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The Magic of the Holiday Season is Coming to Hotel Monteleone

Children's holiday parties, caroling students & special room discounts mean the holidays are finally here!

New Orleans, LA (October 15, 2012) – The holiday season is a wonderful time of the year at Hotel Monteleone. From a festive Children's Holiday Party featuring our loving mascot Monte the Lion to local school choirs singing familiar holiday carols, Hotel Monteleone invites its guests and local New Orleanians to join in the merriment of the season.

As an exclusive Yuletide treat, Hotel Monteleone is offering special Papa Noel discounts from November 18th through December 27th with savings varying from 20% off the selling rates on weekdays and 15% off selling rates on weekends; *all rates based on availability and blackout dates apply*.

"The holiday season is always an exciting time of the year for Hotel Monteleone employees and guests," said Kent Wasmuth, director of sales and marketing for Hotel Monteleone. "We are especially excited to display the holiday décor in our new Food & Beverage outlets, particularly Criollo Restaurant. This Christmas season, we're particularly looking forward to having locals and guests participate in all of our festivities as we have so many great reasons to celebrate."

This holiday season, the Hotel Monteleone is excited to offer the following events:

Deck the Halls of the Hotel Monteleone

On Monday, November19th, Hotel Monteleone will light up the 200 block of Royal Street as it officially turns on the holiday decorations to mark the start of its holiday season. With the newly expanded famous Carousel Bar & Lounge, the large windows along Royal Street will be outlined with beautiful white lights. The Hotel will transform its interior into a winter wonderland on Friday, November 30th as it brightens up the lobby with its majestic Christmas tree.

Monte the Lion's Children's Holiday Party

Monte the Lion, the official mascot of the Hotel Monteleone, is hosting his annual Children's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 15th with two seatings at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Some of the season's favorite Christmas characters will join Monte including Santa, Rudolph, Frosty the Snowman and Santa's elves. Mrs. Claus will read classic Christmas tales and a trumpeter will lead special guests in a musical parade. Savory treats, games and caroling will fill the air with joy. Monte the Lion will close the day by presenting each of his new friends with a Monte stuffed animal. The cost is \$55.00 per adult and \$40.00 per child. To make reservations for Monte the Lion's Children's Holiday Party, please call (504) 681-4452 or visit http://hotelmonteleone.com/monte/.

Hotel Monteleone Welcomes Local School Choirs to Celebrate the Holiday Season

On select week days, New Orleans area school choirs will once again greet guests and locals in the Hotel Monteleone lobby with the sounds of the season from November 28th through December 19th. School performances are free and open to the public. Performances occur between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and last one half hour. For a complete list of dates, times and schools, please visit http://hotelmonteleone.com/calendar-events/.

For more information on Hotel Monteleone and its events for the upcoming holiday season, please visit http://hotelmonteleone.com/calendar-events/.

To make reservations, please visit http://hotelmonteleone.com/ or call 1-866-338-4684.

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Since 1886, the Hotel Monteleone (http://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 four-time AAA Four Diamond award-winner, and has won Successful Meetings Magazine's Pinnacle Award twenty-two times.

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