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## **The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island Launches *Coquina*, a Luxurious Oceanview al Fresco Restaurant, Lounge and Palapa Bar**

*Experience inspired flavors, breathtaking views, and a chic, yet relaxed ambiance.*

**AMELIA ISLAND, FL** (February 5, 2020) – In March 2020, [The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island](#) debuts its newest oceanview dining experience: ***Coquina***. Featuring sweeping ocean views incorporating the stunning natural beauty of our barrier island's sand dunes, the completely new restaurant combines outdoor lounge and elevated palapa bar into a venue that creates lasting memories.

The name derives from materials born of the sea: shells, salt water and sand that early settlers blended to create roads, fortresses and homes on Amelia Island. "Coquina's unique lunch and dinner menus pay homage to locally-sourced seafood. The flavors are inspired by Amelia Island's rich coastal history during the Spanish colonial period," explains Executive Chef Garrett Gooch who created the Coquina menu.

Signature dishes for the new restaurant include ceviche featuring fresh local fish or marinated skirt steak served with papas bravas and salsa borracha. Savor grilled Mayport, Florida shrimp served with green chayote and crispy plantains, grilled octopus with a salsa criolla and a selection of unique market-style tacos featuring fish, Mayport shrimp or roasted corn.

Coquina's relaxed daytime feel transforms to a casual yet chic evening ambiance complete with candlelit lounge and a unique fire pit seating element ringed by the resort pool. Perched above the stylish scene is an oceanview palapa bar where the Coquina mixologists recall Amelia Island's bootlegging and maritime history with premium rum cocktails and rum-based libations. You'll also find agave-based mezcals, Frosés topped with Champagne and a delicious s'more cocktail made with Ron Zacapa 23, sherry and chocolate bitters served in a chocolate-rimmed glass with a toasted marshmallow - ideal for breezy evenings gazing over the moonlit Atlantic Ocean.

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