



THE grand LIFE

Alabama's Grand Hotel Completes Massive Transformation

ANNA CLAIR OWENS AND SCARLET ANDREWS packed their swimsuits, tiaras and matching pink pajamas preparing for an adventure. They could not wait to see the new changes at the historic Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama. The girls' families have been coming to the Grand from Louisiana all their lives, and they were in for a real treat.

They discovered the new splash pad while their moms eyed the beachside cabanas. Massive oaks, afternoon tea and daily cannon firing remain Grand traditions, as do the iconic fireplace, tropical pools and spectacular sunsets. Grand families play together on the resort's new activities lawn before parents step away to explore updated golf and spa options. The Grand Hotel's Southern charm remains, while new amenities and room upgrades were added.

"Opened in 1847, 'The Queen of Southern Resorts' has never looked better," says Scott Tripoli, general manager of the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa. "From pool, spa and golf upgrades to exceptional indoor and outdoor improvements, the excitement continues to build at the Grand. The resort will become part of the Autograph Collection hotel brand in early August and be renamed as the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa." The Autograph Collection properties are high end and remarkably independent while still benefitting from Marriott's expertise. These >>





international hotels focus on great design, are located in preferred locations and are beacons of good taste.

GRAND DINING AND DRINKS

Eating well is unquestionably the grandest of the Southern arts. With three new signature restaurants coming soon and a reinvention of all our dining experiences, the Grand pays homage to this great art magnificently.

Southern Roots. Modern Southern cuisine with breathtaking views overlooking Mobile Bay, Southern Roots combines a picturesque ambiance and exceptional signature service. Chef-driven menus focus on high quality, locally sourced and estate-grown, farm-to-table fare to create a chic yet casual experience. Infused with flavor and fun, Southern Roots showcases signature quality, inviting a return.

1847. Every great hotel has a great bar to steal away to, and 1847 is the Grand's. Tucked in at the

entrance of Southern Roots, and showcasing an upscale yet amiable personality, 1847 is home to the beverage arts, with Grand Garden-to-glass crafted cocktails, local libations and signature wines by the glass.

Bayside Grill. Bayside Grill's casual, relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere and gorgeous, bay-front scenery make it the perfect place to share lunch or dinner. Enjoy mouth-watering local fare, including shareable appetizers, burgers, sandwiches, salads, wood-stone pizzas, flatbreads, pasta, fresh local seafood or a steak cooked to perfection—all with ingredients sourced from local farms and estate gardens. Dine inside or on the outdoor patio while the kids have fun playing on our activities lawn.

Bucky's Lounge. The signature lounge of the Grand Hotel, Bucky's celebrates the iconic Bucky Miller, a time-honored associate of the Grand and legend in the hospitality industry. With a piano bar beckoning inside, and additional fire pits outside,

guests pull up to some of the finest mixology in this part of the state, enhanced by an outstanding selection of rare whiskies, fine wines and an excellent Southern small-plates menu.

The Grand Hall. Generations of families have long enjoyed our exquisite breakfast buffets and award-winning Sunday brunches in the Grand Hall. Combining old traditions with new, the Grand Hall will feature High Tea each afternoon. The daily event has a modern outlook that features savories to balance out the sweets and sparkling wines as a counterpoint to traditional teas, tempting a variety of palates.

Jubilee Poolside Grill. Dining al fresco is one of life's best pleasures, served up in style at the Jubilee Poolside Grill. Jubilee is casual, comfortable and convenient from a pool-side chaise. Featuring an open-air setting, with a rooftop to cool yet welcome the bay breeze, Jubilee welcomes families and friends.

Local Market. Wake up to Grand Gourmet

Coffee, roasted exclusively for the Grand Hotel, as well as a wonderful assortment of pastries, muffins and the world's best coffee cake. Located just off the lobby, Local Market serves breakfast sandwiches and barista-inspired drinks, shifting to on-the-go specialties for lunch and late day, with wraps, salads, snacks and sweets. Try the macaroons, truffles, tortes, cakes and other delectable treats from our Grand Hotel pastry team.

Re-staking its status as a glorious gem on Mobile Bay, the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa shines with reimagined rooms and reinvented dining experiences, freshly cast meeting and event venues and thoughtfully curated amenities—all of it laced with the timeless essence that has made this place “The Queen of Southern Resorts” for generations. Anna Clair and Scarlet could not agree more. 

For more on the Grand Hotel, visit grand1847.com.

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