



THE MAYFLOWER GRACE



A NEW ENGLAND GEM REIMAGINED: THE MAYFLOWER GRACE UNVEILS ENHANCED GUEST EXPERIENCE

*Iconic New England Inn Celebrates Spa Anniversary with Enriched Offerings,
Debuts Select Refreshed Guest Rooms, Heightens Culinary Programming*

25 July, 2016: The Mayflower Grace – a quintessential country retreat located in the idyllic town of Washington, Conn. – unveils a fresh direction this summer that further elevates and invigorates the iconic property’s storied heritage. Upon its 10th anniversary, the spa remains first in class, delivering complete mind and body wellness experiences with new and elevated offerings, including a variation of ‘bootcamp’ as well as forest bathing and sound healing. Also this summer, the inn’s original designer has meticulously restored many of the guestrooms and suites, while Executive Chef Isaac Olivo brings a creative interpretation to a classic seasonally focused menu. The result is an overall enriched experience, modernized to pair the best of today’s comforts with the charm of one of New England’s most iconic luxury hotels.

“The Mayflower Grace has been a New England icon for years, and we are privileged to be able to guide the property into its next phase,” said Marco Novella, Chief Operating Officer, Grace Hotels. “The superior service, exclusivity and premier dining that new and returning guests have come to expect from both the inn and the Grace Hotels brand is now a step above in this enhanced iteration.”

The 20,000 sq. ft. spa celebrates its 10th anniversary this year and remains on top as a total-body wellness destination, as underscored by its recent nomination within “Best of the Best” by Virtuoso. New experiences for the coming season include ‘Journey into Wellness’, a tailored ‘bootcamp’ for body and mind adapted for one, two and three day retreats, and a series of activities and treatments designed to promote a graceful aging process. Guests who are sensitive to aromas, have sensitive skin, or who are recovering from severe illnesses such as cancer may now benefit from UnZented Rituals: a perfect collection of unscented treatments performed with products rich in opulent organics and probiotic

peptides. In addition, the spa always seeks to enhance the soul as much as the body with activities such as forest bathing and sound healing. Forest bathing promotes health and wellness by integrating the natural outdoor world with the mindful practice of present moment hiking by engaging all senses. Guests deepen themselves into the present moment while embracing the mind, body, spirit, and soul connection with the outdoors, and experience the healing effects that only a ‘bath’ in nature can provide. Sound healing includes breath work, meditation, intention setting, and the use of unique Tibetan singing bowls. Simply listening to the rich, pure, vibrant tone of a bowl can be extremely relaxing as well as rejuvenating, eliciting a deep state of wellbeing. A complimentary introduction to sound healing will be available.

Each of The Mayflower Grace’s Allerton House guestrooms and a handful of suites in the main inn have been retouched by the original designer of the inn, Rod Pleasants of acclaimed interior design firm Mclver Morgan. The updated room designs reflect classic yet sophisticated New England style set against the backdrop of a lavish English country house. Designed using a neutral color palette, the look and feel of the rooms reflects the Grace Hotels brand philosophy of staying true and authentic to the surroundings and destination, while embracing locality.

“The Mayflower Grace has long been a destination, a gathering place for her guests and for those of us who live in the surrounding countryside and realize how fortunate we are to have such a world class property at our fingertips,” said designer Rod Pleasants. “Having worked on the design of the inn for more than twenty years, my vision infuses the interiors with the refined comfort, sophistication and serenity that immediately gives one the sense of knowing they are in the right place.”

The Mayflower Dining Room, helmed by Executive Chef Isaac Olivo, places an emphasis on contemporary American cuisine with creative twists, while highlighting the finest local ingredients, many of which are taken from the inn’s on-site garden. Chef Olivo focuses on local sustainability, using traditional and modern methods to showcase these ingredients in their most simple and natural forms.

“My objective is to continuously evolve using innovative techniques to showcase the versatility of the abundance of ingredients that New England has to offer,” said Chef Isaac Olivo. “By incorporating produce from The Mayflower Grace Chef’s garden we are able to enhance our guests’ experience and deliver memorable moments while providing dining experiences that will further connect our guests from Litchfield county and abroad to the local heritage of Washington, Connecticut.”

Guests can enjoy the warm summer air and take in the gorgeous woodland scenery while dining al fresco on the terrace. The new menu features items such as summer heirloom tomato pomodoro with Eckerton Hill Farm tomatoes, parmesan, basil; rainbow trout with dill cream, trout roe, cucumber; milk-fed veal chop with watercress, herb butter, roasted shallots; and cauliflower steak with eggplant, heirloom carrots, snap peas.

These enhancements will offer guests a continuation of the core principles of Grace Hotels – hospitality journeys that provide a true immersion in local culture, incorporating both tradition and modernity.

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About The Mayflower Grace

Located in the idyllic town of Washington, Connecticut, less than two hours from New York City, the 30-room Mayflower Grace is a destination spa and country house hotel nestled among 58 acres of landscaped gardens. The hotel offers luxurious accommodations that are individually decorated in a picturesque setting, surrounded by 3,000 acres of nature preserve. The Mayflower Grace features a range of simply elegant and comfortable New England dining experiences including The Tap Room, with casual dining, and The Mayflower Dining Room, the property's classic restaurant which delivers delicious, seasonal cuisine incorporating locally sourced ingredients. With its 20,000 square-foot destination spa and beautifully arranged meeting spaces, The Mayflower Grace provides the ideal location for everything from a restorative spa escape to a grand occasion, corporate retreat or simply a relaxing vacation.

About Grace Hotels

Grace Hotels (www.gracehotels.com) is an award-winning luxury hotel group that offers sanctuary and quality for discerning guests in the world's most sought after resorts and cities. The company's hotels have attracted critical acclaim since the first opened in Greece's Cyclades Islands in 2007. Each hotel is a wholly authentic expression of its locality, allowing guests to enjoy a true immersion in local culture with an experience incorporating both tradition and modernity. Gastronomy is an integral part of all hotels, with menus showcasing the finest local ingredients combined with international touches. The group is undergoing a period of significant expansion and will soon be present on five continents. Grace Hotels is part of the Libra Group, an international business group owned by the Logothetis family.

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