

**AUBERGE RESORTS VOTED AMONG THE WORLD'S BEST BY
ANDREW HARPER'S HIDEAWAY REPORT READERS**
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MILL VALLEY, CALIF (September 22, 2009) – *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report's* Reader's Survey, the longest-running and most reliable poll of its kind among affluent and sophisticated travelers, has once again ranked Auberge Resorts properties among the very best in the world. Five Auberge properties, **Auberge du Soleil, Rancho Valencia, Esperanza, The Inn at Palmetto Bluff** and **Calistoga Ranch** rank among the top 20 in U.S. and international hideaways in the *Hideaway Report's* 2009 Readers' Choice Awards, published in the September 2009 issue. In addition, these five Auberge properties rank in the top 20 in five of the new award categories: "Beach Resorts," "Food & Wine Resorts," "Family Resorts," "Golf Resorts" and "Spas."

Esperanza in Los Cabos, Mexico is ranked No. 2 for the competitive category of "Top 20 International Hideaways," No. 2 in best "Beach Resorts," No. 3 in best "Spas" and No. 14 in best "Family Resorts." Readers ranked Napa Valley flagship Auberge du Soleil the No. 2 in the "Top 20 Hideaways" in the United States; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff in Bluffton, S.C. is ranked No. 8 in the same category; Rancho Valencia in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. is ranked No. 10 and Calistoga Ranch in Calistoga, Calif. is ranked No. 13. Auberge du Soleil received two more awards ranking No. 2 in best "Food & Wine Resorts" and No. 7 in best "Spas." Calistoga Ranch is also ranked No. 5 in best "Food & Wine Resorts" and No. 17 in best "Spas." The Inn at Palmetto Bluff is ranked No. 10 in best "Golf Resorts."

"We are so pleased to receive such high marks from *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report* readers," said Mark Harmon, CEO of Auberge Resorts. "They are some of the most experienced and discriminating travelers in the world. Congratulations to the staff at all of our properties, whose passion and commitment to service is reflected in these impressive rankings."

The Readers' Choice Awards reflect the sentiments of the *Hideaway Report's* membership of an exceptionally well-traveled group and is the longest-running and most reliable poll of its kind. This year's respondents vacation an average of 38 days a year, and 70 percent say they plan to travel the same amount or more in the coming 12 months.

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, South Carolina; Encantado, Santa Fe; Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. and Pond Bay opening in 2010 on the island of St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands, with several others currently 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.

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