Commander's Palace



By Angela Ash

Gorgeous Victorian architecture houses an other-wordly dining event that mere words fall short of describing, nestled deep in the extraordinary Garden District... and just steps from Lafayette Cemetery. Entering this restaurant can best be described as embarking upon a fantasy world, complete with various dining rooms, each with its own personality and attributes that make each experience seem unique. The Garden Room, in particular, almost gives the illusion of dining outside, with its glass walls affording opulent views of the lovely exterior surroundings, and intricate touches such as the handmade trellises and distinctive paintings.

But this is no fantasy world. The food is VERY real... even though it may seem to possess a mythical quality all its own.

Commander's Palace is open for lunch, dinner, and a Jazz Brunch on Sundays. I began my culinary delight during lunch, and I was amazed beyond belief.

First, let me explain something. An excellent drink is sometimes difficult to come by. I am not making reference to a "good" drink, but the kind that makes you scratch your head in disbelief that something that could actually taste like paradise. Well, paradise just got a lot cheaper than two plane tickets. Try a quarter. Yes, that would be 25 cents for a martini or two, along with your entree purchase. So now that you have a delectable libation in your hand... on with the food!

For lunch, the Commander's Palace offers A La Carte appetizers, soups and salads, and entrees. However, one of the best deals in all of New Orleans are the two and three course selections. A two course special will include either soup or salad, along with such magnificent entree choices as the Open Faced Oyster Po Boy or the Abita Beer Braised Lamb. An amazing example of the three course selection by Chef Tory begins with the Commander's Creole Gumbo, Almond Crusted Quail, and the most sinfully delicious dessert I have ever eaten... the Creole Bread Pudding Souffle.

When ordering A La Carte, be sure to try the acclaimed Commander's Turtle Soup, the Southern Grilled Pork Panzanella, the Tournedos of Black Angus Beef, and the Triple Chocolate Truffle Terrine.

This will be one of the best dining experiences of your life!

For more information, visit the Commander's Palace <u>online</u> or call (504) 899-8221.