



From left: The colonial exterior of the new Zero George, in Charleston, South Carolina; the hotel's Garden Suite.



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lighthouses and tractors. Don't leave town without a stop at the **North Island Museum** ([northhavenmainehistoricalsociety.org](http://northhavenmainehistoricalsociety.org)), where you'll learn about the area's evolution from a Native American territory to the lobster-fishing hamlet it is today. —KATE SEKULES

Southeast

# CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

It's easy to love antebellum Charleston, with its scented gardens and live oaks, starched demeanor and polite exchanges of the day. Although you can still meet a traditional sweetgrass basket weaver such as 78-year-old Sue Middleton at the **City Market** ([thecharlestoncitymarket.com](http://thecharlestoncitymarket.com)) or thumb through vintage Southern recipe collections at **Heirloom Book Company** ([heirloombookcompany.com](http://heirloombookcompany.com)), off lower King Street (a.k.a. the Antiques District), the slide rule of charm has recently shifted farther north, to upper King. This red-hot frontier of urban renewal is occupied by a new generation of tattooed hipsters who irreverently refer to home as "Chucktown." Browse the asymmetrical leather jackets by designer Rick Owens and Isabel Marant's embroidered skirts at **Worthwhile** ([shopworthwhile.com](http://shopworthwhile.com)) before slipping into the speakeasy-inspired **Cocktail Club** ([thecocktailclubcharleston.com](http://thecocktailclubcharleston.com)) for an impeccably crafted pre-dinner drink. (Look for the door with a "C.") Just up the road, chef Mike Lata of downtown's much-loved F.I.G. has opened the **Ordinary** ([eattheordinary.com](http://eattheordinary.com)), a casual seafood joint known for its clam cakes and triggerfish schnitzel. Live music is never far from any street corner—and the **Charleston Music Hall** ([charlestonmusichall.com](http://charlestonmusichall.com)) is the go-to spot for everything from Argentinean tango to homegrown country-rock duo Shovels & Rope. In the adjacent Ansonborough

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district, the 18-suite **Zero George** ([zerogeorge.com](http://zerogeorge.com); \$\$), set in five restored town houses clustered around a central courtyard, has started welcoming guests with expert-guided antiquing trips, afternoon cocktails in the salon, and Lowcountry cooking classes. —SHANE MITCHELL

## West

## SPRINGDALE, UTAH

It's just a 2½-hour drive from Las Vegas to this small town on the Virgin River, but the desert gets empty and wild surprisingly fast. Springdale is the anti-Vegas: serious canyoneers mingle with fine-art photographers at weekly gallery openings, the Springdale Fruit Company sells organic fruit smoothies, and plein-air painters head to workshops at the Zion Canyon Field Institute. The biggest draw, however, is nearby Zion Canyon, a narrow funnel of 2,000-foot-high sandstone walls glossy with a crimson patina and top-heavy buttes that appear to shoot straight up from earth to sky. By far the best place to stay is the understated **Desert Pearl Inn** ([desertpearl.com](http://desertpearl.com); \$). Like the rest of Springdale, it's authentic without trying too hard: reclaimed old-growth Douglas fir floors and a tawny palette of neutrals provide a soothing retreat from the blazing red rock outside. During late spring and summer, crowds are a fact of life here, but the guides at **Zion Adventure Company** ([zionadventures.com](http://zionadventures.com)) can steer you through the lesser-known hikes. If you absolutely must trek the popular, precipitous, and



Zion National Park,  
near Springdale, Utah.