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Bangkok Named World's Best City 2008
Triple Creek Ranch in Montana Ranked No. 1 U.S. Hotel
***Travel + Leisure's* 13th Annual World's Best Awards**
Readers' Survey Results Announced Today

New York, NY (July 9, 2008) – Nancy Novogrod, editor-in-chief of *Travel + Leisure*, today announces that **Bangkok**, **Galápagos Islands**, and **Virgin America** are first-time overall winners in *Travel + Leisure's* 2008 World's Best Awards readers' survey. Among the four first-ever regional hotel winners are **Triple Creek Ranch** in Montana, No. 1 in the U.S., and **One & Only Ocean Club** in the Bahamas, taking the top spot in the Caribbean. **New York City** is named best U.S. city for the eighth consecutive year, and **Savannah, GA**, makes its debut on the list of top 10 cities in the U.S. and Canada. And **Vieques**, named best island in the Caribbean, is a regional No. 1 newcomer this year.

The complete 2008 results, including the **Top 100 Hotels Worldwide**, **Top 100 Hotels in the Continental U.S. + Canada**, and **Top 10 Cities in the World**, are featured on www.travelandleisure.com/worldsbest now and in *Travel + Leisure's* August issue, available on newsstands July 22.

Novogrod said: "We're delighted to welcome so many new winners this year. Nature—and adventure—was clearly a draw in the selections of the Triple Creek Ranch, in Montana, and the Galápagos Islands. California hotels won big, taking five of the top 10 spots in the Continental U.S. and Canada. Hotels in Ireland also made a great showing—they occupy the second-highest number of spots in the Top 50 Hotels in Europe list, after Italy. And Virgin America came on strong in its very first year of service, winning the prize for Best Domestic Airline."

TRAVEL + LEISURE 2008 WORLD'S BEST AWARDS WINNERS OVERALL

WORLD'S BEST CITY	Bangkok
WORLD'S BEST HOTEL	Singita Sabi Sand & Kruger National Park, South Africa
WORLD'S BEST ISLAND	Galápagos Islands
WORLD'S BEST LARGE-SHIP CRUISE LINE	Crystal Cruises
WORLD'S BEST SMALL-SHIP CRUISE LINE	Silversea Cruises
WORLD'S BEST INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE	Singapore Airlines
WORLD'S BEST DOMESTIC AIRLINE	Virgin America
WORLD'S BEST TOUR OPERATOR	Micato Safaris
WORLD'S BEST CAR-RENTAL AGENCY	Hertz
WORLD'S BEST HOTEL FOR \$250 or LESS	Domaine des Hauts de Loire, France

TRAVEL + LEISURE 2008 WORLD'S BEST HOTELS BY REGION

TOP HOTEL, CONTINENTAL U.S. + CANADA	Triple Creek Ranch, Montana
TOP HOTEL, EUROPE	Domaine des Hauts de Loire, France
TOP HOTEL, ASIA	Oberoi Rajvillas, India
TOP HOTEL, AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/SOUTH PACIFIC	Voyages Lizard Island, Australia
TOP HOTEL, AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST	Singita Sabi Sand & Kruger National Park, South Africa
TOP HOTEL, MEXICO/CENTRAL + SOUTH AMERICA	Alvear Palace Hotel, Buenos Aires
TOP HOTEL, CARIBBEAN/BERMUDA/BAHAMAS	One & Only Ocean Club, Bahamas
TOP HOTEL, HAWAII	Four Seasons Resort Lanai, The Lodge at Koele

TRAVEL + LEISURE 2008 WORLD'S BEST CITIES + ISLANDS BY REGION

<u>REGION</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>ISLAND</u>
CONTINENTAL U.S. + CANADA	New York	Cape Breton Island
EUROPE	Florence	Santorini
ASIA	Bangkok	Bali
AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/SOUTH PACIFIC	Sydney	Tasmania
MEXICO/CENTRAL + SOUTH AMERICA	Buenos Aires	Galápagos Islands
AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST	Cape Town	
HAWAII		Maui
CARIBBEAN/BERMUDA/BAHAMAS		Vieques

TRAVEL + LEISURE 2008 WORLD'S BEST HOTEL SPAS BY REGION

CONTINENTAL U.S. + CANADA	Wickaninnish Inn, Tofino, Vancouver Island
EUROPE	Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris
ASIA-PACIFIC/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST	Four Seasons Resort, Chiang Mai, Thailand
MEXICO/CENTRAL + SOUTH AMERICA	Maroma Resort & Spa, Mexico
HAWAII	Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa, Maui
CARIBBEAN/BERMUDA/BAHAMAS	Four Seasons Resort, Nevis

TRAVEL + LEISURE 2008 WORLD'S BEST DESTINATION SPA BY REGION

CONTINENTAL U.S. + CANADA	Cal-a-Vie, Vista, California
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Three travel companies—**Crystal Cruises**, **Hertz**, and **Singapore Airlines**—have ranked No. 1 in their respective categories every year for the past 13 years.

Interactive lists of all the 2008 World's Best Awards winners and a slide show of the Top 15 World's Best Hotels are available at www.travelandleisure.com/worldsbest, along with contact information for winning hotels. Users can also find past *Travel + Leisure* magazine articles on World's Best Award-winning hotels and resorts on the site.

The *Travel + Leisure* World's Best Awards winners for 2008 will be honored in New York City on July 24 at an awards luncheon at the Four Seasons Restaurant, followed by a gala event at Hudson Terrace that evening.

Travel + Leisure magazine editors are available for interviews—please contact Liz Marsh at 212-382-5684/elizabeth.c.marsh@aexp.com or Jill S. Davison at 212-382-5679/jill.s.davison@aexp.com.

WBA 2008 Survey Methodology: A questionnaire developed by the editors of *Travel + Leisure*, in association with Harris Interactive, was made available to *Travel + Leisure* subscribers at www.tlworldsbest.com during the first quarter of this year. Respondents reported where they had traveled worldwide, and rated only the destinations, properties, and companies that were relevant to their recent travel experiences. Respondents were asked to rate hotels, cities, islands, spas, hotel spas, outfitters/safari operators, cruise lines, airlines, and car-rental companies on several characteristics. The scores are indexed averages of responses concerning applicable characteristics. The complete survey methodology is available in the August issue of *Travel + Leisure*, and online at www.travelandleisure.com/worldsbest.

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