



ALABAMA'S GRAND HOTEL NAMED #3 BEST HISTORIC HOTEL IN THE COUNTRY BY *USA TODAY*

August 7, 2020 – Pt. Clear, Ala - Today, *USA TODAY* announced the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa has been named one of the top three historic hotel in the country, as voted on by their readers in an online poll.

“This is the second consecutive year for the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa to be named a top historic property by *USA TODAY*,” said Scott Tripoli, general manager at the resort. “We were ranked number 4 last year and are delighted to move up to number three in 2020. Grand associates have been providing exceptional hospitality in Point Clear since 1847. In the past five months, our current associates have incorporated new sanitizing protocols and following governmental requirements to safely welcome guests back,” said Tripoli. “We continue to offer the Grand experiences our guests desire. The Retirement Systems of Alabama invested in our property to ensure we continue offering world-class hospitality experiences in one of the most beautiful places in the world.”

The 2020 *USA TODAY* 10Best Readers' Choice travel award winners for Best Historic Hotel are listed below and online at <https://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-historic-hotel/>.

2020 USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Best Historic Hotels (Opening Year):

1. **The Peabody Memphis** – Memphis, Tennessee (1869)
2. **Historic Hotel Bethlehem** – Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (1922)
3. **Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa** – Point Clear, Alabama (**1847**)
4. **Mission Inn Hotel & Spa** – Riverside, California (1876)
5. **The Francis House** – Calistoga, California (1886)
6. **Deer Path Inn** – Lake Forest, Illinois (1929)
7. **Grand Hotel** – Mackinac Island, Michigan (1887)
8. **The Hermitage Hotel** – Nashville, Tennessee (1910)
9. **Congress Hall** – Cape May, New Jersey (1879)
10. **The Langham, Huntington** – Pasadena, California (1907)

In addition to the *USA TODAY* honors, the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa was named the Best Large Historic Hotel in 2019 by Historic Hotels of America. The Grand Hotel has also been

featured as one of by South's Best Resorts by *Southern Living* for the past two years. Additionally, Fairhope as one of the best Small Cities to visit by *Southern Living*. The resort has also been honored by several national meetings publications including *Successful Meetings*, *ConventionSouth* and *MeetingsSouth*.

“While we are the oldest hotel featured on this prestigious *USA TODAY* list, the Grand Hotel continually evolves to meet the needs of our guests,” said Tripoli. “After implementing extensive protocols to help keep our guests safe, the Grand Hotel was a popular summer destination in 2020. We welcomed back families who have visited us for generations, as well as new guests looking for safe resort experiences in the Southeast,” said Tripoli. “We are the closest destination on the *USA TODAY* list for residents in Texas, Louisiana, Georgia and Florida. Fall and holidays are wonderful times to visit the Grand Hotel for meetings, as well as leisure travel.” For more on the Queen of Southern Resorts, including special packages, visit www.grand1847.com.

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Link to Grand Hotel Video B-Roll: vvvvvvvv

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The 10Best Readers' Choice Award contest launches new categories every other Monday, revealing each category's 20 nominees. After 4 weeks of voting, the contest closes on the 28th day at noon. On the Friday after voting ends, winners are revealed. Nominees for all categories are chosen by a panel of relevant experts which include a combination of editors from *USA TODAY*; editors from 10Best.com; relevant expert contributors; and sources for both these media and other Gannett properties. The nomination panel for each award category is displayed on its associated contest page.

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