

**AUBERGE RESORTS VOTED AMONG THE WORLD'S BEST BY  
CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER READERS**  
*Auberge du Soleil, Calistoga Ranch, Rancho Valencia, Esperanza and The Inn at  
Palmetto Bluff receive top ratings in 2008 Readers' Choice Awards*

**MILL VALLEY, CALIF (October 23, 2008)** – The world's most seasoned travelers have once again ranked Auberge Resorts properties among the very best in the world, according to *Condé Nast Traveler*. Five Auberge properties, **Auberge du Soleil, Calistoga Ranch, Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa, Esperanza, and The Inn at Palmetto Bluff**, were all ranked in the top 100 in the world in the *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2008 Readers' Choice Awards, published in the November 2008 issue.

Readers rank Auberge Resorts' Napa Valley flagship Auberge du Soleil No. 63 among the world's "Best of the Best", as well as No. 7 among "Top U.S. Hotels" with a rating of 93.5. The Inn at Palmetto Bluff in South Carolina is ranked No. 8 among "Top Mainland Resorts" with a rating of 91.7; Calistoga Ranch in Napa Valley, Calif. No. 35 with a rating of 89; and Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., the newest addition to the Auberge Resorts collection, is ranked No. 50 with an 87.5 rating. Auberge's award-winning Mexican resort, Esperanza, adds to its list of top accolades, placing No. 2 on the "Top 25 Mexico Hotels" list.

"We are thrilled that so many of our properties have been recognized so highly by the readers of *Condé Nast Traveler*," said Mark Harmon, CEO of Auberge Resorts. "They are some of the most frequent and discriminating travelers in the world and their opinions mean the world to us. Congratulations to the staff at all of our properties, whose heartfelt commitment to our guests is reflected in these impressive rankings."

More than 32,000 readers of *Condé Nast Traveler* participated in the 2008 Readers' Choice annual survey. More than 1,000 travel experiences were rated and ranked, headlined by the Top 100. This 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Readers' Choice Awards is a celebration for all the destination, lodgings and modes of transportation that exceed travelers' expectations, as well as a credit to the worldly *Condé Nast Traveler* readers.

## **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. Among the distinctive properties are Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C.; Encantado, Santa Fe; and Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., with several others in development. 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. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit [www.aubergeresorts.com](http://www.aubergeresorts.com).

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