

**ESPERANZA RANKS NUMBER ONE IN TRAVEL + LEISURE'S
12th ANNUAL "WORLD'S BEST SPAS" READERS POLL**

World's Most Affluent Travelers Recognize The Spa at Esperanza as Best in Latin America.

CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO (October 9, 2007) – Esperanza, Auberge Resorts' only international resort located in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico is proud to be honored as number one hotel spa in *Travel + Leisure's* 12th annual "World's Best Spas" readers poll, published in the October 2007 issue. This accolade, awarded by the savvy readers of *Travel + Leisure*, is among the most prestigious honors in the travel industry, representing a true symbol of excellence.

"It is an honor to receive such a coveted title by *Travel + Leisure* readers," said Severino Gomez, general manager of Esperanza and regional vice president of Auberge Resorts. "Discriminating luxury travelers and spa enthusiasts have an exceptional number of hotels and resorts to choose from and we are pleased our guests recognize our commitment to offering the highest level of service standards."

The Spa at Esperanza earned the highest score at 89.29 amongst hotel spas in Mexico, Central and South America. In order to be eligible for the "World's Best Spa" readers poll, properties must not only receive high marks from readers of the magazine but also a minimum number of reader evaluations. The Spa at Esperanza was judged on ambience, treatments, service and overall value to guests.

Esperanza encompasses a 57-room resort, 60 privately owned villas, a full-service spa and a signature restaurant, all on 17 lushly landscaped acres on the bluffs overlooking two private coves at Punta Ballena near Cabo San Lucas. Esperanza is a member of the *Leading Hotels of the World*[®]. For reservations or more information, please call toll-free 866-311-2226 or visit www.esperanzaresort.com.

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; and The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C., 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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