

**AUBERGE DU SOLEIL RANKS HIGH IN TRAVEL + LEISURE'S
11TH ANNUAL "WORLD'S BEST" POLL**

Auberge du Soleil Featured in Three Prestigious Categories including Spa and Hotel

RUTHERFORD, Calif. (October 15, 2006) – Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley's premier luxury hotel, is proud to be honored in multiple rankings in *Travel + Leisure's* 11th annual "World's Best" readers poll issue. These accolades, awarded by the savvy readers of *Travel + Leisure*, are a true mark of achievement in the luxury hospitality industry.

Auberge du Soleil received high marks in three separate categories: one of only five California properties to place in the World's Top 100 Hotel's, coming in an impressive #26 in the list of Top 100 Hotels in U.S. and Canada and placing at #15 of the Top 25 Spa in U.S. and Canada.

"It is an honor and accomplishment to be thought of so highly by our guests," said George Goeggel, managing partner of Auberge du Soleil. "Discriminating luxury travelers have an exceptional number of hotels and resorts to choose from and we are truly pleased that *Travel + Leisure's* discriminating readers gave us such exceptional marks."

Travel + Leisure magazine's annual "World's Best readers' poll appears in the October issue of the magazine and can also be viewed online at www.travelandleisure.com/worldsbest2006. In order to be eligible for the World's Best Awards, properties must not only receive high marks from readers of the magazine but also a minimum number of reader evaluations. Hotels that were ranked were judged by a variety of criteria including rooms/facilities, location, service, restaurants/food and overall value. The top ranked spas in the survey were judged on ambience, treatments, service and their overall value to guests.

Auberge du Soleil has celebrated several milestones in the past year including, the 25th anniversary of its much-lauded restaurant and the renovation of its two private maisons – *Champagne* and *Loire* – bringing to completion a multi-million-dollar renovation of Napa Valley's premier luxury hideaway.

Auberge du Soleil is the flagship property of **Auberge Resorts**, 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.

Auberge du Soleil is also a member of **Relais & Châteaux**, the prestigious global hospitality association of intimate, elegant and independently owned hotels and acclaimed restaurants. Founded in 1954 in France, the association is comprised of 469 luxurious establishments in 51 countries.

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