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CHARLESTON: THE PLAN

WHERE TO STAY

PLANTERS INN This 64-room Relais & Châteaux property next to the tourist-encrusted City Market is a calm, well-ordered haven lately emerged from a major 2008 renovation. The palette is muted, cool greens and beiges; there are lots of Audubon prints and Charleston-style reproduction antiques by Baker. The rooms in the Piazza annex are smaller but quieter; those in the main 1844 building have high ceilings and elbow room, but only the two penthouses have minibars. **\$250-\$800. 112 North Market St.; 800-845-7082. www.plantersinn.com**

WHERE TO EAT

PENINSULA GRILL Robert Carter packs a genteel crowd into this formal space in the Planters Inn with dishes such as the smoky Low Country oyster stew with wild-mushroom grits and the towering five-layer coconut cake. **843-723-0700, www.peninsulagrill.com**

**CHARLESTON:
POUND FOR POUND,
AMERICA'S FINEST CITY**

**THE MAN WHO
CHANGED BALLET
FOREVER**

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ROAD**

**THE
DRESS WATCH**