoor garden. For a few extra bucks, you can keep the glass to remind you of this glorious night you will never remember. [@patobriensbar](https://twitter.com/PatOBriensBar) (<https://twitter.com/PatOBriensBar>).

Play: Tropical Isle

The ultimate party scene can be found at Tropical Isle, home of the hand grenade. Shake your hips to music from live bands nearly every night of the week. If some of your crew doesn't make it to the end of the night, they can watch your shenanigans from the hotel bed via live webcams around the bar. Best behavior optional.

...FOR FOODIES: NASHVILLE

A 3 ½-hour drive from Atlanta

Stay: The Hermitage Hotel

In the heart of downtown Nashville, this AAA five-diamond hotel is steeped in history (it was built in 1910) but has all the modern amenities you need, from on-call massage therapists and a luxurious spa to 600-thread count Italian sheets and Champagne room service. *Overnight rates from \$299*, [@hermitagehotel](https://twitter.com/HermitageHotel) (<https://twitter.com/HermitageHotel>).

Eat: Puckett's Grocery & Restaurant

Puckett's isn't just about the meal; it's a total Southern experience. Catch a variety of up-and-coming acts performing in a lively atmosphere while enjoying classics like fried chicken and blackened catfish. It's also open for breakfast—the country ham platter will sound even better after a late night out. [@puckettsgrocery](https://twitter.com/PuckettsGrocery) (<https://twitter.com/PuckettsGrocery>).

Drink: The Holland House Bar & Refuge

The eclectic furniture in this hipster bar and resto is half the fun. Drinks here are strong, sexy and a bit mysterious, from Agent Provocateur to Made in Luxury—and so are the bartenders. [@thehollandhouse](https://twitter.com/thehollandhouse) (<https://twitter.com/thehollandhouse>).

Play: Tootsies Orchid Lounge

No trip to Music City is complete without a visit to this famous establishment on Lower Broadway. Check out all three stories and the rooftop, which often hosts different live bands. Tootsies is nearly always packed, so try not to get claustrophobic. [@tootsiesnet](https://twitter.com/tootsiesnet) (<https://twitter.com/tootsiesnet>).

...FOR HEALTH NUTS: ASHEVILLE

A 3-hour drive from Atlanta

Stay: The Omni Grove Park Inn

A bit off the beaten path of downtown Asheville, the historic Grove Park Inn has a heavenly spa. During winter months, the warm outdoor pool appears almost mystical. Grab stools at the bar in Edison Craft Ales + Kitchen to watch the big game and cocktail the hours away. *Overnight rates from \$189*, [@omnigrovepark](https://twitter.com/OmniGrovePark) (<https://twitter.com/OmniGrovePark>).

Eat: Cúrate

Spanish tapas ensure you won't feel large after dinner. Get a pitcher of sangria made tableside and a selection of small plates to share—you'll feel like you've been transported to Barcelona. [@curatetapasbar](https://twitter.com/curatetapasbar) (<https://twitter.com/curatetapasbar>).

Drink: Nightbell Restaurant & Lounge

One of Asheville's trendiest new nighttime spots serves dinner, but it's known for its killer cocktails and divine desserts. The Victory Rose drink—made with rose-infused vodka, chai-infused vermouth, raspberry, lychee, lemon and old-fashioned bitters—is truly unforgettable. [@thenightbell](https://twitter.com/TheNightbell) (<https://twitter.com/TheNightbell>).

Play: Amazing Pubcycle

Think of this as an alternative to your spinning class for the weekend. This BYOB, motor-assisted bicycle can accommodate 10 pedalers, and a conductor will guide you around downtown in style. Cool-weather party? Not to worry, there are heaters on board. [@amazingpubcycle](https://twitter.com/AmazingPubcycle) (<https://twitter.com/AmazingPubcycle>).

...FOR THE CLASSY BUNCH: CHARLESTON

A 4 ½-hour drive or 1-hour flight from Atlanta

Stay: [Grand Bohemian Hotel Charleston](http://grandbohemiancharleston.com) (<http://grandbohemiancharleston.com>).

You'll want to redecorate your condo once you see the inside of this new luxury boutique hotel, an eclectic yet sophisticated mix of bold colors, original artwork and classic fixtures. The rooftop terrace is where to see and be seen. *Overnight rates from \$183*

Eat: Husk Restaurant

The historic building where Husk is located practically oozes class, and the food doesn't disappoint. James Beard Award-winning chef Sean Brock changes the menu twice a day, bringing only the freshest ingredients to the table. [@huskrestaurant](https://twitter.com/HuskRestaurant) (<https://twitter.com/HuskRestaurant>).

Drink: Bin 152

With more than 130 wines by the bottle and 30 by the glass, Bin 152 will please a variety of palates, whether you prefer red, white or bubbly. Custom meat and cheese boards elevate the experience. [@bin152winebar](https://twitter.com/Bin152WineBar) (<https://twitter.com/Bin152WineBar>).

Play: Republic Garden & Lounge

Jam out to live music on the patio, or get your groove on inside to DJ-spun tunes at this luxurious lounge on upper King Street. Call ahead to ask about bachelorette packages. [@republicreign](https://twitter.com/RepublicReign) (<https://twitter.com/RepublicReign>).