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NEW CULINARY BOOT CAMP AT THE BILTMORE HOTEL

CORAL GABLES, FL (December 8, 2009) – The **Biltmore Hotel's Culinary Academy** is now offering a **Culinary Boot Camp** starting in January 2010. The program offers a unique opportunity that combines a luxury holiday while learning culinary arts along such masters as Chef Philippe Ruiz who oversees the resort's Palme d'Or, named the top restaurant for food, decor and service by **Zagat** in their **2010 Miami / So. Florida Restaurants** survey. Participants will learn the details, ingredients and presentation behind culinary masterpieces through daily classes in the academy's kitchen lab and behind-the-scene access in a professional kitchen.

The program consists of a week-long camp or a weekend camp and curriculum includes basic training in knife skills & butchery, pantry, herbs & spices, Italian technique, cold kitchen, meats, seafood and poultry & grains. The Biltmore Culinary Academy is showcased in a 700-square-foot custom designed kitchen lab with a 12-burner stainless steel JADE range island.

"Intense hands-on training is the best way to learn the culinary arts," said Lourdes Castro, the Culinary Academy's director. "Our boot camp is the perfect option for the enthusiast who is looking for a comprehensive curriculum taught by working chefs in a dedicated professional kitchen without the commitment of enrolling in culinary school."

The culinary boot camps offer up to 37 hours of instruction. A package for local residents without a hotel stay and daily meals is available upon request. The all-inclusive program is priced at \$3,750 for the **week-long camp** on January 18th to 22nd and \$2,175 for the **weekend camp** on February 5th to 7th, both include deluxe accommodations and daily meals at the Biltmore's award-winning dining destinations, beverages, tax and gratuities.

For more information call 305.913.3131 or e-mail CulinaryAcademy@BiltmoreHotel.com. The Biltmore Hotel is located at 1200 Anastasia Avenue in Coral Gables, Florida.

About The Biltmore:

The Biltmore, Miami's National Historic Landmark hotel in Coral Gables, Florida is a true luxury destination resort. Offering a restored Donald Ross 18-hole, 71 par championship golf course, tennis, the largest hotel swimming pool in the country, with private poolside cabanas, a European spa, and an award-winning fitness center, spread over a 150-acre tropical landscape, the 275-room hotel is a true Miami luxury experience. The Biltmore also boasts the acclaimed Palme d'Or, which Zagat called one of the best restaurants in the country; Fontana, a Northern Italian restaurant surrounding the Biltmore fountain; the poolside Cascade restaurant; and the Biltmore Bar. The property recently unveiled its Culinary Academy which offers an array of hands-on cooking classes taught by the hotel's acclaimed chefs. The Biltmore is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World. For further information, visit www.BiltmoreHotel.com or call (800) 727-1926.

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