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**PROVIDENCE CELEBRATES 375TH BIRTHDAY WITH special packages**

PROVIDENCE, R.I., July 7, 2011 – It’s not often when the one celebrating a birthday gives gifts to others, but that’s what the city of Providence is doing in conjunction with the 375th anniversary of its founding. A variety of hotels, restaurants and attractions are offering specials themed to coincide with the 375 distinction, including:

**CAV**, a restaurant and art gallery in downtown Providence, is offering a prix fixe dinner for $37.50 per person. The meal starts with a shot of lobster bisque followed by a wild green salad and julienned endives in champagne vinaigrette. Diners then select from a variety of entrees including: fresh cut herb and garlic fettuccini with smoked grilled littlenecks, served in a brown butter cream sauce with shaved black truffle (a vegetarian option is available); salmon with lychee beurre blanc, lychee fruit and herbed roasted red bliss potatoes; duck confit and seared breast with blood orange coulis and orange demi-glace, served with brandied onion sweet potato mash; or hanger steak served with gorgonzola grits and horseradish crème fraiche. The meal culminates with guests enjoying a blackberry merlot sorbet with a chocolate pirouette.

CAV is also offering select bottles of wine for $37.50 and plans to host a cocktail party with drinks specials and a tasting of 37 different appetizers. All 375th anniversary specials are available from September 1 until October 31, 2011. For more information or to make reservations, call (401) 751-9164 or visit [www.cavrestaurant.com](http://www.cavrestaurant.com).

Presenting an entertaining and educational approach to the visual arts in Providence, **Gallery Night Providence** is offering a special tour highlighting 375 years of the city’s history. The tour will be led by Christina Bevilaqua of the Providence Athenaeum, who will provide rare insight into the city’s past with visits to the Providence Art Club, The John Brown House Museum, the Museum of Art at the Rhode Island School of Design and the Bert Gallery. The tour is scheduled for July 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m., and departs from One Regency Plaza in Downtown Providence. For more information, call (401) 490-2042 or visit [www.gallerynight.info](http://www.gallerynight.info).

Fondue fanatics can celebrate Providence’s birthday at the **Melting Pot**, which is offering a three-course special fondue feast for $37.50 per person. Diners enjoying this melted meal begin by selecting from any of the creamy cheese fondues, followed by tossed salads of fresh greens. Then it’s on to filet mignon, white shrimp, teriyaki sirloin, honey orange chicken and spinach ravioli, all cooked at the table. This offer is available on August 1 and 2, 2011. For more information or to make a reservation, call (401) 865-6670 or visit [www.meltingpot.com/providence](http://www.meltingpot.com/providence).

Visitors in a more celebratory mood can head to **McFadden’s Restaurant & Saloon**, a sports bar known for its burgers and flatbread pizza. McFadden’s is offering diners a three-course meal for $37.50, which includes an appetizer, two entrees and a dessert. Tax and tip are included, and this special is available until October 31, 2011. For more information or to make a reservation, call (401) 861-1782 or visit [www.mcfaddensprovidence.com](http://www.mcfaddensprovidence.com).

**The Bristol House Bed & Breakfast**, in nearby Bristol, R.I., is offering a 375th anniversary package for $375, which includes two nights in an Independence Guest Room, a daily three-course breakfast, and a $50 gift certificate to local restaurants including De Wolf Tavern, SS Dion, The Lobster Pot or Leo’s. Guests will also enjoy coupons to a variety of local boutiques. The package is available from July 5 until October 31, 2011, and does not include holidays or weekends. When booking, visitors should mention PROV375 to receive the offer. For more information or to make a reservation, call (401) 396-9066 or visit [www.bristolhousebnb.com](http://www.bristolhousebnb.com).

The **Jacob Hill Inn**, just 10 minutes away in Seekonk, Mass., is also offering a 375th anniversary package for $375, which includes two nights in a Providence Platinum Luxury Suite, an in-room jacuzzi, daily breakfast, an afternoon cheese plate and beverages. The package is available Monday through Thursday until September 29, 2011. For more information or to make a reservation, call (888) 336-9165 or visit [www.Inn-Providence-RI.com](http://www.Inn-Providence-RI.com).

Travelers interested in a hair-raising tour of one of New England’s oldest cities can go on a **Providence Ghost Tour** to hear spine-chilling stories while viewing haunted buildings and macabre scenes. Throughout 2011, Providence Ghost Tour is offering an online discount of $3.75, making each ticket $11.25 per person. When booking, participants should use ROGERWILLIAMS to receive the offer. For more information, call (401) 484-8687 or visit <http://www.providenceghosttour.com>.

For more information or to book a trip to Providence, visit [www.goprovidence.com](http://www.goprovidence.com).

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