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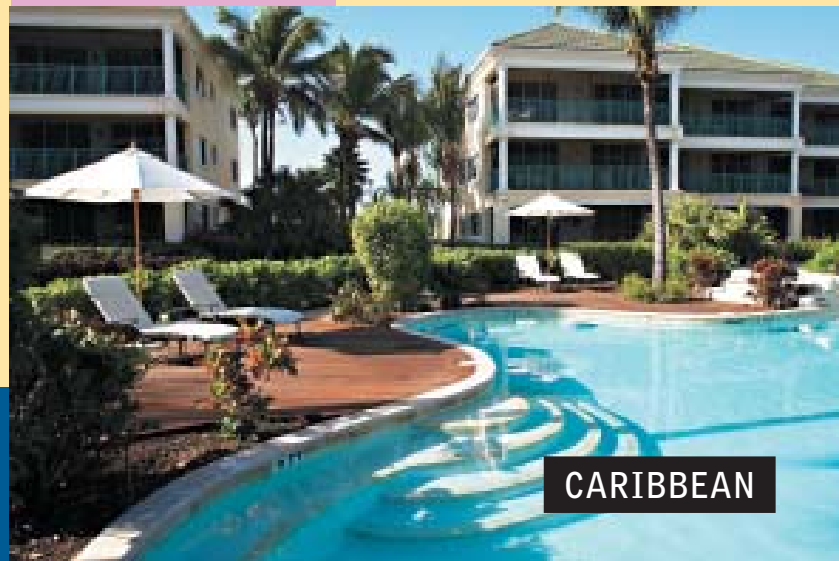
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A Peaceful Spot on Turks & Caicos

### VON DE LUNA JOINS HOTEL MONACO DENVER AS GENERAL MANAGER



VON DE LUNA

Kimpton's Hotel Monaco Denver has appointed Von de Luna to the position of General Manager.

De Luna has a 17-year, progressive career in the hospitality industry, working his way up from assistant front office manager/assistant housekeeping manager at the Hyatt Arlington in Rosslyn, Virginia. Most recently, he held the position of General Manager at Kimpton's Hotel Burnham in Chicago. De Luna

has managed hotels for more than seven years, including Kimpton's Hotel Rouge and Kimpton's Hotel Madera, both in Washington, D.C.

Before beginning his career in hospitality, de Luna was an Aircraft Armament Systems Specialist for the U.S. Air Force and served in the first Gulf War.

"Kimpton hotel guests have benefited from Von's expertise and leadership for many years, and we're confident that he will bring even greater success to the Hotel Monaco Denver," said Ron Vlastic, Regional Vice President of Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants. "Von's style will complement the style and fun that the Hotel Monaco Denver delivers to guests daily."

Hotel Monaco, a pet-friendly Kimpton Hotel, is within easy walking distance of all the urban adventures that downtown Denver offers. Voted one of the "Top 500 Best Hotels in the World" by Travel & Leisure and one of Conde Nast's "Gold List," the sophisticated, stylish hotel offers guests complimentary nightly wine hour, themed suites, and one of the top restaurants in Denver—Panzano.

Hotel Monaco Denver, 800-990-1303, [www.monaco-denver.com](http://www.monaco-denver.com)

### NEW YORK CITY LUXURY HOTELS OFFER THIRD NIGHT FREE THIS WINTER

NYC & Company, the City's marketing, tourism and partnership organization, has announced that nine luxury hotels, part of the Signature Collection, has a Third Night™ promotion this winter. The program gives visitors a complimentary third night free at nine participating hotels after booking and paying for two consecutive nights. The promotion runs through February 27, 2009.

"Now more than ever, visitors are looking for great value. The Third Night promotion will give visitors access to some of the world's most distinguished hotels, with New York City as the backdrop," said George Fertitta, CEO of NYC & Company.

The luxury hotels participating in the program this winter are: Jumeirah Essex House, Loews Regency, the London NYC, the New York Palace, the Sherry-Netherland Hotel, Trump International Hotel & Tower, the Plaza, the Waldorf Towers and the Carlyle, A Rosewood Hotel.

NYC & Company also today announced that luxury retailer Saks Fifth Avenue has confirmed its participation for the Third Night

program this winter by offering a VIP shopping package at its New York flagship store in Manhattan to Third Night guests. The package includes an exclusive personal shopping experience in the Fifth Avenue Club, a special offer to save a percentage on any regularly priced purchases made and complimentary coffee and dessert in Saks Fifth Avenue's Café SFA.

"Saks Fifth Avenue is pleased to offer a VIP shopping experience at our flagship store during this winter's Third Night luxury hotel promotion," said Kimberly Grabel, Senior Vice President Marketing for Saks Fifth Avenue.

NYC & Company, [nycgo.com/thirdnight](http://nycgo.com/thirdnight)

### MILITARY HERITAGE AT ITS FINEST ON EXHIBIT IN FAYETTEVILLE, NC

A quick visit to Fayetteville is all it takes for visitors to see why it was named as 'America's most pro-military city' by Time magazine. Outside of Washington, D.C., Fayetteville is the place to go for those interested in American and military heritage. From its 59,000-square-foot Airborne and Special Operations Museum to 750-plus miles of Revolutionary and Civil War driving and walking trails, to exceptional restaurants, hotels and meeting facilities, Fayetteville has it all.

"Fayetteville offers a special experience for visitors, something much different than what they'd get in Washington, D.C. While D.C. celebrates the most famous historical icons, Fayetteville is where the very seeds of American pride and patriotism are sown," says John Meroski, Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (FACVB) president.

Fayetteville's \$22.5-million Airborne & Special Operations Museum allows guests to experience the feel of real-life combat through impressive displays ranging from a Vietnam-era "Huey" helicopter to full-size action dioramas. And with over 5,300 hotel rooms, meeting facilities of all shapes and sizes, over 400 restaurants and the 107,000-square-foot Crown Center complex, the area is well-equipped to handle groups of any size or need.

"All visitors will enjoy their time here. We have something that caters to every type of guest. Our exceptional restaurants serve up everything from Southern favorites to international cuisine. It's a win-win situation for visitors traveling for business or pleasure," says Meroski.

Fayetteville's driving trails stretch over 750 miles and 250 years of history and include themed itineraries ranging from the "Civil War" to "Patriots, Past & Present." Points of interest include the historic Market House, Freedom Memorial Park and the JFK Special Warfare Museum.

The town, once thought of as the home to Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, now offers much more than the military installations that made it famous. Fayetteville is the place to go to restore, revitalize and reaffirm pride in America.

Fayetteville Convention & Visitors Bureau, 800-255-8217, [www.visitfayettevillenc.com](http://www.visitfayettevillenc.com)