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TRAVEL + LEISURE REVEALS ITS ANNUAL LIST OF THE 500 BEST HOTELS IN THE WORLD

Expanded 2010 T+L 500 Guide Now on TravelandLeisure.com

New York, NY (December 16, 2009) – The **Grand Del Mar** in San Diego, **The Setai** in Miami Beach, **Harraseeket Inn** in Maine, **The Palazzo** in Las Vegas, **Villa Pisani** in Italy, **Amankora** in Bhutan, **Anantara Hua Hin Resort & Spa** in Thailand, **Four Seasons Hotel at San Stefano** in Egypt, **Shamwari Game Reserve** in South Africa, and **Faena Hotel & Universe** in Argentina are among the properties that are new to the T+L 500 list of best hotels in the world this year. In addition, there are 66 properties on the 2010 T+L 500 that offer rooms for \$250/night or less, including the **Inn on the Alameda**, Santa Fe; **Hotel Lucia**, Portland; **Rockhouse Hotel**, Jamaica; and **Raffles Hotel Le Royal**, Cambodia. Great value properties and properties new to the list are noted with special symbols within the list. T+L editors also spotlight the T+L 500 hotels with notable rooftop scenes, culinary excursions, and wildlife treks.

Based on readers' ratings,* the 2010 T+L 500 is a guide to the top places to stay in six continents and is featured in the January issue of *Travel + Leisure*, on newsstands December 25, and available on TravelandLeisure.com now. Beyond the guide in the magazine, which lists each property by region and includes each hotel's score, an overall description with contact information and starting room rates, TravelandLeisure.com has added information about these top properties including the best rooms to book, amenities, exclusive T+L 500 hotel deals, and more.

TRAVEL + LEISURE'S 2010 T+L 500 – HIGHLIGHTS**

NO. 1 HOTEL IN THE U.S.	Inn at Palmetto Bluff Bluffton, SC
NO. 1 HOTEL IN CALIFORNIA	The London West Hollywood
NO. 1 HOTEL IN COLORADO	Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch Beaver Creek
NO. 1 HOTEL IN FLORIDA	Ritz-Carlton Naples
NO. 1 HOTEL IN HAWAII	Halekulani Oahu
NO. 1 HOTEL IN NYC	The Carlyle, A Rosewood Hotel
NO. 1 HOTEL IN CANADA	Inn at Manitou McKellar, Ontario
NO. 1 HOTEL IN ENGLAND	The Goring London
NO. 1 HOTEL IN FRANCE	Domaine des Hauts de Loire Loire Valley
NO. 1 HOTEL IN IRELAND	G Hotel Galway
NO. 1 HOTEL IN EUROPE	Grand Hotel Baglioni Bologna, Italy
NO. 1 HOTEL IN CHINA	Island Shangri-La Hong Kong
NO. 1 HOTEL IN ASIA	Oberoi Vanyavilas Sawai Madhopur, India
NO. 1 HOTEL IN THAILAND	Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle
NO. 1 HOTEL IN KENYA	Governors' Camp Masai Mara
NO. 1 HOTEL IN THE MIDDLE EAST	Four Seasons Hotel Amman, Jordan
NO. 1 HOTEL IN SOUTH AMERICA	Palacio Duhau-Park Hyatt Buenos Aires, Argentina
NO. 1 HOTEL IN CENTRAL AMERICA	Blancaneaux Lodge San Ignacio, Belize
NO. 1 HOTEL IN MEXICO	Rosewood Mayakoba Riviera Maya
NO. 1 HOTEL IN THE CARIBBEAN	Jade Mountain St. Lucia
NO. 1 HOTEL IN AUSTRALIA	Lilianfels Blue Mountains Resort & Spa Katoomba

* The complete 2010 T+L 500 guide is based on 2009 World's Best Awards readers' survey results. As part of the survey, *Travel + Leisure* readers rated hotels on several characteristics including rooms/facilities, location, service, restaurants/food, and value. The complete survey methodology is available on www.travelandleisure.com/worldsbest

** All 500 properties are featured in the January issue of *Travel + Leisure* and on www.travelandleisure.com/tl500.

The 2010 World's Best Awards readers' poll is live at www.tlworldsbest.com through March 31, 2010. Vote now!

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