

ALABAMA'S HISTORIC GRAND HOTEL ANNOUNCES 2017 HOLIDAY PLANS

POINT CLEAR - Ala - October 13, 2017 - Point Clear, Ala - It is time to start making your holiday plans Grand. While some of Santa's elves have joined our construction team to help transform the resort, holidays at the Grand Hotel are going on with beloved traditions. From family gatherings on Thanksgiving to holiday stress escapes to ringing in the New Year, experts at the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa are prepared to help make the holidays magical. From Christmas shopping in Fairhope's boutiques, plans this year at the Grand Hotel are magical. Enjoy the massive oaks with twinkling lights, wreaths, poinsettias, Christmas trees and Santa Claus himself this holiday season. Or relax and recharge from holiday stress with world-class spa treatments. Here are some of the Grand options available to our guests this holiday season.

THANKSGIVING AT THE GRAND

Be thankful for family and friends, sunset walks along Mobile Bay, warmth of the fire pits, a spectacular Thanksgiving feast and best of all - no dishes to wash. Thanksgiving at the Grand Hotel is legendary for locals and visitors alike. Resort guests can enjoy Thanksgiving in the Dining Room or a massive Dinner Buffet in the ballrooms. Expect an extravagant Thanksgiving spread with traditional favorites, exceptional sides and more than 10 dessert choices plus live entertainment. Call 251.928.9201 for dining reservations. Thanksgiving Buffet is \$69.95 for adults, \$34.95 for children five to 11 and free for those under four. Tax and gratuity not included. Hotel rooms start at \$299 and reservations are available at www.marriottgrand.com.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IN GRAND STYLE & PORTRAITS

Santa Claus is coming to town, and he's bringing an appetite for delicious Christmas cuisine and historic holiday luxury. Enjoy an appetizing breakfast buffet at the Grand prior to a visit with Santa. Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16. Breakfast buffet will be served from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m. Santa will be visiting from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. each Saturday to take pictures. Meals are \$22.95 for adults, \$11.50 for children five to 11 and free four and younger. Tax and gratuity are not included. Reservations are required by calling 251.928.9201. Private photo shoots with Santa can be arranged by calling the Elf Hotline at 251.928.5944. Appointments are between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17. Portrait packages are purchased through Renaissance Portrait Studio.

HOLIDAY DECOR & MORE

The magnificent Grand oak trees will be covered in lights and candy cane light posts will help create great Christmas memories for children of all ages. Each building will have a decorated Christmas tree. The Grand chefs will be creating and displaying individual gingerbread houses that will be for sale. Hotel rooms around Christmas start at \$259++ and are available at www.marriottgrand.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER BUFFET

Start Christmas Eve dinner off with a Grand Gumbo, visit the prime rib carving station, sample the oyster dressing and save room for spiced cheesecake or a hazelnut Yule log. (Complete menu attached.) The chefs at the Grand Hotel are making plans to make your Christmas Eve dining experience exceptional. Served from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Azalea Ballroom, the Christmas Eve Dinner Buffet is \$45.95 for adults, \$24.95 for children five to 11 and free for those four and under. Price does not include tax and gratuity. For reservations and more details call 251.928.9201.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Grand NYE Extravaganza will help you ring in the new year in style. Enjoy a deluxe guest room, dinner buffet for two, party favors, balloon drop, cash bar, live entertainment and dancing. Held in the Grand Ballroom, the NYE celebration is from 7 p.m. until midnight on Dec. 31. Admission to the party will be included in all guest room reservations that evening. Rates for the Extravaganza stay are \$450 plus tax and resort. Reservations are available at www.marriottgrand.com and look under the room package tab. Local residents can attend for \$125++ per person by purchasing tickets through <https://grandhotelnewyearseve2017.eventbrite.com>. Wake up and start 2018 with a sunrise view, a brisk walk, a round of golf, a spa treatment or writing resolutions on a hammock under massive oak trees. Happy New Year.