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JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB HOTEL FOR THE PERFECT BUSINESS MEETING

Jekyll Island, GA ---There was a time when a resort was a place of rest and relaxation---a place business and pleasure did not mix. But, today's hard-hitting executives, seeking meeting sites where they can escape the stresses and distractions of the office, find resorts provide the ideal combination: meeting space, exceptional service, and recreational opportunities.

The Jekyll Island Club Hotel, a National Historic Landmark, offers an atmosphere of serenity that is well-suited to productive business meetings and retreats. *Travel & Leisure* magazine designated the Jekyll Island Club Hotel as one of the Top 500 Hotels in the World based on their World's Best Award Survey of readers of their publication. Recognized as a preferred site by meeting planners throughout the country, the Hotel was designated an outstanding golf resort by *Executive's Guide to Incentive Travel and Meetings* and by *Corporate Meetings and Incentives*. Also, in 1999, 2001, and 2003 the hotel was honored to receive the Stars of the South Award from readers of *Meetings South* as a favorite meeting property of quality and value. As a recipient of the prestigious Pinnacle Award in 2007, the hotel was cited by *Successful Meetings* magazine as an outstanding meeting facility. In the announcement, R.M. O'Connor said, "As a winner of the Pinnacle Award, you and your entire staff have demonstrated to very demanding customers that you have the commitment to service that is essential for greatness."

The National Trust for Historic Preservation pronounced the Jekyll Island Club Hotel one of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations in 2003, and in 2005 *Conde Nast Traveler* named the Hotel to the Gold List, a guide to Top 700 hotels, resorts, and cruise lines in the world.

The Hotel's distinctive conference facilities, totaling 8,500 square feet, accommodate up to 150 people for banquets and 300 for receptions in the Club Ballroom and nine other beautiful meeting and board rooms for breakouts or smaller conferences. A number of these tastefully appointed rooms feature fireplaces, leaded art glass, and wainscoting. The Ballroom, with its parlor and veranda, affords meeting and entertainment flexibility. Several are of historic interest; for example, the first draft of the Federal Reserve plan was written in the room named for the plan.

An exciting, addition to the Hotel's lodging and conference facilities are Crane Cottage and Cherokee Cottage, two handsome, restored, historic mansions, that offer the meeting planner the opportunity to create truly memorable small corporate meetings, executive retreats, and conferences. With overnight accommodations for 23 and a combined 2,300 square feet of meeting space, the cottages offer a unique venue of privacy and exclusivity. Either or both of the cottages may be rented by a group. Crane Cottage has beautiful dining facilities and a formal, sunken garden as well.

Effective team building opportunities at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel are effective and interesting at the same time. The Hotel's tournament-level croquet greensward and the necessary equipment are ready for tournament play; instructors and officials for the game can be arranged. Challenging strategically and technically, this elegant game requires team effort but no previous skill which puts everyone on the same level. Bicycle scavenger hunts in the 240 acre Historic District that surrounds the Hotel is another excellent team building activity. Geocaching, one of the newer interests introduced on Jekyll Island, is catching on fast. State Park officials have "hidden" twelve caches in picturesque locations throughout the island. Participants can navigate around the island in small electric cars equipped with GPS devices and work together to locate the caches, or "treasures."

A professional catering and conference services staff is ready to assist with all facets of planning group events or business meetings. The hotel can arrange for the latest in audio-visual equipment, entertainment and/or themed decorations. Excellent food and beverage offerings complement the meetings. The staff is committed to the highest standards of service. No detail is

too trivial and no effort too great to ensure guests' satisfaction.

At the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, the dining experience is one of the highest priorities. A Museum Associates meeting planner said it very simply, "Our 'Dinner at the Club and Silent Auction' evening was perfect. The food was delicious; the compliments continue to come."

This island retreat, once accessible only by yacht, is now accessible to business travelers via the island causeway. A mere 12 miles from I-95, the island is only 55 miles from the Jacksonville International Airport and 17 miles from Golden Isles Airport, Brunswick, GA.

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