



## **The Classic Lakeway Resort and Spa: The Rebirth of a Legend**

Austin, Texas – Classics never go out of style. With a caring touch, they simply get better and better. The Lakeway Inn, a legendary resort on the shores of Lake Travis, in Austin, is no exception.

Primped and pushed and as unmistakably unique as Austin itself, the redeveloped and renamed resort is back spreading its wings, with a new name ~ Lakeway Resort and Spa ~ for a new generation looking to capture ageless excellence in business, family and leisure accommodations.

The Texas-owned 16-acre lakeside resort was turned over two years ago to Dolce International, a worldwide management group with 22 elite properties in the United States, Canada and Europe. Two presidential suites and 166 spacious guest rooms have been remodeled while the new full-service San Saba Spa tops the list of amenities alongside a new 5,200-square-foot, glass-enclosed ballroom overlooking the lake, a new chef for the acclaimed *Travis* restaurant, two bars (*Josie's* and *The Back Porch*), three tiers of lakeside swimming pools with cabanas, the Poolside Grill, and 24,000 square feet of freshly updated lakeside meeting rooms.

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Lakeway's leisure offerings takes advantage of its prime location and well-developed relationships over the years, including Lakeway Marina for sailing, boating, water skiing and other water activities, access to four nearby golf courses and World of Tennis, for indoor and outdoor tennis. Lakeway's Camp Challenge for children, which includes week-long schedules of activities specifically designed for children of all ages, is scheduled to begin this summer.

In all, it's a grand return to the resort's chic heyday when both Lady Bird Johnson and Governor John Connally attended the 1963 grand opening. Today's Lakeway Resort and Spa reflects the eclectic nature of Austin, a veritable hybrid of intelligent style, unpretentious class and "git-r-done" flair, fun and relaxation that attracts world travelers and locals alike.

"Lakeway's redevelopment has captured the spirit of Austin and created the distinctiveness and comfort of a classic American lakeside resort," says Jeff Burns, general manager. "The beauty of the rolling hills and miles of Lake Travis shoreline gave our development team an exceptional canvas on which to create a resort experience that is unparalleled in Texas."

Central to the redevelopment of Lakeway Resort and Spa is the new San Saba Spa. Strategically located one floor below the Glass Ballroom and adjacent to the swimming pools, the full-service spa offers seven treatment rooms and a Texas-sized menu of massages, wraps, facials, and salon services. The specially-designed couples treatment room features special amenities and a private balcony overlooking the lake.

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Separate men's and women's relaxation areas also feature private balconies overlooking the lake. A new, fully-equipped fitness center is located adjacent to the San Saba Spa.

Outside the San Saba Spa, Lakeway's three swimming pools offer a spot in the sun for everyone, whether it is a family vacation, a romantic getaway or a business trip. Guests can lounge around the original retro-chic pool, or sip umbrella drinks in the new, three-tiered infinity edge pool's swim-up bar. For the children, Lakeway's new family swimming pool features a two-story, twisting slide. Guests can also reserve a cabana complete with chaise lounges, fan, refrigerator, and a personal attendant delivering fresh fruit and cool towels. Cabanas may also be used for a luxurious poolside massage or quiet snooze. In the evening, an outdoor fireplace creates a romantic atmosphere for guests to enjoy views of the sunset over the lake.

For those looking for a unique and fresh location for weddings, celebrations of every kind and meetings, the new Glass Ballroom is another highlight of the redevelopment. Perched atop the San Saba Spa, the Glass Ballroom is a 5,200 square-foot glass-sided ballroom that seems to float 150 feet above the lake and offer magnificent 180-degree views both from the balcony and inside the ballroom. The azure blue lake and the sparkling walls of glass combine to create a magical atmosphere for parties and events that outshine any other in Texas.

Another significant addition to the Lakeway Resort and Spa is Texas native Chef Bryce Murphree's return to Austin after stints at the

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Crescent Club in Dallas and the Little Nell in Aspen, Colorado. The Travis Restaurant serves continental cuisine with a southwestern kick. "Our chef has created a series of menus as unique as our surroundings. His artistry can be found not only in our new fine dining menu, but also in the world's best kid's menu he personally created," says Burns. Guests can sample wine from an award-winning list on the balcony, mosey into *Josie's*, enjoy the sunset at *The Back Porch* lobby bar or take a dive to the swim-up cocktail bar located in the adults-only pool.

The 166 revived guest rooms envelop Lakeway's guests in contemporary, calming comfort, with the resort's signature Blissful Beds, unique furnishings and state-of-the-art technology. Fashionable earthtone colors, high ceilings and built-in dressers and desks streamline the guest rooms and provide a spacious feeling to each room. Complimentary WiFi, high-speed Internet access, a 32-inch flat panel television with Nintendo, a coffeemaker with a selection of Starbuck's coffee and Tazo teas, VOS water, lighted make-up mirrors, and digital clock radios are included in each guest room. Most rooms offer lake views from private balconies.

Two spacious Presidential Suites, the LBJ Suite and The Mansfield Suite, feature a living room, dining area, kitchenette with refrigerators, microwaves, icemakers and a service entrance, 42-inch televisions in the living room, private balconies and king-sized Blissful Beds. Over-sized bathrooms offer double sinks, a separate soaking tub and water closet.

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Lakeway Resort and Spa offers many leisure activities, from water sports launching from the Lakeway Marina to four challenging golf courses and tennis. "Our location gives us the opportunity to offer guests an overabundance of activities for the entire family, whether it's rest and relaxation, or action-packed vacations," adds Burns.

### **About Lakeway Resort and Spa**

Majestically situated on the shores of Texas' renowned Lake Travis, Lakeway Resort and Spa has been the preferred lake destination for locals and those with underground knowledge of Austin. Long considered a conveniently-located spot for mixing business with pleasure, Lakeway has hosted the who's who of Texas, as well as travelers from around the world. The 168-room classic resort features a full-service spa, three multi-tiered swimming pools with cabanas, an acclaimed restaurant and bar, a marina, nearby golfing, fishing and tennis and more than 24,000 square feet of lakeside meeting space. A Dolce International property, Lakeway Resort and Spa is located at 101 Lakeway Drive, Austin, Texas 78734. Reservations may be made online at [www.Lakeway.Dolce.com](http://www.Lakeway.Dolce.com) or by calling toll-free 800-525-3929; local, 512-261-6600.

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