

THANKSGIVING DINING AT THE GRAND

GRAND DINING ROOM - Join us on Thanksgiving Day for a fabulous traditional Holiday Buffet. Feast on such holiday fare as carved turkey and Virginia ham, homemade stuffing, candied yams, pecan pie and much more! The buffet begins at 12 noon until 2:30 PM. Reservations are required. Cost is \$17.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children ages 5 to 11.

For an elegant Thanksgiving evening meal, our Chef's own very special Holiday Epicurean Dinner will be offered in the Grand Dining Room. This menu will feature some traditional holiday selections as well as some delicious culinary creations especially from our kitchen. Reservations are required. Dinner is served from 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM.

The highlight of the Holiday weekend is our spectacular Candlelight Buffet on Friday evening in the Grand Dining Room. A holiday tradition for many years, the Candlelight Buffet features our culinary team's most creative and delicious offerings. Join us for a meal you'll never forget! Reservations are required. Dinner is served from 5:30 PM until 9:30 PM. Cost is \$29.95 for adults and \$13.95 for children ages 5 to 11.

For your dining and dancing pleasure, live music is provided each evening by the Normand Family Band beginning at 6:30 PM.

BIRDCAGE LOUNGE - For all the football fans here over the holidays - the games will be broadcast in both the Birdcage Lounge and the Grill at Lakewood. The Birdcage Lounge will feature a Deli Buffet each day beginning at 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM for \$6.95 per person. The Grill serves lunch daily from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

LAKEWOOD - For the best in casual dining join us at the Club at Lakewood. Lunch is served daily from 11:30 AM until 3:00 PM. On Thanksgiving Day, enjoy a Holiday Buffet in the lobby for \$15.95 per adult and \$7.85 for children ages 5 to 11. Reservations suggested.

Dinner is offered nightly from 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM during the holiday weekend. On Thursday evening the Club will offer a special holiday menu. Reservations are required.

BAYVIEW - A Seafood Restaurant - When you've had your fill of Thanksgiving turkey, treat yourself to the BayView - A Seafood Restaurant for dinner. Enjoy a menu that features a myriad of fresh seafood. The BayView will feature some traditional holiday specials as well as the regular menu on Thanksgiving evening. The BayView serves dinner only from 5:30 PM until 9:30 PM. Reservations are required. The BayView is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

HORSEBACK TRAIL RIDES - Enjoy a guided tour ride among our 550 acres at the Grand Hotel. Please make reservations at the Hospitality Desk ext. 6721

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT - Meet us at the Horse-shoe Pit behind the outdoor pool for a challenging match of horseshoes.

HOTEL HISTORY TOUR - Come meet Chester Hunt, a Grand Hotel employee for 54+ years and learn more about our fabulous resort through the eyes of one of our most loved associates.

MISS CAT - A long time favorite of the Grand Hotel returns. Miss Cat will enchant children of all ages with her story hour. Please contact the Hospitality Desk for location (ext. 6721). (Friday Only 11:00 AM)

MR. SPOONS' MAGIC SHOW - Mr. Spoons returns to perform and entertain children of all ages. Magic, music and his famous spoon playing will delight children of all ages. Please contact the Hospitality Desk for location (ext. 6721). (Saturday Only 11:00 AM)

PUZZLES & GAMES - A free play of family fun with puzzles and board games for everyone! Please contact the Hospitality Desk for location (ext. 6721).

SURREY RIDES - What better way to capture the splendor of the Grand Hotel's beautiful 550 acres than a horse drawn surrey ride. Available Friday and Saturday from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Best of all - it's free! Rides leave from the front of the hotel every 30 minutes. Stop by the Hospitality Desk to reserve your spot. Enjoy the ride.

TENNIS CLINIC - Join our resort tennis professional, Butch Russell, for a 1 hour tennis clinic. Children's clinic is from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM and Adults from 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Cost per person is \$8.00.

THANKSGIVING GOLF TOURNAMENT - Choose either one of our two fabulous championship golf courses to try your game vs. other resort guests. Simply make a tee time through our Pro Shop (ext. 6706) and turn in your score cards at the Pro Shop.

PUTTING CONTEST - David Shane, our Resorts Activity Coordinator, will facilitate this always fun putting contest. Meet us on the Putting Green.

AEROBIC WALK - Meet at the pool towel hut for a leisurely or brisk one hour walk among our beautiful grounds.

AFTERNOON TEA - Afternoon tea at The Grand is a tradition. Located in our upper lobby near the fireplace.

BIKE TOUR - Enjoy the natural beauty of the bay as we tour the grounds of the Grand Hotel and our famed "boardwalk" lined with beautiful southern homes with antebellum charm. Meet us at the Bike Hut. Bike rental is \$4.00.

BINGO - Come test your skills with the other resort guests and hopefully be the first to yell BINGO. \$1.00 per card per game and cash prizes to be awarded to the winners.

CROQUET TOURNAMENT - Test your skills with other resort guests on our famed croquet lawn. Meet us there for an afternoon tournament.

FAIRHOPE SHOPPING EXCURSION - Come explore our beautiful town of Fairhope full of charming shops and boutiques. Transportation leaves the Bellstand at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with return trips to the Grand Hotel at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

FAMILY TRIVIA CONTEST - Test your trivia knowledge with the other resort guests. Prizes will be awarded to the most "trivial"!

FAMILY WIN, LOSE OR DRAW - Our Fun Camp staff will host a rousing game of Family Win, Lose or Draw. Please consult with the Hospitality Desk to confirm location.

HOLIDAY CRAFT - Combine construction paper, pine cones, and a lot of holiday cheer to create a Thanksgiving memory. Fun for all ages. Please consult with the Hospitality Desk to confirm location. (Thursday)

HOLIDAY CRAFT - Come create a beautiful stained glass Christmas ornament that will serve as a memory of your Thanksgiving at the Grand Hotel. Please consult with the Hospitality Desk to confirm location. (Friday)

HOLIDAY CRAFT - Fuse bead ornaments for your Christmas Tree decorations. Please contact the Hospitality Desk for location (ext. 6721). (Saturday)

HOLIDAY RECEPTION - We are so glad that you are spending your weekend with us, we are holding a special reception just for you. Come say hello to John Irvin, our General Manager, and the rest of the resort staff for a one hour holiday reception.

Dear Guests:

Holidays at Marriott's Grand Hotel are a very special time of year. It is certainly our pleasure to have you with us as part of this time-honored tradition.

We are totally committed to maintaining our reputation as the Southeast's premier resort experience. We trust you will thoroughly enjoy the splendor of our grand resort full of heritage and southern charm. I encourage you to enjoy all of the wonderful activities and dining events that we have become famous for throughout the years. Many of you, no doubt have spent previous Thanksgivings at our resort - and we are so proud to have you with us again. To those of you who are experiencing the Grand Hotel for the first time, we welcome you to what we hope will become a new tradition for you and your family. Our ongoing commitment is to make your visit with us as memorable as possible.

Thank you for being with us during this special time of year. Our door is always open to welcome you home for the holidays.

Cordially yours,



John D. Irvin
General Manager