

ALABAMA'S HISTORIC GRAND HOTEL ANNOUNCES 2016 HOLIDAY PLANS

Point Clear, Ala - It is time to start making your holiday plans Grand. 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 to spectacular holiday décor revealed the day after Thanksgiving, plans this year at the Grand Hotel are better than ever. Enjoy the massive oaks with twinkling lights, a massive gingerbread version of The Grand, wreaths, poinsettias, Christmas trees and Santa Claus himself this holiday season. Or relax and recharge from holiday stress with world-class treatments in the spa. 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. Hotel rooms start at \$359.

GRAND GINGERBREAD VILLAGE AND HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

The magnificent Gingerbread Village features a massive replica of the Grand Hotel. The Grand gingerbread masterpiece will be unveiled the day after Thanksgiving with the rest of the dazzling décor at the hotel, including the spectacular Christmas trees and hundreds of poinsettias. The famed Live Oak trees at The Grand are filled with white lights. Hotel rooms around Christmas start at \$269 and are available at www.marriottgrand.com.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IN GRAND STYLE

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's Four Diamond restaurant prior to a visit with Santa. Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturdays in the Dining Room: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17. 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. Reservations are required.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

End the year with a great meal in the Grand Steakhouse, relaxing by a fire or cozying up with room service for two in your suite. Celebrate the end of 2016 in Grand style, suited just for you. Wake up and start 2017 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. A variety of packages are available.

For more information on the Grand Hotel Marriott, call 251.928.9201 or visit www.marriottgrand.com

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