

## AUBERGE RESORTS

### FIVE AUBERGE RESORTS HONORED ON *CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER'S 2013 GOLD LIST*

*Three Resorts Named to the Platinum Circle*

**MILL VALLEY, CALIF. (January 2013)** – *Condé Nast Traveler's* readers have honored five [Auberge Resorts](#) by naming them to the publication's 2013 Gold List. Three properties garnered Platinum Circle status, including [The Inn at Palmetto Bluff](#) in South Carolina, [Esperanza](#) in Cabo San Lucas, and the Napa Valley flagship, [Auberge du Soleil](#), the highest ranked hotel in Northern California. Additionally, [Calistoga Ranch](#) and [Solage Calistoga](#), both located in Napa Valley, were included in this year's list.

Featured in the January 2013 issue, the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Gold List comprises an exclusive collection of the world's finest hotels, resorts and cruise lines as selected by readers on the annual Readers' Choice survey. Hotels are rated based on the quality of rooms, service, food, location, design and activities. A hotel must meet a minimum number of responses, determined by the magazine, in order to be included in the list. A consecutive five-year run on the Gold List results in the prestigious Platinum Circle distinction.

"It is a privilege to have five of our resorts recognized by the *Condé Nast Traveler* readers whose opinions we hold in high regard," said Mark Harmon, CEO of Auberge Resorts. "Our guests are some of the world's most discriminating travelers, whose standards are remarkably high. It is our exceptional staff and dedication to not just meeting those standards, but exceeding them, that allow us to craft unique and personalized experiences that keep us on this list." A complete list with scores and reader comments about each property follows:

- ❖ [Auberge du Soleil](#) (Napa Valley, California)  
Overall Score: 97.1 (Platinum Circle, highest ranked hotel in Northern California)  
Reader Comments: An "outstanding luxury hotel" where "the views are spectacular" with "sumptuous cottages" and a "stunning restaurant." The hotel manager "takes care of business and addresses issues without breaking a sweat."
- ❖ [Calistoga Ranch](#) (Napa Valley, California)  
Overall Score: 90.8  
Reader Comments: "A beautiful and pampered experience that never disappoints" with "the most delicious wine and amazing food," "outstanding service" and "absolutely stunning" guest rooms.

- ❖ **[Solage Calistoga](#)** (Napa Valley, California)  
Overall Score: 94.5  
Reader Comments: “Take a deep breath and be embraced by this stunning canyon setting,” with “the most delicious wine and amazing food,” and “the service couldn’t be better—from the staff who call you by name to the Mercedes loaner.”
  
- ❖ **[Esperanza](#)** (Los Cabos, Mexico)  
Overall Score: 93.9 (Platinum Circle)  
Reader Comments: "It's the perfect mix of luxury and beachside casual." "Staff are unbelievably fantastic," the food is "delicious and beautifully presented" and the property features "one of the most beautiful spas" and unique experiences like "whale-watching from the pool."
  
- ❖ **[The Inn at Palmetto Bluff](#)** (Bluffton, South Carolina)  
Overall score: 97.2 (Platinum Circle)  
Reader comment: “This will be the best inn you’ve ever stayed at,” with “superb Southern-style service” from staff “who make you feel like you are the first-ever guests.” “You can do everything—golf, fishing, horseback riding, and a spa are some of the activities—or nothing, and be blissfully happy either way.” The cottages are “quiet, secluded, immaculate, and spacious,” and the food is “fantastic.”

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### **About Auberge Resorts**

Auberge Resorts is a collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs, each with a unique personality that assures a memorable guest experience. While Auberge Resorts nurtures the individuality of each establishment, all are characterized by a set of communal elements: intimate, understated elegance; captivating locations that inspire exceptional cuisine and spa experiences; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. Among the Auberge collection of distinctive properties are: Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley, Calif.; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley, Calif.; Solage Calistoga, Napa Valley, Calif.; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C.; Hotel Jerome, Aspen, Colo.; Pronghorn Golf Club & Resort, Bend, Ore.; and Auberge Residences at Element 52, Telluride, Colo., with several others currently in development. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit [www.aubergeresorts.com](http://www.aubergeresorts.com). Follow Auberge Resorts on Facebook at [facebook.com/AubergeResorts](https://facebook.com/AubergeResorts) and on Twitter at [@AubergeResorts](https://twitter.com/AubergeResorts).

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