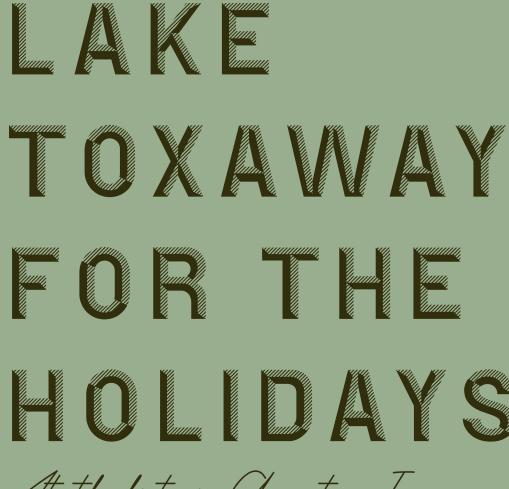
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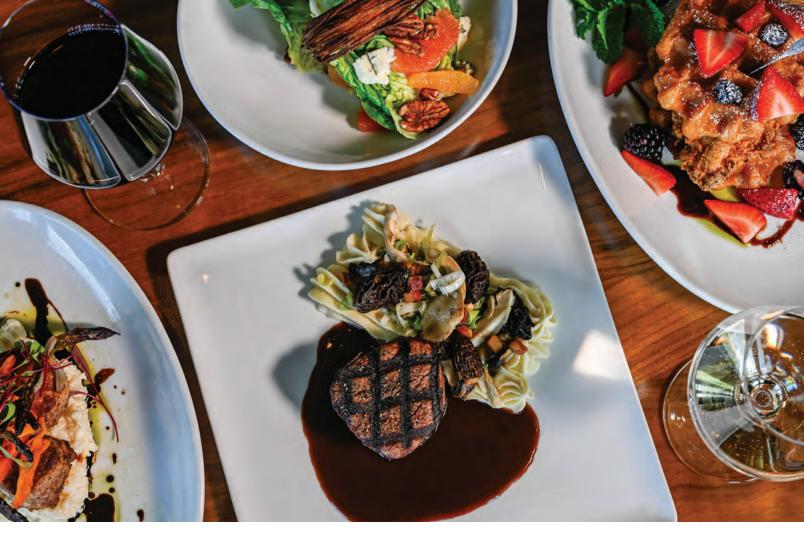


At the historic Greystone Inn

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Picture this: you're sitting by the fire with a glass of Cabernet, a sweeping view of snowy mountaintops gently reflected on a shimmering lake in your sights. Sounds too good to be true? We assure you, it's not. This dream can become a reality when you spend your next holiday at The Greystone Inn. This hidden gem of a resort is situated amidst the winter landscape of the North Carolina mountains. With its serene lakeside location and ultra-cozy accommodations, The Greystone Inn promises the perfect luxurious and tranquil winter getaway for all who visit.









THE INN'S RICH HISTORY

The story behind The Greystone Inn is a tale of timeless elegance and history. This charming establishment has roots dating back to the early 20th century, making it a long-enjoyed attraction of the area. The story began in 1910 when socialite Lucy Armstrong and her husband George started vacationing at Lake Toxaway. A few years later, in 1913, Lucy had decidedly fallen in love with the area and prompted George to build a vacation home named Hillmont on a rocky knoll by the lake.

Shortly after, a flood damaged the area, but Lucy remained devoted to her mountain home, even after her husband's death in 1924. She remarried and expanded the home in the 1930s, which also helped support the local community. Her stunning property eventually became the Greystone Inn in 1985, fulfilling her wish for others to enjoy beautiful Lake Toxaway just as she did.



WINTER SERENITY BY THE LAKE

As winter descends upon the North Carolina mountains, the landscape around Lake Toxaway undergoes a breathtaking transformation. Snow blankets the shores, lending an ethereal quality to the scenery. The Greystone Inn, perched at the water's edge, offers an uninterrupted view of this winter wonderland. It's a place where you can lose yourself in the tranquility of nature while still soaking in the warmth of Greystone's southern hospitality.

For those who crave outdoor adventure, Lake Toxaway has plenty to offer. Enjoy a romantic ski trip at Sapphire Resort, a mere 20 minutes from the Greystone. Or, if you prefer to stay on the grounds, book a hot chocolate and s'mores firepit kit and spend the evening enjoying comforting treats. If you're in the mood for the ultimate adventure, consider a horseback ride around the lake, while you savor the inn's surroundings.

COZY ACCOMMODATIONS

The Greystone Inn is known for providing its guests with luxurious and cozy accommodations, ensuring a snug retreat





from the winter chill that waits outside their doors. Each guest room and suite offers a melding of comfort and style, complete with features like inviting fireplaces and private balconies for savoring lake views. It's the perfect setting for unwinding after a day of winter adventures.

CULINARY DELIGHTS

For food enthusiasts, The Greystone Inn provides a real treat. The inn's commitment to a farm-to-table approach means that every dish showcases locally sourced ingredients and seasonal flavors, allowing you to feel good about what you eat here. The dining experience is nothing short of extraordinary. Guests can expect to savor exquisite dishes, expertly crafted by the inn's talented chefs, while surrounded by the cozy ambiance of a fireside dinner.



The inn frequently hosts special dining events that elevate the experience even further. Indulge in wine tastings, where expertly chosen vintages perfectly complement the chef's creations. For a truly unique experience, hop behind the bar and craft your own one-of-a-kind cocktails.

WELLNESS AND RELAXATION

Winter is the best time of year to indulge in relaxation and self-care, and The Greystone Inn offers the perfect opportunity to pamper yourself. They offer a range of wellness amenities, from rejuvenating spa treatments to zen-inducing yoga classes. Imagine the bliss of soaking in a heated indoor pool while watching the snowflakes gently fall outside, or surrendering to the expert hands of a massage therapist.

The ambiance of the spa and relaxation areas is designed to transport you to a state of serenity. It's a place where time seems to slow down, allowing you to reconnect with yourself and find deep relaxation amidst the winter beauty that surrounds you. You'll walk away feeling like a whole new person.

ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

While The Greystone Inn provides an allencompassing winter retreat, there's also a world of adventure waiting beyond its doors. Explore the nearby waterfalls that take on a new, icy charm in the winter months or immerse yourself in the local art scene during visits to venues such as Whiteside Art Gallery, which celebrates North Carolina's artists.

For those seeking more active pursuits, the mountains offer opportunities for sledding and snowshoeing. The sparkling white slopes and trails are perfect for beginners and seasoned winter sports enthusiasts.

WINTER EVENTS AND SPECIALS

To make your getaway even more special, The Greystone Inn offers a range of winter-themed events and packages. These carefully curated experiences are designed to enhance your stay and create lasting memories. Keep an eye out for seasonal promotions, discounts, and exclusive offers available to guests during the winter season.

The Greystone Inn is a destination that organically combines elegance, tranquility, and a romantic touch of history. It's a place where you can escape the demands of daily life and immerse yourself in the magic of North Carolina's winter. As you gaze out at the snow-covered shores of Lake Toxaway, you'll understand why this exceptional find has captured the hearts of travelers for generations.

Booking your winter retreat at The Greystone Inn is just a phone call or click away. To check availability and make reservations, visit greystoneinn.com. For inquiries and personalized assistance, you can reach the inn's affable staff at 828-966-4700.