

Distinctive Dining Along Florida's Gulf Coast

South Walton, Fla. – From a AAA Four-Diamond fine-dining seafood and steakhouse, to a flip-flop-friendly beach bar, guests working up an appetite at Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa in South Walton, Florida have plenty of palate-pleasing choices to suit their taste and mood. No two menus are the same, and many items are delivered daily and never frozen, ensuring the best quality and freshness possible. Hilton Sandestin Beach's Executive Chef, Dan Vargo, skillfully blends Baltimore's traditional and historical influences, Martha's Vineyard's emphasis on organic produce and seasonal seafood, and the Ritz-Carlton's world-class standards for fine dining and excellence in service into the Hilton Sandestin Beach experience.

From perfectly prepared USDA prime steaks to fresh succulent seafood, **Seagar's Prime Steaks & Seafood** elevates fine dining to a new level. Distinguished for its presentations, dramatic tableside preparations and open-theater kitchen, Seagar's is recognized as Northwest Florida's longest-standing AAA Four-Diamond Restaurant. Extolled for it's 600-label wine list, original fresh seafood dishes and the finest aged Prime USDA steaks with the restaurant's Executive Chef hand-selecting only best cuts from each loin, Seagar's is a salute to the good life.

The 150-seat restaurant's interior color palette features coastal soft blues, greens, platinum and sandy hues, set in striking contrast to traditional Brazilian cherry and mahogany accents. Other design details include a unique fire-and-water element serving as a dramatic welcoming focal point, renovated lounge and a semiprivate dining room created to showcase Seagar's extensive, award-winning 600-label wine list.

Sandcastle's Restaurant, Sandcastle's Lounge and Hadashi Sushi Bar are all located in the main gathering area. **Sandcastle's Restaurant** features an array of fresh local seafood and steaks for lunch and dinner, but may be best known for its lavish buffets. Guests enjoy the full, hot breakfast, including an omelet station, freshly baked breakfast treats right out the pastry chef's kitchen, and all the essentials for the most important meal of the day. New lunch and dinner options have been added to include a coastal fish house influence on the menu. For lunch, guests can choose from an array of fresh salads and gourmet sandwiches — like the Texas Toast Grilled Cheese. The dinner menu includes new seafood starters such as Coastal Crab Cakes, Crispy Gulf Shrimp, Gulf Shrimp Cocktail and Gulf Coast Flatbread. The menu also features Peel 'n Eat

Gulf Shrimp, House-smoked Gulf Seafood Salad and Baked Oysters. A versatile private dining room is separated from the main dining area by oversized, rustic barn doors, giving groups an option for intimate meetings or special event space.

Sandcastles Lounge is a popular gathering spot with several hanging high-definition TVs and one 11foot-wide "big screen," making it easy for guests to enjoy televised sports and other events from any seat. Sandcastles Lounge is now offering a specialty drink menu complete with house-made popsicles for the new signature Sangarita and Iceberg cocktails. In addition, the lounge features new tasting flights of bourbon and a house made madras ball.

A new **Raw Bar** feature has been added to the menus for Sandcastles Restaurant and Sandcastles Lounge featuring house-smoked Gulf seafood salad, Alligator Harbor clams served raw or baked, Mid-Atlantic Oysters and more.

Nestled within the Lounge is **Hadashi Sushi Bar**, featuring an extensive menu of traditional sushi options, as well as some exciting items based on fresh Gulf seafood and imported gourmet delicacies. The highlight of many guests' visit is watching Chef Kim construct the "Love Boat" of sushi first-hand, which appears to be more Japanese art than food.

Barefoot's Beachside Bar & Grill is a Hilton Sandestin Beach favorite, thanks in part to its spectacular, unobstructed views of the sugar-white beach and emerald-green waters, not to mention its fully stocked bar. When the weather turns cooler, the gas fire pit is lit and marshmallows are roasted while guests cheer on their favorite teams around flat screens TV surrounding the outdoor bar. Popular menu items include the Barefoot's house made smoked tuna dip and new coastal chicken sandwich. Friendly service and festive surroundings combined with the spectacular waterside view create the perfect casual dining experience. Order drinks and food to be served beach or poolside right to your chair using Barefootsonline.com (seasonal).

Guests may also enjoy Barefoot's treats while lounging in a beach chair with their toes in the sugarwhite sand. **The Sand Bar** is located directly on the beach, and during season, offers frozen tropical drinks, bottled water and any Barefoot's menu item. Guests may walk up to The Sand Bar, have one of the friendly servers take their order, or even order online and your meal will be delivered directly to your chair!

Picnix is centrally located between the resort's two outdoor pools, with a stunning view of the Gulf's emerald-green water. A huge hit with the summertime crowd, Picnix offers a menu of chef-prepared breakfast sandwiches, Edy's ice cream treats, and soft-serve yogurt. Guests can now choose from nine gourmet hot dog options, fresh fruit smoothies, draft beer and classic "on-the-go" items, like the Picnix Club Sandwich. Guests enjoy the convenience of dining poolside – no shoes required – eat indoors, or head out to the beach, treats in-hand.

Located off the main lobby, **The Coffee Shop** at Hilton Sandestin Beach proudly serves Starbucks[®] Coffee and Tazo teas, along with fresh fruit, soft drinks, and a delicious assortment of house-made pastries baked fresh daily by the resort's own pastry chef.

With the variety of venues and menus, guests at Hilton Sandestin Beach are sure to please any appetite and setting for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

For information on the dining options at Hilton Sandestin Beach, contact Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa at 800-559-1805 or 850-267-9500, or visit <u>HiltonSandestinBeach.com</u>.

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