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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The Upstairs at the '21' Club

Add a surprise to the secret joys of dining. The recently opened new dining room called appropriately, The Upstairs at the '21' Club, since it is on the second floor, seats only a selected few in one of the best restaurants, not only in the United States, but in the world. Chef Erik Blauberg has prepared a menu of courses with imagination, small portions with a variety of surprising taste delights – to thrill you but not stuff you.

The bright, young, well-trained staff provides an elegant, refined, but fun dining experience – and an experience it is. Restaurant Manager Patrick Kortbus has trained them well and

he leads the group – all of whom seem happy for your visit and glad to see you.

This is a special place and we don't say that lightly. It is a superb hideaway at '21.'

Downstairs is the place to be seen – upstairs is the place to "dine."



Chef Erik Blauberg prepares delightful meals for those dining at The Upstairs.

HAMMONDSPORT, NEW YORK

The Purple Fizz

In upstate New York, there's a winery called Bully Hill, which is one of the best in the United States. At the winery, owner Lillian Taylor has established a superb restaurant, where she has created an exhilarating drink called the Purple Fizz. It's half champagne and half grape juice. But the secret involves Bully Hill champagne and the homemade grape juice made from fresh grapes, without chemicals. They combine to knock the old mimosa (orange juice and champagne) out the window. Nobody knows the secret recipe for the juice and champagne mixture except Mrs. Taylor's winemaker, and he's not telling.



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LOS ANGELES

Hotel Bel-Air

Managing Director Carlos Lopes is an expert in making people happy, and at the Hotel Bel-Air, he has gone beyond everyone else. He has redesigned the hotel suites for clients; not only has he installed double-sink, marble bathrooms and special flooring, but he has also redone the accommodations by customizing color schemes and work stations. Lopes has even revamped sitting rooms and bedrooms for VIPs, who number among them the top executives of corporations and also stars who own production companies.

This is a hideaway of luxury and good taste. It's very private and is home to one of the best dining rooms in Los Angeles. People are raving about the new banquettes in the restaurant patio.

If you're a star, you're already there. If you are about to become one in business, government, television, or film, reserve now.

701 Stone Canyon Road, Los Angeles, California, 310-472-1211



One of Hotel Bel-Air's 12 uniquely decorated Garden suites (left) and the Swan Lake suite

NEW YORK

The Four Seasons Restaurant

The restaurant business may be hurting in New York, but not at the Four Seasons.

Alex von Bidder and Julian Niccolini, the owners, still have tables for the who's who, but when guests visit from out of town,



they have special welcomes and it's worth a try – they like visitors who want the best.

The pool room is for romance and the grill room is for business – you'll see every big name there every day. It's worth the experience.

99 East 52nd Street, New York, New York, 212-754-9494



The pool room (left) and the grill room

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Ireland

DUBLIN

The Merrion

Peter MacCann might have to think about adding a trophy case to the lobby of Dublin's finest hotel, the Merrion. MacCann, the Merrion's gentlemanly general manager, has seen his hotel win myriad awards over the last several years, including the American Academy of Hospitality Science's Five-Star Diamond Award and Zagat Survey's "Top Hotel in Ireland." While staying at the Merrion, guests will note these awards are well deserved.

The Merrion is strategically located in the heart of Dublin, directly across the street from the Irish government buildings and only a short walk from St. Stephens Green, Trinity College, and the city's financial and business district. Guests will be



impressed by the Merrion's professional and knowledgeable concierge staff, and will appreciate the Georgian-designed guest rooms and suites, which number 145 in all.

This is the hotel in Dublin where CEOs and celebrities prefer to stay; in fact, over 50 percent of the Merrion's guests are American business executives. The property's penthouse suite offers ideal lodging for senior status, executive travelers. Not only can they get to appointments quickly from the hotel, but they can also relax and dine in one of the Merrion's three superb restaurants: the highly acclaimed Restaurant Patrick Guilbaud, the Cellar Bar, and the Cellar Restaurant.

STRAFFAN, COUNTY KILDARE

The K Club



The organizers for the Ryder Cup knew what they were doing when they selected the K Club as the venue for the 2006 Cup, the first time the event will be held in Ireland. The club's Arnold Palmer-designed golf course is one of the most challenging in Ireland; Tiger Woods stops here to practice every year on his way to play in the British Open. Furthermore, the club's Georgian estate has 95 luxuriously appointed rooms and suites, as well as superb conference facilities, and is situated alongside the Liffey River, amongst 700 acres of the most beautiful countryside in Ireland. Guests rave about the cuisine in the award-winning Byerley Turk restaurant and their ability to partake in so many leisure activities besides golf, including clay-target shooting, salmon fishing, horseback riding, archery, tennis, and more.

ADARE, COUNTY LIMERICK

Adare Manor Hotel & Golf Resort

Without question, one of the most stunning and impressive sights in all of Ireland is the 18th century Adare Manor, located in the picturesque village of Adare just 22 miles from Shannon Airport and only a few miles from Limerick, Ireland's third-largest city. With its soaring towers, turrets, stonework ornamentation, and 63 oversized guestrooms, the Manor resembles a museum more than a five-star hotel. President Clinton stayed here a few years ago and played golf on the Robert Trent Jones-designed championship course, which, with its rock-walled streams and shamrock-shaped bunkers, is referred to by locals as "Europe's most aristocratic new course."



CORK

Hayfield Manor



Hayfield Manor is far and away the finest hotel in Cork, Ireland's second-largest city. The small and beautifully decorated hotel offers guests a countryside feel, even though it is located in the heart of the city. The oversized guest rooms are comfortable, dining in the Manor Room restaurant is not to be missed, and there are handsome boardroom and private dining rooms for corporate conferences and meetings. Irish enthusiasts will enjoy nearby attractions such as Blarney Castle where they can kiss the famous Blarney Stone.