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**ENJOY SOUTHERN COMFORTS AT THE BALLASTONE INN THIS THANKSGIVING**

*CHEF LARRY LAWRENCE TO CATER THANKSGIVING DINNER AT SAVANNAH'S BALLASTONE INN*

Savannah, GA (September 8, 2006) – World-class dining and world-class hospitality join hands this Thanksgiving at Savannah's landmark Ballastone Inn. On November 23, guests can give thanks for the superlative partnership that brings together the historic setting of The Ballastone with the incomparable culinary talent of Southern Comfort Catering located on Wilmington Island. Chef Larry Lawrence and his associate Wiley McCrary of Southern Comfort will prepare a gourmet dinner representative of the great, robust, and most importantly, southern flavors of Thanksgiving for guests staying at The Ballastone. Dinner is \$40 per person and will be served at 4:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. In order to minimize disruptions on the holiday, a two-night minimum stay is required; rates at the Ballastone begin at \$235 per night.

Served from silver chafing dishes atop The Ballastone's hand-crafted and imported antique Victorian bar, the extensive buffet incorporates a host of ingredients and recipes that bring a unique southern flavor to the traditional Thanksgiving Day feast. Pecan Smoked Turkey with Turkey Gravy, Cornbread Dressing and Grand Marnier Cranberry Relish; Pan Seared Pork Tenderloin with Holiday Fruit Salsa; Tupelo Honey Glazed Ham with Pineapple Sauce; Traditional Southern Candied Yams; Green Bean Almondine; Home-style Macaroni and Cheese; and Garlic Mashed Potatoes. A special dessert table will tempt diners to save room for uniquely southern desserts like Georgia Peach Cobbler; Bourbon Pecan Pie; Sweet Potato Pie; and Savannah Cream Chocolate Cake. A full-service bar with cocktails and wine is available.

An added bonus for guests is The Ballastone's incredible location, which offers diners the luxury of walking off such an irresistible meal amidst the splendor of Savannah. Whether it is a tour around the historic downtown, or luxuriating in the services of the Savannah Day Spa directly next door, there is no shortage of wonderful ways to spend time in Georgia's first city.

If holiday shopping is a personal tradition during the Thanksgiving weekend, then original and eclectic stores, such as shopSCAD where unique gifts created by Savannah College of Art and Design students are available for purchase, are a must-see stop while in town.

Southern Comfort Catering has a culinary pedigree built from the culture and flavors that surround Savannah. Chef Larry's appointment to the Atlanta Committee of the Olympic Games (ACOG) granted him the responsibility of overseeing the entire food operation for the Savannah Olympic Village. Wiley McCrary has brought numerous awards and accolades from the world of competitive BBQ to Southern Comfort. Whether it is the honor of being the National BBQ News Caterers of the Year, or the honor of being named the Georgia State Champion, Wiley remains one of the best in a region known for its BBQ and smoked meats.

Savannah's premier Bed & Breakfast, the Ballastone Inn, is located in the heart of the city's renowned Historic District. Built in 1838, this sumptuous inn occupies a four-story Italianate mansion on a shady, tree-lined avenue. Listed on the National Register as a city historic site, the AAA Four-Diamond Ballastone is a 2005 Andrew Harper's Hideaway Grand Award Winner and is recommended by Condé Nast Johansens, Fodor's, and Frommer's. For additional information or reservations, please contact the Ballastone Inn toll-free at (800) 822-4553 or visit the property's Web site at [www.ballastone.com](http://www.ballastone.com).

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