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**122 Properties Profiled in New *Travel + Leisure* Book:
The World's Greatest Hotels, Resorts, + Spas 2009**

**From Affordable Discoveries to Beach Retreats, Standout Hotels Exemplify Current Trends
Including Eco-Friendliness and Intimacy**

New York, NY (April 30, 2009) – *Travel + Leisure* has just announced the publication of its latest book, **The World's Greatest Hotels, Resorts, + Spas 2009**. This time around, the 122 properties span six continents and appeal to travelers of every taste and budget. From the Cocker, an affordable hideaway in Buenos Aires, to Relais & Châteaux Il Falconiere, a farmhouse inn on a 25-acre vineyard in Tuscany, to Voyages Lizard Island, a private escape on Australia's Great Barrier Reef, these one-of-a-kind hotels have been carefully selected by the magazine's editors and represent the most exciting places to visit this year. The 288-page hardcover book is available now for \$34.95 at booksellers including Barnes & Noble, Borders, and Amazon.com, and is also for sale on www.travelandleisure.com.

In her introduction on page 13, *Travel + Leisure* Editor-in-Chief **Nancy Novogrod** identifies six trends that are highlighted by the properties in this book:

- 1. Eco-friendliness remains a priority.** This year's standouts make a big impact with a minimal footprint.
- 2. Reuse, recycle, reinvent.** Hotel developers are ingeniously reworking existing properties—from a maharajah's palace in Jodhpur to a landmark jail in Boston.
- 3. A new globalism is afoot.** Architects, designers, and hotel chefs are mixing international styles with flair.
- 4. Intimate is the new outside.** The latest generation of hotels function more like private homes or pieds-à-terre.
- 5. Access is key.** The best properties grant their guests entrée to unique experiences and sights, making even first-time visitors feel like insiders.
- 6. Travel can transform.** Hotels are helping to renew unsung neighborhoods, cities, and even whole regions.

Along with more than 150 photographs by T+L's award-winning photographers, **The World's Greatest Hotels, Resorts, + Spas 2009** contains the top reader-ranked hotels from the annual World's Best Awards readers' survey, a comprehensive resource section, and a trips directory to help travelers find the right place to stay, from adventure lodges to romantic beach retreats to affordable discoveries.

The ISSN number for *Travel + Leisure*'s **The World's Greatest Hotels, Resorts, + Spas 2009** is 1559 0372. Distributed by DK Publishing, this 288-page hardcover book is available for sale at www.travelandleisure.com. The front cover image is Fort on Fisher's Pan, Onguma Game Reserve, Namibia.

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