

# THE BEST OF HOLIDAY DINING

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If you looking for the perfect place to dine out in Atlanta during this holiday season, look no further. We have searched the city to find the best restaurants to feast this season.



Roasted Pumpkin Risotto



Chocolate Caramel Bar



Bacon Wrapped Monk Fish

## PACES 88

Paces 88 is one of Atlanta's newest fine dining restaurants located in the St. Regis Hotel in Buckhead. Paces 88 opened in April, so this will be their first holiday season

in Atlanta, and they want to make it a very special occasion.

"Paces 88 will feature seasonal specialties, Christmas-themed cocktails, and decadent desserts throughout the holiday season while staying true to our concept as an American Bistro," says Megan Gray, director of Food and Beverage at the St. Regis Hotel. The dining room at Paces 88 is the perfect place to have a holiday brunch with friends and family. The restaurant has amazing architecture with hand-painted murals and Venetian plaster walls. The menu for the holiday season will feature fresh seasonal ingredients. The popular favorite for the season is the Roasted Pumpkin Risotto with Five Spice Duck Confit, Wild Arugula and Chai Tea Foam. It's also a great place to come on a cool winter night and enjoy a "deconstructed" mud pie with hot cocoa for dessert while sitting by their wood burning fireplaces located outside on their patio.

88 West Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30305; 404-563-7910

## SERPAS

Celebrating its inaugural season this year since it's opening in January 2009, Serpas, located in the Fourth Ward area of Atlanta, will make your dining experience a special one. If you are looking for a well-rounded dining experience to bring family members who are visiting for the holidays, Serpas provides a great menu. It encompasses owner Scott Serpas' Louisiana roots along with Asian and Southwestern accents from both his travels and the kitchens in which he has cooked.

"Serpas will offer additional small plates that are ideal for diners who wish to dine lightly during the holiday season. The menu at Serpas is consistently updated to offer locally in-season produce," says Serpas. Some of the menu items found at Serpas during the fall and winter months include Pigs in a Blanket with andouille sausage, Bacon-Wrapped Dates, Kabucha Squash Salad, Pork Shank and White Bean Salad with chili vinaigrette, Veal Chop, Quail



Chicken Liver Mose Quenelle



Chocolate Profiterole



Andouille Stuffed Turkey

and New Orleans-Style Gumbo. Serpas will also offer a new bourbon cocktail called The Scrooge made by macerating fruit with vinegar apple cider and cranberries.

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## THE RITZ CARLTON

Join in this Atlanta tradition by taking your family to the Ritz Carlton for their famous holiday brunch. The Ritz Carlton will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this holiday season so the dining experience will extra special. The holiday brunches at the Ritz are an experience of a lifetime due to the world-renowned cuisine offered. Every year during the holidays, the Ritz Carlton decorates the hotel based on a theme related to the holidays; this year's