

AUBERGE RESORTS

AUBERGE RESORTS RECOGNIZED AS WORLD'S BEST IN *CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER'S ANNUAL READERS' CHOICE AWARDS*

*Auberge du Soleil, The Inn at Palmetto Bluff Voted No. 1
In Their Regions for the Second Year in a Row*

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. (October 16, 2013) – The Auberge Resorts collection has once again been recognized by *Condé Nast Traveler's* Readers' Choice Awards, one of the most respected honors in the travel industry. **Auberge du Soleil, The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Calistoga Ranch, Solage Calistoga, Hotel Jerome and Esperanza** were ranked among the best hotels and resorts in the world in the 26th annual poll, showcased in the upcoming November 2013 issue of *Condé Nast Traveler*.

[The Inn at Palmetto Bluff](#) in Bluffton, South Carolina swept the awards with a **No. 1 ranking in the “Top 10 Hotels & Resorts in the United States,”** No. 1 in the “Top 20 Resorts in the South” and landed at No. 11 on the “Top 100 Hotels & Resorts in the World” list. Readers ranked Auberge Resorts' flagship Napa Valley property, [Auberge du Soleil](#), No. 1 “Best Hotel in Northern California”, No. 6 of the “Top 10 Hotels & Resorts in the United States” and No. 33 on the “World's Best” list.

Napa Valley's [Solage Calistoga](#) earned the No. 3 spot on the “Top 15 Resorts in Northern California,” while sister property [Calistoga Ranch](#), also in Napa Valley, ranked 9th on the same list. [Esperanza](#) in Cabo San Lucas placed No. 2 in the “Top 10 Resorts in Baja” and earned No. 51 “Top 100 Hotels & Resorts in the World.” Auberge's newest property in its portfolio is [Hotel Jerome](#) in Aspen, Colo., which ranked No. 37 on the “Top 40 Resorts in the West” after reopening in December of 2012 following an extensive design transformation and historic restoration.

“We are honored to be so highly regarded by the *Condé Nast Traveler* readers again this year, as we know they are frequent and discerning travelers,” said Mark Harmon, CEO of Auberge Resorts. “Each ranking is a true testament to the resorts' highly trained staff, unrivaled locations, culinary excellences, luxurious amenities and innovative programming. We focus on

personalizing every aspect of a guest's visit, which we feel has brought us tremendous loyalty, and we are proud to see the results of this year's Readers' Choice Awards."

- The Inn at Palmetto Bluff: No. 1 "Top 10 Hotels & Resorts in the U.S."
No. 1 "Top 20 Resorts in the South"
No. 11 "Top 100 Hotels & Resorts in the World"
- Auberge du Soleil: No. 1 "Best Hotel in Northern California"
No. 6 "Top 10 Hotels & Resorts in the U.S."
No. 33 "Top 100 Hotels & Resorts in the World"
- Solage Calistoga: No. 3 "Top 15 Resorts in Northern California"
- Calistoga Ranch: No. 9 "Top 15 Resorts in Northern California"
- Esperanza: No. 2 "Top 10 Resorts in Baja"
No. 51 "Top 100 Hotels & Resorts in the World"
- Hotel Jerome: No. 37 "Top 40 Resorts in the West"

Condé Nast Traveler tapped their reader base to rate the best cities, islands, hotels, resorts, cruises and airlines they experienced in the past year. This year, *Condé Nast Traveler* had a record-breaking 79,268 readers participate in the survey, close to double the number of survey takers in 2012. These dedicated and discerning travelers cast 1.3 million votes for more than 16,000 properties around the world.

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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.; the Malliouhana Hotel & Spa, Anguilla; and The Auberge Residences at Element 52, Telluride, Colo., and Pronghorn Resort, Bend, Ore., with several others currently in development. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit <http://www.aubergeresorts.com/>. Follow Auberge Resorts on Facebook at facebook.com/AubergeResorts and on Twitter at @AubergeResorts.

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