

## Introducing New Carriage House Suites, Lafayette, Louisiana's First Luxury Boutique Hotel

Imagine an evening of mingling with the residents of River Ranch and listening to live jazz melodies at Town Square, then walking mere steps to your hotel room, retreating to your balcony to listen to the final song of the night and watching the crowd slowly fade until only the stars illuminate the sky.

Awake the next morning and take a stroll down to a coffee shop, grab a latte, then return to your room to eat breakfast prepared by one of City Club's award-winning chefs and delivered to your balcony, or to the intimate courtyard setting. Promenade through the nearby retailers and pick a rustic fleur de lis souvenir to commemorate your weekend.

Escape your routine—exchange a chair parked in front of a computer for a shaded chaise lounge in the courtyard at The Carriage House Suites at River Ranch.

The Carriage House Suites is located in the heart of River Ranch, a sophisticated village community modeled after the principles of a Traditional Neighborhood Development, where the architecture and layout is functional and consistently beautiful. The area has the charm of a small town, with all of the modern conveniences of the city.

The Carriage House Suites makes a great addition to the area because it provides the first local boutique hotel experience to Acadiana.

While approaching The Carriage House Suites, guests will capture the view of a hotel unlike any in the Lafayette area. There is definite curb appeal, with the meticulously manicured flower beds and pavestone intermittently dispersed around the sidewalks, creating an inviting walkway surrounding the building. A bellman will greet you and take your luggage upon arrival, leading you through a courtyard filled with soaring palm trees, tropical foliage and an ornate fountain flowing, greeting you with a soothing background melody. Ultimately, you'll arrive at a chic foyer, which hints at the impressive, aesthetic details that lie ahead as you continue to explore what the hotel has to offer.

The Carriage House Suites & Condominiums is a well-rounded site that includes stylish suites, residential condominiums and retail storefronts in a superb location, which has quickly become a major business and pleasure destination.

A lodging experience that embodies luxury and elegance, The Carriage House Suites merges both contemporary and traditional style with a welcoming, "feels-like-home" atmosphere.

"The Carriage House Suites at River Ranch was the perfect place to begin showcasing a transitional approach to hotel and residential living that melds urban décor and traditional Louisiana style," says Monique Breaux, the local, award-winning principal designer who transformed each room into a welcoming retreat.

Breaux outfitted every suite with unique, upscale accents and lavish fabrics to balance comfort and style to create the ultimate boutique atmosphere.

"When designing the rooms initially, I wanted the guests to enter and immediately feel like this is a relaxing and refined hotel," says Breaux. "Every time they enter their room thereafter, I want something new to continue to catch their eyes, constantly discovering the details that make the hotel so one-of-kind."

The suites are the ideal place to house business guests who will be staying in the area for a short or extended stay. Rooms can be customized with high-tech workstations with business amenities such as a fax/copier/printer. Out-of-towners will relish residing in an area where business and pleasure can be combined.

One of the unique features The Carriage House Suites offers its guests is exclusive access to the services and facilities at City Club at River Ranch. During the guests' stay, they can relax in the saunas or whirlpools, take a yoga or Pilates class, and use the 5,000 square feet of workout space available in the fitness facility at City Club. The duration of business trips can be made more pleasurable when conveniences such as the Mediterranean-inspired Riverspa and fitness facility are only steps away. Whether it is a restorative hot stone massage from Riverspa or a recharging workout session with a City Club personal trainer, the additional amenities provided to the guests at The Carriage House Suites are sure to leave them content.

"I am excited that The Carriage House Suites is housed next to City Club, and we can provide visitors to Lafayette, or local residents who want to have a weekend escape, amenities to enjoy like the fitness center and access to the members-only dining facility, Restaurant Eleven Hundred," says Morty Valdehuli, General Manager at City Club at River Ranch.

Other amenities available when staying at The Carriage House Suites include: access to the 13 tennis courts, resort-style pool, 24-hour concierge/business services, 4,000 square feet of banquet and meeting space and on/off site catering options.

Since the suites sit adjacent to Town Square, those interested in having an outdoor wedding ceremony or utilizing City Club for their wedding day can also opt to use The Carriage House Suites to enhance a memorable and luxurious wedding experience. Accommodations, such as an in-room massage, can be arranged for the bride to give her a relaxing start to her big day. The suites are a wonderful place for the bride and groom to retreat to and be pampered with hors d'oeuvres, champagne and flowers. During their stay, the newlyweds can enjoy a romantic, evening horse-drawn carriage ride for two around River Ranch and breakfast in bed each morning.

Unlike many of the chain hotels, The Carriage House Suites have a residential feel, and can even be called home for some people. Adjacent to the suites are residential condominiums, which feature two-bedroom suites, made complete

with en suite bath, full kitchen stocked with home features, dining area and custom closets for maximum organization and storage.

"I think it's a clever idea to mix the residential and hotel lifestyle together at The Carriage House Suites & Condominiums," said Charlie Baudoin, one of the Van Eaton & Romero listing agents for the Carriage House Condominiums at River Ranch. "For people who would like a smaller living environment, but still like to entertain visitors and family a few times a year, the suites make a perfect situation—family can visit in the condo and then retire for the evening to their own space in the same building."

There are a total of 21 suites available with custom furnishings, vibrant colors, spa bathrooms and Bulgari amenities. The elegant bedrooms are accentuated with signature pillow-top z-beds with Egyptian cotton triple sheeting and a pillow selection based on guest preference. Bathrooms are beautifully detailed with elaborate tile work, wrapped in granite and equipped with multiple body sprayers inside full glass showers.

For more information on the Carriage House Suites and Condominiums at River Ranch, visit [www.thecarriagehousesuites.com](http://www.thecarriagehousesuites.com) or call 866. 65SUITE. Reservations can be made for dates beginning in September 2007 by calling 866.65SUITE.

Corporate negotiated rates are offered to frequent individual travelers and businesses. Participants with active City Club memberships receive additional incentives.

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