

**THE BALLASTONE INN PRESENTS HOLIDAYS & HISTORY
A UNIQUELY SAVANNAH SHOPPING PACKAGE**

Savannah, Ga., (December 5, 2005) -- For those tired of the frenzied, shop-till-you-drop mall mentality, a visit to Savannah's historic Ballastone Inn during December makes a shopping excursion as close to a cultural experience as you can get. And, special Holiday packaging and pricing with 15 percent savings on the Inn's best suites makes a visit to this award-winning Inn a gift in itself. During December, The Ballastone's Holidays & History shopping package offers a 15 percent savings of luxury suites and superior rooms, with rates starting at \$265 (regular rates range from \$315 - \$395). The package includes a full breakfast daily, formal afternoon tea, and hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour. Special arrangements may be made for carriage rides and customized spa services.*

Exquisite holiday décor embellishes already sumptuous accommodations while carriage rides on cobblestone streets pass historic squares lit for the holidays and an eclectic choice of shops including the famous Savannah College of Art & Design (S.C.A.D.) art gallery promise a one-of-a-kind experience and distinctive gifts.

From mantel pieces dripping with a truly opulent garland of pheasant feathers and golden ornaments, heirloom décor graces every floor of this four-story Italianate mansion and surrounds guests with Holiday spirit. The Inn's 24 hour concierges remain current on the best of the tour and fine dining reservations, area attractions and unique shopping excursions to point guests in the right direction for that perfect holiday gift.

Named by the prestigious *Andrew Harper Hideaway Report* as a 2005 “Grand Hideaway of the Year,” the renowned Ballastone Inn welcomes guests to a Savannah Holiday from yesteryear. This elegant inn has become a favorite Savannah hotel for celebrities, including Actor Paul Newman who called The Ballastone, "... a delightful slice of the Deep South.” Here, guests find unparalleled privacy, table-for-two dining and the finest Savannah intimate lodging. Called the most opulent of Savannah’s bed and breakfast mansion inns by *Travel Magazine* (February 2004), focus is on elegance and warm southern hospitality.

Located in the Landmark Historic District of Savannah, the property features 16 elegant guest accommodations (king and double twins) with private bath (3 with oversize whirlpools), fireplaces, canopied beds and plush linens.

For additional information, please visit www.ballastone.com or telephone (912) 236-1484 or toll free (800) 822-4553.

* Customized Spa Services offered to Ballastone guests:

The “Ballastone Exclusive” at Savannah Day Spa includes blissful goodies like aromatherapy massage, a customized facial, and a manicure, or the “Tension Tamer Massage” complete with an express facial and mini-manicure. The Sweet Water Spa offers the ultra-pampering “Ballastone Getaway Package” of a Swedish massage, signature facial, and classic manicure or pedicure, or guests may choose the mini facial, spa manicure, and a neck, back and shoulder massage. For the ultimate treat for two, Savannah Day Spa offers Ballastone guests a “Couples Romantic Getaway” a one-hour couples body scrub, one-hour couples massage and couples spa pedicure.

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