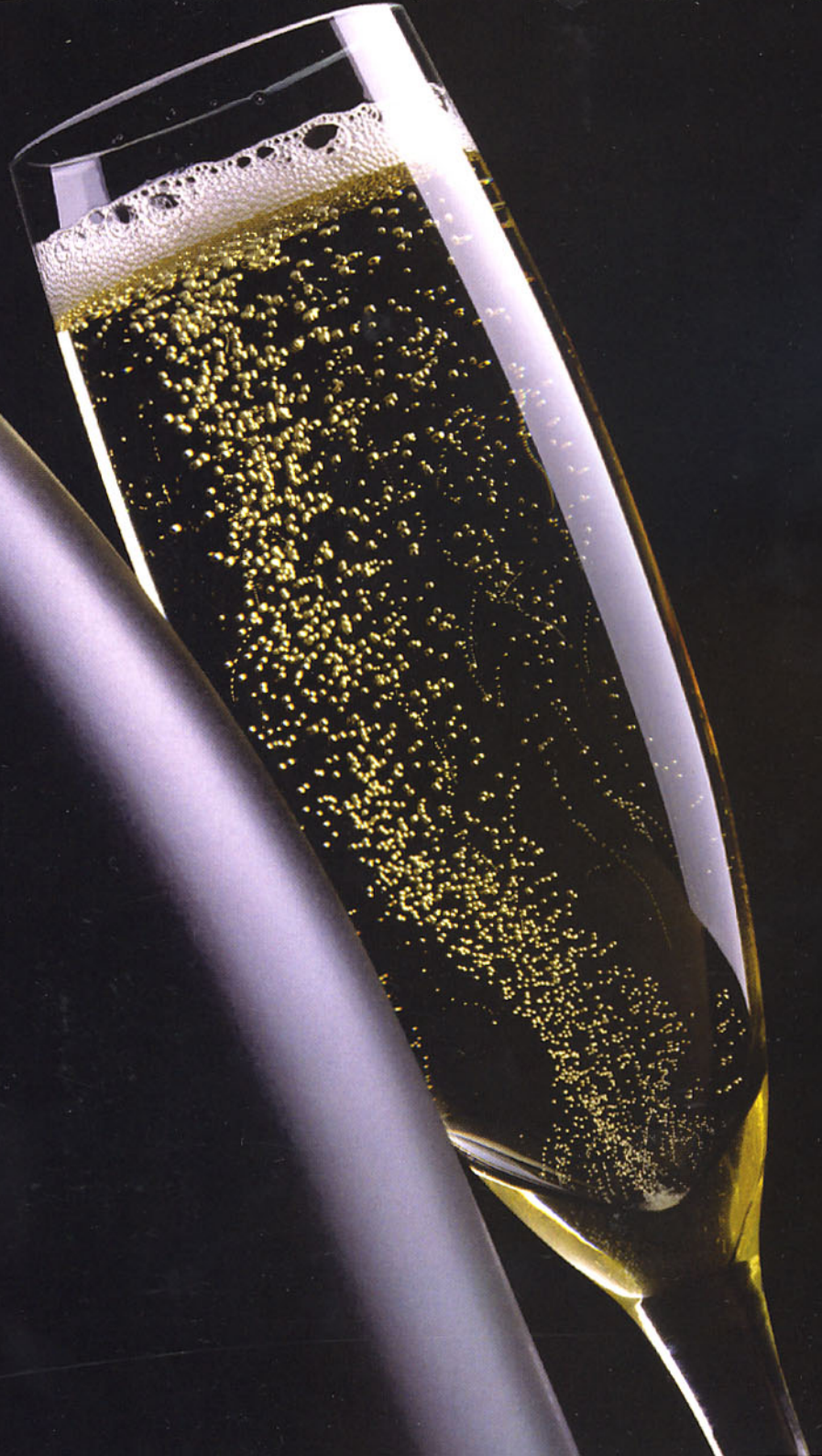


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1. One of the guest cottages nestled along the river and forest.
2. The River House with remains of the previous mansion on property.
3. The River House restaurant helmed by Executive Chef Chris Blobaum.
4. A cottage bathroom featuring a separate steam shower and bathtub as well as proprietary bath products.



THE INN AT PALMETTO BLUFF

THE NEW JEWEL OF SOUTH CAROLINA RESORTS

By Madison Freeman



On the pristine banks of the May River, where 17th century oaks richly draped in Spanish moss provide an elegant canopy, Auberge Resorts operates a small luxury resort amidst a 20,000 acre nature preserve called The Inn at Palmetto Bluff – the company’s first resort on the East Coast. Just minutes from Savannah and Hilton Head Island in beautiful Bluffton, the Inn offers the seclusion of a private resort with the ease of accessibility to South Carolina’s greatest golf where unparalleled personalized attention and exceptional privacy go hand in hand. The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, the new Jewel of South Carolina resorts, has it all!

Designed in the style of a traditional Lowcountry community, Palmetto Bluff is anchored by the waterfront Village Green, at the heart of which is Auberge Resort’s Inn at Palmetto Bluff.

The Inn’s May River House, with its lobby, eponymous restaurant, Veranda bar, boardrooms, wine cellar and ballroom, stand sentinel over the Village Green – the center of commercial life at Palmetto Bluff. Here residents and vacationers gather to partake in water sports, croquet or badminton, or just to stroll along the waterfront. Away from the village, the inn’s 50 guest cottages, including eight freestanding cottage suites, are carefully placed on the banks of the river to afford maximum views and privacy. With spacious screened porches, fireplaces, wide pine-plank floors and double-pitched metal roofs, the cottages honor the heritage of Lowcountry architecture without sacrificing luxurious amenities like spacious bathrooms, fine linens, amenities and up-to-date technology.

“When we embarked on this project, we knew that Auberge Resorts would bring something new to the Southeast,” said Auberge Resorts’ Principal and CEO Mark

Harmon. “Our mission at the Inn at Palmetto Bluff is very much dictated by the Lowcountry setting and the guiding principles of our company. We offer a high level of service with no pretension, well-designed facilities, a superior culinary program and a one-of-a-kind spa experience. We were fortunate to partner with Crescent Resources who share our vision and have executed it to the highest standards.”

The 9,500-square foot Spa at Palmetto Bluff, modeled after a gracious Southern-style manor home, is located on a private island accessible to hotel guests by a footbridge or via the inland waterways. With a decidedly residential feel, the spa features eight treatment rooms, including a couple’s room and a Vichy room, each with its own private veranda, soaking tub and breathtaking view. Treatments, including massage therapy, aromatherapy, facial and body treatments, draw upon ingredients and the Gullah healing traditions indigenous to the area. The grounds of the spa feature a private garden with a wide selection of roses, local flowers and herbs.

In the tradition of Auberge du Soleil, food and wine are central to the experience at the Inn at Palmetto Bluff. The cuisine is unique to sustainable pioneer and Executive Chef Chris Blobaum and, inspired by local Lowcountry cuisine, incorporates the area’s bounty of oysters, crab, shrimp and other fresh and saltwater fish in the menu. The setting, with ample seating on a wide wrap-around porch overlooking the May River as well as an indoor dining room, takes advantage of the natural environment by maximizing the magnificent views. The wine program reflects the Auberge tradition with a sophisticated list, knowledgeable staff and a 4,000-bottle cellar complete with tasting rooms and a private dining room.

5. The private veranda of the couple's lounge which also features a bathtub for two.

6. Interior of a cottage suite which offers 1,340 sumptuous square feet with top-of-the-line amenities and screened-in porch.

7. View from the 14th hole of the Jack Nicklaus signature golf course.

8. A private veranda adjacent to a spa treatment room with an outdoor bathtub.

9. Bikes lined up outside the Inn. Complimentary bikes are provided for guests and several miles of paved paths weave throughout the property.

10. A view of the Spa at Palmetto Bluff from the May River.



Golf enthusiasts enjoy the Inn for the exclusive entry it provides to play at the private May River Golf Club. The club features a Jack Nicklaus signature course, a clubhouse, practice facility, a pro shop and grill. No trip to the Inn at Palmetto Bluff would be complete without exploring the 20,000 acres of natural beauty that surround the Inn. The bluff is brimming with ecological and geographic diversity, and boasts a rich history dating back to the 1500's. Fortunately, this area has been amazingly well preserved through the centuries so that you can immerse yourself in its fascinating history with a variety of recreational activities including guided nature walks with an on-site conservationist, fishing, boating, kayaking and history tours. This expansive Palmetto Bluff Club facility includes eight Har-Tru tennis courts, two croquet lawns, two bocce courts and four courtside shelters.

The Inn at Palmetto Bluff has been honored by the following prestigious awards: *Travel + Leisure* World's Best Awards; *Condé Nast Traveler* Gold List and Reader's Choice Awards; *Robb Report* Luxury Resorts 100 Best Resorts; *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report*; and *Golfweek* Top 100 Modern List.