

AUBERGE RESORTS

AUBERGE RESORTS' SIGNATURE PROPERTIES AWARDED TOP HONORS IN TRAVEL + LEISURE'S T+L 500

*The Inn At Palmetto Bluff Voted Best in the U.S. and Esperanza Ranks No. 2 in Mexico;
Sister Resorts Recognized Among The World's Best*

MILL VALLEY, CALIF (January 2010) – The readers of *Travel + Leisure*, one of the most respected travel magazines in the world, have voted [Auberge Resorts'](http://www.aubergeresorts.com) (www.aubergeresorts.com) properties the best of the best. On the magazine's new T+L 500 list of the world's top hotels and resorts, readers ranked Auberge Resorts' **Inn at Palmetto Bluff** in South Carolina the No.1 Resort in the United States. **Esperanza Resort** was voted the No. 1 resort in Cabo San Lucas and No. 2 resort in Mexico. Sister properties **Auberge du Soleil, Calistoga Ranch** and **Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa**, along with **Solage Calistoga**, Auberge Resorts' newest hotel brand also ranked high on the list, which is featured in the January 2010 issue.

The T+L 500 List reflects the sentiments of Travel + Leisure's discriminating readers, who rated the world's leading hotels and resorts in a variety of categories ranging from guest rooms and facilities, location, service and food, to value for money. All properties within the Auberge Resorts collection ranked among the world's best, with the exception of its newest property, Encantado in Santa Fe, N.M., which was too new to qualify. The Auberge Resorts rankings are as follows:

- **The Inn at Palmetto Bluff (Bluffton, South Carolina)**
Score: 94.03
No. 1 in the United States
No. 14 in the World
- **Esperanza Resort (Cabo San Lucas, Mexico)**
Score: 93.30
No. 1 Hotel Spa in Mexico
No. 1 Resort in Cabo San Lucas
No. 2 Resort in Mexico
- **Auberge du Soleil (Napa Valley, Calif.)**

Score: 89.36
No. 7 In the United States

- **Calistoga Ranch (Napa Valley, Calif.)**

Score: 87.22
No. 18 in the United States

- **Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa (Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.)**

Score: 84.67
No. 40 in the United States

- **Solage Calistoga (Auberge Resorts' newest brand in Calistoga, Calif.)**

Score: 88.11
No. 11 in the United States

“We are incredibly honored that our properties continue to be recognized by the discerning readers of *Travel + Leisure*,” said Mark Harmon, CEO of Auberge Resorts. “This recognition is a testament to the passion and dedication of our staff who deliver a unique and personalized experience to each and every guest visiting our resorts.”

The 15th annual World’s Best Awards is a celebration of the best hotels and resorts, destinations, spas, airlines, and cruises that exceed the expectations of the world’s most seasoned travelers.

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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