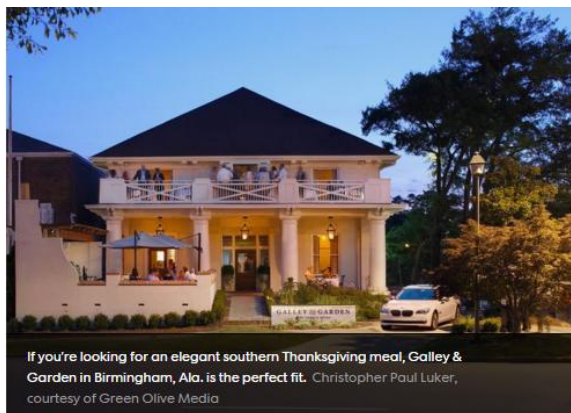




# Thanksgiving's best destination dining

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If you're looking for a great meal this Thanksgiving, consider getting out of the kitchen and reserving a table at one of these fine dining locations across the country. Our holiday menu picks cover everything from a traditional feast with a historic backdrop, to trendy takes on [Thanksgiving dinner](#), to unique meals with ethnic influences. Be sure to book your table early, as these dining rooms in major destinations are sure to fill up quickly.





## **Galley & Garden in Birmingham, Ala.**

If you're looking for an elegant southern Thanksgiving meal, [Galley & Garden](#) is the perfect fit. The restaurant is located in the historic [Merritt House](#), an elegant 20th-century home with expansive porches and a stately balcony overlooking [Highland Avenue](#). On Thanksgiving Day, chef [James Boyce](#) will serve a brunch menu from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The three-course menu will include southern favorites like shrimp and grits, a traditional herb roasted turkey dinner, and fall flavors like sweet potato flan for dessert.

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