



RANCHO VALENCIA

An Auberge Resort

**RANCHO VALENCIA RECEIVES FOUR-STAR RATING FROM
2012 FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE**

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. (November 16, 2011) – Rancho Valencia, An Auberge [Resort in Rancho Santa Fe](#), was honored with a 2012 Forbes Four-Star Hotel Award by Forbes Travel Guide for its exceptional personalized service and hospitality, accommodations and luxury experiences. As the originators of the prestigious star rating system, [Forbes Travel Guide](#) provides one of the most comprehensive evaluation systems of hotels, restaurants and spas in the world. Its annual list has defined the industry’s highest standard for excellence in hospitality for more than 50 years.

“We are honored that Forbes Travel Guide has recognized Rancho Valencia with a Four-Star rating,” said Rancho Valencia General Manager Simon Chen. “This award would not be possible without our exceptional staff who are committed to providing the highest level of service and memorable experiences for our guests.”

Set in the exclusive idyllic valley of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., Rancho Valencia sits on 45 lushly landscaped acres. The resort features 49 luxuriously appointed guest casitas averaging approximately 1,000 square feet, each with a fireplace and private garden terrace, an award-winning tennis program, a world-class spa and playing privileges at three nearby golf courses. Rancho Valencia recently was ranked #11 Best Small Hotel in the United States by Andrew Harper’s Hideaway Report and #52 Best Hotel in the United States by *Condé Nast Traveler*, garnering the highest score among San Diego Hotels making the list. Rancho Valencia consistently has been ranked as a favorite North American resort by readers of *Tennis* magazine, who ranked Rancho Valencia the #1 Tennis Resort in the U.S. for the fourth consecutive year. The resort is a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux collection and is the only Relais & Châteaux property in Southern California. For more information about Rancho Valencia, visit www.RanchoValencia.com or call (800) 548-3664.

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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.; Encantado, Santa Fe, N.M.; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C.; Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; Element 52, Telluride, Colo.; and Hotel Jerome, Aspen, Colo., with several others currently in development. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit www.aubergeresorts.com.

About Forbes Travel Guide

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