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The Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa
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Overview

- The Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa is family-friendly historical hotel. It is 167 years young and was named the Top Historic Hotel in 2013 by Historic Hotels of America. Consistently ranked one of the top Marriott hotels for guest satisfaction, spas, pools, dining and golf.
- 405 large guest rooms in five buildings on 550 acres.
- Seven restaurants and lounges ranging from casual (The Pelican's Nest and Blue Marlin Bar) to formal (Grand Dining Room).
- Grand Steakhouse received AAA Four Diamond Award.
- Patriotic military canon salute daily at 4:00 p.m. followed by afternoon tea.
- Room rates range from \$219 - \$340 depending on the day of the week and season.
- Named of one *Travel + Leisure's Top 500 Hotels in the World* – 2013 and 2011.
- Honored by *Conde Nast Traveler* at one of the Top 150 Resorts in the US. In 2013 and 2009. A top U.S. Spa in 2013
- Listed in *100 Best Family Resorts in North America* (Sixth Edition) by Janet Tice & Jane Wilford (Copyright 2002; The Globe Pequot Press).
- Reader's Choice from *Meeting South, Successful Meetings, ConventionSouth* and other meeting industry magazines.
- \$50 million renovation completed in 2003 including all guest rooms. The two golf courses also were renovated. The Dogwood course reopened in 2004 and Azalea reopened in 2005. Another \$50 million major renovation was completed in November 2006 repairing damage from Hurricane Katrina. Room renovations in 2010.

European-style Spa

- 20,000-square-foot European-style spa opened in May 2002. The Spa at The Grand Hotel is ranked one of the top Marriott spas for guest satisfaction in the United States. Named a top spa by *Conde Nast Traveler*.
- Spa treatments begin at \$40. Spa packages (not including guest room) begin at \$165.

Golf & Tennis

- Newly renovated 18-hole, 7,620 yard, 72-par Dogwood course opened in July 2004.
- The Azalea course renovations was completed in late 2005 as a 6,785-yard, 18-hole, 72-par course.
- Courses consistently ranked as some of Marriott's best.
- Eight Rubico tennis courts. Four courts are lighted. New amenities under construction.

Restaurants and Lounges

- **The Dining Room** is the perfect environment for great food in a casual dining atmosphere. Home of the family Grand Hotel Sunday Brunch.
- **The Grand Dining Room** offers an upscale dining environment for dinner with spectacular sunset views of Mobile Bay. Four Diamond Award.
- **Saltwater Grill** offers the freshest seafood in a very family friendly and relaxing environment.
- **Bucky's Birdcage Lounge** salutes the Grand's hospitality hero and services cocktails and appetizers to meet your mood.
- **Grand Coffee Shoppe** is the first stop for fresh pastries and gourmet coffee.
- **The Lakewood Club and Grill Room** is a relaxing place for American favorites, overlooking the golf course.
- **The Pelican's Nest and Blue Marlin Bar** offers two poolside locations serving cool drinks, grilled favorites, sandwiches and snacks (seasonal).

Meeting Space

- 37,000 square feet of meeting space including a new ballroom and 8 new meeting rooms were completely remodeled in 2006. 23 meeting rooms in all.

- Honored by *Successful Meetings*, *Meetings South* and *ConventionSouth* in 2013 and previous years.

Pool

- Renovations completed in 2002.
- 500,000 gallons of fun. Most spectacular on Gulf Coast.
- Waterfall, two whirlpools and slide.
- Adult pool and zero entry pool for young children.
- Consistently ranked as one of Marriott's best.

Marina

- 37 slips for sailboats, fishing boats and yachts.
- Boat charters available for guests.
- Home port of the Joshua, a majestic sailing schooner.

Grand Hotel History

- The Grand Hotel Point Clear Resort & Spa has been known throughout the South as The Queen of Southern Resorts for more than 150 years.
- Colin Powell, Margaret Thatcher, Barbara Bush, Dolly Parton, Fannie Flagg, Patty Labelle and many NFL greats have all stayed there.
- F.H. Chamberlain built the hotel in 1847. It was a two-story building with 40 rooms. A separate building housed the dining room and kitchen. A third building housed a bar called "The Texas."
- In 1864, a portion of the hotel became a Confederate hospital during the Civil War. A cemetery for about 300 Confederate soldiers is near the 18th tee of The Grand's Azalea course.
- In 1869, a fire destroyed the dining room, kitchen and guest rooms. There were no deaths.
- In 1871, "The Texas" bar was turned into an emergency hospital following the explosion of the steamboat "Ocean Wave."
- Captain H.C. Baldwin bought the hotel in the 1870s for \$75,000. It was 300 feet long and had 60 suites.
- In 1893, a hurricane destroyed the dining room and "The Texas" bar. Both were rebuilt.

- In 1901, Major James K. Glennon of Mobile bought the hotel. In 1906 and 1916, the hotel was severely damaged. Major Glennon was ready to quit, but Mrs. Glennon intervened and supervised repairs that helped reopen it.
- In 1939, Mr. E.A. Roberts bought the hotel and 25 additional parcels of land. In 1940, the old buildings were renovated and the main building was constructed.
- The Army Air Corps used the hotel as a training base during World War II. None of the soldiers wore combat boots in the hotel in order to protect the hardwood floors.
- After WWII, Robert's company, the Waterman Steamship Company, built a marina, two tennis courts, an 18-hole golf course and a swimming pool. A garage and specialty shops were built.
- Ten cottages were added in the 1950s.
- In 1955, Southern Industries bought the hotel and then sold it to James K. McLean in 1966.
- McLean added the Bay House and soon the hotel grew to 172 guest rooms.
- In 1967, a second 9-hole golf course and the first conference center were added.
- In 1979, the hotel closed as a result of Hurricane Frederick. Roofs were damaged and 5,000 trees on the golf course were lost. The hotel reopened on April 10, 1980.
- In 1981, the Marriott Corporation bought The Grand Hotel and added the North Bay House and the Marina Building, bringing total guest rooms to 306.
- In 1986, the old Gunnison House was torn down to make way for The Grand ballroom. Marriott added an additional 9-hole golf course for a total of 36 holes.
- Major renovations to the hotel were completed in 2003, including a new spa, pool and additional guest rooms.
- Renovation of the Dogwood course was completed in 2004. The renovation of the Azalea course was completed in 2005.
- Hurricane Katrina closed the Grand in August 2005. Half the resort reopened on April 1, 2006 and the remainder reopened November 1, 2006.
- An expansion of the Grand's grounds and new real estate opportunities was announced in 2006.
- Colony Club at the Grand Hotel opened in spring 2008. This will feature condominiums overlooking picturesque Point Clear and Mobile Bay.
- Daily patriotic military salute and cannon firing started in 2008.
- New aquatics and tennis center opens at the resort – July 2009.
- Spa named the top Marriott spa globally for guest satisfaction - 2009 and 2010.
- Grand celebrates 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Mobile Bay in 2014. Also named one of Conde Nast Traveler's Best Resorts and Best Spas.

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