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## **Condé Nast Johansens Luxury Travel Guide**

### **Announces Winners of 2010 Awards for Excellence**

NEW YORK (Wednesday, January 6, 2010) -- Condé Nast Johansens, the international luxury travel guide from the most trusted name in travel publishing, Condé Nast Publications Ltd., today announced the winners of the *2010 Awards for Excellence*. The winners of the prestigious awards were chosen as the premier properties throughout the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Atlantic, Caribbean and Pacific Islands. [The full list of winners is included below.](#)

The winners are part of a collection of more than 300 gorgeous properties throughout the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Atlantic, Caribbean and Pacific Islands. Readers of the Guides, hotel guests and the Condé Nast Johansens inspection team all contributed votes for the 2010 awards.

The *2010 Awards for Excellence* cover 31 categories, including Most Excellent Resort, Most Excellent Hotel and Most Excellent Romantic Hideaway. Lesley O'Malley-Keyes, Vice President & Publishing Director, The Americas noted "Condé Nast Johansens recommends only properties that meet our standards, so the Awards for Excellence winners represent the very best of the best. Our readers are discerning, sophisticated travelers who know what they want when they travel - outstanding accommodations and exceptional service."

The Guide's easy-to-use format simplifies the independent traveler's task of selecting and booking accommodations. Each Guide features rich, full-color exterior and interior hotel photographs, and details about facilities, rates and contact information, everything a guest needs to make an informed decision about a reservation.

The Guides, which are celebrating their 28<sup>th</sup> year of publication in Europe, have attracted a loyal readership in the United States by guaranteeing that each *Recommended* property undergoes a rigorous annual inspection process to ensure exceptional quality is maintained. Every *Recommended* hotel or spa in the Guide is awarded the "Condé Nast Mark of Excellence"

wall plaque. This distinctive blue sign hangs on the wall of the hotel and is a visible endorsement for more than 12 million of the world's most discerning travelers.

The Condé Nast Johansens website ([www.condenastjohansens.com](http://www.condenastjohansens.com)), a vital part of the Condé Nast Johansens offerings, reflects the varying ways in which the Guides' users research hotels and destinations. The user friendly website allows visitors to find a hotel by country, state, island or by keyword search, and if inspiration is needed, the website delivers recommendations based on preferred criteria, such as "spa" or "gourmet food." The site can now also send a reservation or availability request directly to the hotels. Other features of the site include a venue finder, special and seasonal offers, online gift certificate purchasing, and late availability options.

**The winners of the Condé Nast Johansens 2010 Awards for Excellence,  
The Americas, Atlantic, Caribbean & Pacific are:**

**ATLANTIC, CARIBBEAN & PACIFIC**

*Most Excellent Resort:*

Grace Bay Club, Turks & Caicos Islands

*Most Excellent Small Resort:*

Cap Maison Resort & Spa, St. Lucia

*Most Excellent Romantic Hideaway:*

Jade Mountain, St. Lucia

*Most Excellent Spa Resort::*

Hotel Guanahani & Spa, Saint-Barthélemy

*Most Excellent Eco Resort:*

Galley Bay Resort & Spa, Antigua

**SOUTH AMERICA**

*Most Excellent Beach Hotel:*

DPNY Beach Hotel, Brazil

*Most Excellent Hotel:*

L'Auberge, Uruguay

*Most Excellent Romantic Hideaway:*

Ponta dos Ganchos, Brazil

*Most Excellent Spa Hotel:*

Kurotel – Longevity Center and Spa, Brazil

*Most Excellent Lodge:*

Hotel Las Balsas, Argentina

*Most Excellent Eco Resort:*

Hacienda Zuleta, Ecuador

**MÉXICO & CENTRAL AMERICA**

*Most Excellent Resort:*

Grand Velas All Suites & Spa, Nuevo Vallarta, México

El Careyes Beach Resort, México

*Most Excellent Spa Hotel:*

Grand Velas All Suites & Spa, Riviera Maya, México

*Most Excellent Hotel:*

Gaia Hotel & Reserve, Costa Rica

*Most Excellent Romantic Hideaway:*

Matachica Beach Resort, Belize

*Most Excellent Beach Resort:*

Victoria House, Belize

*Most Excellent Lodge:*

Chan Chich Lodge, Belize

*Most Excellent Eco Resort:*

Hotelito Desconocido, México

### **U.S.A. & CANADA**

*Most Excellent Hotel:*

The Hay-Adams, DC

*Most Excellent Ranch:*

Hidden Meadow Ranch, AZ

*Most Excellent Inn:*

The Baker House 1650, NY

*Most Excellent Small Hotel:*

Fifteen Beacon, MA

*Most Excellent Country House Hotel*

Blantyre, MA

*Most Excellent Romantic Hideaway:*

Wickaninnish Inn, BC

Post Ranch Inn, CA

*Most Excellent Lodge:*

Clayoquot Wilderness Resort, BC

*Most Excellent Spa Hotel:*

Equinox Resort & Spa, VT

*Most Excellent Golf Resort:*

The Lodge at Turning Stone, NY

*Most Excellent Resort:*

Encantado, an Auberge Resort, NM

*Most Excellent Eco Resort:*

Sooke Harbour House, BC

### **THE AMERICAS, CARIBBEAN, ATLANTIC & PACIFIC**

*Most Excellent Service:*

Curtain Bluff, Antigua

*Most Excellent Business Partner:*

Boston Harbor Hotel, MA

The Condé Nast Johansens international collection of guides are available at select bookstores nationwide, including the 2010 *Recommended Hotels, Inns , Resorts & Spas – The Americas, Atlantic, Caribbean , Pacific*. The Guide Web site, [www.condenastjohansens.com](http://www.condenastjohansens.com), offers exclusive seasonal discounts and complimentary access to the international database of luxury accommodations. Consumers can purchase Condé Nast Johansens Guides by calling Condé Nast Johansens at 1-800-564-7518, or via the online bookstore at [www.condenastjohansens.com](http://www.condenastjohansens.com). Gift certificates are also available at the Web site.

The complete Condé Nast Johansens international collection includes:

*Recommended Hotels & Spas, Great Britain and Ireland*

*Recommended Country Houses, Small Hotels, Inns and Restaurants Great Britain and Ireland*

*Recommended Hotels and Spas, Europe and The Mediterranean*

*Recommended Hotels, Inns, Resorts & Spas The Americas, Atlantic, Caribbean, Pacific*

*Recommended Venues for Business Meetings, Conferences and Events*

*Recommended Luxury Spas*

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