



# PLANTERS INN & PENINSULA GRILL



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# HELLO, BEAUTIFUL.

YOUR DREAM VENUE AWAITS

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Nestled in the heart & soul of the Historic District, Planters Inn & Peninsula Grill offer a captivating setting that blends Charleston style and understated elegance with genuine hospitality and polished service.

WE SPEAK ROMANCE FLUENTLY

*Planters Inn & Peninsula Grill are South Carolina's sole members in the exclusive Relais & Châteaux collection of award-winning boutique hotels and renowned restaurants located in the world's most romantic destinations.*



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A romantic outdoor courtyard at night. In the foreground, a hot tub is lit with several lit candles. To the left, a tree is wrapped in warm white string lights. The background features a building with arched openings and lush tropical plants. The overall atmosphere is warm and intimate.

MAGIC IN THE AIR

*Planters Inn & Peninsula Grill  
Are Named Among America's  
Most Romantic Retreats  
by CBS Boston*

Described as “romantic” places that “rank among the nation’s best” for “captivating” couples with “exceptional food and impeccable service.”



*#1 Best U.S. Boutique Hotel*  
TRAVEL + LEISURE  
WORLD'S BEST AWARDS

*Top 100 Hotels & Gold List*  
CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER  
READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

*AAA Four Diamond*

*Top U.S. Hotel Award*  
DEPARTURES

*Top 20 U.S. Hideaways*  
ANDREW HARPER

*Top U.S. Hotel Award*  
FORBES

*Certificate of Excellence*  
TRIPADVISOR

*Top U.S. Hotel Award*  
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

*Award of Excellence*  
WINE SPECTATOR

## HIDDEN OASIS

Designed by Sheila Wertimer, the acclaimed landscape architect credited with creating Charleston's most elegant gardens, the lush Planters Inn Garden Courtyard is an enchanting setting both day and night.



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The Peninsula Tower



• CHARLESTON'S MOST ROMANTIC DINING EXPERIENCE •



**FOUR STARS FOR TWENTY YEARS**

*Forbes Travel Guide has Awarded Four Stars  
to **Peninsula Grill** Every Year Since 1997.*



THE GARDEN ROOM



THE GARDEN COURTYARD



# SPECIAL EVENTS

A HIDDEN GARDEN COURTYARD, FLICKERING LANTERNS,  
AND AN ENCHANTING SENSE OF ARRIVAL FOR YOUR EVENT

## THE GARDEN ROOM

Our signature event venue, the **Garden Room** offers a classic Charleston setting for your ceremony and reception. Featuring a bank of windows overlooking the Garden Courtyard, this column-free 1,400-square-foot space is appointed with antique mirrors, historic reproduction sideboards, and plush fabric panels.

## THE GARDEN COURTYARD

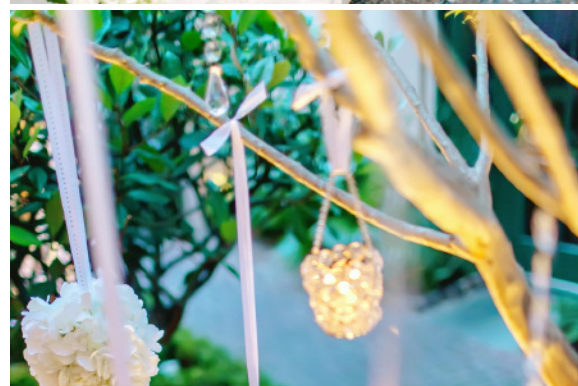
At Charleston's only historic hotel with a private garden courtyard for weddings, you may dine, dance, and say "I do" beneath the stars. Designed by Sheila Wertimer, the premier landscape architect credited with creating Charleston's most elegant gardens, the **Garden Courtyard** is an enchanting urban oasis day and night. Host your ceremony alfresco or begin your evening here with evocative landscape lighting, hors d'oeuvres & cocktails.

WHEN USED TOGETHER,  
THE GARDEN ROOM AND GARDEN COURTYARD  
ACCOMMODATE UP TO 120 GUESTS.

## THE CHARLESTON ROOM

For more intimate gatherings, the **Charleston Room** offers an elegant setting with tasteful decor for private dining. This lovely 450-square-foot space accommodates up to 40 guests.

WHEN USED TOGETHER, THE CHARLESTON  
ROOM, GARDEN ROOM, & GARDEN COURTYARD  
ACCOMMODATE UP TO 160 TOTAL GUESTS.





*“A member of upscale Relais & Châteaux collection, the exquisite 64-room **Planters Inn** lives up to its A-list reputation. **Peninsula Grill** is a hot ticket for a romantic dinner; book at least a month in advance.” — Concierge.com*

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# PENINSULA GRILL

WHERE DINNER SERVED WITH STYLE NIGHTLY

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*Every evening at dusk, a gentleman emerges from Peninsula Grill to carry forth a longstanding tradition: He lights each & every carriage lantern by hand until the courtyard comes alive. Palmetto trees are illuminated, and tea lights flicker in this magical twilight tableau.*

A cosmopolitan restaurant that had the swank and service of a 1940s supper club, welcomed guests into an aesthetically stunning yet unpretentious dining room, and served refined American cuisine with a hint of a Southern accent was the alchemy that launched Peninsula Grill onto the national dining scene and solidified its place among the South's most beloved restaurants.

From the moment it opened, people took note. *Esquire's* John Mariani chose Peninsula Grill as one of the best new restaurants in the United States, and *Wine Spectator* gave it an Award of Excellence. *USA Today* raved, "Grits is grits... unless one of the city's few nationally acclaimed chefs is stirring the pot, in which grits are gold." *Bon Appetit* sighed, "Southern comfort never tasted so good."

Peninsula Grill imports the finest and freshest ingredients both locally and from around the world. Classic appetizers are offered with a Lowcountry twist, like Ossetra caviar with fried green tomatoes, oyster stew with wild mushroom grits, and New Zealand lamb chops encrusted with a fine layer of local benne seeds.

The décor continues to draw praise for its timelessness. Conceived by the incomparable Amelia Handegan, whose coveted interiors are frequently featured in *Architectural Digest*, *Veranda*, and *House Beautiful*, the dining room walls are clad in shimmering velvet in oyster tones, the floors are woven seagrass, and the custom chandeliers were inspired by sketches Amelia made while touring Venice. The effect is elegant by not overreaching, the perfect embodiment of the entire Peninsula Grill experience.

A PLACE OF  
TIME HONORED  
TRADITIONS

GRAND  
ILLUMINATION

Every afternoon as twilight approaches, we carry forth the Old World custom of hand-lighting the copper lanterns that cast a beguiling glow across the courtyard.

BAKED WITH LOVE

Guests who scored a table on Peninsula Grill's second night—February 14, 1997—witnessed the debut of a true labor of love: A towering 12-layer coconut cake that required an entire day to create. Slices of this now-famous dessert are served at Peninsula Grill nightly, and whole cakes are shipped across America daily.



• THE FAMOUS 12-LAYER COCONUT CAKE •

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# SLICE OF HEAVEN

PENINSULA GRILL'S ULTIMATE COCONUT CAKE DEBUTED ON  
VALENTINE'S 1997 AND BECAME AN OVERNIGHT SENSATION

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*Guests who scored a table on Peninsula Grill's second evening of service—  
February 14, 1997—witnessed the debut of a true labor of love: a spectacular  
12-layer coconut cake that required countless steps and an entire day to create.*

Delicious to taste and spectacular to behold, the Ultimate Coconut Cake was an instant sensation that has appeared on the menu ever since its Valentine's Day debut. Today, Peninsula Grill is affectionately known as Charleston's most romantic dining experience where on any given evening, a couple is getting engaged or celebrating a milestone anniversary—and always with a slice of Ultimate Coconut Cake.

PLANTERS INN & PENINSULA GRILL BRIDES HAVE THE  
EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY TO SPECIAL ORDER  
THE FAMOUS ULTIMATE COCONUT CAKE.



*"A little slice of heaven..."*  
— THE NEW YORK TIMES

*"The Peninsula Grill is deservedly famous  
for its scrumptious coconut cake."*  
— VOGUE


*"One of the South's Grand Desserts"*  
— SOUTHERN LIVING

*"The richest filling and the best ingredients..."*  
— MARTHA STEWART

*"Don't miss the decadent coconut cake  
served at the Peninsula Grill."*  
— AFAR

*"...a notoriously good 12-layer coconut cake."*  
— THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

*"... skyscraper high... light as a cloud..."*  
— BON APPETIT



“IT’S HARD TO THINK OF A PLACE  
THAT REPRESENTS SOUTHERN CHARM  
AND HOSPITALITY AS PERFECTLY AS  
CHARLESTON... HISTORY, CUISINE,  
AND A WELCOMING VIBE.”

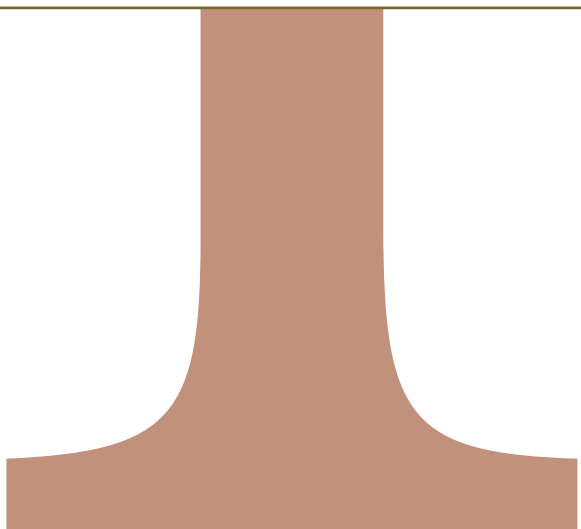
– TRAVEL + LEISURE

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## TOP HOTEL & TOP CITY

BOTH PLANTERS INN & CHARLESTON NAMED  
“#1 BEST” BY TRAVEL + LEISURE MAGAZINE

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*For more than 300 years, Charleston’s evocative beauty has inspired painters, poets, and musicians. An exquisitely preserved jewel box-like city that looks like it has been painted in watercolor, Charleston is a visual feast of architecture, cobblestone streets, flickering carriage lanterns, and cultural landmarks. **Holding court in the very epicenter of this fabled city is Planters Inn, one of the South’s iconic grande dame hotels.***

• AMERICA'S TOP RANKED BOUTIQUE HOTEL •

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# PLANTERS INN

TRAVEL + LEISURE'S #1 U.S. BOUTIQUE HOTEL AWARD WINNER

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*This iconic landmark is an artfully preserved architectural treasure that offers a one-of-a-kind experience “akin to an overnight with well-to-do friends in their old Charleston mansion,” according to Travel + Leisure, which named Planters Inn the #1 Best U.S. Boutique Hotel in 2014.*

## SOUTHERN SPLENDOR

In a city that emanates stately Georgian Era elegance, Planters Inn is no exception. Here, genial doormen welcome every arrival, ushering guests inside the gloriously restored circa 1844 building to a sanctuary of refined beauty. Guests are greeted by the inviting sight of an intimate parlor, a jewel-box-like setting similar to the splendid sitting rooms found in Charleston's exquisite Antebellum mansions. This sophisticated sense of arrival was the vision of the incomparable Amelia Handegan, the nationally-acclaimed designer whose chic imprint on Planters Inn is unmistakable.



*THE HEART & SOUL  
OF HISTORIC CHARLESTON*

*“When you walk around Planters Inn, you’ll find subdued old Southern elegance, including a leafy interior courtyard and a parlor with patterned armchairs, gold chandeliers, and an orange-mango tea station.”*

— *Forbes*

**REFINED BEAUTY**

With its soaring ten-foot ceilings, dozens of working fireplaces, silk window dressings, heart pine floors, and collection of antiques, Planters Inn transcends a typical hotel experience. Hushed tones of buttercream, Lowcountry greens, and pale powder blue create a tranquil environment, while every guest room features a beautiful handcrafted four-poster bed from the Baker Historic Charleston Collection.

**RELAIS & CHÂTEAUX**

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**HIDDEN URBAN OASIS**

There’s also more to Planters Inn than meets the eye: A hidden courtyard illuminated by flickering carriage lanterns provides a beguiling entry to Peninsula Grill, Charleston’s most romantic dining experience.









THE HEART OF CHARLESTON  
Celebrate your love & toast your future  
with an exquisite, unforgettable event  
at Planters Inn & Peninsula Grill.