



Hotel Monteleone

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RENOVATIONS NEARING COMPLETION AT FAMOUS FRENCH QUARTER HOTEL

Hotel Monteleone Refreshes, Modernizes While Retaining Historic Charm

New Orleans, LA (August 2, 2012) – Back in the 1920s, Hotel Monteleone featured the latest in luxurious comfort for its patrons. Recent upgrades then included a radio in every room, and some of the rooms were even air conditioned. How times have changed! But what hasn't changed is Hotel Monteleone's dedication to providing the ultimate in amenities for its guests.

Today, after more than a year of upgrading, iPhone docking stations and Keurig coffee makers in every room are standard, along with sparkling glassware and gleaming new chrome bathroom accessories. Each guest room is now a Wi-Fi "hotspot." Meeting rooms can support more than 3,000 simultaneous users on the fastest Internet connection in the French Quarter.

While staying in the Hotel's elegant rooms with traditional names such as Queen Anne, River View and Bonnet Carre, guests will notice lots of other updates aimed at giving the great old hotel a fresh look.

An extensive renovation of Hotel Monteleone's beloved Carousel Bar and Lounge is complete. Carousel Bar expanded its lounge area and opened up the space with coffered ceiling designs and customized crown molding, circular glass chandeliers and expansive windows along Royal Street. An additional crescent-shaped bar and more seating provide ample room for thirsty patrons to mix, mingle and enjoy free live musical entertainment several nights a week.

The highly-anticipated restaurant Criollo, with its beautiful décor and mouthwatering cuisine prepared from fresh local ingredients, is now serving breakfast, lunch and dinner every day. Led by Chef de Cuisine Joseph Maynard and Executive Chef Randolph Buck, Criollo's dishes are infused with traditional Creole flavors of French, Spanish, Italian, Caribbean and African with new spices, creating dishes in the style it calls Louisiana Fusion. The setting is creating quite a buzz of its own, with appealing natural lighting courtesy of generous and expansive windows bordering picturesque Iberville Street – a typical French Quarter scene freshly replanted with lush tropical greenery.

The grand lobby is getting new furniture this summer. Meeting rooms and guestroom corridors are being updated with new wall coverings, drapes and carpeting. Plantation shutters are going up in elevator foyers. At the pool, there are new awnings, light fixtures and landscaping – and very important misting stations for those steamy New Orleans summer days.

"It's taken us more than a year of hard work to complete all these upgrades," said Hotel Monteleone Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer Ronald Pincus. "Our continuing goal is to provide our guests the best in amenities and service while highlighting and retaining the historic charm of one of the city's most enduring and cherished hotels."

Hotel Monteleone, located at 214 Royal Street in New Orleans, was founded in 1886 by Italian immigrant Antonio Monteleone. It remains a family owned business today, and is a must-experience destination for locals and visitors alike at the gateway to the French Quarter. To find out more about the award-winning amenities at Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans, please visit www.hotelmonteleone.com.

Since 1886, the Hotel Monteleone, www.hotelmonteleone.com, has proudly stood as one of the first landmarks in the famous French Quarter. The hotel is the Quarter's largest full-service hotel, featuring 600 comfortable, luxurious guestrooms and suites. Hotel Monteleone is within walking-distance of some of New Orleans most famous attractions and is conveniently located 11 miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport. Hotel Monteleone is a member of the Preferred Hotels® & Resorts, a consecutive AAA Four Diamond award-winner, and has won the J.D. Power and Associates Upscale Hotel Award for "An Outstanding Guest Experience." The Hotel Monteleone celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2011.