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A Diamond For Exceptional Events

GRAND CAYMAN – Sprawling along a seven-mile stretch of ribboned white sand, the newly reborn Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort debuts with its laid back attitude capturing the spirit and history of the Caribbean. Surrounded by white sand contrasting deep emerald and turquoise swirled waters, the resort beckons for visitors to discover a paradise perfect for spectacular parties and memorable meetings.

Recently named “Grand Cayman’s Leading Hotel,” by World Travel, the \$15 million redesign of the resort, expanded the meeting space to 4,200 sq ft. Accommodating up to 550 people, the Orchid Ballroom is ideal for activities ranging from executive team building and conventions to a sundry of soirées. The resort offers comprehensive meeting facilities complemented by expert catering and audiovisual resources, as well as on-site meeting assistants that cater to every whim, from entertaining a last minute request for a billowing chocolate fountain to arranging for a rare bird to be spotlighted at a party.

Nestled in the Caribbean, just a 70-minute plane ride from Miami, the resort is a diamond for destination weddings. True to the mellow mindset of Grand Cayman, ceremonies are allowed to take place the day after guests arrive on the island and marriage licenses can be acquired up to the day of the wedding. With delightful dining options, and complimentary services from certified wedding planners, Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort carefully weaves each thread to create magical weddings. From formal indoor ceremonies held in the Orchid ballroom where tuxedo clad guests sip champagne cocktails to weddings held on soft, white sand compliments of Seven Mile Beach where guests portray “barefoot elegance” in sundresses and khakis, the resort accommodates any event.

Whether taking part in an informal lunch meetings or attending an elegant evening gala, expert caterers prepare phenomenal fare to accompany any occasion, from the relished creamed conch chowder with plantain spoons and smoked beach BBQ to jerked calamari and award-winning turtle fritters. Attendees also delight in one of the palate-pleasing reinvented restaurants or lounges at the resort, featuring new personality, décor and cuisine. Overlooking the Caribbean, Solana on Seven Mile Beach offers the finest gourmet International alfresco dining experience on the island under an oceanfront open-air canopy and Red Parrot, a steak and seafood bistro, offers an authentic Caribbean-fusion menu. After dinner, meetings guests loosen their ties and saunter to Balboa’s Lounge. Teeming with local artists, musicians and cigar rollers, Balboa’s presents a list of more than 100 martinis, fine liqueurs and an extensive tapas menu.

La Mer Spa is perfect for pampering a bridal party or providing post meeting relaxation. The spa director and staff are expertly trained to indulge visitors with, celebrity celebrated, products by YonKa. Through the face, body and sun care collections YonKa gives skin the most precious gift that plants can provide -- enlivening essential oils charged with energy from the sun’s rays. The spa has an array of treatments to help attendees decompress, from Swedish Massages and “Just for Men” facials to Aroma Stone Massages and circulation increasing “3-Zone Compresses.” After rejuvenating treatments, spa goers

continue to soak up the heavenly aura while enjoying the couples' Jacuzzi.

Shedding jackets and throwing on swimsuits, attendees leave their stress behind and breathe deeply with an on-site scuba lesson in the pool or relax on the pool deck or at the sea-side Sol Bar. Guests looking to mingle with some true Grand Cayman natives take the short boat ride to Stingray City where hundreds of stingrays gather daily to greet visitors. The friendly stingrays wait to be fed fresh squid and they are known for giving out stingray hickeys when they are feeling "especially loving." Other guests preferring an active outlet consult the hotel's activity planners and arrange a multitude of excursions. From cruising to the bottom of the sea in a private submarine and exploring botanical gardens, to scuba diving ancient boat wrecks and snorkeling with stingrays, no desire is left un-met.

Guests preferring a drier path, rove around the extensive shopping stops on Seven Mile Beach or through the quaint Capital, Georgetown. Grand Cayman is a duty-free destination, providing a manifold of opportunities to save on such items as watches, china, crystal, perfumes and fine jewelry.

After a day of events and excursions, attendees retreat to one of the freshly refurbished 307 rooms and suites. Drenched in tropical hues of gold, tangerine and avocado and accented with rich dark woods, all rooms offer high-speed wireless Internet, 310-thread count triple sheeting and marble bathrooms. Each room provides a private balcony for stunning views of the sea or the lush garden courtyard alive with indigenous plants and local wildlife. In-room amenities include a mini refrigerator, which can be pre-stocked from a menu and tailored to the guest's liking, bathrobe, personal safe, hair drier, iron and coffee maker.

The discovery of the Grand Cayman Islands by Christopher Columbus on his final voyage is where the New World began, and similarly a new world awaits at the Grand Cayman Marriot Beach Resort. For more information on planning a meeting call toll-free (800) 399-7641 or visit www.marriottgrandcayman.com

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