

Roll out the
welcome mat
for the

PINEAPPLE

The pineapple has been a symbol
of hospitality for hundreds of years.

Here's why.



1493

Discovered by
Christopher Columbus
on Guadeloupe Island.



*You Look
Familiar*

Named after its resemblance
to a pinecone and interior
texture like an apple.



1555

Cultivated in England, but
due to the high cost to build
and maintain greenhouses,
became a symbol of wealth.



*Hostess With
The Mostess*

In the late 1700s, guests who
attended dinner with a rare,
fragile and expensive pineapple
displayed on the table were
honored by their hosts' hospitality.



*Royal
Privilege*

In his 1675 official portrait,
King Charles II of England
posed receiving
a pineapple as a gift.



I'm Home!

Sea captains returning home
to New England would stick
a pineapple on their fence posts
as an invitation to drink, eat
and listen to stories.

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