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Built in the 19th century by Aiken's storied Winter Colony as guest accommodations for their rich and famous visitors, the historic Willcox Hotel prides itself on offering the same gracious accommodations, five-star service and excellent cuisine the venerable inn extended those fabled guests from the city's gilded past. The Willcox today is all that as well as a popular meeting place for locals, who mingle with overnight guests at the bar or around the lobby's original stone fireplace on any given evening. Stop in for a cocktail and a bite to eat and you're sure to strike up a conversation with someone interesting, whether they've just finished an afternoon of foxhunting or a few hours' shopping in the boutiques along nearby Laurens Street.

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