The Ballet **Ball celebrates** Nashville's rich artistic talents

Dining Out

The hottest new restaurants in town

SLEEP

With the expansion, the resort now offers 200 pet-friendly guest accommodations in cottages, rooms, suites and vacation homes. Behind the classically Southern architecture, spacious rooms offer modern, understated elegance, restful color schemes, luxurious linens and serene views of the waterfronts or forests. All have ample marble bathrooms with double vanities, separate showers and soaking tubs, and custom bath and body products. Cottages also have gas fireplaces and screened porches.

Among the six dining choices at Palmetto Bluff, the inn's Jessamine offers boldly flavored entrées like black bass Vera Cruz and dry-aged steak and boasts an extensive wine list. Buffalo's in Wilson Village is a favorite of residents and quests alike. from the popular biscuit bar at breakfast to Southern fried chicken and artisanal pizzas at dinner. When in season, May River oysters - freshly harvested only yards away - have the perfect blend of brine and sweet.

RELAX

Reconnect with nature strolling along the pedestrian trails of the River Road Preserve, 120 pristine acres of maritime forest with a mile of marsh and river frontage. The Spa Montage is a 13,000-square-foot sanctuary located at the inn. Treatments use indigenous elements such as cleansing May River pluff mud for the Carolina Kur Experience. During their stay, guests have access to separate men's and women's relaxation areas with saunas, a steam room, cold plunge pools and whirlpools.

Among numerous available activities, the Canoe Club rents canoes and kayaks as well as powerboats to explore larger waterways. And a Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course, shooting club, equestrian facility, Har-Tru tennis courts and bocce ball courts provide plenty of entertainment on land. For the inaugural Artist in Residence program, Palmetto Bluff teamed up with Garden & Gun to bring in notable artists - including winners of Garden & Gun's Made in the South Awards for special events and hands-on classes.







Montage Palmetto Bluff

Bluffton, South Carolina

Located between Savannah, Georgia, and Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Palmetto Bluff is firmly established as a travel destination as well as a place to have a second home or to settle down. The sprawling 20,000acre community blends a rich history and the natural beauty of ancient maritime forests, salt marshes and tidal rivers. Set within this award-winning development, the Montage Palmetto Bluff captures the essence of the low country. Recent expansion at this luxury resort includes a new inn, guesthouses and 35 single-family homes. The inn captures the design of the grand mansion that once stood on the grounds, and gracious hospitality for which owner R.T. Wilson was renowned — is its hallmark.

Respect for the history of the setting extends beyond the resort and residences. The Palmetto Bluff Conservancy oversees the land and ensures that natural resources and wildlife remain not only intact but flourishing alongside development, which is unable to exceed 4,000 homes. Montage Palmetto Bluff provides one-of-a-kind experiences for families, couples and wedding parties, making it ideal as both a travel destination and, one day, a place to settle down.

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