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Location, reputation, and aesthetics play the largest part in our selection process. We subscribe to and count on several excellent rating guides; to these experts we entrust the critical analysis. Our purpose is simply to single out the best and then present them for your perusal, trip-planning convenience, and pleasure.

While the world's top hotels and resorts may seem expensive relative to others, on this earth, at least, you can bet that price reflects value. When choosing among the best of the best, however, value admittedly can be a highly subjective criterion.

We trust you'll discover the overriding value of our connoisseurs' collection lies in acting as your own expert—in picking your own particular pleasure, whether it's for the next real-life trip or for your very next daydream. *****

From the Publisher

OR 12 YEARS it has been our privilege to share with you some of the finest accommodations in the world the most interesting and luxurious places to rest your head. Though we sometimes joke here about how hard we work to find these hotels and resorts for you—our tough days of sampling the white-sand beaches of tropical resorts, the countless delectable meals in elegant hotel dining rooms—in truth, we cover the globe in an attempt to find these properties. The fact is, we know we are the luckiest people in the world. It is our enviable job—and our great



pleasure—to discover the embodiments of sophisticated hospitality and cuisine, of fine architecture and culture, that each year fill the pages of *Resorts & Great Hotels*—The Connoisseur's Guide to the World's Best.

We believe The 1999 Collection is our finest issue ever. It is a superb group of historic hostelries, innovative trendsetters, favorite gems, and new discoveries we've

learned of from you—the seasoned international traveler who has helped define new standards in today's luxury accommodations.

Whether you are a loyal subscriber or newsstand buyer, a vacationing guest at a featured property or a valued travel professional, it is your demand for excellence that has pushed hoteliers to new heights of hospitality and design and helped create new recreational landscapes. That discernment has additional benefits, for as the best hoteliers will tell you, the more scrutiny a guest brings to a place, the more he or she appreciates its fine details.

French novelist Marcel Proust once wrote, "the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new landscapes, but in having new eyes." You, our readers, have proven that again and again. You bring that excitement of discovery with you and then share it with others.

We trust the following will intrigue, entertain, and inspire you. Please let us know what you think; we greatly value your continued insights and observations. In the meantime, please enjoy—with new eyes—The 1999 Collection of *Resorts & Great Hotels*—The Connoisseur's Guide to the World's Best.

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Editor's Note

L. MENCKEN called it "the constant joy of sudden discovery, of happy accident." He was talking about writing, but it could well have been about your next vacation or business trip.

The travel pollsters say our love for novelty has reached an all-time high. We want amazing new experiences—and more fun along the way. If this sounds like you, turn to Atlantis, Paradise Island on page



14. Here you can stroll underwater with live sharks, take a Leap of Faith from the top of a full-size Mayan pyramid, and dine in Roman splendor—all in the space of a few hours. And that only scratches the surface of surprises at this brand new Bahamian luxury resort.

Thinking about something a little, well, more intimate? Turn to Lost Creek Ranch on page 160. Here, with just a handful of other guests, you can ride the range of

Wyoming's Grand Teton territory on horseback—then, back at the ranch, indulge in the pampering of a European-style spa. Or maybe you want a little diversion on your next business trip? Turn to Trump International Hotel & Tower, page 118, where a staff member regularly escorts guests through Central Park on Rollerblades.

For travelers who thrive on variety, this issue runneth over.

More tips: Don't wait till next year to see what's new at *Resorts & Great Hotels*. Just point your Web browser to resortsgreathotels.com. Plus, as another free service, this spring we're launching a newsletter packed with timely tips on events and special offerings from the properties on these pages. You'll receive it automatically if you're a subscriber; if not, simply check the "Yes!" box on the R.S.V.P. card at the back of this issue and drop it in the mail.

Here's hoping to hear from you soon. Till then, *bon voyage!* Annette Burden, *Editor in Chief*



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cently came to life in the form of Atlantis, Paradise Island, the largest island resort in the world.





Above: The Lagoon Bar's design reinvents the grandeur of an ancient subsea civilization. Guests enjoy the waterscape from the surface, then descend the stairs for a fish's-eye view. Right: The Hall of Waters welcomes guests to the Royal Towers, the latest addition to Atlantis. Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas Atlantis, Paradise Island

EWCOMERS may indeed believe they've stepped into a fantasy when comparing Atlantis to its proverbial namesake. Before long, however, they realize they've entered

a remarkably evolved form of reality. The resort's designers brought elements of the ancient past to meet the future, manmade wonders to match the splendors of nature, the real world to rival the utopian ideal.

Simply put: Few resorts on the planet offer such a vast, varied, potentially aweinspiring experience. Like the Atlantis of legend, the new Atlantis aims to bathe its "citizens" in a sense of heightened harmony and abundance. Everything conspires to take the good life one step further.

Sun International, builders of news-making luxury resorts all over the world, purchased the property from Merv Griffin's Resorts International



in 1994 and embarked on a \$250-million enhancement. Then, late in 1998, Sun unveiled a \$480million addition—the 1,202-room Royal Towers. With completion of the Royal Towers, Atlantis became the largest island resort in the world.

Atlantis lies just a bridge away from historic Nassau, fronting some of the most heavenly white sand beach in the Bahamas. Fittingly, a sprawling, splashing 34-acre waterscape serves as the resort's





signature centerpiece. Again, the Atlantis designers took reality—warm Caribbean light and soft turquoise waves—and made it just a little bit better. They created the largest man-made marine habitat in the world.

More than 40,000 marine animals, representing 150 species, live a resort life of their own in 11 sparkling exhibit lagoons. Forty-six experts head up an aquarium staff of 61, welcoming guests to behind-the-scenes tours of the habitat and its vast lab areas and support facilities.

Outside the Coral and Beach Towers, the waterscape encompasses 40 people-friendly waterfalls, five freshwater swimming areas, two underground viewing grottos, and the quarter-mile Lazy River Ride. Guests look forward to an extraspecial thrill at the Predator Lagoon, where they walk through a clear 100-foot underwater tube and come tooth to tooth with barracuda, sharks, and stingrays.

At the Royal Towers, an equally fascinating, if less formidable, community of sea creatures inhabits the 2.3million-gallon Ruins Lagoon, an underwater tableau depicting an ancient subsea city. Nearby, guests splash in five water slides that stream off a fabulous five-story Mayan Temple. This Royal



Above left: A bubbledomed skylight in the Coral Tower lobby contributes to the air of aqueous luxury. Above: Guests dine casually at Seagrapes, selecting from a buffet of fresh international favorites. Left: A more formal atmosphere for dining distinguishes Villa D'Este, featuring the cuisine of Northern Italy in a Romanesque setting.



Right: With more than 40,000 marine creatures in 11 exhibit lagoons, Atlantis boasts the largest man-made marine habitat in the world. The Dig imagines Paradise Found from an archaeologist's point of view.



Above: A 100-foot-long tunnel lures thrill seekers directly into the Predator Lagoon. Right: Championship fairways, holes, and oceanfront views vie for golfers' attention at the Paradise Island Golf Club. Towers section of the waterscape contains five more swimming areas, four tropical fish and predator lagoons, and The Dig, an imaginative look at mythical Atlantean life.

A guest at Atlantis could spend all day, everyday viewing the amazing marine life through aquarium windows. But few can resist the chance to get up close and personal thanks to a complimentary scuba lesson or the invitation to swim with thousands of fish in a seven-acre snorkeling lagoon. Or guests can go snorkeling or diving, kayaking, windsurfing, and sailing right off the beach.

At its Sports Center, Atlantis caters to those seeking dry-land activity with ten tennis courts (four lighted and one for exhibitions), basketball and volleyball courts, an 18-hole putting course, and, for good measure, a four-lane, 25-yard swimming pool. The resort's full-service fitness center turns the focus from competition to personal excellence with state-of-the-art exercise facilities, while its spa concentrates on relaxation,



rejuvenation, and beautifying treatments drawing on the best of the old world and new.

As one might imagine, children appreciate Atlantis at least as much as their parents. Not only do they get to live in a world beyond their dreams, splash in the pools, view native Bahamian turtles at Turtle Beach, and ride inner tubes along the Lazy River Ride, but Camp Paradise offers to keep them happy throughout the day and evening with everything from Bahamian crafts sessions to nature walks and even first-run movies.

No matter what the age or interest, guests can't help but marvel at the resort's vast culinary offerings. Nearly 40 specialty restaurants and lounges explore a wide spectrum of moods and flavors. Menus range from French to Italian, Chinese to Bahamian. Guests also indulge in such delights as a sushi and *saté* bar, a cigar room, a martini lounge, and

comfortable, conversational seating with wall-towall views of undersea life, lagoons, and the resort's own 63-slip, world-class marina.

Relaxation turns to excitement, and the excitement turns electric at the resort's 50,000square-foot Atlantis Casino, a 24-hour gaming room with nearly 1,100 slot machines and 80 tables for blackjack, roulette, craps, baccarat, and Caribbean stud poker. Again, not content with being simply one of the best, Atlantis features the largest casino in the Atlantic and Caribbean

region, adding complimentary gaming lessons and famously generous slots for luck. Much more than just for games, the casino also entertains with a dance club, a video cafe, a specialty coffee bar, and romantic dancing under the stars to a live Caribbean band.

Even meetings and group incentive programs at Atlantis push the envelope of world-class function and luxury. The resort accommodates groups of 10 to 3,000 with a full-service Conven-



tion Center and a choice of 35 meeting rooms, three boardrooms, and three flexible ballrooms. For outdoor gatherings, Atlantis specializes in beachside parties, both in the warm Bahamian sun and under the stars.

Atlantis, ever striving to meet all possible wishes and needs, gives its guests a wide variety of accommodation choices: elegant rooms, onebedroom villas, executive suites, and assorted VIP suites. With 1,074 rooms and suites, the Coral and Beach Towers uphold the Atlantis theme with







Left: A replicated Mayan temple dares guests to try its water slides: the corkscrew Serpent, the dual high-speed Challengers, the sightseeing Jungle Slide, or the 60foot near-vertical Leap of Faith. Right and below: Rooms and suites in the Coral Towers blend the colors of an undersea garden with sophisticated Caribbean-style comfort. Shells, fish, and other aquatic motifs complement views of the waterscape, ocean, marina, or harbor from every room.







aquatic motifs fairly bursting with tropical colors. The modern world's full array of comforts and amenities includes satellite TV and room service 24 hours a day. In addition, for the utmost in privacy and casual lodgings, guests may select from 64 pool and beachside villa rooms.

At the Royal Towers, another 1,202 plush rooms and specialty suites climb 23 stories into the Caribbean sky, and each has its own balcony. The Imperial Club's 113 rooms and 15 suites come with concierge services like complimentary food and beverage in an exclusive guest lounge, nightly turndown, and special arrangements for Location: Over the bridge from Nassau on Paradise Island, Bahamas Property: 60 acres Accommodations: 2.340 rooms. suites, and villas Meeting space: Over 200,000 square feet Recreation: Marine-life habitat, archaeological display, gaming casino, spa and fitness center, ten tennis courts, 18-hole putting course, basketball, volleyball, 11 freshwater swimming areas, water slides, saltwater lagoon, 63-slip yacht marina, sandy beaches, snorkeling, diving, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, rowing, tubing, and water cycling. Nearby championship golf, helicopter rides, dolphin encounters, and more. Range of rates: \$170-\$25,000 (seasonal) Reservations: (242) 363-3000; in the U.S. (800) ATLANTIS; in Canada (800) 321-3000; fax (242) 363-6300 Mailing address: P.O. Box N4777, Nassau, Bahamas Chief operating officer: Alan A. Leibman

tours, dining, and entertainment.

Anyone wishing to venture beyond the resort's heightened state of comfort can simply take a water taxi or a stroll across one of Paradise Island's bridges to experience the Old World charm of Nassau.

Golfers go for games at the nearby Paradise Island Golf Club. The championship course challenges players with nine doglegs, water in play on 13 holes, and more than 90 sand traps. The fairways adjoin the 35-acre Ocean Club—former estate of Huntington Hartford and another Sun International resort superstar. Renowned for its terraced Versailles gardens, marble statuary, and twelfth-century

> cloister, the Ocean Club invites guests to visit and augment the vast choice of activities and attractions at Atlantis.

> Comic Robin Williams once wryly commented, "Reality, what a concept!" Had Williams visited Atlantis, he might have amended the observation to "Concept, what a reality!" For here at Atlantis, the fantasy of the Lost Continent comes to life—and reality abides by a loftier set of standards. M





Left: Fiesta Americana Coral Beach Cancún celebrates the Caribbean sun with more than 600 balconies, an enormous pool, and a white-sand beach. Below: Soft light through a lead-crystal dome illuminates the lobby.



Fiesta Americana Coral Beach Cancún

HE ALL-SUITE Fiesta Americana Coral Beach Cancún fronts a thousand feet of one of the most coveted white sand beaches on the Yucatán Peninsula. Sheltered by a large coral reef, the calm azure bay sets the stage for water sports of every description. Windsurfers, wave runners, water-skiers, and more find everything needed at the resort's marina.

Snorkelers and divers have instant access to one

of the top dive spots on earth. Some guests spend their leisure hours exploring nearby Mayan ruins. Still more bask in the sun beside a spectacular multilevel swimming pool. More than twice the size of a football field, it features three swim-up bars, cocktail and food service, cascading waterfalls, and a jungle's worth of tropical vegetation.

From the sea, the palms and *palapas* of the Pool Terrace set off the building's postmodern architec-



ture to perfection. Every one of the 602 suites opens to a private oceanfront balcony. Inside, the standard luxuries include marble floors, individual temperature control, fully stocked minibar, direct-dial phone, satellite TV, and separate vanity with hair dryer and fine toiletries. Master Suites



Left: Offshore, Chital Reef protects the bay while creating a sublime spot for ocean fun, everything from snorkeling, sailing, and windsurfing to Jet Skiing.





Top: The multilevel pool skirts the Caribbean coastline with cascading waterfalls and three swim-up bars. Above: La Joya, winner of the AAA Five Diamond Award, invites guests to savor the rich and varied cuisine of Mexico. Right: Isla Contoy mixes fresh seafood, tropical breezes, and beachfront views. add double vanities, dressing rooms, in-room Jacuzzis, and extensive private terraces. Even larger, 16 top-of-the-line suites come with more than 1,000 square feet of space. The two Presidential Suites measure more than 5,000 square feet apiece.

The Fiesta Club caters to guests requiring the ultimate in accommodations and service. The exclusive floors offer a variety of luxurious oceanfront suites and a private rooftop lounge with concierge, food and beverage presentations, living room, and library—all with fabulous views of the Caribbean Sea.

No matter what the size or category of accommodation, everyone benefits from the quality of service reflected by the AAA's Five Diamond Award. Laundry and valet, barber and beauty shops, boutiques, car rental, travel arrangements, and medical services contribute to the on-site convenience. Room service delivers around the clock. Yet the five restaurants and four beverage and snack bars often tempt diners out to try the wide array of public eating, drinking, and entertainment options.

Choices include Cafe Viña del Mar for buffet breakfast and casual a la carte dining, Isla Contoy for breezy beachside meals, Coral Cafe for a European-style bistro menu in a colorful setting, and Coral Reef for Northern Italian dishes. Gourmets flock from all over the peninsula to sample the Mexican cuisine at La Joya—the first restaurant in all of Mexico to hold the AAA's Five Diamond Award.





Behind the scenes, the resort takes business very seriously. With 31,000 square feet of space for groups of up to 2,000, the hotel provides the area's largest ballroom and most extensive hotel conference facilities. Teams of experienced planners, managers, and caterers orchestrate details to perfection. A new Business Center provides office support for delegates and individual travelers alike.

When work inevitably winds down, racquet fans head for the indoor tennis center of three courts, stadium seating, pro shop, and resident instructors. A complete beachside Health Club & Spa offers fitness activities along with steam baths, whirlpools, saunas, and massage. Guests also have

Location: At Punta Cancún, Cancún, Mexico Property: Two acres Accommodations: 602 suites Meeting space: 31,000 square feet Recreation: Sandy beach, water-sports marina, swimming pool, three tennis courts, and a health club and spa. Nearby 18-hole golf and a wealth of archaeological and cultural attractions. Range of rates: US\$230-\$3,000 Reservations: (52)(988) 32900; in the U.S. (800) FIESTA-I; fax (52)(988) 33076 Mailing address: Blvd. Kukulkán Lote 6, Cancún, Quintana Roo 77500, Mexico General manager: Henry Walther automatic access to preferred tee times at Pok-Ta-Pok, the 18-hole Robert Trent Jones-designed golf course just minutes away.

Travelers live at the hub of Cancún's most vivacious area, across from several major shopping malls and the Cancún Convention Center, venue for international concert tours, art exhibits, and film festivals.

Cancún has it all—from the majesty of ancient temples to the nightlife of a world-class city, from adventurous ocean dives to lazy days in the shade of a *palapa*. Cancún's first Five Diamond Award winner fills out the rest, for travelers who demand the best in service and facilities. *****







Left: Fiesta Americana welcomes corporate groups with the area's most extensive hotel conference facilities. The bilingual staff assists with everything from festive theme parties to multimedia technology and adventurous off-site excursions. Right: The JW Marriott Lobby Lounge welcomes travelers to Mexico City with a cozy fire, live piano tunes, and a menu of justly famous martinis. Below: Modern architecture evokes the past at the city's newest luxury hotel.





Above: Banquets held in the Thai House benefit from a richly exotic flavor. Right: The lobby's relaxed residential ambience belies its 24-hour services, from reception, concierge, and guest relations to a state-ofthe-art Business Center.

JW Marriott Hotel Mexico City

EXICO CITY'S NEWEST luxury hotel leaves nothing to chance. A guest at the JW Marriott might need anything from meeting space for up to 400 to a suit pressed in an hour, a massage at midnight, or a report translated at 2 a.m. No problem. The hotel takes care of everything in the friendly, efficient manner associated

with the JW Marriott hallmark worldwide. The sleek, 20-story high rise presides in the

capital's exclusive Polanco District. Guests find

themselves opposite Chapultapec Castle and the National Auditorium, next door to the Museum of Contemporary Art, and surrounded by some of the best shops and restaurants in the city.

Inside, along with the warmth of the welcome in the lobby, guests may



note the relaxed charm of the JW Marriott Lobby Lounge, enhanced by a live piano serenade and a menu of justly famous martinis, and the Café Pergamino Restaurant, with its sunny terrace overlooking fashionable Campos Eliseos Avenue. Other noteworthy assets in the lobby: a 24hour concierge desk, 24-hour guest relations desk, and fully equipped,

expertly staffed 24-hour Business Center. Private rooms, suites, and extended-stay apartments rival the comfort and sophistication

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of the city's finest homes. All 312 come with individual climate control, personal safes, minibars, two phone lines with voice mail and data ports, satellite TV, payper-view movies, and daily international newspapers. White-glove housekeeping Location: On Chapultepec Park in the Polanco District of Mexico City Accommodations: 312 rooms and suites and six apartments Meeting space: 9,566 square feet Reservations: (52)(5) 282-8888; in the U.S. (800) 228-9290; fax (52)(5) 282-8811 Mailing address: Andres Bello 29, Chapultepec Polanco 11560, Mexico City, Mexico

General manager: Alex Stadlin

extends to one-hour pressing and laundry and dry cleaning returned the same day.

A stay on the Executive Floors assures the utmost in privacy and personal service, including complimentary Continental breakfast, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres served in a private lounge. Guests on every floor receive an open invitation to

visit the seventh floor's Health Spa. It features circuit training and aerobics classes, steam, sauna, massage, beauty services, and a health bar with snacks and natural fruit smoothies.

The adjoining Terrace Deck features an outdoor heated pool. In the evenings, its sparkling midnight-blue water and stunning views of Chapultapec Park lend magic to everything from wedding receptions to gala corporate events.

Indoors, the meeting and banquet space adds up to more than 9,500 square feet. Wrapped in murals depicting the city at the height of its Aztec period, Chapultapec Ballroom specializes in history-making reunions, conferences, and grand social events for up to 400. Another spectacular



setting, the Thai House, sets a uniquely serene mood for groups of up to 100. These and other spaces divide and mix to meet a wide range of needs.

Whether dining at a banquet, on room service, or in the restaurants, guests reap the rewards of an internationally trained culinary staff. The hotel's signature JW Grill Restaurant provides the ideal spot for an important business dinner or a romantic tête-à-tête—accompanied by some of the best steaks in town and gourmet dishes prepared individually by the chef.

If the difference between a fine hotel and a great one lies in the details, the attention paid at the JW Marriott signals a new legend in the making in Mexico City. 75

Above: Bedrooms and suites wrap guests in colonial finery while supplying all the services and amenities of a modern luxury hotel.



Far left: The JW Grill Restaurant enchants diners with a classical setting and gourmet dishes made individually by the chef. Left: By honoring the city's Aztec past in its murals, Chapultepec Ballroom lends dignity and perspective to every event. Right: The Ocean Club's 35 acres front two miles of heavenly white sand beach on Paradise Island, Bahamas. Recent renovations polished the resort's legendary allure while adding the latest word in upscale amenities.





Above: The Courtyard Terrace serves fine cuisine in a romantic outdoor setting. Right: The pool centers a half-mile series of formal terraces crowned by an authentic twelfth-century French cloister.

Ocean Club

UST ACROSS THE BRIDGE from Nassau in the Bahamas, Paradise Island's historic Ocean Club reopened as a masterpiece of

European refinement in 1995. Guests, settled in just 58 rooms and suites, indulge in the utmost standard of luxury, from breakfasts of Beluga caviar and lobster Benedict to starlit dinners of chateaubriand for two and Louis Roederer's Cristal Champagne.

The 35 acres of seaside grounds center on a two-story colonial mansion built in the late 1930s as the home of Edmund Lynch, of Merrill, Lynch & Company fame. Another American, A&P heir Huntington Hartford, spent millions transforming the private estate into a guest resort in the early 1960s. His dream of the ultimate Bahamian getaway complete with authentic twelfth-century French

cloister and formal Versailles Gardens—has been a favorite of the rich and famous ever since.

In 1966, the company that became Resorts International (with media magnate Merv Griffin at the helm) bought the resort. Then, in 1994, Sun International's chairman and CEO Sol Kerzner envisioned its possibilities as part of a Paradise Island package that included today's Atlantis, an \$800-million megaresort and casino just down the road.

In keeping with Ocean Club tradition, Kerzner

Location: In the Bahamas, across the bridge from Nassau on Paradise Island Property: 35 acres Accommodations: 58 rooms, suites, and villas Recreation: 18-hole golf course, nine tennis courts, pool, two-mile sandy beach, snorkeling, kayaking, windsurfing, sailing, and deep-sea fishing, plus the casino, 34 acres of water features, and much more at neighboring Atlantis. Range of rates: \$375-\$1,360 (seasonal) Reservations: (242) 363-3000; in the U.S. and Canada (800) 321-3000; fax (242) 363-2424 Mailing address: P.O. Box N-4777, Nassau, Bahamas General manager: Heinrich Morio



spared no expense to preserve and enhance the exclusive atmosphere. Public and private spaces underwent a total renovation, receiving new air conditioning, ceiling fans indoors and over guests' patios and balconies, minibars, safes, 27-inch TVs, and bathrooms with imported marble, bidets, and custom bathrobes, soaps, and toiletries.

The "new" Ocean Club also boasts the latest in security and communications—along with all the charm of a bygone era. Old World service includes concierge, valet, laundry, housekeeping three times a day, and in-room dining around the clock.

The private pleasures actually rival the wealth of outdoor activities. But most golfers head straight for the resort's Dick Wilson-designed championship golf course, recently refurbished at a cost of \$600,000. Some guests begin at the nine Har-Tru courts outside the tennis clubhouse. Others soak up the sun by the pool or on the beach, where they consider joining the snorkelers, kayakers, windsurfers, sailors, and deep-sea fishermen offshore.

Guests also enjoy full privileges next door—at the largest island resort in the world. Atlantis offers everything from a casino with spectacular water views to a mind-boggling number of water attractions, including the world's largest open-air marine-life habitat. Guests exploring Atlantis can also tour the world through 38 specialty restaurants and lounges—or head home to the quartet of upscale drinking and dining establishments at the Ocean Club.

For Paradise Island's most discriminating guests, home means a love affair between European luxury and the languid beauty of the tropics. As one visitor put it, Bogie and Bacall might appear on an Ocean Club balcony at any time. *****







Top: Indoor and outdoor living areas, estatelike furnishings, and sumptuous marble bathrooms highlight the villas. Above and below left: Favorite activities range from utter relaxation in the shade to sunning at the pool, golf on an 18-hole course, and tennis at a nine-court racquet club. Guests also enjoy walks across the bridge into Nassau and visits to neighboring Atlantis, the Ocean Club's big sister and the largest island resort and casino in the world.





Opposite and left: Combined with Grand Turismo luxury, the playful design of the Westin Regina Resort Los Cabos adds to the sense of celebration at land's end. The Sea of Cortéz hugs the resort's private mile of sandy beach.



The Westin Regina Resort Los Cabos

THOUSAND MILES of desert end in 18 miles of beach at the tip of the Baja Peninsula. Here one of Mexico's most popular resorts attracts lovers of solitude, sunshine, and contrast. The people who love Los Cabos love spicy cuisine and cool margaritas. Morning walks in the desert followed by afternoons at sea. Championship golf and tennis. Pure air, blue skies, blazing sunsets, and romantic, starry nights.

Designed by the renowned Mexican architect Javier Sordo Madaleno, the Westin Regina Resort Los Cabos received the 1996 Reader's Choice Award for architecture from the Official Hotel Guide as one of the top three most dramatic hotels in the world.

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Inspired in color and form by the surrounding desert, the main nine-story structure of native red stone curves in answer to the shape of the desert hills and adjacent beach. Bright, bold accents of hot pink, yellow, and green feel right at home in the Mexican desert. Backed by vermilion mountains, bordered by white sand and azure waters, and set in an oasis of tropical greenery, the resort presents a feast for the eyes at every turn.



The grand central entrance and reception area welcome newcomers with a shimmering view of the Sea of Cortéz. Artfully chosen accents—terra-cotta pottery, ceramic sculptures, inlaid stone, and glasswork—infuse the lobby with the warmth of a family



Above and left: Guests soak up the sunshine in and around seven pools, all within view of the sea. Cares evaporate quickly in the dry desert air.



Right: The resort represents an architectural tour de force by Mexico's own Javier Sordo Madaleno, whose awardwinning design created a world-class playground for sophisticated tastes.



Above: Masterful lighting contributes to the evenings' romance. Right: A monumental gate links the desert and the sea, while tropical gardens express the delight of living in yearround sunshine.



estate. Verandas and pitched overhangs lend shade, while latticed stonework and trellises dapple the sun's rays.

Like the lobby, all 295 rooms, suites, and villas command sweeping views of the sea. Positioned to take full advantage of both sunrise and sunset, all have private balconies, hand-crafted furniture, and original art. A dozen junior suites offer Jacuzzis, while the Royal Beach Club accommodations share a private lounge with presentations of Continental breakfast and evening cocktails.

All rooms and suites come with individually controlled air conditioning, ceiling fans, and ample sitting areas. The five-star amenities extend to satellite TV with extra movie channels, direct-dial phones, fully stocked refreshment centers, pure drinking water, and in-room safes. Marble baths provide separate tubs and showers, hair dryers, lighted vanity mirrors, and deluxe toiletries.

Room service delivers around the clock. Or diners can visit the main dining room, La Cascada, for Mexican and interna-

tional fare throughout the day and evening; Arrecifes for local seafood and a spectacular waterfront setting; or La Playa and El Set for poolside meals and refreshments. Surrounded by a collection of authentic sports memorabilia, guests at La Cantina enjoy table games and a daily sports schedule on multiple big-screen TVs.

State-of-the-art meeting facilities include the latest audiovisual equipment and the support of a

dedicated multilingual staff. The 4,860-squarefoot Baja Ballroom holds up to 990, while the 2,446-square-foot Cactus Ballroom divides into four spaces for smaller events. Outdoor plazas set the stage for unforgettable fiestas and other theme parties. Famous for some of the liveliest and most sophisticated cuisine on Baja, the food and beverage staff rises to every occasion.



Location: On the tip of Baja California, between San José del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico Property: 15 acres Accommodations: 305 rooms, suites, and villas

Meeting space: 9,694 square feet Recreation: Seven swimming pools, two tennis courts, fitness center, spa, a mile of sandy beach, and volleyball. Nearby water sports, four championship golf courses, hiking, hunting, and horseback riding.

Range of rates: US\$275-\$2,770 Reservations: (52)(114) 29000; in the U.S. (800) WESTIN-1; fax (52)(114) 29011

Mailing address: Carretera Transpeninsular Km. 22.5, P.O. Box 145, San José del Cabo, BCS 23400, Mexico Managing director: Werni A. Eisen



The Gold Key Award from *Meetings & Conventions* magazine recognizes the industry's highest standard of service and quality.

The resort's recreational facilities revolve around a full-service fitness center with aerobics studio, computerized exercise equipment, and free weights. At the spa, guests may choose from sauna, steam room, whirlpool, or professional massage. A pathway meanders from the fitness center to the closest of seven outdoor swimming pools.

Ocean lovers and volleyball enthusiasts head for the hotel's mile-long curve of white-sand beach. Two grass composite tennis courts welcome singles or doubles play. The hotel's activity desk regularly arranges for nearby water sports like sailing, scuba diving, deep-sea fishing, snorkeling, windsurfing, Jet Skiing, and waterskiing. For a change of pace, guests can explore the austere beauty of the Baja desert via hiking, hunting, or horseback riding excursions.

In 1997, *Condé Nast Traveler* named the Westin Regina Resort Los Cabos among the top ten golf resorts in the Americas. Guest have access to four signature championship courses: two by Jack Nicklaus, one by Roy Dye, and another by Robert Trent Jones, Jr.—all just a short distance from the resort. Also nearby, the towns of San José del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas present a wide choice of shopping, dining, and nightlife opportunities.

A five-star standard at the Westin Regina Resort Los Cabos adds immeasurably to the luxury of living at land's end. Steeped in the "Westin Way" of hospitality, guests pursue sports and social activity, solitude and rejuvenation—contrasts in perfect harmony with the character of Los Cabos. *** Above: Over the last decade, championship golf in the area has emerged to challenge water sports as the leading activity.

Far left: Two patio restaurants, La Playa and El Set, dispense poolside meals and refreshments. Left: Rooms, suites, and villas place the accent on fivestar comfort and breathtaking Baja views.



Right: Rio de Janeiro's longest, widest, most famous beach fronts the Copacabana Palace—a focal point for chic sun worship since the 1920s and today a member of The Leading Hotels of the World. Below: One of the city's largest swimming pools basks in the clear skies of perpetual summer.







Right: An after-dinner visit to the piano bar completes a perfect evening.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Copacabana Palace

RED ASTAIRE met Ginger Rogers at the Copacabana Palace—in the 1933 classic *Flying Down to Rio.* From the moment it opened in 1923, the hotel has stood as a symbol for the high life along Copacabana Beach and the very spirit of Rio itself.

The impressive six-story landmark holds court

in the queen of Rio's seaside communities. Its Golden Guest Book contains signatures from generations of the world's elite. Kings, queens, presidents, and stars from every walk of life still flock to experience the legendary location and French Mediterranean charm.

In 1989, ownership of the Copa passed to Orient-Express Hotels, an event that brought unprecedented levels of service and luxury. The company launched a total refurbishment under the guidance of Gerard Gallet, the man who designed such other Orient-Express superstars as the Hotel Cipriani in Venice and the *Venice Simplon–Orient-Express* train.

Back in 1923, French architect Joseph Gire



attributed inspiration for his design to the Hotel Negresco in Nice and the Carlton in Cannes. Today the same soaring ceilings and newly restored details distinguish the public areas, state rooms, and guest quarters. And, along with the sumptuous surroundings, guests enjoy everything from upgraded air conditioning and 24-hour room Location: Facing Copacabana Beach in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Accommodations: 226 rooms and suites Meeting space: 23,183 square feet Range of rates: US\$330-\$1,350 Reservations: (55)(21) 548-7070, fax (55)(21) 235-7330; in the U.S. (800) 237-1236, fax (212) 840-6748 Mailing address: Avenida Atlântica 1702, Rio de Janeiro CEP 22021, Brazil General manager: Philip Carruthers

service to satellite TV and the latest communications systems.

A private executive lounge now serves the fifth floor's 26 suites, where the decor includes Brazilian mahogany furniture inlaid with

Brazilian agates—plus tastefully disguised TVs, VCRs, and CD players.

One story up, seven superdeluxe suites provide the heights of penthouse luxury—herringbone parquetry floors, oriental carpets, fine art and antiques, and modern marble bathrooms with tubs positioned for views of the ocean. A black glasstiled swimming pool centers the floor's lushly landscaped terrace—an ideal spot for private outdoor entertaining.

Groups can count on a full range of business and secretarial services, audiovisual equipment, and matchless catering for up to 1,200. The Golden Room, perhaps the most famous of 14 meeting and dining rooms, features a glass dance floor lit from below.

Leisure activity continues at a fitness center with an extensive range of facilities, at a rooftop tennis court, and at the largest swimming pool in Copacabana. The complex also holds a solarium, beauty salon, jewelry store, English-



language book shop, bar, and two superb restaurants.

Orient-Express raised the standard for fine cuisine in Rio. The Pergula serves international favorites in an alfresco setting, where Rio's most famous afternoon tea is also served. The Hotel Cipriani restaurant honors its name with the finest North Italian cuisine. Then there's the Hotel Cipriani Piano Bar, a popular place to gather for cocktails, snacks, and conversation.

Guests need only step outside the hotel to indulge in other local pastimes like sunbathing, ocean sports, and people watching. The concierge can easily arrange for opera tickets, golf, sailing, cruises, and visits to attractions like Corcovado and Sugar Loaf.

The Copa's grand tradition makes a fitting tribute to one of the world's most beautiful cities. Guests enjoy the highest standard of luxury—and an ideal vantage point from which to join Rio's nonstop celebration of life. *****



Top: The Copa's signature restaurant, the Hotel Cipriani, mirrors the romance and sophistication of its namesake in Venice, Italy. Above: Chef Francisco Carli brought his talents to Rio from the original Cipriani. Below left: A fifth-floor lounge and 26 apartments and suites make up an exclusive club within the hotel-where the advantages extend to remote-control lifts for hiding TVs when not in use. The Copa's Orient-Express hallmark ensures devotion to guests' every wish and need.





Right: At the tip of the Baja Peninsula, Casa del Mar combines the romance of Old Mexico and the amenities of a world-class hotel.







Above: The Avanti Spa answers guests' health and beauty needs with a fitness center and European techniques developed by the Pevonia Botanica Skin Care Institute. Right: Patio dining takes full advantage of the desert warmth and seaside breeze.

Casa del Mar Golf Resort & Spa

F DIEGO RIVERA painted seascapes with the same colors he used in his murals, he would have set up his easel at Casa del Mar Golf Resort & Spa. Here at the tip of the Baja Peninsula, where the vibrant tones of desert, fairways, and flowers meet blue Pacific waters, the wild beauty of Mexico weaves its spell. And here visitors quickly learn to value Casa del Mar as a true hacienda, a luxurious house in the country devoted to the enjoyment of guests.

Wrought-iron tracery and colonial arches lend a

All include phones, TVs, individual air conditioning, and in-room safes. And every window views at least one of the property's six swimming pools and, in the background, either the blue of the Sea of Cortéz or the green of a fairway.

Golf plays an integral role in the Casa del Mar experience. Designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr., the Cabo Real course beholds the sea from every championship hole. Guests face the same challenges posed by such Cabo Real-hosted tournaments as the PGA Senior Slam and the Los Cabos

Celebrity Challenge.

romantic air to the architecture, while the small number of guest rooms—just 25 rooms and 31 suites preserve the intimate feel. Every room's decor captures the flavor of a private home. All feature kitchenettes, minibars, dining areas, walk-in closets, and Jacuzzis.



Other fun-in-thesun options include an adults-only beach club with pool, Jacuzzi, and bar, which particularly appeals to the many honeymooners who visit. Tennis enthusiasts have four lighted courts at their disposal. And explorers visit the Cuadra San Francisco

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Location: At the tip of the Baja Peninsula, between Cabo San Lucas and San José del Cabo, Mexico Property: 1.16 acres Accommodations: 56 rooms and

suites

Recreation: Six swimming pools, fullservice spa, four tennis courts, paddle tennis court, horseback riding, sandy beach, and nearby 18-hole golf, boating, and sportfishing.

Range of rates: \$220-\$375 (seasonal) Reservations: (52)(114) 40030; in the U.S. (800) 221-8808; fax (52)(114) 40034 Mailing address: Km. 19.5 Carretera Transpeninsular; Cabo San Lucas, BCS, Mexico

General manager: Alfredo Rosas

Stables for guided horseback rides along the beach and into the hills.

For guests interested in pure relaxation, the Avanti Spa offers more than 16 treatments and therapies. Spa patrons may begin on the Cybex machines, then graduate to space-age

chairs that vibrate away muscle tension. After a turn in the his-and-hers saunas or steam rooms, a session might end with a massage followed by a European-style facial or mud bath.

Further indulgence waits at El Comedor, "The Dining Room," where guests stop by at their leisure for fine Mexican and Continental cuisine to enjoy inside or on a shady terrace. El Bar Jardín complements two swim-up bars on the premises with a full spectrum of vintage wines and liquors.

Event planners find the intimate size ideal for exclusive gatherings of all kinds. Cocktail parties



and weddings take place outdoors, where the staff caters for up to 300 people. In the last few years, more than a hundred corporate groups have chosen Casa del Mar as their destination, many including a golf package as a special bonus for participants.

The colorful setting also draws crews for photo and film shoots—the modern equivalents of Diego Rivera with his easel. However, the genuine warmth of Mexico serves as the overriding factor to bring patrons back again and again. Here, everyone is an honored guest of the family. ***** Left: Two of the resort's six pools come with large Jacuzzis and swim-up bars. All harmonize with the stunning beauty of Baja. Below: Rooms and suites appeal to romantic couples and others who appreciate the finer things in life.





Left: The Cabo Real Group owns and manages both the resort and its neighbor, the Cabo Real Golf & Country Club. The club honors guests with guaranteed tee times and special arrangements for events and private tournaments. Corporate clients range from Leica of Switzerland to Budweiser and Nike. Right: Guests of Fiesta Americana Condesa Cancún, one of The Leading Hotels of the World, dive into a central playground of freshwater pools, Mexican *palapas*, warm sun, cool sand, and vast Caribbean Sea.





Fiesta Americana Condesa Cancún



Above: Ancient rituals come to life on a Magic Maya Night, one of many popular theme parties. Right: Intimate gardens capture the romance of nearby Mayan jungles, where off-site tours explore the grandeur of a bygone civilization. NE OF THE LARGEST thatched huts in the world marks the entrance to the Fiesta Americana Condesa Cancún. Throughout the hotel, the tropical theme mirrors the stunning natural environment—from waterfalls and atriums filled with lush greenery to a multilevel lagoonshaped swimming pool and magnificent beach. The resort, which opened as host of the 1989 Miss

separate vanity areas, purified water, minibars, and 24-hour room service. Grand Classe accommodations add extra touches of luxury with their prime ocean views and amenities such as a welcome cocktail, Continental breakfast, and petit fours in the evening.

Three bars and four restaurants serve an array of delectable beverages and cuisines. Patio Los

Universe Pageant, combines the glamour of a five-star hotel, the flavor of an island paradise, and a relaxing, friendly atmosphere.

Fiesta Americana Condesa Cancún pampers its guests with 502 deluxe rooms and suites, all featuring private balconies or terraces overlooking the ocean or lagoon. The five-star amenities include individual climate control, satellite TV, direct-dial phones, radios, safes, hair dryers,



Naranjos begins the day with an express breakfast buffet in the main lobby. The Kambu Palapa accompanies a casual seafood menu with views of the beach and pool.

Also overlooking the pool, the Kalmia Restaurant serves international favorites all day and theme buffets in the evening. Another favorite, the Rosato Ristorante, puts the accent on romance with candlelight and cuisine from northern Italy.
Location: At the tip of the Yucatán Peninsula, on the island of Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico Property: Ten acres Accommodations: 502 rooms Meeting space: 31,000 square feet Recreation: Multilevel swimming pool, three indoor tennis courts, health club and spa, sandy beach, sailing, windsurfing, and scuba diving lessons. Nearby 18hole golf, motorized water sports, and a wide range of area tours.

Range of rates: Approximate US\$130-\$650

Reservations: (52)(98) 851-000; in the U.S. (800) FIESTA 1; in Mexico (800) 504-5000; fax (52)(98) 851-800 Mailing address: Blvd. Kukulkán Km. 16.5, Hotel Zone, Cancún, Q. Roo, Mexico 77500

Web site: www.fiestaamericana.com Director of sales: Ricardo Bravo General manager: Giovanni Ronghi



The hotel caters to groups of up to 1,800 with four conference rooms, five ballrooms, and generous outdoor locations. Group services include fine catering, state-of-the-art audiovisuals, and a business center with professional equipment and assistance. The convention staff tailor every program to meet individual needs, specializing in theme coffee breaks and events like Beach Olympics, Mexican Fiesta, and Magic Maya, Safari, and Caribbean Pirate Nights.

Cancún's year-round daytime temperature averages in the 80s, making it a true tropical paradise. Warm clear Caribbean waters invite guests out for swimming, scuba diving, windsurfing, sailing, and more. Guests can also soak up the sun on the white sand beach and around the enormous pool. Children flock to the Fiesta Kids Club, a program of activities devoted exclusively to fun. Tennis players find three indoor courts complete with resident pro and tournament play. Golfers appreciate the proximity to Pok-Ta-Pok, Cancún's Robert Trent Jones, Jr., 18-hole championship course. Fitness seekers work out in the Health Club's weight room or aerobics studio, while beauty seekers visit the resort's new ultramodern spa equipped with 24 certified technicians and Pevonia Botanica's exclusive skin-care products.

The full spectrum of conveniences—including travel agency, car rental, beauty salon, baby-sitters, and boutiques—adds to the ease of five-star living at the Fiesta Americana Condesa Cancún. But guests often find their favorite amenities of all in the golden sunshine and warm hospitality from the staff. 74



Top: The Presidential Suite scales the heights of Gran Turismo luxury with its three bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, and Jacuzzi on the terrace. Above: Every room and suite combines five-star comfort with outdoor seating and views of the water. Far left: Rosato Ristorante transports diners to a cozy corner of northern Italy. Left: Groups arrive to find every need at hand thanks to the award-winning staff and state-of-the-art conference space.





Right: Only steps from Chapultepec Park, Camino Real Mexico devotes one of its pools to the exclusive use of suite residents. Worldrenowned architect Ricardo Legorreta lent his signature of bold Latin colors to every corner of the hotel.





Camino Real Mexico

AMINO REAL MEXICO opened July 25, 1968, as the official residence for honored guests of the Mexico City Olympics. Since then,

the hotel has served as the seat of more than 130 state visits from royalty, prime ministers, and presidents. Today, just as in the past, distingished visitors enjoy not only Mexico City's only resort hotel but one of its finest collections of art.

Camino Real which means "Royal Highway" in Spanish—lies near Chapultepec Park, home of the nation's most famous art and anthropology museums, auditorium, and zoo. Internationally acclaimed architect Ricardo Legorreta

designed the building as a blend of prehispanic, colonial, and futuristic pyramid motifs. Working with more than eight acres of grounds, he

> fashioned a low-rise, five-story hotel where the rooms and suites look out on pools and tennis courts, patios, fountains, and gardens.

The entry portal forms a spectacular geometric sculpture, but it and an impressive circular fountain are but an introduction to the wealth of artistic treasures inside. Man Encounters the Infinite, the largest mural ever painted on a single piece of canvas by the great Rufino Tamayo, dominates the main lobby. The third level revolves around a monumental "Stabile" by Alexander Calder.

Above: The Executive Lounge treats VIPs to breakfast and a close-up view of the gardens. Right: The main pool and courtyard highlight more than eight acres of landscaped grounds. The pools, wide open spaces,

than eight acres of landscaped grounds. The pools, wide open spaces, tennis courts, and Fitness Center mark Camino Real as the only resort hotel in town.



The hotel also houses a veritable museum of paintings by Mexico's modern masters.

Contemporary elegance and comfort distinguish all 709 of the rooms and suites. Amenities reflect the hotel's membership with The Leading Hotels of the World in everything from a fullservice Fitness Center (with inspiring view of Chapultepec Castle) to 24-hour room service.

Standard amenities include satellite TV, minibars, electronic wall safes, and direct-dial phones with voice mail and connections for fax, computer, and modem. Guests with Camino Real Club accommodations enjoy the added advantages of exclusive check-in and checkout, dedicated butler service and concierge attention, plus complimentary breakfast and evening cocktails as well as canapés in the privacy of the Executive Lounge.

Executives also appreciate the Business Center, which includes a quartet of meeting rooms for up to 20 people, all with state-of-the-art audiovisu-

Location: Just a few steps from Chapultepec Park in Mexico City Accommodations: 709 rooms and suites Meeting space: 40,743 square feet Range of rates: US\$259-\$2,500 Reservations: (52)(5) 203-2121; in the U.S. and Canada (800) 7-CAMINO; fax (52)(5) 250-6897 Mailing address: Mariano Escobedo 700, 11590 Mexico, D.F., Mexico E-mail: mex@caminoreal.com Web site: www.caminoreal.com/mexico/ General manager: Rodolfo Roth als. Working travelers keep their business on track with fax service, photocopying, personal computers, cell phones, and expert secretarial and translation support. An additional 29 meeting and banquet rooms cater to groups of 10 to 1,500. A Pinnacle Award-winning meetings staff takes pride in their ability to meet virtually any need, whether onsite or off.

Restaurants cover the full spectrum in dining moods, from casual at 24-hour La Huerta coffee shop to casually elegant at Azulejos to elegant at Fouquet's de Paris. Entertainment options begin in the Lobby Lounge and go on to a lively Tapas Bar, large-screen TV and table games at Le Club, and La Cantina, featuring a premium selection of tequilas and Mexican appetizers.

Just outside, Mexico City's finest attractions wait around every corner. Camino Real welcomes the capital's most illustrious visitors in a style befitting one of the world's liveliest and most sophisticated cities. 76



Left: Suites combine the warmth of Mexico, the sophistication of contemporary design, and the latest word in modern conveniences. Below: A full bar and an impressive selection of wines accompany fine French cuisine at Fouquet's de Paris.



Left: The main ballroom hosts some of the capital's most important official functions. Planners appreciate the wide range of staging and audiovisual options, custom catering, and the support of a Pinnacle Award-winning staff. Right: The Westin Regina Resort faces Bahía de Banderas, Mexico's largest natural bay. The Marina Vallarta location lays a wealth of waterfront activities at guests' feet.





The Westin Regina Resort



Above: Neighboring Marina Vallarta Club de Golf adds a major attraction. Below right: Traditional forms of Mexican architecture, art, and colors introduce arrivals to the work of architect Javier Sordo Madaleno, who translated the ancient motifs into a sleek and sophisticated design. FAMOUS LOVE AFFAIR put Puerto Vallarta on the map in 1964. That's when Hollywood director John Huston brought Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor together for the shoot of his Oscar-winning *Night of the Iguana*. The ink was hardly dry on the headlines before vacationers from all over the world began pouring into the film's location, then a drowsy little fishing village on the Pacific coast of Mexico.

The rest, as they say, is history. Over the years, Puerto Vallarta burgeoned into a sophisticated beach resort of some 350,000 residents. Today it welcomes more than 1.5 million visitors annually.

Yet, despite its popularity, Puerto Vallarta remains remarkably unspoiled. Old Mexico waits around every corner: Cobblestone streets wind past white colonial homes adorned with red-tile roofs and wrought-iron balconies. Every wall and patio seems alive with a new shade of bougainvillea, every eave an excuse for more flowers to cascade in hanging baskets. Meanwhile, the city's multitude of boutiques, galleries, and restaurants caters to international tastes.

After dark, Puerto Vallarta's nightclubs reign as the toast of Mexico. During the day, the dependable sunshine, 25 miles of beaches, and jungle-clad mountains make it a paradise for those who like their vacations active.

The Westin Regina Resort opened in 1992 as the crown jewel of Marina Vallarta, the city's newest and most exclusive beach community. The





21-acre grounds claim almost 900 feet of beach beside Marina Vallarta's harbor. With a front row seat on Bahía de Banderas, the largest bay in Mexico, Westin's guests dive into every water activity under the sun—swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, windsurfing, sailing, and deep-sea fishing.

Land sports begin with tennis on three lighted grass-composition courts and go on to golf at nearby Marina Vallarta Club de Golf, a private 18hole championship course. Back at home, guests unwind in the air-conditioned spaciousness of a freestanding fitness center equipped with state-ofthe-art exercise machines, free weights, aerobics classes, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, and sunbathing deck.

The renowned Mexican architect Javier Sordo Madaleno designed Westin's grounds and buildings to take best advantage of the beach and 600 palm trees still standing from coconut plantation days. Four sparkling swimming pools meander through the grove of feathery palms, alternating with lawns,





flower beds, and sundecks trimmed in white lounge chairs.

Madaleno used traditional Mexican forms and materials for the buildings behind this tropical wonderland. The exteriors' natural woods, tile, stone, and earth-toned terra-cotta create a warmly understated welcome. On the interiors, however, he accented many of the walls with a rainbow of



Above left: Sightseers delight in vestiges of Puerto Vallarta's colonial period nearby. Above: At home, under a high thatched roof, Garibaldi transports guests back to the city's days as a tiny fishing village. Far left: The resort's main buildings surround a palmstudded wonderland of pools. Left: The Westin's Pintores Ballroom stages fiestas for up to 485.



Above and below right: El Palmar entertains both indoors and out with a delightful colonial atmosphere. Below, far right: La Cascada, the lobby bar, invites relaxation with a spectacular view of the bay, pools, and gardens. colors like aqua, pink, lavender, and ocher. The result brings the sunshine in while lending a sophisticated Mexican feel to the decor.

Along with colorful fabrics and hand-crafted furnishings, a panoramic ocean view from a private balcony highlights each of the 266 rooms. Fourteen suites come with even more space—and extras like whirlpool tubs. Two floors of Royal Beach Club accommodations represent the ultimate in privacy and luxury. They include the Presidential Suite with its two bedrooms and



bathrooms, living room, dining room, and private pool.

Mexico's five-star rating, Gran Turismo, bears witness to the high standard of amenities for everyone—from electronic door locks to air conditioning and ceiling fans, well-stocked private bars, direct-dial phones with modem jacks, color satellite TV, spacious marble baths, and 24-hour concierge and room service.

For public dining, the bars and restaurants appeal to a variety of moods and tastes. El Palmar, the main restaurant, constitutes a large terrace overlooking the hotel's gardens and pools. Here diners may eat outdoors or in, ordering from a full breakfast menu in the morning or visiting an elaborate buffet of juices, fruits, cereals, pastries, cheeses, eggs, and other dishes. Lunch and dinner menus accompany traditional Mexican dishes with a variety of Continental choices.

A second restaurant, Garibaldi, entertains on the beach under an enormous thatched-roof *palapa* decorated with agaves, cacti, nets, lanterns, and other marine items. For dinner, guests enjoy regional gourmet dishes—with the emphasis on fresh local seafood—plus mariachi music, special buffets and theme nights, and a sweeping view of Puerto Vallarta's famous bay. The restaurant's tequila bar offers a choice of more than 150 brands of the Mexican elixir—the ideal accompaniment to both sunset watching and after-dinner dancing to live bands.

Another popular lounge, La Cascada, adjoins the lobby and a gallery of boutiques, shops, and service bureaus. Pool bars Tenampa and Tlaquepaque, which dispense refreshments in the palm grotto, specialize in hamburgers, pizzas, and ceviches along with other snacks. Here ice-cold beer and elaborate frozen fruit concoctions top the beverage list.

Catering services ensure unforgettable banquets for conferences and other group events.





Planners choose from 16,000 square feet of meeting space surrounding the resort's grand foyer—all just steps away from a gracious open-air terrace. The 6,273-square-foot Pintores Ballroom accommodates up to 840 for receptions, or easily divides into smaller spaces. Just across the foyer, three conference rooms with waterfall views hold up to 60 guests apiece—or combine for larger events. The adjacent Tamayo Boardroom seats up to 18; and just down the hall, a trio of meeting rooms for up to 145 each comes with projection

Location: On the Pacific Ocean at Banderas Bay, in the Marina Vallarta resort community of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico Property: 21 acres Accommodations: 280 rooms and suites

Meeting space: 16,000 square feet Recreation: Four swimming pools, three tennis courts, fitness center, sandy beach, snorkeling, windsurfing, and deep-sea fishing. Nearby 18-hole golf, horseback riding, guided jungle tours, and bullfight viewing in season.

Range of rates: \$180-\$800 (seasonal) Reservations: (52)(322) 11100; in the U.S. (800) WESTIN-1; fax (52)(322) 11131

Mailing address: Paseo de la Marina Sur 205, Marina Vallarta, P.O. Box 4-100, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco 48321, Mexico

Director of sales and marketing: Eric Bacmeister General manager: Gonzalo Franyutti room, sound system, VCR monitors, slide projectors, and oversize video screens. Both delegates and individual travelers benefit from easy access to personal computers and copying, fax, telex, and secretarial services.

Whether for business or strictly for pleasure, there's an art to bringing people together in comfort and style. But it feels only natural at The Westin Regina Resort—where the legendary Westin hallmark meets the legendary charms of Puerto Vallarta. 24



Left: Ocean-view balconies off every room and suite take full advantage of the Puerto Vallarta sunrise and sunset. Fivestar amenities inside promise an international standard of comfort and convenience.



Above: A skylit Jacuzzi completes the offerings at a state-of-the-art fitness center. Left: Twenty-one acres of grounds alternate pools and palms, sunshine and shadow, open space and intimate patios.

Right: Marriott's Casa-Magna Cancún Resort welcomes guests to the Mexican isle of Cancún. Only the white-sand beach separates freshwater swimming from a dip in the Caribbean Sea.







Above: Custom menus suit any occasion, whether formal banquets or beach parties with a Mayan or Caribbean theme. Right: Outside, Roman splendor complements the ageless pleasure of a holiday by the sea.

Marriott's CasaMagna Cancún Resort

ARRIOTT'S CASAMAGNA Cancún Resort might be an emperor's villa on the Mediterranean with its grand arcades, arches, vaults, and hanging gardens. At the same time, the Romanesque style perfectly suits the grandeur of Mexico's Caribbean sky, beach, and sea.

The resort presides at the heart of Cancún's island playground, 15 minutes from the international airport and two miles south of the convention center and shopping district. Some of the most famous attractions in all of Mexico wait nearby. At the same time, Marriott's CasaMagna Cancún Resort appeals to luxury-loving vacationers seeking a wide diversity of activity right at home.

Recreation centers largely on the hotel's talcumsoft beach and beachside pool, where the activities include volleyball, water aerobics, and lessons in scuba diving, pottery making, painting, and Spanish. Children enjoy their own fun-filled center and Club Amigos, an organized program of activities.

Along with catamaran sailing, parasailing, and Jet Skiing, guests take up the challenge of games on two floodlit tennis courts and workouts at a fully equipped Health Club. Golfers pursue their



Location: Ten miles from Cancún International Airport, on the beach of Cancún, Mexico

Property: Ten acres

Accommodations: 452 rooms and suites

Meeting space: 10,580 square feet Recreation: Swimming pool, two tennis courts, health club, sandy beach, snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing, Jet Skiing, parasailing, supervised children's program, and special-interest activities for all ages. Nearby championship golf and a fascinating array of area attractions. Range of rates: US\$150-\$900 (seasonal), with honeymoon, family, and golf packages available Reservations: (52)(98) 852-000, fax (52)(98) 851-385; in the U.S. (800) 223-

6388, in Mexico (800) 709-9500; group requests (888) 778-4722 Mailing address: Blvd. Kukulcán,

Retorno Chac L-41, Cancún, Q. Roo 77500, Mexico **Director of marketing:** Gary Grove

General manager: Chris Calabrese



passion a few minutes away at two championship courses—Caesar Park Golf Club and Robert Trent Jones's legendary Pok-Ta-Pok.

Still, restaurant hopping at the hotel may be the most popular activity of all. At La Capilla, diners feast on a variety of local and international dishes accompanied by a breathtaking backdrop of ocean. La Isla serves as an open-air café, while the Bahía Club dispenses beverages and snacks to pool and beach goers. Mikado's Japanese steak house, serving *teppan-yaki* and Thai cuisine, brings the tastes of Asia to Mexico. Mikado's bar faces the tranquil waters of Nichupté Lagoon, while the Lobby Bar gazes over the pool and ocean—the perfect place to end an evening with cocktails and soft piano tunes.

For those needing to conduct business in paradise, the hotel provides multilingual 24-hour guest services and a Business Center with fax, copier, and secretarial services. Groups stage events in an 8,712square-foot ballroom and several additional meeting rooms and outdoor areas. The hotel's meeting staffs hold the industry's top awards, including *Meetings & Conventions*'s Gold Key and *Successful Meetings*'s Pinnacle Awards.

For guests wishing to soak up the

island's sunshine and breezes in private, every one of the 450 rooms and suites opens to a furnished terrace. Other standard comforts and conveniences include in-room safes, irons and ironing boards, hair dryers, bathrobes, ceiling fans, individual climate control, purified water, TVs with U.S. cable, direct-dial phones, minibars, and daily newspaper. Room service delivers 24 hours a day.

CasaMagna translates as "Great House" in English. It's a grand experience no matter how you say it. *****





Top: Rooms and suites combine classic touches with the open-air feeling of living outdoors. Above: Land sports include tennis on two lighted courts and golf nearby. Left: The main dining room—La Capilla features American-style buffets for breakfast, Mexican favorites for lunch, and fresh local seafood for dinner. Right and opposite: Originally built as a personal retreat, Villa Vera Hotel & Racquet Club retains a quiet, exclusive atmosphere above the bustle of mainstream Acapulco. Guests soak up the sun around 20 pools, I I of them private, and on the nearby shore of Acapulco Bay.



Villa Vera Hotel & Racquet Club



Above: Diners choose from a trio of restaurants with a variety of moods and menus. Right: Two lighted clay tennis courts nestle in close proximity to the spa and Mangos restaurant. ILLA VERA began in the 1950s as the private retreat of international businessman Carl Renstrom and, later, famed bandleader Teddy Stauffer. Both gentlemen entertained statesmen and celebrities from around the world. The whitewashed getaway soon became well known to the international jet set, who followed the sun

from the Côte d'Azur to the Mexican Riviera. Nicknamed Mr. Acapulco, Stauffer launched the legendary cliff-diving custom that now symbolizes Acapulco throughout the world. His

guests eventually became so numerous, he added several comfy villas and opened Villa Vera to the public.

Even then, the resort's palm-shaded intimacy made it a favorite sanctuary for the rich and famous. Lana Turner called Villa



Vera home for three years. Elvis Presley stayed while filming *Fun in Acapulco*. Elizabeth Taylor staged one of her marriages at the resort, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower regularly flew in for a little welldeserved rest and relaxation.

Villa Vera still exudes the feel of an exclusive club. Each of the 62 individually decorated accommoda-

tions envelops guests in tropical elegance enhanced by cool tile floors, white curtains, and original artwork. Some suites share a pool, while the resort's luxury homes, Las Casas de Villa Vera, each



have a pool of their own. Everyone benefits from laundry, concierge, and in-room dining services, color TVs with U.S. channels, minibars, safes, and dual phone lines.

Life at Villa Vera moves as slowly as its wooden-slat ceiling



Right: Balconies display spectacular sunsets over the hotel's 15 acres of palms and tiered gardens, the city, and the bay. Below: While some venture from the grounds for shopping, bullfights, and golf, others relax at home with friends and family or make new acquaintances.





fans. Guests tend to congregate around the nine resort swimming pools. Chaise lounges with classic blue and white cushions make a perfect place to sunbathe, chat, or read. The poolside Stardom Bar can sweeten the day with a tropical drink, flute of champagne, or lunch of prawns and fresh-baked bread.

Fifteen acres of grounds surround guests with towering palms, bursts of orange and purple flowers, perfectly clipped hedges, and verdant lawns. A traditional focal point, two lighted clay tennis courts, buzz with activity late into the evening. In addition, the resort offers a brand new 5,000-square-foot spa to rival North America's finest. Attractions at the new facility range from fitness activities to facials, body wraps, hydrotherapy, and massage.

Based just 20 minutes from the international airport and five minutes from the beaches of Acapulco Bay, guests enjoy all the advantages of a Mexican Riviera vacation, from museums, shopping, and bullfights to world-class golf, water sports, and watching the cliff divers at La Quebrada.

The resort's three restaurants present a variety of dining choices for those who prefer to relax onsite. Flanked by a wall of windows overlooking Acapulco Bay, the hotel's signature dining room presents an innovative menu mixing classic American and European recipes. The Cafe Altura features light and casual meals, the Cigar Lounge provides a lovely spot for cocktails, and Mangos restaurant makes the refreshment of a juice bar, tapas bar, and *cervecería* available right from the tennis courts.

Soon after the days of Lana and Elvis, the entire world discovered Acapulco. Villa Vera, however, remains an oasis for those who appreciate its tradition of exclusivity, discretion, serenity, and first-class hospitality. *****

Right: Along with a fitness gym, sauna, and whirlpool, Villa Vera's brand new spa features European-style beauty and toning treatments, massage, aromatherapy, and more.



Location: In the quiet residential section of Acapulco, Mexico Property: 15 acres Accommodations: 62 rooms, suites, and homes Meeting space: 19,000 square feet Recreation: 20 pools (11 private), health spa, and two tennis and two paddle courts. Nearby beaches, water sports, golf, and the many other attractions of Acapulco. Range of rates: US\$90-\$300 Reservations: (52)(74) 840-034; in the U.S. (800) 327-1847; fax (52)(74) 847-479 Mailing address: Lomas del Mar No. 35, Apartado Postal 560, Fracc. Club Deportivo, 39690 Acapulco, Gro., Mexico General manager: José Eduardo Gomez.



Left: On the Pacific between Puerto Vallarta and Manzanillo, Las Alamandas distills the essence of luxury on Mexico's Gold Coast.



Quemaro, Jalisco, Mexico Las Alamandas

ET LIKE ONE PERFECT JEWEL on Mexico's Gold Coast, Las Alamandas combines privacy, nature, and luxury just 90 minutes by car from Puerto Vallarta or Manzanillo. The high-profile clientele includes some of the most celebrated names of business, stage, screen, and fashion. With its air of exclusivity and romance, the resort also creates a singular setting for newlyweds and others marking life's passages in meaningful ways.

Founder Isabel Goldsmith inherited the 1,500 acres from Don Antenor Patiño, founder of Las Hadas in Manzanillo. Instead of building a large commercial resort as Don Patiño had planned, she chose to preserve the land's rare beauty and offer only six villas—each with breathtaking views and colorful native appointments. Surrounded by tropical gardens, 100 species of wild birds, lagoons, and white sand beaches, Las Alamandas complements explorations of its pristine setting with



Location: On the Pacific Coast, a 1.5-hour drive from Manzanillo or Puerto Vallarta, Mexico Property: 1,500 acres Accommodations: Six villas Recreation: Pool, tennis court, gym, four sandy beaches, boating, biking, hiking, horseback riding, and hot-air ballooning. Range of rates: US\$290-\$2,788 Reservations: (52)(32) 855-000; in the U.S. (888) 882-9616; fax (52)(32) 855-027 Mailing address: Apartado Postal 201, San Patricio Melanque, Jalisco, Mexico 48980 E-mail: alamanda@zonavirtual.com.mx Web site: www.las-alamandas.com General manager: Ernesto Ponce de Leon



Above: The entry defines the gates to paradise for seekers of solitude, nature, and first-class hospitality. Below, far left: Owner-designer Isabel Goldsmith paid tribute to indigenous style with posts and beams of local guayavil, native furnishings, and a rainbow of Mexican colors. Left: Guests arriving by private jet can be in the pool within 15 minutes.

impeccable service and fine cuisine.

After basking in the glory of nature—via boat, horseback, mountain bike, or hiking trail—then dining under the stars, guests can enjoy films from the resort's extensive library. Others simply drift off to sleep to the lulling sound of the surf. *****



Right: The high life at El San Juan Hotel & Casino revolves around the Palm Court, one of the hotel world's most venerated lobbies.





El San Juan Hotel & Casino



Above: The Fantasy Pool fronts the ocean and comes complete with a swim-up bar and waterfalls. Right: Recent additions to the hotel include the new Royal Suite and matching Celebrity Suite. The two share a connoisseur's collection of Oriental art and furnishings. NSIDE, guests delight in the high-fashion atmosphere of Monte Carlo. Outside, they luxuriate on a beach of ivory sand met by tropical blue sea. The unbeatable combination makes El San Juan Hotel & Casino a favorite for travelers from around the world.

Fresh from an investment of \$82 million, the hotel skillfully unites old and new. The Caribbean's largest casino, familiar as the backdrop for several James Bond movies, sports a lively and classic set of gaming tables. The Palm Court's carved mahogany walls, seventeenth-century tapestries, gem-crystal chandelier, and marble floor create an Old World flavor. But the modern ten-story tower that houses most of the hotel's channels, VCR, and stereo with tape and CD player. Views scan the beach and two pools or the heart of Puerto Rico's cosmopolitan capital just a few miles away.

Three new suites scale the heights of luxury, both in the Caribbean and elsewhere. The Royal Suite holds Asian antiques and art valued at over \$750,000. The adjoining Celebrity Suite makes a fitting companion—with a lavish marble bathroom to actually rival the Royal's. The third new suite, the Presidential, comes suitably dressed in traditional beige and soft green highlighted by dramatic touches from the island's most talented artists and artisans.

The hotel's very latest luxury offering fronts

rooms reminds guests that this is indeed the 1990s.

Each room comes with a balcony, minibar, guest climate control, ceiling fan, blow dryer, iron with board, three multipleline phones, and private safe. Everyone has a TV with cable and movie



the beach: a brand new two-level wing housing 21 spacious, amenityladen accommodations. Guests of the Ocean Lanai Suites enjoy exclusive gated access to the wing, a private swimming pool, concierge service, and panoramic Atlantic views from every suite.



Meeting planners appreciate spaces adaptable for any size event, including a grand ballroom seating up to 1,600 and a garden-level conference area for meetings of 16 to 160. The hotel also maintains a full-service business center with translation services available.

For the evening's entertainment, guests can mix and match between the casino, a dance club, nine lounges and bars, and eight restaurants. One of the most recent restaurant additions, The Palm, opened late in 1998. The eponymous sister of New York's classic steak and lobster house lies just steps from the Palm Court, the island's traditional favorite night spot. The second new restaurant, The Ranch, opens in the spring of 1999 on the tower's tenth floor terrace just steps from the Tequila Bar and Grill. As Puerto Rico's first country-western bar and grill, The Ranch will combine barbecued specialties and a bird's-eye view of Isla Verde Beach.

The area's sunny beaches accommodate every imaginable water sport, while a trip into Old San Juan reveals a shopper's paradise by day and a salsa dancer's dream after dark. At home, Caribbean liveliness, state-of-the-art amenities, and European service earn El San Juan Hotel & Casino its welldeserved distinction as one of the Leading Hotels of the World. ***** Left: The Tequila Bar and Grill scans San Juan's longest stretch of whitesand beach. Below: A classic corner of the lobby shows how even the old is new again, thanks to a recent multimillion-dollar makeover.





Left: Nightlife for some begins at the elegant gaming tables of the Caribbean's largest casino. A choice of eight restaurants, nine bars and lounges, and a dance club round out the evening's entertainment.

Location: On Isla Verde Beach in San Juan, Puerto Rico Property: 15 acres Accommodations: 398 rooms and suites Meeting space: 35,000 square feet Recreation: Three pools, sandy beach, three tennis courts, fitness center, and casino. Nearby snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing, fishing, horseback riding, golf, and sightseeing. Range of rates: \$345-\$5,000 (seasonal) Reservations: (787) 791-1000; in the U.S.(800) 468-2818; fax (787) 253-0178 Mailing address: P.O. Box 9022872, San Juan, PR 00902-2872 President and managing director: David Kurland **Right: White-sand beach**es, golf, and five acres of pools and waterways frame a contemporary temple for sun worship at the Meliá Cancún.





Cancún, Ouintana Roo, Mexico Meliá Cancún Beach & Spa Resort



Above and right: The sun plays a part in nearly every aspect of the resort, whether relaxation on the beach or a stroll through the most expansive atrium lobby in the Mexican Caribbean.

RAVELERS SEEKING THE SUN in

Mexico find it in abundance at the Meliá Cancún Beach & Spa Resort. Every room and suite faces the sunrise or the sunset, over the Caribbean horizon to the east or 20-acre Laguna

Nichupté to the west. An 18-hole executive golf course wraps the hotel's northern end, while freeform pools, sundecks, and connecting waterways embrace three sides to the south. Golfers, swimmers, and sunbathers literally follow the sun from dawn to dusk.

Within the resort's \$60-million centerpiece, sunlight pours into a modern equivalent of a stair-stepped Mayan temple through a series of glass-topped pyramids. A

grand entryway with waterfall leads to the largest hotel atrium in the Mexican Caribbean. Soaring nine stories, the indoor garden of palms, ferns, and flowers surrounds guests with mahogany, marble, tile, and sand-washed bentwood and wicker



seating. Arrivals check in before a panel of ancient Mayan glyphs. A symphony of streams and fountains completes the lobby's lushly civilized atmosphere.

Somehow, five-star European service feels more like ten stars in the tropics. The Meliá Cancún serves as the Caribbean flagship of Spain's famous Sol Meliá Company, a 24-karat chain of hotels that stretches from Spain to Indonesia, from Brazil to



the Dominican Republic, from Egypt to Mexico. Family hallmarks of attentive service, fine dining, and supremely comfortable guest rooms come with a wealth of sun-splashed recreation in Cancún.

Beyond the five acres of pools, a wide beach provides a white-sand altar for dedicated worship of the sun and sea. The beach also serves as the jumping off point for sailing, windsurfing, scuba diving, snorkeling, waterskiing, and deep-sea fishing. Three floodlit tennis courts adjoin a full-service health club and spa—stocked with weights and workout equipment, massage rooms, saunas, Jacuzzis, and more. Eighteen-hole golf on the property and jaunts to nearby bullfights, shopping centers, and Mayan ruins also head the list of leisure pursuits.

Groups conduct their business in a grand ballroom of nearly 7,000 square feet. Accommodating 600 theater-style or 450 for seated dinners, Salón Lanzarote also divides into three Above: Guests can explore the living Mayan culture and ancient Mayan temples on the Yucatán mainland at Tulum. Below left: Those staying closer to home revel in the pleasures of Cancún, Mexico's most popular international island playground.





Right: The giant pools compete with the sea for guests' favor. Below: Extensive spa services extend to outdoor professional massage.



separate meeting rooms. Three smaller conference rooms provide another 1,300 square feet for breakouts, seminars, board meetings, and other functions. Professional meeting support, the latest technology, a full-service business center, theme parties, and mouth-watering menus earn the meeting world's highest rating for gatherings and incentives. Restaurant dining often begins at La Cascada, where gourmet Mexican cuisine complements a casually elegant mood. Another choice, Quetzal, presents the option of morning, noon, and evening buffets in a festive café setting. La Perla Bar & Grill treats guests to drinks and snacks near the waterfalls of the largest pool. Beside the beach-type pool—with its own swim-up bar—

Right: The choice of five restaurants includes Prosciutto's, known for its formal service, sophisticated piano accompaniment, and fine Italian cuisine. Far right: Salón Lanzarote hosts banquets for up to 450.







Palapa Caribe specializes in fresh Caribbean seafood served on a thatched-roof terrace. Back inside, Prosciutto's entertains with exquisite Italian cuisine and a formal atmosphere, while the Lobby Bar accompanies cocktails with a string ensemble.

In addition, guests can count on room service any time of day or night. They also enjoy air conditioning, satellite TV and pay-per-view movies, international direct-dial phones, bedside lighting control centers, stocked minibars, safes,

Location: On north Cancún beach, 15 minutes from Cancún International Airport, on the Caribbean island of Cancún, Mexico Property: 23.4 acres Accommodations: 550 rooms and suites Meeting space: 12,396 square feet Recreation: 18-hole golf course, three swimming pools, three tennis and two paddle courts, fitness center, sandy beach, volleyball, snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing, windsurfing, waterskiing, and a wide variety of nearby archaeological and cultural attractions. Range of rates: US\$200-\$2,000 (seasonal) Reservations: (52)(98) 851-160; in the U.S. (800) 33-MELIA; fax (52)(98) 851-085 Mailing address: Blvd. Kukulcán Km. 16.5, Zona Hotelera, 77500 Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico General manager: Ricardo Verdayes

hair dryers, and a bountiful array of bathroom amenities. Beyond the rooms, personal care extends to a shopping arcade with a medical center, fine boutiques, car rental, and travel agency.

Everyone has his or her own private terrace overlooking the Caribbean or the lagoon. The patios bloom with bougainvillea and azaleas the year around. In this land of perpetual summer, sun seekers find all the pleasures of a five-star Mexican holiday—backed by Meliá Cancún's distinctly European style of hospitality. ***** Left: Suites adapt for a variety of private business and social needs. Terraces expand the living space in every room and suite.





Above: Racquet fans find three lighted tennis and two paddle courts adjoining The Spa. Left: Others stay fit with a full range of exercise equipment.





Top: Palmilla, A Rockresort, commands 900 acres of seaside desert at the foot of Mexico's Baja peninsula. Above: A shady swim-up bar serves guests at the beach and pool. Right: Bar Neptuno frames an equally stunning view.

Palmilla, A Rockresort

OS CABOS, basking in isolated splendor at the tip of Mexico's Baja peninsula, has always entertained the most impressive of guests. In 1956, Palmilla claimed the premier spot on Baja's southernmost edge: 900 acres of desert shore on the Sea of Cortéz. For years accessible only by private plane or yacht, the place

became well known as an exclusive hideaway for big-name, big-game fishermen. Today's Palmilla boasts a rich history of more than 40 years catering to the world's most discriminating travelers.

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While today's Palmilla is just a 20minute drive from Los Cabos International Airport, it retains its coveted sense of privacy due to its ideal location on the end of the peninsula. Against a backdrop of turquoise sea, guests find stone walkways winding



through an intimate enclave of hacienda-style red-tile roofs and white adobe walls, tropical gardens, and thousands of towering palms.

The staff invites arriving guests to relax with homemade margaritas while the business of check-in takes place elsewhere with speed and efficiency, followed by an escort to a choice of 24 rooms and 90 suites, all

luxurious and with large private ocean-view patios or balconies. Saltillo-tile floors evoke the flavor of Old Mexico, sweetened with modern comforts like air conditioning, private bars, phones with data

ports and voice mail, satellite TV, VCRs, and marble baths with terry robes and Crabtree & Evelyn amenities. Services range from twice-daily housekeeping to in-room massage.

Mornings at Palmilla begin with the sound of the surf crashing and a gentle knock on the door announcing the



arrival of complimentary coffee, orange juice, and pastries. Once fortified, guests can seize the day at the fitness center, infinity pool with swim-up bar, tennis courts, or The Palmilla Golf Club, an awardwinning 27-hole Jack Nicklaus signature golf course, or at the nearby Ocean Course at Cabo del Sol, a second award-winning Jack Nicklaus signature course.

The concierge can arrange for scuba diving or horseback riding in the desert or on the beach. Sportfishing vessels deliver anglers to Gordo Banks, also known as Marlin Alley. Guests can also lounge by the pool or indulge in a touch of refined amusement on the croquet lawn. For further relaxation, friends gather for drinks and conversation at Bar Neptuno, Palmilla's legendary open-air bar.

At La Paloma, the resort's signature restaurant,

illustrious chefs create superb Mexican, Continental, and American fare. El Jardin serves an equally elegant

menu but in a more casual mood by the pool. Some of Baja's most romantic weddings take place at a mission-style chapel on the property, often followed by festivities in Palmilla's banquet room or on the beach. The group facilities, private suites, and designated open areas also host everything from high-level board meetings to incentive groups and family reunions.

Today's Palmilla holds the government's highest Gran Turismo rating, a perennial spot on *Condé Nast Traveler*'s Gold List, and the Five Star Diamond Award from the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. After more than 40 years, Palmilla, A Rockresort, continues to exceed the expectations of Baja's most discerning guests. ***** Left: Palmilla boasts the first Jack Nicklaus signature golf course in Latin America. Its 27 holes wind past roughs studded with giant cacti, all against a backdrop of open sea. Below: Rocky cliffs and crashing surf come into play on the neighboring course at Cabo del Sol.





Location: In Los Cabos, Baja California Sur, Mexico Property: 900 acres Accommodations: 114 rooms and suites Meeting space: 2,000 square feet Recreation: 27-hole Jack Nicklaus signature golf course, two tennis courts, regulation croquet, fitness center, volleyball, sandy beach, snorkeling, scuba diving, kayaking, sailing, deep-sea fishing, and nearby horseback riding. Range of rates: \$175-\$1,000 (seasonal) Reservations: (714) 935-2000; in the U.S. (800) 637-2226; fax (714) 935-2030 Mailing address: 1835 Orangewood Ave., No. 302, Orange, CA 92868 Managing director: Ulrich Schwartz



Right: Hotel Transamérica places the accent on informality, in keeping with its status as the only metropolitan resort in South America. Convention goers combine business and pleasure just minutes from São Paulo's bustling business heart.



Above and below right: Nearly four acres of lawns and wide open spaces include a three-hole golf course, tennis courts, running circuit, and heated outdoor pool and sundeck.

Hotel Transamérica São Paulo

AO PAULO, the world's third largest city, sprawls over 3,070 square miles. The Brazilian dynamo of 17 million people accounts for three-quarters of the nation's foreign investment and half its gross national product. Business and conference hotels do a booming trade. One of the finest combines the benefits of an

international business hotel with the assets of a first-class resort.

Hotel Transamérica São Paulo rests on Nações Unidas

Avenue, convenient to but happily away from the airport and busy traffic of the central zone. Nearly four acres of lawns and a large heated outdoor swimming pool create an idyllic atmosphere.

The hotel's Health Club organizes activities on a three-



hole golf course, running track, and lighted tennis courts. A staffed gym adjoins locker rooms with dry and steam saunas, whirlpools and showers, and rooms for massage.

VIPs with rooms on the Golden Class level receive extra-special reception and butler attention and share a clublike living room, lounge, and meeting room. The

largest suite's 2,500 square feet span a gracious foyer, office, living room, dining room for 12, pantry, and king-size bedroom suite with

Jacuzzi.

Every one of the 400 rooms and suites follows the classic European model in its furnishings and decor. Modern comforts include work stations, individual air conditioning, minibars, TVs with international channels, direct-dial phones, and in-room



Location: A few minutes southeast of the central business district in São Paulo, Brazil Accommodations: 400 rooms and suites Meeting space: 35,508 square feet Range of rates: Approximate US\$350-\$1,997 Reservations: (55)(11) 5693-4511; in the U.S. (800) 223-5652; fax (55)(11) 524-1100 Mailing address: Av. Nações Unidas 18,591, São Paulo, Brazil E-mail: hotel@transamerica.com.br

Web site: www.transamerica.com.br Operations director: Franz Voegeli

safes. Services range from secretarial and translation upon request in the full-service Business Center to car rental, baby-sitting, laundry, concierge, and 24-hour in-room dining.

For dining out, concierge

recommendations begin at home. Along with daily specials and impeccable service in a refined atmosphere, The Blooming serves a menu of international cuisine. A second favorite, Anturius, concentrates on regional specialties, served buffet-style. A low-key mood presides in the Piano Bar, where the golf links provide the backdrop for drinks and conversation.

The Transamérica completes its business amenities with São Paulo's largest hotel convention center. Meeting space totals 35,508 square feet. The positioning and separate approaches to an amphitheater and 23 halls afford several conferences at once or full-scale conventions of up to 3,500 people.

Guests find themselves near the city's best shopping—and just across the river from the Centro Empresarial, an office complex of U.S. and other international corporations.







São Paulo has one of South America's highest standards of living, some of the best restaurants on the continent, and an active cultural and night life. Transamérica's business advantages, residential comfort, and wide range of leisure options make it the perfect complement to any stay. **#** Above: Rooms and suites reflect the international standard of hospitality, combining European style and state-of-the-art convenience. Left: The Health Club rewards workouts with a variety of rejuvenating treatments, including hydrotherapy and massage.

residential comfort, and wide range of leisure options make it the perfect complement to any stay. *****

Far left: VIP floor guests enjoy private check-in and checkout, butler service, and complimentary breakfast in the Golden Class Lounge. Left: The hotel covers all the bases, from highpowered business and sports to a taste of the Brazilian heartland.



Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico Fiesta Americana Cancún



Top, right, and opposite: The distinctive U-shaped design of the Fiesta Americana Cancún creates the atmosphere of a friendly village, gathering guests around a central oasis of pools, palms, and palapas within steps of the beach and sea.

ANCÚN, MEXICO'S MOST POPULAR holiday destination, began taking shape on a deserted sand atoll in 1970. Twenty years later, no address captures the original, spontaneous

energy of the white-beach city quite like the landmark Fiesta Americana Cancún.

With its distinctive U shape, the Mediterranean design guarantees every guest a memorable view of Cancún's main attractionwhite sand beach against the turquoise Caribbean Sea. Guests particularly sense the Fiesta's energy upon visiting the central courtyard, where a free-form pool surrounds a palapa-covered islet for dining, sharing cocktails, listening to live music, and making new friends.

The Fiesta's 281 rooms

and suites look down on the action from private terraces. The Mediterranean feel of the exterior extends into rooms set with tile floors and whitewashed furniture. Standard conveniences



include minibars, safes, satellite TV, marble bathrooms, and 24-hour room service. Twenty-nine rooms designated Grand Classe feature large ocean-view terraces plus complimentary extras like shoeshine, daily newspapers, and more.

Business travelers find four meeting salons for groups of up to 350. A recent million-dollar renovation equipped the Fiesta Americana for the twenty-first century with state-of-the-art audiovisuals. In addition, the resort's location near the Cancún





Location: Off the east coast of the Yucatán Peninsula, on the island of Cancún, Mexico Property: 12.35 acres Accommodations: 281 rooms and suites Meeting space: 8,600 square feet Recreation: Pool and children's pool, spa and fitness center, sandy beach, snorkeling, kayaking, windsurfing, and Jet Skiing. Nearby golf and a wealth of archaeological and cultural attractions.

Range of rates: Approximate US\$125-\$353

Reservations: (52)(98) 831-400: in the U.S. (800) FIESTA 1; fax (52)(98) 832-502

Web site: www.fiestaamericana.com Mailing address: Blvd. Kukulcán Km. 9.5, Zona Hotelera, Cancún, Quintana Roo 77500, Mexico

General manager: Alejandro Zozaya



Top: Major refurbishments in 1998 brought all new furnishings to the rooms and suites. The fresh Mexican decor sets off timeless views of the Caribbean. Above and below right: Water, sunshine, and talcum-soft sand please guests of every age and interest. For some, a new spa and fitness center introduce a wide range of indoor pleasures. Far right: The hotel caters everything from coffee breaks to black-tie banquets.

Convention Center makes it a strategic spot for stays while attending the city's largest conferences and trade shows.

The renovation also brought a new fitness center and spa. After a stint on the exercise equipment, guests may indulge in a massage, facial, sauna, or steam bath. The resort also maintains a complete barber and beauty shop on the premises.

The coastline's talcum-soft beach reaches perfection at Fiesta Americana. For water-sports enthusiasts, a special area provides gear and instruction in snorkeling, kayaking, windsurfing, and Jet Skiing. For the intrepid, the concierge schedules diving, sportfishing, and land trips to the archeological wonders of Tulum and Chichén Itzá.

Without leaving the resort, guests find three restaurants and two bars at their disposal. Gourmets



with a yen for the flavors of Mexico gravitate to the tropical Chulavista Café. Beach and pool goers and stargazers—love La Palapa Restaurant with its wonderful view of the Mexican Caribbean. And for those looking for a romantic spot to rendezvous over dinner, Barolo Restaurant serves Italian specialties in a cozy Italian setting.

Easy access to Cancún's most popular attractions expands the possibilities ad infinitum. Cancún's largest shopping mall, Plaza Caracol, waits within walking distance, and a quick taxi ride delivers guests to the main nightclub district.

Guests returning after dark find Fiesta Americana Cancún literally glowing with energy. Against a majestic backdrop of ocean and sky, the subtly lighted, rose-colored resort encapsulates the vibrancy and romance that make Cancún such a favorite worldwide. *****





Left: A quarter-mile of Caribbean sand and sea fronts Harbour Village Beach Resort with every water sport under the Bonaire sun.



Harbour Village Beach Resort

ARBOUR Village Beach Resort makes a luxurious getaway for lovers of the big blue Caribbean. Outside the mainstream of Caribbean tourism, the Antillian enclave lies 50 miles off the coast of Venezuela on tiny Bonaire—an unspoiled desert isle ringed by lush undersea gardens.

With privately owned apartments and 64 guest rooms, suites, and villas, the resort nestles on 100 landscaped acres fronting a quarter-mile stretch of beach. Especially popular among scuba divers seeking world-class reefs *and* world-class accommodations, the resort excels as an oasis for other forms of recreation as well.

While the diversions range from simply lounging by the pool to yachting, sportfishing, tennis, and gourmet dining, Harbour Village's emphasis remains on the rejuvenation of body and soul. The Spa at Harbour Village gives visitors a compelling reason to get out of the water with its state-of-the-art fitness



Location: On the Caribbean isle of Bonaire Property: 100 acres

Accommodations: 64 rooms, suites, and villas Meeting space: 3,065 square feet

Recreation: Three pools, four tennis courts, spa and fitness center, sandy beach, 64-slip marina, snorkeling, diving, kayaking, sailing, waterskiing, deep-sea fishing, biking, and hiking. Range of rates: Approximate US\$305-\$1,030 Reservations: (599)(7) 7500; in the U.S. (800) 424-0004, in Venezuela (800) 12114; fax (599)(7) 7507 Mailing address: P.O. Box 312, Kralendijk, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles

General manager: Tim Webb



facilities, outdoor massages, body polishes, botanical baths, and full range of grooming services.

Hidden far from everyday cares, guests bask in a world of international style and sophistication, attentive personal service, and an atmosphere of total relaxation. *****



Above: Some owners and guests spend their whole vacation comparing the pleasures of sun and shade, saltwater and fresh. Below, far left: Harbour Village residents enjoy marina-front living and the privileges of a full-service, world-class resort. Left: Rooms and suites open to private terraces or balconies and a perpetual cooling breeze. Right: The ocean breeze off Brazil's Bahian coast ushers guests into the lobby of Hotel Transamérica Ilha de Comandatuba. Below: For some, the day begins with a beachside breakfast at Bungalow Ballon.





Hotel Transamérica Ilha de Comandatuba



Above: The resort claims eight acres for man, while virgin mangrove forest and coconut palms reign over 97 percent of the island. Right: All recreation immerses guests in either nature or local culture. More than 80 leisure options range from boating and fishing to classes in the lambada. HE ISLAND of Comandatuba lies just a few minutes off the Brazilian coast near Ilhéus, Bahia. Travelers find a tropical paradise made of little more than sky, sea, beach, mangrove forest, 25,000 coconut palms—and Hotel Transamérica Ilha de Comandatuba, a 247-acre, US\$68million, five-star resort.

A member of The Leading Hotels

of the World, the hotel whisks newcomers from the Ilhéus airport to a private ferry, which carries them to the island resort. Brazilian architect

Ricardo Julião and North American landscape designer Edward Stone took great care to integrate their plans with nature's. A centuriesold mangrove forest embraces the resort; only one tower exceeds the height of a coconut



tree; and all wires and cables lie hidden underground.

The hotel's four guest wings focus on splendid views of either the sunrise or sunset. Beachfront bungalows, nestled among coconut trees, provide unparalleled luxury and seclusion. All 370 rooms, suites, and bungalows come with minibars, direct-dial phones, cable TVs, safes,

and air conditioning.

Guests can begin the day with an American breakfast at Restaurante Bamboo or with a



regional breakfast at Restaurante do Canal during high season. The choices for lunch and dinner range from international favorites at Bamboo to Bahian dishes at Restaurante do Canal. Restaurante Scuna offers a wide selection of Mediter-



ranean entrees, while Restaurante Giardino focuses on Italian. Between meals, guests enjoy refreshments at the Deck Bar, Bar da Praia, in the Library, and at Terra de Gabriela, a recreation center including a dance club and bar.

Theme parties celebrate the benefits of meeting friends and business associates far from the distractions of day-to-day living. With nine rooms and more than 20,000 square feet of space, the resort's convention center hosts gatherings of up to 1,050.

Guests maintain their fitness routines at a fully equipped health club and spa. Seven tennis courts, badminton, beach volleyball, *fresco* ball, and *biri* ball keep the sports-minded happy. In addition, instructors lead a full schedule of events, games, treasure hunts, and lessons in Brazilian dancing. Casa das Crianças welcomes children with daylong supervised activities and a pool of their own.

Supported by a full range of gear and instruction, anglers thrill to outstanding saltwater and freshwater fishing opportunities. Aquatic activities



continue with kayaking, Jet Skiing, waterskiing, sailing, windsurfing, and scuba diving (with classes). Guided tours explore the natural history of the island and the city of Ilhéus, birthplace of author Jorge Amado and the setting for his beloved *Gabriela*, *Cloves and Cinnamon*.

Travelers enjoy an in-depth encounter with one of the most diverse and fascinating countries on earth. At the same time, they benefit from the security of island living and all the comforts and advantages of a megamillion-dollar beach resort. **7**



Top: Colonial-style roofs and hammocks support the easygoing atmosphere. Inside, even the smallest rooms count among the largest and most luxurious in the Brazilian hotel market. Above: The Health Club's lounge adjoins dry and steam saunas, Scottish and circular showers, and rooms for exercise and massage. Left: Restaurante e Bar do Canal adds spice to life with Bahian snacks, drinks, and dishes.



Right: The Argentine capital's newest luxury hotel shares its citycenter block with St. John the Baptist Church, a national historic landmark built in 1778. The location marks a strategic spot for business, shopping, and exploration of Buenos Aires, one of the world's most fascinating cities.





Hotel Inter-Continental Buenos Aires

OWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES hums with activity nearly 24 hours a day. The 11 million residents, known as porteños, love to dine, dance, and socialize until dawn.

At the Hotel Inter-Continental Buenos Aires, visitors find a perfect location for sampling the many delights of a city known as the Paris of South America. Visitors reach the hotel in about 35 minutes by car from Ezeiza International Airport, passing majestic Old World architecture, wide boulevards, and spacious parks before reaching the historic central Monserrat district.

The five-star hotel neighbors

the most important political and historical sites of Argentina. Four short blocks away, Plaza de Mayo stages the nation's most significant public

> events outside the office of the president. Just south of the hotel, guests can catch a sultry tango performance or browse the antique shops of the San Telmo area.

The exclusive neighborhood of Barrio Norte, located two miles north, features chic boutiques and splendid mansions. Shopping opportunities abound at the pedestrian end of Calle Florida, and the city's financial district resides

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Above: Modern advantages include indoor swimming, a fitness center, sauna, steam room, whirlpool, and massage. Right: The lobby captures the flavor of 1930s Buenos Aires.



Left and below: Three Inter-Continental Club floors afford the utmost in service and amenities, including exclusive check-in and checkout, private meeting rooms, and complimentary breakfast, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres.



at the other, just blocks from the hotel.

The hotel's architecture and decor mirror the elegance of Buenos Aires in the 1930s, when the city rose to world prominence as a prosperous shipping center. Wood-paneled walls, marble floors, and leather furnishings usher guests into the hotel's sumptuous interior. The 315 accommodations, including two presidential suites and three floors of luxury suites, provide tranquil surroundings for relaxation after a packed urban schedule.

All rooms pamper guests with stylish furnishings, air conditioning, soundproof windows, satellite TV with international channels, radio, minibar, dual-line phones, and 24-hour room service. Those seeking active forms of relaxation enjoy the hotel's indoor swimming pool, fitness center, sauna, steam bath, whirlpool, massage room, and gym.

Business travelers find a wealth of extra amenities awaiting them at the first floor business center, which assists busy executives

Location: In the central Monserrat district of Buenos Aires, Argentina Accommodations: 315 rooms and suites Meeting space: 16,282 square feet Range of rates: US\$280-\$429 Reservations: (54)(11) 4340-7100; in the U.S. (800) 327-0200; fax (54)(11) 4340-7199 Mailing address: Moreno 809, C.P. 1091, Buenos Aires, Argentina General manager: Aureliano Vignati with the help of multilingual secretaries, fax service, copiers, computers, and cell-phone rental. Travelers meeting for business or pleasure congregate within more than 16,000 square feet of function space designed for groups of up to 1,400.

The Inter-Continental's cozy lobby bar invites guests to rendezvous with friends over a beverage any time of day. Nearby, the Mediterráneo restaurant and outdoor café Terraza del Virrey serve savory gourmet meals inspired by Mediterranean cuisine. Guests indulge in everything from delicate pasta creations to famous Argentine steaks grilled to perfection.

Buenos Aires enjoys one of the highest standards of living in the Southern Hemisphere, with hundreds of fine restaurants, scores of cultural attractions, and a legendary nightlife. At the Hotel Inter-Continental Buenos Aires, guests sense the vibrant pulse of a magnificent city centered by a haven of world-class comfort and hospitality. *****





Above: Equipped with the latest in audiovisuals, more than 16,000 square feet of meeting and banquet space adapt for groups of all sizes. The Gran Salón Monserrat specializes in black-tie banquets and receptions for up to 1,400. Below left: The many benefits for working travelers contribute to the pleasure of doing business in Buenos Aires. Right and below: Just minutes from the international airport, seekers of romance find "The Jewel" of Mismaloya Bay hidden in a secluded cove south of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Legend says the location itself lends special magic to weddings and honeymoons.





La Jolla de Mismaloya

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Right: Everything from theme parties to formal events on the terrace bear the mark of quality inherent in Mexico's Gran Turismo rating and membership with The Leading Hotels of the World. OMANTIC MEMORIES will linger forever around La Jolla de Mismaloya. On this spot, the love affair of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton made international headlines, inspiring generations of lovers to visit Puerto

Vallarta in pursuit of an unforgettable romance.

Some believe Mismaloya Bay possesses a special magic that naturally takes your breath away. Wedding couples see for themselves when they hold their ceremony on the beach, aboard a catamaran, in a garden, or on the set of *Night* of the Iguana, the film Deborah Kerr. A wedding planner takes care of everything from the ceremony to the flowers. Before retiring for the night, newlyweds can celebrate with live mariachi music and see their names lit up in

made onsite starring Richard Burton and

fireworks.

Hidden from the outside world by lush Sierra Madre jungle, Puerto Vallarta's only all-suite resort houses guests in two Spanish colonial-style towers just 12 minutes south of town. All of the suites—including the Honeymoon Suite and 16 Presidential Suites (measuring 2,900 square feet) feature

Location: On the Pacific Ocean, 12 minutes south of downtown Puerto Vallarta, Mexico **Property:** Four acres Accommodations: 303 suites Meeting space: 3,240 square feet Recreation: Four pools, two tennis courts, fitness center, guarter mile of beach, volleyball, snorkeling, scuba diving, wave running, kayaking, deep-sea fishing, adults' and children's programs, horseback riding, mountain biking, and nearby 18-hole golf. Range of rates: US\$125-\$260 Reservations: (52)(32) 280-660; in the U.S. (800) 223-6800 or (800) 223-1230; fax (52)(32) 280-500 Mailing address: Zona Hotelera Sur Km. 11.5, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco 48300, Mexico E-mail: no. | sales@lajollademismaloya usa.com

Web site: www.lajollademismaloya usa.com

Managing director: Santiago Gutierrez Haces



oceanfront terraces, marble bathrooms, satellite TV, direct-dial phones, in-room safes, and minibars. The balconies view the waters of Mismaloya Bay and the resort's centerpiece of three sparkling pools.

Along with nonstop activity at the pools, recreation continues with tennis, volleyball, horseback riding, mountain biking, and visits to the fitness center and spa. The Sports Center orchestrates everything needed for crystal-clear snorkeling just offshore, scuba diving, wave running, kayaking, and deep-sea fishing.

Groups come for the same charms that lure couples and families to the resort, but they also

enjoy two flexible meeting salons seating as many as 180 or as few as 5 to 20 for board meetings. Groups of 20 to 500 stage events outdoors, including open-bar beach parties, Mexican fiestas with strolling mariachis and folk dancers, and theme dinners with Italian cuisine or seafood as the main attraction.

Movie buffs thrill to meals at the Night of the Iguana Set Restaurant, contained by the original hotel run by Ava Gardner in the film. Huston's Café occupies the house used by director John Huston more than 30 years ago. At Iggy's Kids Restaurant, youngsters select from a child-friendly menu, then head off for supervised fun. Four more restaurants serve diners on the beach, starting with breakfast and stretching into after-hour drinks. Tequila tastings at La Cantina, a new cigar club, and a game-laden sports bar please novices and aficionados alike.

La Jolla de Mismaloya offers not only a legendary site for romance, but all the fun and sophistication of a superstar resort. Though rated Gran Turismo by the Mexican government and widely recognized as one of The Leading Hotels of the World, La Jolla de Mismaloya remains a treasured secret in the heart of every guest. *****



Top: Guests follow in the footsteps of John Huston, Ava Gardner, Deborah Kerr, and Richard Burton when they dine in the movie hotel used for the classic film Night of the lguana. Above: The Discovery specializes in snorkeling, diving, fishing, secluded picnics, and sunset watching. Left: Suites feature terraces ideal for intimate meals.



Right: Inspired by thousand-year-old Mayan architecture, the Caesar Park Cancún pyramid centers 233 acres of beachfront fun and relaxation. Below: Bright smiles and colorful art reflect the warmth of Mexico.





Caesar Park Cancún Beach & Golf Resort



Opposite: Sacrifice plays no part in modern sun worship. Seven swimming pools cascade to a swimup bar just steps from the Caribbean Sea. Right: Casual seating lines the open-air reception area.

OME OF MEXICO'S FINEST Caribbean attractions surround the Caesar Park Cancún Beach & Golf Resort. On one side, the resort faces the crystal-clear sea and more than 2,000 feet of white sand beach. On the other, an Aoki-designed 18-hole golf course winds around Mayan ruins and Nichupté Lagoon.

Situated at the tip of the Yucatán Peninsula, the resort covers 233 acres in the heart of Cancún's Zona Hotelera. A 15-minute ride from Cancún

International Airport brings guests to the main entrance, where three massive wings spread out from a central tower topped by a sparkling glass pyramid.

Angled to take in panoramic ocean views, all 426 guest rooms and suites feature terraces or balconies for outdoor relaxation. Indoors, the amenities include two direct-dial phones, voice message service, individually controlled air conditioning, fully stocked refreshment center, coffee maker, in-room safe, data port for computer, AM-FM alarm clock radio, and remote-control color satellite TV with movie channels.

In addition, the touch of one button links guests to Service Express. The innovative system utilizes seven languages to expedite guest requests, from wakeup calls and room service to fax delivery, valet, laundry, drying cleaning, reservations, and informa-

tion of any kind.

The hotel adds an extra level of pampering at its Royal Beach Club, 80 rooms and suites housed in low-rise villas to the west of the main tower. Guests of the Royal Beach Club enjoy a separate check-in area, personalized concierge service, daily newspapers in English, Spanish, and Japanese, and complimentary Continental







Right: Every Junior Suite terrace and balcony has its own private angle on the sea. Below: The luxuries of a Royal Beach Club room extend to complimentary food and beverage served in the club's exclusive lounge.



Right: Fresh seafood and Oriental selections complement the moonlight at La Sirenita. Far right: The resort's golf course edges Nichupté Lagoon and ends with its final hole skirting Las Ruinas del Rey.

breakfast and evening hors d'oeuvres and cocktails served in an exclusive lounge. Royal Beach Club rooms and suites come with extras like ceiling fans, coffee makers, and marble bathrooms with twin sinks and separate tubs and showers.

Other accommodations of note include 16 Junior Suites, four Tower Master Suites with Jacuzzis and upgraded amenities, two beachfront Master Suites, and a Presidential Suite with glassenclosed parlor and spectacular views from the ninth floor.

For buffet and a la carte breakfast, lunch, and



dinner, Spices restaurant serves three distinct cuisines: Mexican specialties, steak-house items, and Italian pizzas and pastas. Oriental selections and seafood head the menu at La Sirenita by the beach. In all, guests choose from five restaurants during their stay.

Meeting planners rely on the hotel's 16 conference rooms, totaling 29,000 square feet of function space. With nearly 15,800 square feet, the Gran Salon Conference Center and 10,000-square-foot Miramar ballroom provide unforgettable settings with expansive ocean views—and the option in the




ballroom of dividing into four individual areas. The Coral, Mediterraneo, and Caribe rooms accommodate smaller groups, while a large terrace overlooking the Caribbean sets the stage for outdoor receptions. The support of a full-service Business Center and experienced conference personnel ensures the smooth running of every meeting.

Seven cascading pools form a dazzling aquatic complex, highlighted by two Jacuzzis and a swimup bar. A full-service fitness center offers aerobics classes, weight room, sauna, massage, and Caesar Kids Club. Other sports facilities include two lighted tennis courts and a water-sports center for ocean activities—among them, sailing, windsurfing, snorkeling, scuba diving, waterskiing, parasailing, and deep-sea fishing. Sunbathers indulge to their heart's content, soaking up the heat on the long stretch of private white sand beach.

Golfers tee off at the hotel's scenic par-72 course. Golf classes and clinics address the needs of golfers at all levels of play. The Hole 19 Restaurant and Bar provides the ideal atmosphere for after-play relaxation. Complimentary shuttle transportation, bag storage, shoe and golf club rentals, men's and women's locker rooms, and a well-stocked pro shop round out the golf amenities.



Caesar Park Cancún operates as a world of its own, extending the full range of conveniences from car rental, travel agency, gift, jewelry, and beauty shops to baby-sitting, complimentary parking, limousine service, currency exchange, and 24-hour in-room dining. A ten-minute drive leads to the shopping malls and nightlife in the town of Cancún.

Daily hotel-sponsored excursions explore other points of interest as well. Some of the most popular include boat trips to Isla Mujeres and tours of the ancient Mayan temples at Chichén Itzá and Tulum. Yet guests need not leave the hotel grounds to see traces of the royal Mayan culture: Las Ruinas del Rey occupy a very special corner of the golf course. The treasured meeting place of ancient and modern sun worshipers unite as one at the Caesar Park Cancún. 26 Above left: Favorite Caesar Park pastimes include gift and jewelry shopping near the lobby. Above: Conference groups benefit from a full staff of meeting experts who organize everything from audiovisuals to catered coffee breaks to off-site excursions.

Location: At the tip of the Yucatán Peninsula on the island of Cancún, Mexico Property: 233 acres Accommodations: 426 rooms and suites Meeting space: 29,000 square feet Recreation: 18-hole golf course, seven swimming pools, two tennis courts, fitness center, jogging track, children's program, sandy beach, sailing, windsurfing, snorkeling, scuba diving, waterskiing, parasailing, and deep-sea fishing. Range of rates: US\$215-\$2,700 Reservations: (52)(98) 818-000; in the U.S. (888) 594-2483; fax (52)(98) 818-080 Mailing address: Retorno Lacandones Km. 17, P.O. Box 1810, Hotel Zone, Cancún, Q. Roo, Mexico 77500 E-mail: reservations@casesarparkcancun.com

Web site: www.caesarparkcancun.com

Managing director: Peter M. Leder



Left: The Presidential Suite commands a spacious living room, master bedroom, and expansive view of the horizon. **Right: Las Brisas takes its** name from the constant breeze wafting up from Acapulco Bay. It provides 200 private and 50 semiprivate pools-one for every casita. Below: Renowned for its accent on romance and privacy, the resort remains as fashionable today as on opening day in 1957.





Las Brisas

Right: Sun lovers willing to leave the seclusion of their own pools and terraces gather at La Concha, the resort's exclusive beach club at the foot of the hill.

AS BRISAS holds special cachet in the city that put jet set into the vocabulary. Guests enjoy twenty-first century luxury thanks to a recent \$4.5-million renovation by Westin Resorts & Hotels. But Las Brisas somehow-

almost magicallyretains the aura of the days when Brigitte Bardot lounged around the pool and Old Blue Eves himself held court in the bar.

Snuggled into the mountainside above Acapulco Bay, Las Brisas offers 300 casitas-each with its own private or semi-

private swimming pool. Guests arrive to find their romantic hideaway equipped with air conditioning, minibar, safe, and phones with voice messaging. Services range from concierge to in-room dining around the clock. In the morning,

complimentary coffee, fruit, and sweet rolls arrive through a special little window known as la caja mágica—"the magic box."

Las Brisas earned its title, Paradise in Pink and White, from the prevailing color scheme.

> But that derived from the hibiscus-symbol of Mexico's festive, yet relaxed, style of hospitality. The resort's signature blossoms appear throughout the landscape and float in the casitas' pools. They garnish room-service trays, perch on towel racks, and adorn guests' pillows after

the maid turns down the bed.

Returning guests often time their visit to coincide with another cherished tradition, the Friday night fiesta. Held in the central plaza, the festivities include mariachis, folk dancers,

Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico



Left: The most privileged views belong to VIPs living on the crown of the hill. Below: Complimentary in-room breakfast celebrates the tropical fruits of a region blessed by long days of year-round Mexican sun.



handcraft displays, and a time-honored tequila ceremony.

First-time guests should be prepared for stunning cuisine. Bellavista Restaurant, where the bar provides spectacular views of the bay, serves breakfast and dinner in a casually elegant atmosphere. With the accent on fresh seafood and other grilled entrees, La Concha serves lunch from noon to late afternoon. Meanwhile, the Deli-Shop caters to salad and sandwich lovers on the go.

Las Brisas has numerous outdoor spaces for receptions, plus El Mezzanine for indoor meetings of up to 150 and the Pink & White Lady rooms for up to 30. The romance, privacy, and understated glamour of Las Brisas make it a natural for weddings.

Most daytime activity revolves around the

Location: Overlooking the bay in Acapulco, Mexico Property: 110 acres Accommodations: 300 casitas Meeting space: 3,300 square feet Recreation: Three pools (plus 250 guest pools), five tennis courts, sandy beach, snorkeling, diving, sailing, sportfishing, Jeep tours, and nearby golf. Range of rates: US\$175-\$900 Reservations: (52)(74) 696-931; in the U.S.(800) WEST-IN-1; fax (52)(74) 842-269 Mailing address: Carretera Escénica Clemente Mejía 5255, Fracc. Las Brisas, Acapulco, Guerrero 39868, Mexico General manager: Juan De Pablos beach, where Las Brisas maintains the only private beach club in Mexico. Guests water-ski, sail, snorkel, dive, and simply soak up the sun on the sand or by the pool. They play golf at Tres Vidas, a private country club nearby, and tennis on five lighted courts.

On Thursday, the concierge organizes a jeep safari, a full-day caravan of pink-and-white jeeps driving through the jungle and sleepy villages to call on the tiny fishing port of Barra Vieja.

Back home, Steven Spielberg and Ralph Lauren have replaced Frank Sinatra at the bar. Madonna has upstaged a generation of French actresses at the pool. And Westin has updated the amenities to state-of-the-art. But what makes the resort extra special, after all, is how the spirit has never really changed. 76 Below left: Bellavista Restaurant lives up to its name both as a premier spot for people-watching and enjoying the magnificent sweep of Acapulco Bay. Below: The tennis club matches players with five Laykold and synthetic grass courts, all lighted for evening games.







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Right: Hotel President Wilson unites business and pleasure at the heart of cosmopolitan Geneva. Thanks to a two-year, multimillion-dollar transformation, guests swim, sun, and dine on a new lakeside terrace and meet in the city's largest conference center.





Hotel President Wilson



Above and right: Visitors recognize the international language of luxury, whether in the Lobby Lounge or the Romanstyled spa.

TEEPED IN HISTORY, surrounded by magnificent Alpine scenery, and home to a sophisticated international community, Geneva ranks among the world's most attractive and worldly cities. Whether visiting on business or holiday, guests of the Hotel President Wilson find themselves ideally placed at the very heart of the city. What's more, a multimillion-dollar renovation recently transformed the property into one of Switzerland's newest and most up-to-date hotels.

chic counterpoint to the building's 1960s Modernism. Windows frame splendid views of Lac Léman just outside and the Alps beyond including the incomparable Mont Blanc.

The hotel, now affiliated with Kempinski Hotels and Resorts and the Concorde Group, caters to the demands of today's top business, leisure, and diplomatic travelers with such standard features as air conditioning, soundproofing, and generous work space. The five-star

Set on the Right Bank, between downtown business and shopping and Geneva's many international headquarters, the President Wilson offers a choice of 255 spacious, freshly redecorated rooms and suites. Every room features classic European furnishings as a



amenities range from high-tech to sybaritic, including direct-dial phones, voice mail, data ports, Internet access, satellite TVs with VCRs for movie viewing and game playing, minibars, and marble bathrooms with bidets and whirlpool tubs.

VIPs seeking the



ultimate in security and luxury book the Presidential Suite or the Royal Penthouse Suite—the largest royal suite in Europe. These sumptuous abodes provide not only bulletproof walls and spacious terraces but such extras as telescopes and snooker tables.

Whether royal, presidential, or simply busy,

some guests on an international schedule appreciate the convenience of 24-hour room service. Others take every advantage of the chance to dine out at the hotel's highly regarded restaurants. Le Cirque's modern French-based cuisine draws raves from gourmet guests, while Arabesque rivals the attention with its refined Lebanese menu. As the weather warms, guests dine alfresco at the Pool Garden.

For late evening



gatherings, Charlie's entertains year-round with a

pub-style piano bar styled with a nod to Charlie

Chaplin. And, throughout the day and evening,

the Lobby Lounge invites social interaction and

Thanks to the lake on the doorstep and the

Alps so near, the hotel combines the advantage of

relaxation with drinks and light meals.



Above left: Supported by a magical backdrop and lakeside view, modern gourmet cuisine takes center stage at Le Cirque. Above: Exotic flavors from the east distinguish L'Arabesque, the only Lebanese restaurant in the city. Left: Charlie's, an English-style piano bar, lifts a glass to longtime local resident Charlie Chaplin.



Right: The suites' living and dining rooms scale the heights of modern five-star accommodation with their classic-contemporary furnishings and original art. Business travelers find the perfect setting for confidential meetings or residentialstyle entertaining.

> a city location with plentiful resort-style activities. The hotel itself provides a gym and spa complete with exercise rooms and equipment, beauty treatments, and massage. A heated pool draws swimmers and sunbathers to the terrace in season. At the same time, in addition to water sports on the lake, guests enjoy golf on six courses just minutes away. In winter, the surrounding scenery draws snow-sport enthusiasts to a vast wonderland of recreational options.

> No matter what time of year, meeting planners and working travelers appreciate the fully equipped business center, the top-notch concierge staff, and the spacious boardrooms, meeting salons, and banquet rooms that constitute the

President Wilson Conference Center—the largest meeting facility in Geneva. The Grand Wilson Ballroom alone accommodates 900 for banquets, 1,100 for theater-style presentations, and 1,500 for cocktails. Equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual and other presentation gear, the generously proportioned spaces anchor a city known for centuries as an international meeting place.

In the early 1920s, the property's namesake founded the League of Nations, precursor to the United Nations, in the Palais Wilson next door. Today, guests of the Hotel President Wilson bask in the glow of history while enjoying the latest word in modern Swiss hospitality. *****

Location: On Lac Léman at the heart of Geneva, Switzerland Accommodations: 255 rooms and suites Meeting space: 14,757 square feet Range of rates: Approximate US\$300-\$2,200 Reservations: (41)(22) 906-6666; in the U.S. (800) 426-3135; fax (41)(22) 906-6667 Mailing address: 47 Quai Wilson, CH-1211 Geneva 21, Switzerland General manager: Enzo De Cupis President and CEO: Charles Tamman

Right: Attention to detail ensures a good night's sleep in everything from the advanced security, soundproofing, and climate control to the Jacuzzi baths and plump feather comforters.

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Santa Margherita di Pula, Sardinia, Italy Forte Village Resort

Top: Forte Village Resort's emphasis on solitude, sunshine, and water washes guests of everyday cares on Sardinia's secluded southern coast. Above: More than 80 chefs contribute to the recipe for romance and renewal. Right: The beach outside Hotel Castello rolls on for several miles, clear to the coves of Cape Spartivento. EEP BLUE Mediterranean waters and an ancient pine forest surround Forte Village Resort on the south coast of Sardinia. Here guests find the utmost in European hotel refinements within a secluded Italian village setting.

Nestled among 25 acres of tropical plants and flowers, the resort's seven four- and five-star hotels

offer 714 diverse luxury accommodations. Villa del Parco, the most exclusive hotel, over-

looks a garden of hibiscus, oleanders, and banana

trees. Twenty-five rooms and 18 bungalows provide balconies or terraces, marble bathrooms, and VIP service including daily offerings of port and canapés. Italian haute cuisine and an elevated sea view highlight the Belvedere restaurant,



reserved for guests of Villa del Parco alone.

For those desiring five-star privacy on the beach, Le Dune answers with 43 bungalows. All feature comfortable sitting rooms, air conditioning, minibars, and hydrotherapy baths. Like the Belvedere, Le Dune restaurant serves fine Italian cuisine, but in a

beachfront setting.

The inhabitants of Hotel Castello enjoy another idyllic spot hidden by pine forest and



edged by white sand beach. The five-star hotel harbors 154 rooms, all with air conditioning, minibars, and satellite TV reception, plus Jacuzzis and private rooftop gardens in its luxury suites. Guests dine at the Cavalieri restauLocation: 25 miles southwest of Cagliari on the south coast of Sardinia, Italy Property: 25 acres

Accommodations: 714 rooms, suites, and bungalows

Meeting space: 10,760 square feet Recreation: Six pools, 17 tennis and 2 squash courts, fitness center and spa, waterskiing, windsurfing, sailing, diving, horseback riding, mountain biking, fourwheel-drive tours, children's programs, and nearby golf, go-carts, putting green, and bowling.

Range of rates: \$175-\$1,340 (seasonal) Reservations: (39)(070) 921-516; in the U.S. (800) 225-5843; fax (39)(070) 921-246

Mailing address: SS 195, Km. 39,600, 09010 Santa Margherita di Pula, Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy

E-mail: fortevillageresort@ediset.net General manager: Lorenzo Giannuzzi

rant, accompanied by a quartet of classical musicians.

Il Borgo, with 79 rooms, resembles a tiny Sardinian hamlet complete with its own little plaza. Here guests enjoy four-star amenities plus a panoramic view from yet another private area of the resort. Additional four-star choices include Hotel

Pineta with 105 rooms, Forte Hotel Village with 163 bungalows, and Hotel Le Palme with 125 bungalows.

Along with the comfort of world-class accommodations, and the pleasure of dining at 12 diverse restaurants, the resort indulges guests with Thermae del Parco, a four-acre thalassotherapy spa. Health seekers relax in five warm saltwater pools, a sauna, and Turkish bath. They also

unwind, beautify, and reenergize with massage therapy, skin-care treatments, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

The outdoor opportunities abound, beginning with exploration of the island by jeep, motorboat, mountain bike, and horseback. At home, guests share six recreational pools, four freshwater and two saltwater with water slides. Racquet fans delight in 17 tennis courts and two open-air squash courts. Sea enthusiasts snorkel, scuba dive,



water-ski, windsurf, sail, and more. And everyone loves La Piazza, the resort's central plaza with live entertainment under the stars, a disco, and a full range of upscale gift shops and boutiques.

Guests sense the legendary Forte hallmark in every meticulous detail, whether shopping, floating in a soothing whirlpool bath, watching the sunset from a hidden bungalow, or dining alfresco by the moonlit Mediterranean. ***** Left: Heated pools at Thermae del Parco combine the benefits of concentrated seawater with hydromassage and swells for against-the-current swimming. Below: The spa's Turkish bath comes with central fountain, picture windows, and built-in TVs.







Above: Overseen by a staff of more than 600, the resort caters to a wide diversity of tastes in its recreational options, seven hotels, and 12 restaurants. Left: The guest rooms at Hotel Castello typify the village's gracious standard of luxury.

Right and below: Surrounded by ten acres of private manicured gardens, Lausanne's Beau-Rivage Palace commands center stage along the sunny south-facing shore of Lake Geneva.





Above: The indoor-outdoor pool illustrates just one of the many state-ofthe-art improvements. Below right: The library retains its bygone charm as a quiet corner for meeting friends, reading, or conversation.

Beau-Rivage Palace

HE BEAU-RIVAGE PALACE welcomes guests with enough nineteenth-century charm to surpass every fantasy of Switzerland's first Golden Age of hospitality. And yet, at the age of 138, the queen of Lake Geneva's central south-facing shore still ranks among the best 50 hotels in the world. In 1998, the lakeside resort received the Reader's Choice

Award from *Condé Nast Traveler* and the prestigious Swiss Historic Hotel Award for 1999.

The Beau-Rivage debuted at Lausanne's port of Ouchy in 1861. Over the near century and a

half since, the proprietors have continually expanded and upgraded to meet the ever-rising standard of firstclass travelers. The most dramatic expansion took place at the turn of the century with the addition of the Palace Wing, completed in 1908. Architect Eugene Jost linked his exuberant



original classically designed hotel by a third structure, the Rotunda. Majestic architecture, antiques,

neo-baroque confection to the

and fine reproductions steep guests in the glorious past in both public and private spaces. On the other hand, travelers feel instantly at home thanks to the warmly attentive staff, which includes Switzerland's only

female chief concierge.

Guests find all the practical elements required by today's business traveler, including banquet and conference rooms for groups of 8 to 800, and all

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the latest communications equipment, air conditioning, and other modern conveniences in each of the 180 individually appointed rooms and suites.

Yet some things never change. The elegant Rotunda housed the hotel's restaurant in 1908—and Restaurant La Rotonde serves the same Location: On Lake Geneva in the resort area of Ouchy, Lausanne, Switzerland **Property:** Ten acres Accommodations: 180 rooms and suites Meeting space: 15,000 square feet Recreation: Swimming pool; two tennis courts; fitness, beauty, and hairdressing centers; and nearby golf, lake sports, hiking, skiing, and more. Range of rates: Approximate US\$230-\$540 (seasonal) Reservations: (41)(21) 613-3333; in the U.S. (800) 223-6800; fax (41)(21) 613-3334 Mailing address: Place du Port 17-19, 1000 Lausanne-Ouchy 6, Switzerland General manager: Christian Marich

purpose in 1998, dispensing the fruits of a classic gourmet kitchen. For those desiring lighter fare, or simply a different mood, the Grill Piscine offers a delicious buffet and barbecue by the pool in summer.

Le Cafe Beau-Rivage adds a third choice, ideal for those enamored with the food and atmosphere of a Parisian brasserie. The Wine Bar features excellent vintages available by the glass, while the English Bar provides a classically handsome gathering spot with live piano entertainment and a terrace overlooking the gardens.

Guests inclined to self-improvement look forward to the hotel's revolutionary skin-care treatment developed by Switzerland's renowned Cellap Laboratories. Performed by the hotel's spa,



it promises dramatic results for both men and women.

Guests inclined to exercise might begin with a workout in the fitness center, a round of tennis, a swim in the indoor-outdoor pool, or simply a stroll through the lakeside park and Olympic Museum next door. Water lovers sail, ski, and cruise the lake in summer. Last and some say best of all, the slopes of the Swiss Alps beckon from the horizon, calling skiers out to play year-round in the Alpine sun. **76** Above: Guests savor the art of fine dining at Restaurant La Rotonde, where the epicurean tradition dates back to 1908. Below, far left: Aficionados sample from a wide choice of labels at the Wine Bar. Below: Period details highlight every room and suite.





Elounda Beach Hotel & Villas



Top: Elounda Beach Hotel & Villas wraps Mirabello Bay in a vision of five-star Mediterranean luxury. Above: Guests relax with fresh seafood and wine at the Argonaut Seaside Restaurant. Right: The Presidential Suites offer private pools, some with personal sunning platforms and direct access to the bay. ET on the Mediterranean blue bay of Mirabello, Elounda Beach Hotel & Villas occupies the northeast coast of Crete. With its generous array of lodgings, restaurants, recreation, and service options, the resort invites guests to fashion a vacation to match their dreams.

Guests select from three levels of accommodation clubs: Comfort Club, Premium Club, or Exclusive Club. Whatever the choice, all 259 rooms, suites, and bungalows offer an exceptional level of quality and comfort, recognized by quadruple-crown membership in

Concorde Hotels, Small Luxury Hotels of the World, Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, and The Leading Hotels of the World. Even the standard amenities include custom furnishings, sumptuous marble bathrooms, fulllength terry-cloth robes,



air conditioning, and satellite TV with 30 channels.

Comfort Club guests enjoy rooms in one-bedroom bungalows with ocean views. Premium Club guests chose from deluxe rooms in the main building or one- or twobedroom bungalows on the waterfront with private platforms leading directly to the sea. Exclusive Club

guests luxuriate in the Bungalow Suites, each with its own heated swimming pool. The Royal Suites, designed to rival the finest Mediterranean homes, feature indoor and outdoor pools, sauna, private gym with trainer, personal assistants, pianist, and

24-hour butler and chef service.

All guests share access to the large outdoor heated swimming pool, a perfect place to meet other guests or enjoy a good book. Sunbathers walk just a few steps to order food and drink at the Neraida Pool





Bar. Four more restaurants serve menus ranging from traditional Greek dishes to international gourmet and grill specialties. Nighttime fun centers around three lounges—the Lito Lounge with live piano music, the 24-hour Veghera Jetty Bar on the waterfront, and the Olous Night Club.

Upscale shops, the Museum of Cretan Art, a modern art gallery, and a chapel add to the feeling of a self-contained village. The 40-acre grounds, which include a 600-person amphitheater and three conference rooms, owe much of their beauty to a seaside landscape studded with shade trees and bursts of orange hibiscus.

The Mediterranean pleasures at Elounda go on and on, from napping under an umbrella on one of two sandy beaches to immersing oneself in scuba lessons at Club Nautique, which also features waterskiing, windsurfing, parasailing, and yacht rental. Land-based facilities include a full-service health and fitness center, five lighted clay and artificial grass tennis courts, and two

Location: 5.6 miles from Aghios Nikolaos, on the Greek island of Crete Property: 40 acres Accommodations: 259 rooms, suites, and bungalows Meeting space: 1,154 square feet Recreation: Outdoor heated swimming pool, five tennis courts, volleyball and basketball courts, mini golf, health and fitness center, two sandy beaches, and Club Nautique with scuba diving center, all water sports, and yacht hire. Range of rates: US\$320-\$10,000 Reservations: (30)(841) 41412/3; in the U.S. (800) 223-6802; fax (30)(841) 41373 Mailing address: 72 053 Elounda, Crete, Greece E-mail: elohotel@compulink.gr Web site: www.eloundabeach.gr General manager: Manolis J. Rassoulis



sand volleyball courts.

After the 50-minute trip to Elounda from Heraklion International Airport, each newcomer receives a welcoming drink. Thereafter, all guests begin the day with a complimentary in-room American breakfast. The wealth of just such extras confirms the overall feeling of abundance at Elounda, a sanctuary of modern luxury on a timeless Greek isle. *****





Top: Bungalow Suites afford the utmost in privacy. Spacious living rooms join terraces with views of the sea past private swimming pools. Above left: Bedrooms distill the essence of the Mediterranean lifestyle. Above: Royal Suite amenities range from inroom business center to both indoor and outdoor pools, butler, chef, and pianist. Left: Elounda's wide variety of activities includes Greek island sailing and other water sports offered by Club Nautique.

Right: The Baur au Lac's time-honored visage belies such recent improvements as a state-ofthe-art fitness club overlooking Lake Zürich and the Alps from the top floors. The Zürich landmark boasts the nation's highest rating as a Swiss Deluxe Hotel and holds membership in The Leading Hotels of the World and Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide.





Above: In season, Sunday brunch spills from Le **Pavillon onto La Terrasse** and into the garden. Below right: In the winter months, Le **Restaurant Français** caters to epicurean tastes with a formal setting, French cuisine, and fine wines.

TILL OWNED by direct descendants of the original 1844 proprietor, Johannes Baur, the Baur au Lac retains the feel of a

preferred hideaway for empresses and counts. From the balcony of the classical facade, guests watch shoppers stroll the upper end of Zürich's fashionable

Bahnhofstrasse or gaze across Lake Zürich to the snow-covered Alps. The lakefront hotel, wrapped in romantic gardens marked by cedar and gingko trees, makes it hard to believe that only a short distance away lie the city's bustling banking center and all its major cultural and tourist attractions.

The Baur au Lac received countless upgrades and changes over the past 150-plus years. But none of the changes revitalized more than a three-year renovation completed at the end of 1997. The overall refurbishment, from the lower level complex to the guest

Zürich, Switzerland Baur au Lac



floors, opened the door to a new era for the Baur au Lac without sacrificing its historic ambience and traditional decor.

The striking improvements include a new kitchen complex and an entirely new technical infrastructure, from heating, air-conditioning, and the security of electronic locks and sensitive smoke detection

to the latest in communications, including ISDN cable lines, fax and modem connections, and an interactive television system with CNN and Bloomberg.

The 125 rooms and suites-all totally rebuilt

highest modern

and individually appointed in English (Regency and Chippendale) and French (Louis XVI, Directoire, and Empire) decorexhibit an unfailing sense of style while offering the ultimate in luxury and comfort. The generously sized bathrooms match the



Left: Reborn in contemporary elegance, the rooms and suites face the twenty-first century with electronic locks, guest climate control, and ISDN lines with data ports for fax and modem. Meeting space for groups of up to 300 incorporates the latest advancements as well.



Above: Elements from the past set off the contemporary style of Rive Gauche, where the menu incorporates a Far Eastern flavor.

demands for comfort, design, and equipment with a refined combination of marble, granite, mirrors, and soft lighting.

Three restaurants for fine dining include Le Pavillon for the summer months and Le Restaurant Français for the winter. The latter, renowned by local and international connoisseurs for its gourmet French cuisine and magnificent wine list, offers the ultimate setting for elegant evenings out.

The hotel also holds Zürich's latest in-places for local residents and guests: the new Rive Gauche restaurant and adjoining bar. Rive Gauche offers a rotating selection of meals with an Eastern touch

Location: Between Lake Zürich and the Bahnhofstrasse, in the heart of Zürich, Switzerland Accommodations: 125 rooms and suites Meeting space: 10,243 square feet Range of rates: Approximate US\$250-\$460 Reservations: (41)(01) 220-5020; in the U.S. (800) 323-7500; fax (41)(01) 220-5044 Mailing address: Talstrasse 1, CH 8022 Zürich, Switzerland E-mail: info@bauraulac.ch Web site: www.bauraulac.ch General manager: Michel Rey A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide served in a harmonious blend of highly modern decor and features from the past such as the century-old ceiling.

A wealth of extras sweetens the package: the beauty parlor and hairdresser Vanity, wine stores, a convenient parking garage, 24-hour concierge and laundry, and round-the-clock room service.

What's more, at the end of their stay, guests can travel the 15 minutes back to the Zürich Airport in one of the hotel's own Rolls-Royces—a fitting conclusion to a lodging experience that virtually defines the European ideal of civility and grandeur. *****



Left: Le Pavillon, the Baur au Lac's warmweather restaurant, wraps diners in views of the lake, river, and parklike grounds. Right: The Cliveden Town House treats guests to afternoon tea in the Drawing Room, where every detail reflects the warmth of a private home. The hospitality serves as a London extension of Cliveden, the former estate of Lord and Lady Astor and one of England's most illustrious country homes.





The Cliveden Town House



Above and right: The hotel's three Edwardian houses stand side by side on a private street behind Sloane Square. Guests find themselves in the fashionable Knightsbridge district, amid gardens where blackbirds sing and cherry trees bloom. HE CLIVEDEN Town House welcomes guests to London with the same sense of heritage and homecoming they find at Cliveden, the former stately home of the Astors and today one of Britain's highest rated hotels.

Cliveden's city sibling spans three brick homes built in the 1890s on a quiet square between Chelsea and Knightsbridge. Designer Rupert

Lord, who worked on Cliveden, transformed the style of the landed gentry into a sanctuary from the bustle of city life. The reception hall, for instance, resembles a lord or lady's study rather than a conventional lobby. Like the other public rooms on the ground floor-the Library and Drawing Room-it invites instant relaxation with plump furnishings, carefully chosen art and antiques, and armloads of cut flowers.



Paintings of Cliveden's vast stately gardens remind guests of the boutique hotel's special pedigree. Lady Nancy Astor herself gazes down from her portrait by John Singer Sargent. Outside, the grounds receive immaculate care, recalling the pleasures of a stroll through the gardens in the country.

The 24 rooms and 11 suites carry names of

theatrical personalities, and the decor reflects their namesakes. The Ellen Terry Room recaptures the glamour of the star's dressing room. The J.M. Barrie Room features prints drawn from Kate Greenaway's books. The Noel Coward Room feels suitably and cheerfully nautical. In other rooms, theatrical posters and photos evoke fond thoughts of Gielgud, Olivier, and their peers.

Mementos, paintings, original furnishings, and fresh



flowers complete the charm of every room. In addition, each room offers air conditioning, a private facsimile machine, voice mail, satellite TV, and video as well as a state-of-the-art music system. At night, guests slip into luxuriously draped beds lined in Sea Island cotton. Some suites provide kitchens and living rooms ideal for entertaining. For more formal meetings of up to 12, the boardroom's options range from audiovisual equipment to luncheon, dinner, and refreshments.

Guests sit down to a Continental or traditional English breakfast in the Breakfast Room. English tea is spread in the Drawing Room every afternoon. In the evening, the steward ceremoniously opens a complimentary magnum of Champagne. Any meal can be served in the guest's own room in front of the fire. In fact, the hotel provides room service 24

Location: Between Chelsea and Knightsbridge, in the heart of London, England Accommodations: 35 rooms and suites Meeting space: 400 square feet Range of rates: Approximate US\$201-\$1,040 Reservations: (44)(71) 730-6466; in the U.S. (800) 747-4942; U.S. fax (800) 747-0109 Mailing address: 26 Cadogan Gardens, London SW3 2RP, England General manager: Stephen Colley A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide

hours a day along with valet parking, complimentary city chauffeur, gymnasium, newspapers, laundry, dry cleaning, and nightly shoeshine.

While harking back to weekends in the country, The Cliveden Town House provides all the conveniences of a central city location. Guests can easily walk to such stores as Harrods, Peter Jones, and Harvey Nichols. The neighborhood abounds in upscale restaurants. And a chauffeur can be arranged for trips to the theaters of the West End, the country, or the airport.

As for service, the staff gives such careful attention to individual wishes and needs that everyone feels like a guest in a private home. In this as in all matters, the Cliveden family hallmark bears witness to one of the world's great traditions of hospitality. *****



Left: Cliveden's designer Rupert Lord filled the rooms' generous proportions with individual personalities. In the Dame Peggy Ashcroft Suite, exuberant fabrics drape the canopy bed and large bay window overlooking the garden. Below: The Sullivan Room recaptures a country gentleman's taste in pastoral pleasures.



Left: Legendary figures of the British theater line one Library wall. Lady Astor herself would have chosen such details, from the porcelain figures and plates to the leatherbound books and welcoming fire. Right: Born in 1907, The Hotel Royal holds court at The Domaine du Royal Club Evian, a realm encompassing 42 acres above the shores of Lac Léman. Below: Equally venerable, The Hotel Ermitage joined the realm in 1991.







Above: Two full-service spas uphold Evian's matchless reputation as a place to take the waters. Below right: The Evian Masters Golf Course recently launched a new tradition as the home of the only masters tournament for women in France. Hotel guests enjoy free and easy access: no greens fee and a guaranteed start.

Domaine du Royal Club Evian

HE DOMAINE du Royal Club Evian reigns supreme along the south shore of Lac Léman. Set in the town of Evian-les-Bains, France, against a sheer backdrop of Haute-Savoy Alps, the resort presents an unparalleled range of leisure attractions—two complete health spas, golf and tennis, a worldclass casino, and more—but also

two of Europe's most legendary resort hotels.

In 1907, architect Jean Hébrart designed The Hotel Royal as a summer palace for England's King Edward VII. With immoderation his only guideline, he fashioned immense salons, arches, domes, and rotundas, then adorned the walls with

frescoes by the great Gustave Jaulmes. Continual renovation has preserved the public areas' regal splendor while keeping pace with the ever-rising standards for five-star luxury.

All six floors at the Hotel Royal have direct elevator access to the



pool and Better Living Institute, a full-service Roman-styled health and beauty center. VIPs often use the hotel's heliport for meetings in its top-flight conference and committee rooms. They may also join others at four of the club's nine gourmet restaurants: The Café Royal, The Rotonde, the poolside grill, and Le Jardin des Lys.

The resort's second hotel, The Hotel Ermitage, debuted the same year as The Hotel Royal, but in the style of a grand Alpine chalet. It reopened in 1991 after a three-year, \$18million renovation.

Like the 154-room Hotel Royal, its galleries,



gourmet restaurant, and 91 rooms and suites open directly onto the club's 42-acre park and views of the lake. But Ermitage guests enjoy a slightly less palatial, if equally luxurious, style of hospitality—more in keeping, perhaps, with its modern conference Location: On Lac Léman's south shore at Evian-les-Bains, France Property: 42 acres Accommodations: 245 rooms and suites Meeting space: 21,520 square feet Recreation: 18-hole Evian Masters Golf Course, six tennis courts, squash court, five swimming pools, archery, climbing wall, casino, two spa and health clubs, and children's programs. Nearby sailing, waterskiing, rafting, trekking, mountain biking, and year-round skiing. Range of rates: Approximate US\$90-\$527 Reservations: (33)(4) 5026-8500; in the U.S. (800) 223-6800; fax (33)(4) 5075-6100

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Web site: www.evian.com/domaine/ Managing director: Roger Mercier

facilities and Form and Relaxation Centre.

A Children's and Juniors' Club, situated midway between the two hotels, entertains guests aged 2 to 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., while a new

Fun Club organizes activities for guests aged 14 to 19. Parents' playtime often starts on the Evian Masters Golf Course, created in 1904 and recently redesigned by Cabell B. Robinson with Robert Trent Jones. The course's new clubhouse contains a casual chalet restaurant with terrace overlooking the greens and a pro shop, where guests may sign up for group or private lessons. The Royal Tennis Club offers instruction, too, on six courts—one indoors and three floodlit for evening play.

The Toque Royale—a gastronomic mecca crowns the attractions at the Casino Royal. The casino itself features every form of European and





American gaming, from slot machines to English roulette and *punto banco*. An exciting new bar and restaurant, Le Liberté, transports guests to the four corners of the world with its flavors, images, and rhythms. The Flash Discotheque brings them back to the casino's heart with a party that lasts all night.

Marcel Proust, the great French novelist and turn-of-the-century regular at Evian, wrote of "time which has been found again." At The Domaine du Royal Club Evian, even first-time visitors can savor a remembrance of things past while experiencing a resort in the full bloom of its second youth. 24





Left: History's epicurean tradition lives on at The Café Royal. Above: The Hotel Royal pool's infinity edge merges with the Evian sky and waters of Lac Léman.

Far left: Rooms and suites serve as individual oases of well-being. Left: The Casino Royal features modern and old-style gaming, cuisine, music, and a convivial atmosphere day and night.





Gran Hotel Bahía del Duque



Top and above: The Gran Hotel Bahía del Duque rises like a fairy-tale village from the sunny southern coast of Tenerife. Sundecks, pools, waterfalls, and fountains meander down to meet the wide Atlantic beach. Above right: Friendly staff welcome guests in colonial period costume. **Right: The resort's** putting green invites golfers to warm up for 18-hole games nearby.

HE GRAN HOTEL Bahía del Duque rises from an old Canary Islands estate on the Atlantic, offering visitors a typically Tenerife-style milieu.

Guests can cocoon indefinitely in the comfort of a Meliá five-star deluxe resort—within their own nineteenth century-styled village—or set off to explore the island's rich

colonial culture set in a mild climate the year around.

Built in 1993, the resort sprawls over 17 subtropical acres on Tenerife's sunny Adeje coast. Nineteen colorful buildings hold the 362 rooms, including 38 suites, most with spacious terraces or balconies and all with minibars, safes, cable TVs, and 24-hour room service. Four of the buildings,



called Las Casas Ducales, offer additional amenities including separate reception desk, private breakfast, butler service, and many other services designed to create a small luxury hotel within the hotel.

Staff in colonial period costume welcome arrivals at the reception building. Here, too, specialists book excursions to museums detailing

Tenerife's layered history, fine arts, and culture. Some guests seek directions to villages known for colorful ceramics, weavings, embroidery, or the wines that Shakespeare praised so long ago. Others want to visit Tenerife's national park, Las Cañadas del Teide, whose volcanic landscape encompasses the Teide Crater.

Other attractions range from Tenerife's gaming



Location: On the south coast of Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain Property: 17 acres Accommodations: 362 rooms and suites Meeting space: 53,800 square feet Recreation: Five pools, three tennis and two squash courts, fitness center, putting green, volleyball, jogging circuit, mountain biking, sandy beach, paragliding, windsurfing, sailing, waterskiing, game fishing, and scuba diving. Nearby golf, horseback riding, motorbiking, and a wealth of sightseeing excursions. Range of rates: Approximate US\$320-\$1,440 Reservations: (34)(922) 746-900; in the U.S. (800) 336-3542; fax (34)(922) 746-916. Mailing address: C/ Alcalde Walter Paetzman s/n, 38660 Costa Adeje, Tenerife Sur, Canary Islands, Spain E-mail: comercial@bahia-duque.com

Web site: www.bahia-duque.com General manager: Francisco Alcaraz Zaragoza

casino to its festivals, including a spectacular Carnavál and Semana Santa. And, since Tenerife lies under one of the world's most famously clear skies, visitors enjoy viewing the cosmos through giant telescopes—including the one in the resort's own observatory.

Groups of up to 1,000 meet in the hotel's 19 congress rooms and exhibit halls. The staff arranges for sophisticated audiovisuals when needed, as well as additional venues off site.

Some guests, however, never leave the grounds, content on the putting green, at the fitness center, and in the billiards, bridge, and reading rooms. Or, while their children play giant chess, table tennis, or mini football, the parents relax in the sauna, massage room, or beauty salon.

El Duque Beach pleases everyone with its year-



round sun and refreshing breeze, canvas changing rooms, umbrellas, deckchairs, and two bars and restaurants. For offshore fun, the resort adds Jet Skis, pedal boats, canoes, and more.

Up the slope waits a fountain-filled patio ringed by four restaurants—Spanish, French, Italian, and gourmet. Other restaurants focus on local specialties, like fresh fish with piquant sauces, served by waiters in Andalusian costume. When the Canarian minstrels wander by, strumming folk ballads, the centuries peel away and it seems as if Christopher Columbus never left the fabled isle. *****



Top: At La Brasserie, stained-glass windows recreate Monet's garden-an ideal setting for the culinary arts of France. Above: Guests feast on Latin cuisine at La Hacienda. Far left: Rooms and suites combine Victorian and Venetian influences in sleeping and living areas, gracious baths, and private balconies or terraces. Left: Jacuzzis invite bathers into the warm sunshine and cool ocean breezes year-round.









Top: Guests of Schlosshotel Vier Jahreszeiten come and go from a private park in the central villa district of Berlin, one of Europe's most dynamic cities. Above: Chanel couturier Karl Lagerfeld appointed the Music Room-and every other square inch of the hotel. Right: A Roman-style pool highlights a spa devoted to guests' fitness, beauty, and relaxation.

Schlosshotel Vier Jahreszeiten Berlin

HANEL COUTURIER Karl Lagerfeld loves houses so much he has several: one in Monte Carlo, a castle in Brittany, an

apartment in Rome—and a magnificent suite-for-life at the Schlosshotel Vier Jahreszeiten Berlin.

He earned the suite, the Appartement de Karl Lagerfeld, as an honorarium after a three-year collaboration

with friends. It is available to hotel guests in his absence.

The project began in 1991 when the friends, a group of Berlin investors, bought a classified historical mansion with the idea of founding a

world-class resort hotel in the city. The building's design reflected the taste of its original owner— Dr. Walther von Pannwitz, Kaiser Wilhelm II's personal advisor who built it largely to complement his collection of Flemish masterpieces and



antique porcelains. The former Pannwitz Palace rests in the residential district of Grunewald, ten minutes from Berlin's city center.

Lagerfeld gave his seal of approval to every detail in the \$20-million restoration, including the Italian Renaissance-style main hall, the library with its hand-painted ceiling, and the French-style salon. Then he

designed or chose every appointment for the hotel, from the gardens to the china, menus, logo, and 52 guest rooms.

"In a house like this," Lagerfeld says, "appropriate decoration has nothing to do with design



experiment. Rather, it is good, traditional furnishing combined with all the modern conveniences necessary for present-day comfort." So along with the opulent upholstery, antiques, fine art, and handloomed carpets came air conditioning,



three phones with two lines and data ports, fax machines, minibars, electric trouser presses, safes, TVs, VCRs, and stereo systems including CD players.

His bathrooms fulfill a sybarite's dream: heated floors and separate water closets, tubs, and showers accompanied by towel warmers, lighted shaving mirrors, hair dryers, scales, robes, slippers, and lavish toiletries. Mirroring the quality of these details, the staff meets the ultimate European standard with

such services as chauffeured transportation in a unique Lagerfeld-designed limousine (a BMW 750iL), butler assistance (on an hourly basis), round-the-clock laundry and dry cleaning, and 24-hour in-room dining.

Guests find still more pampering around the indoor pool downstairs, where the fitness level provides a whirlpool, saunas, steam bath, solarium, massage and other therapy rooms, beauty salon, and workout equipment. Jogging and bike riding wait just outside in the hotel's 15-acre gated park.

After a day of recreation, city business, or meetings in the three function rooms, diners



gather at either of two restaurants: Vivaldi, for formal service and international cuisine, or Le Jardin, a glass-enclosed winter garden with a more casual menu and terrace dining in season. Le Tire Bouchon, an English club-style bar, specializes in intimate conversation, aperitifs, and after-dinner drinks. Another bar in the lobby entertains with snacks, cocktails, afternoon tea, and tunes from a talented pianist.

A favorite with the international *haute monde*, Schlosshotel Vier Jahreszeiten Berlin illustrates not only the unerring eye of its designer, but the enduring appeal of the classical approach and the pleasures of a country resort in the city. *****



Top: Every room exemplifies use of Europe's finest fabric houses, antique auctions, and craftsmen. Above: Guests wishing to take full advantage of resort life in the city call for breakfast on the balcony. Left: Vivaldi's menu promises a worldclass dining experience in concert with the palatial setting.

Location: In the central district of Grunewald, Berlin, Germany Accommodations: 52 rooms and suites Meeting space: 3,378 square feet Range of rates: Approximate US\$320-\$2,960 Reservations: (49)(30) 895-840; in the U.S. (800) 223-6800; fax (49)(30) 8958-4800 Mailing address: Brahmsstrasse 10, 14193 Berlin, Germany General manager: Reto G. Gaudenzi





Jebel Ali Hotel & Golf Resort



Top: One of The Leading Hotels of the World, the Jebel Ali Hotel & Golf Resort presides over an oasis of lush gardens, palm trees, and legendary beach outside the cosmopolitan city of Dubai. Above: Garden-side balconies in the main hotel view a saltwater lake and nine emerald fairways. Right: The lobby of the new Palm Tree Court sets a breezy tone with its open-beam ceiling and spirited dolphins.

ON THE IVORY-WHITE SANDS of the Arabian Gulf, the Jebel Ali Hotel & Golf Resort rises like something out of an Arabian legend. Magnificent gardens covered with palm trees, seaside recreation, and hospitality recognized by The Leading Hotels of the World invite desert travelers to refresh themselves in five-star comfort.

Guests join the peacocks on 128 acres of emerald gardens surrounding the main hotel. Riding stables, a

racquet-sports complex, and a nine-hole golf course lie just inland from the guest quarters. On the sea side, guests view the resort's private beach and marina.

Every room in the main building frames views of either the gardens and fairways or the gulf where Sinbad



and Marco Polo sailed in search of their fortunes. Amenities inside include casually elegant furnishings, minibars, direct-dial phones, satellite TVs, safes, and 24-hour room service. The newly constructed Palm Tree Court contributes 120 seafacing rooms and terraces nestled in a grove of palms on the beach.

The golf course winds around a private lake, affording water hazards on five of the

nine holes. Club Journana adds tennis, squash, and

badminton as well as sauna, Jacuzzi, and massage. Swimmers dip into the clear blue waters of the gulf and three sparkling pools. Sailboats and fishing charters cater to seafarers in the marina. Meanwhile, land-based explorers enjoy horseback riding at the stables or on the beach,



Location: On the Arabian Gulf, 27 miles south of Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Property: 128 acres Accommodations: 389 rooms and suites

Meeting space: 11,000 square feet Recreation: Nine-hole golf course, floodlit driving range, and practice greens; four tennis, one badminton, and two squash courts; three adult and two children's pools; riding school; shooting club; jogging route; gymnasium with sauna and Jacuzzi; billiards; sandy beach, 80-berth marina, waterskiing, windsurfing, sailing, and deep-sea fishing. Range of rates: Approximate US\$75-\$495

Reservations: (971) 483-6000; in the U.S. (800) 223-6800; fax (917) 483-5543 Mailing address: P.O. Box 9255, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

General manager: Mohamed S. Geziry

safari excursions into the desert, and jaunts on camelback.

A number of the resort's corporate clients look forward to two unique

offerings—a shooting club and a business-training program. For motivational events, the Jebel Ali Training Centre designs programs to develop leadership skills, teamwork, flexibility, and commitment. Lessons from the classroom gain impact through outdoor problem-solving activities. Later, executives solidify their newfound skills with practice on the sports field and at the shooting club.

The Jebel Ali Shooting Club caters to groups and individual sportsmen with a taste for trap, skeet, and pistol practice. Well removed from the resort's main facilities, the five outdoor ranges, fully computerized pistol range, professional instructors, and top-quality equipment ensure a





safe, exciting shoot. Before or after downing clay pigeons, groups congregate in the clubhouse for target practice, meetings, and meals.

Along with private dining, the resort's eight restaurants and five bars invite guests to sample a different cuisine and atmosphere every day. Guests indulge in everything from fine French cuisine to Italian, American steak house, seafood, delicatessen, Arabic, oriental, and international selections.

The menus illustrate a quality shared by every pleasure at the Jebel Ali Hotel & Golf Resort. Just a short drive from the cosmopolitan city of Dubai, the world-class standard seems at once familiar and as exotic as a fairy tale on a far desert shore. 76





Top: Practice greens and a driving range prepare golfers for games on the hotel's new golf course. Above: Families delight in the playful atmosphere at two children's pools. Far left: Outdoor seating adds to the luxury of five-star seaside accommodations. Left: Good-luck cranes watch over the service of Far Eastern delicacies at the White Orchid, one of eight tempting restaurants at the resort.



Hotel Arts Barcelona



Top: A giant fish sculpture by architect Frank Gehry flanks the pool terrace at Hotel Arts Barcelona, where modern art and architecture redefine the city's seaside skyline. Right: Refreshments at Bar Marina include views of the Port Olímpic. EAVE IT TO RITZ-CARLTON to open its first European hotel on the waterfront in Barcelona. In a city known for centuries of trend-setting architectural masterworks, the new 44-story Hotel Arts Barcelona brings a note of turn-of-the-millennium brilliance to the Catalonian capital's skyline.

The Ritz-Carlton-operated hotel celebrates the city's avant-garde atmosphere at every turn, even

by the pool, where a fish sculpture by California architect Frank Gehry watches over guests relaxing just 100 yards from the Mediterranean.

Inspired by Spain's heralded fine arts tradition, American designers appointed the sunlit interiors. They called on contemporary Spanish artists to contribute murals, paintings, and sculptures throughout the lobby, restaurants, and other gathering places. Private spaces mirror the same appealing style, with soothing Mediterranean tones as backdrops for works by local artists.

The 455 generously proportioned rooms and suites, including four floors of concierge-level rooms and suites in The Club, feature views of the sea and the city, bedside room controls, fax and computer lines, CD players, marble bathrooms,

> and 24-hour room service. Club guests, who reside on floors 30 through 33, relax in a private drawing room where presentations of five complimentary light meals appear daily.

> The hotel's menu of restaurants celebrates the fare of a region renowned for culinary invention. The Café Veranda features Catalonian and other Mediterranean dishes served buffet style, while





The Newport Room brings an innovative flair to traditional Mediterranean cuisine. Goyescas explores the delights of traditional Spanish tapas. The Saló focuses on afternoon tea. Daytime cocktails and light fare issue from the Bar Marina by the pool. And Bar Terraza specializes in latenight malt whiskies, cognacs, and cigars.

Visitors exploring the city quickly discover that late nights in Barcelona often run very late. Aside from the world-famous nightlife, guests also enjoy roaming the streets of the romantic Gothic Quarter by day or strolling the Ramblas, admiring the fantastic architecture of Barcelona's own Antonio Gaudi. Both lie within easy walking distance.

Even closer wait the shops of Marina Village and the 50-plus restaurants of the Olympic Marina. Plus, guests enjoy one of the city's finest beaches just outside the door as well as the outdoor swimming pool, a fitness center, and a jogging trail. Working guests appreciate the hotel's Location: Within walking distance of city center, on the waterfront in Barcelona, Spain Accommodations: 455 rooms and suites Meeting space: 24,205 square feet Range of rates: Approximate US\$287-\$1,795 Reservations: (349)(3) 221-1000; in the U.S. (800) 241-3333; fax (349)(3) 221-1070 Mailing address: Carrer de la Marina, 19-21, 08005 Barcelona, Spain General manager: Victor Clavell Left: The Japanese Suite's modern shoji screens open to reveal the yacht harbor, Mediterranean Sea, and Catalonian capital from the thirtieth floor. Below: The suite's Japanese theme prevails from the dining room to the king-size bedroom to the marble bathroom.



Business Centre and extensive meeting space. Groups of up to 1,500 gather in 14 salons, each named for a famous Spanish artist.

For those experiencing the fine art of living in Barcelona for the first time, Hotel Arts offers an ideal base for exploring. Return visitors already in love with the city find the hallmarks of Ritz-Carlton hospitality the perfect partner for the 24hour-a-day excitement that is Barcelona today. *****





Far left: Goyescas celebrates past and present with traditional tapas and a friendly, informal decor. Left: Many a long Barcelona night finds a grand finale at Bar Terraza, which specializes in the finest cognacs, malt whiskies, and cigars. **Right: Europe's architec**tural history surrounds the Hotel Inter-Continental Praha from every angle. Sightseers ply the waters of Prague's stately Vitava River just outside.





Prague, Czech Republic Hotel Inter-Continental Praha



Above: The fitness center's state-of-the-art facilities provide a modern-day playground at the city's historic heart. Right: Views to the north showcase the ancient buttresses of Charles Bridge (Europe's oldest) and the matchless spires of Prague Castle.

RAGUE CASTLE, built in 870 A.D. to unite the squabbling Czech tribes, laid the foundation for a city that would become a cultural haven for all of Eastern Europe. Even modernity's hand could not erase the legacies left by centuries of visiting and crusading tribes, from the Hussites to the original Bohemians. As a result, Prague offers a storehouse of architectural splendors, from Baroque to Art Nouveau to Neoclassical.

Just across the historic Vltava River from the

original castle, the Hotel Inter-Continental Praha provides a five-star castle of comfort for modern "tribes" who come to enjoy the city's fairy-tale charm. The hotel offers breathtaking vistas of the river, within blocks of the Old Town Hall, National Theater, Strahov Monastery, and, of course, legendary Prague Castle.

A citadel of modern luxury in the midst of Old Town, the

Inter-Continental envelops guests in five-star luxury from their first step onto the lobby's polished marble floors. Rare artworks and antiques reflect the region's rich history, while recent additions provide a state-of-the-art fitness center (complete with indoor pool and putting green), a business center, shopping arcade, and room amenities including advanced soundproofing and guest-controlled air conditioning.

As much a meeting place as a hotel, the Inter-



Continental's three dining options provide cosmopolitan settings for anything from a fine meal to a frothy Czech beer. At the top of the hotel, guests at the Zlatá Praha ("Golden Prague") enjoy the supreme pleasure of dining on superb Czech cuisine while watching the sun set over Prague's exotic spires.

At the more casual Primátor Restaurant, visitors enjoy a



close-up view of the Vltava River and a menu of prime grilled meats, oven-baked potatoes, and a vast salad bar. Guests can grab a light snack and coffee and enjoy a view of the fashionable shopping street, Parízská, at the Cafe Gallery and Cocktail Bar. On golden summery mornings, the Cafe Gallery's patio makes an ideal spot for people-watching while savoring specialties from the hotel's private pastry chef.

Whether in town for business or pleasure, guests appreciate rooms with either romantic river or Old Town views and sumptuous Italian marble baths. All 364 rooms and suites meet the highest European standard, including nightly turndown, direct-dial phones, minibars, and bathroom accessories like radios, phones, hair dryers, and lighted beauty mirrors. And where else in Prague but at the Inter-Continental would the satellite TV schedule programs in seven languages?

In addition, 89 specialty suites offer distinct features for large parties, families, and businessmen. Club Floors seven and eight indulge VIPs in a host of extras, including coffee, drinks, and newspapers in a private concierge lounge.

The hotel's seven elegant, flexible meeting rooms host social and business occasions of all descriptions. The Congress Hall, with its chandeliers and dramatic foyer, provides the ultimate level of sophistication for meetings and banquets of up to 600.

In a city where the names Rilke, Mozart, and Apollinaire still echo through cafés, the Inter-Continental provides both a stage for lively interaction and an escape for a blissful night's sleep—plus a perfect home base for exploring one of Europe's most fascinating cities. **



Top: Only the sophisticated menu at the Zlatá Praha, or "Golden Prague," rivals the view. Above: The Presidential Suite offers space for living and dining, a bar, kitchen, fully equipped office, and master bedroom with sauna and lacuzzi. Guests walk in the footsteps of royalty: The antique floor came from an old Czech castle. Left: A snack bar, saunas, and solariums skirt the indoor pool.

Location: Along the Vltava River in the heart of Prague, Czech Republic Accommodations: 364 rooms and suites Meeting space: 13,344 square feet Range of rates: Approximate US\$310-\$1,750 Reservations: (420)(2) 2488-1111; in the U.S. (800) 327-0200; fax (420)(2) 2481-1216. Mailing address: Námêstí Curieovych 43/5, 110 00 Praha I, Czech Republic

General manager: Pavel Hlinka





Right: Five minutes from the central plaza of Marbella, the Gran Meliá Don Pepe claims a privileged position along the Andalusian coast of



holidaymakers.

Above and below right: Everything from the lobby to the building's overall design bears the hallmark of contemporary quality from Spain's leading hotel company, Sol Meliá.

HE COSTA DEL SOL earns () its title "Coast of the Sun" with more than 300 days of sunshine a year. Once a string of modest fishing villages on the edge of southern Spain, the area now attracts Europe's most discerning

The town of Marbella takes its name from Oueen Isabela's exclama-

tion, "Qué mar tan bella!"-"What a beautiful sea!" Today's visitors still see the same shade of

Mediterranean sky blue water lined in soft white beaches. Set like a crown jewel on the shore, Marbella's natural beauty and jet-set appeal put it on par with France's Saint-Tropez.

Marbella's exclusivity means fewer crowds than



most other Mediterranean hot spots. Still, it offers a lively downtown center radiating from the Plaza de los Naranjos and its fifteenth century Renaissance fountain. At the nearby yacht harbor of Puerto Banús, the area's most popular restaurants and discos draw visitors and upscale residents alike.

The air of privileged refinement at the Gran Meliá Don Pepe creates a perfect complement to this one-of-a-kind seaside village.

> The resort's 202 rooms and suites present breathtaking views of the Mediterranean, which lies just steps away. In addition to furnishings appointed in rich Costa del Sol colors and textures, each room offers interactive satellite TV,

Marbella, Spain Gran Meliá Don Pepe



Location: Along the Costa del Sol in Marbella, southern Spain Property: 7.4 acres Accommodations: 202 rooms and suites Meeting space: 10,621 square feet Recreation: Two pools, fitness center, and two tennis courts. Nearby sandy beach, golf, horseback riding, yacht rental, and more. Range of rates: US\$197-\$267 Reservations: (34)(95) 277-0300; in the U.S., (800) 336-3542; fax (34)(95) 277-9954 Mailing address: José Meliá, S/N 29600 Marbella, Málaga, Spain E-mail: gran.melia.don.pepe@solmelia.es Web site: www.solmelia.es General manager: Francisco Somoggi de Perlac

direct-dial phones, safe deposit boxes, and 24-hour room service.

Guests who come to bask in the warmth of the sun, though, spend most of their time outdoors, taking full advantage of activities like world-class golf, tennis, sightseeing, and spending quality time on the

sand. At the resort itself, more than seven acres of lawns, ponds, walkways, benches, and trees suggest a leisurely stroll after siesta.

Within this private garden paradise, the Don Pepe offers an outdoor swimming pool and deck custom made for cooling off with a drink from Bar El Copo, the poolside snack bar. A solariumprotected pool adds the option of indoor sunning, swimming, and water aerobics. A full-service sports club encourages guests to stay fit with exercise classes, resistance-training equipment, sauna, Turkish bath, and relaxing massage.

Conference facilities further expand the activities options. The resort's five full-service meeting rooms adapt for business, banquets, or



even grand Spanish-style theme parties for up to 400.

At the end of a full day of sun and fun, guests take their appetites to the Grill La Farola, where the culinary delights include flambéed entrées and crêpes suzette prepared right at the table. Later, guests regroup at the Bar Almirante, which features live piano music and late night dancing in front of windows on the sea.

The Don Pepe accents all these pleasures with the style and luxury associated with the prestigious Sol Meliá hallmark. Here, in this enviable location, Meliá luxury meshes with the Marbella experience for a truly grand vacation on the Costa del Sol. ≈



Top: Guests enjoy special privileges at Marbella's many golf courses. Above: A retractable sunroof shelters the indoor pool. Left: The Grill La Farola specializes in table-side preparation of gourmet cuisine.







Top: Le Royal Meridien rises like a crown jewel from the coast of Bahrain, known for millennia as the Pearl of the Gulf. Above: A paved footpath leads to a landscaped mini isle, guardian of the resort's private lagoon. Right: A magnificent brass celestial sphere takes pride of place at the center of the lobby.

Le Royal Meridien Bahrain

JILGAMESH, THE HERO of an epic Persian poem, came to Bahrain 5,000 years ago in search of immortality, which he found in the form of a pearl. Today's travelers find another kind of gem at Le Royal Meridien Bahrain: mortal pleasure at its best within a spectacular 50-acre seaside resort.

The 33 islands of Bahrain lie some 18 miles off the coast of Qatar. Travelers reach the Pearl of the Gulf, the island from which Bahrain takes its

name, by air or 15mile causeway from Saudi Arabia. Since the days of Gilgamesh, Bahrain has drawn business and pleasure travelers from around the world. Today, Le Royal Meridien offers everything a traveler on business or holiday could possibly desire—including



subtropical weather and the island's only private hotel beach. And it's all within minutes of the capital's shopping and business district.

As guests enter the lobby, they discover an enormous brass globe inspired by the celestial spheres used by ancient navigators along the Great Spice Route. Throughout the lobby, polished black marble

floors, hand-woven rugs, and striking objets d'art entice the eye. Just steps away, the Plantation Lounge's deep-buttoned armchairs, open fire, and

> traditional sporting art evoke the British colonial era, while the oak-paneled Burlington Club transports guests to the luxury of an English manor house.

Dining options pay further witness to the resort's international clientele, from grilled Tex-Mex specialties at

Location: On the beach at Manama, Bahrain

Property: 50 acres

Accommodations: 264 rooms and suites

Meeting Space: 23,683 square feet Recreation: Indoor and outdoor pools; children's pool and playground; croquet, squash, and four tennis courts; nine-hole pitch-and-putt course; two fitness clubs; exercise track; and private beach with sailing, boating, waterskiing, and parasailing. Range of rates: US\$238-\$4,774 Reservations: (973) 580-000; in the U.S. (800) 543-4300; fax (973) 580-333 Mailing address: P.O. Box 55577, Manama, Bahrain General manager: David Woodward

The Ranch to Nirvana's palatial Maharaja-style banquet rooms. The poolside Overlook Café, with its superb view of the sea and city center skyline, provides the perfect setting to relax with a quiet drink or dine alfresco with friends.

The private beach comes alive each day with guests enjoying the resort's many water sports, including sailing, boating, Jet Skiing, and parasailing. Indoor and outdoor pools, four tennis courts, two full-service fitness centers, and a fabulous Turkish-style *hammam* offer other ways to stay active, or simply relax.

Regal accommodations and service come naturally to Le Royal Meridien Bahrain. Each of the 267 rooms and suites features an individual design, but all boast satellite TVs, direct-dial phones, minibars, private safes, marble bathrooms, and 24-hour room service. A stay in any of the 45 Club President rooms comes with extra benefits, such as butler service and an invitation





to complimentary tea, coffee, and cocktails in the club's private sixth floor lounge.

Flexible conference and meeting facilities include everything from banquet space for 2,000 to cozy boardrooms with polished wood flooring and red leather chairs. Any event held in the Al Ghazal Ballroom, with its deep crimson carpeting and glittering chandeliers, becomes a truly grand affair.

From the ballroom to the business center, from the restaurants to the beach, Le Royal Meridien bathes its guests in attentive, personalized service. Luxury-loving travelers find it the perfect home base from which to explore a legendary land. 76





Top: The hotel's wings embrace a free-form pool, garden, and freshwater lake. The oasis refreshes not only visiting people but flamingoes, ducks, herons, and thousands of migrating birds. Above: Catering specializes in displays of spectacular abundance. Far left: Individually appointed rooms and suites come with every modern comfort and convenience. Left: The hotel's astral theme lends an air of infinite possibilities to the Al Noor Conference Hall.

Right: Guests arriving at the Grand Hotel Sauerhof follow in the footsteps of Beethoven and other nineteeth century luminaries. Below: The courtyard's Roman arches recall an even earlier set of visitors to Baden.





Grand Hotel Sauerhof



Below right: Recreation ranges from indoor swimming to tennis, nearby golf, and hiking in the Vienna Woods. EETHOVEN accompanied me to the Sauerhof, where we dined in excellent spirits," wrote the German composer Carl Maria von Weber to his wife in 1823. More than 175 years later, Austria's Grand Hotel Sauerhof continues to lift the spirits of its patrons. It offers fine dining and accommodation in an authentic Biedermeier palace—plus the restorative power of hot sulphur springs, a beauty farm, fitness center, swimming pool, tennis courts, and more.

Historians trace the history of Baden bei Wien to the days of the ancient Romans. But the Sauerhof estate received its first mention only in the twelfth century, when records listed it as a "turreted manor with a natural spring and a vineyard." In 1583, Emperor Rudolf II sold the property to Georg Sauerer von Sauerburg, who rebuilt the manor and gave it his name. The estate stables for 44 mounts, and coach houses for 30 carriages.

Baden reached its pinnacle of popularity in the early nineteenth century, when the entire imperial court spent its summers at the spa. Along with royalty came an entourage of diplomats, painters, and composers. Beethoven completed his Ninth Symphony and *Missa Solemnis* at Baden. Mozart, Schubert, and Johann Strauss found its atmosphere ideal for their art as well.

History and Old World charm add greatly to the Sauerhof's appeal. But much has changed since the days of Beethoven. For one thing, guests enjoy tennis on the hotel's two modern courts. Others like to swim in the indoor pool, ride bikes, fish, even go up in a hot-air balloon. Nearby attractions include hiking, horseback riding, casino gambling, and golf. Five 18-hole courses lie within a half-

hour's drive.

Back at home, the Sauerhof's springs provide the basis for a wide range of health and beauty programs. Traditional spa treatments include mineral, herbal, and massage baths; Kneipp therapy; mud wraps;

passed through a number of hands over the next two centuries, until 1810 when Josef and Karl Doblhoff inherited the Sauerhof and had it entirely rebuilt. The Biedermeier-style palace spanned 91 apartments, 47 servants quarters,




Left: Accommodations strike a perfect note between old, new, and timeless pleasures. Below: Technicians at Marbert Beauty Farm utilize Baden's famous waters in a variety of "cures."



steam; sauna; and massage. Fitness trainers oversee a busy schedule of activities in the gym, while the Marbert Beauty Farm targets weight loss, skin rejuvenation, and detailed aesthetic improvement.

Lavish decors and spacious rooms feed spirits in another way—with the opulence of an earlier age. At the same time, service and technology meet the highest modern standard. Amenities include 24-hour room service, direct-dial phones, minibars, color TVs, radios, and hair dryers. Services range from laundry and dry cleaning to limousine and helicopter. Eight meeting rooms offer everything from flip charts to simultaneous translation.

The bar, Austrian café, and wine cellar revert to

Location: 16 miles south of Vienna in Baden bei Wien. Austria Property: 4.45 acres Accommodations: 88 rooms and suites Meeting space: 5,230 square feet Recreation: Indoor pool, two tennis courts, thermal spa, beauty farm, fitness center, children's playground, biking, fishing, hot-air ballooning, and rides by horse-drawn carriage or sleigh. Nearby 18-hole golf, casino, hiking, hunting, and horseback riding. Range of rates: Approximate US\$120-\$530 Reservations: (43)(2252) 412-510; in the U.S. (800) 223-5652; fax (43)(2252) 48047 Mailing address: Weilburgstrasse 11-13, A-2500 Baden bei Wien, Austria E-mail: sauerhof@rtk.at Web site: www.sauerhof.at General manager: Kurt Dohnal

Old World coziness. The main restaurant, Rauhenstein, with its ancient beams and open fireplace, combines the best of the traditional culinary arts with a modern taste for fresh, light, natural flavors. In 1996, it received the prestigious Two Chefs Hat Award from Gault-Millau, one of Europe's leading gourmet guides.

Through all the years, one aspect has never changed at the Grand Hotel Sauerhof. The land, a lush and elegant greenbelt, winds all around the palace and connects to miles of open countryside. Here guests soak up the ultimate antidote—peace and quiet—nature's most potent balm for mind, body, and soul. 26

Below: The epicurean tradition lives on at the Sauerhof's award-winning restaurant, Rauhenstein.



Continental United States & Canada







Top, above, and below right: Bay and open Pacific waters flank the Hotel del Coronado, which rests on Coronado Island just minutes from downtown San Diego. Opposite: A sentimental favorite, the Garden Patio looks back on more than a hundred years of weddings, lawn receptions, and parties.

Hotel del Coronado

ROSS the high-arched bridge from San Diego, California, to Coronado Island and you'll see the Hotel del Coronado's bright red and white turrets, cupolas, and dormers gleaming up ahead like something out of *The Wizard of Oz.* But it's the other way around. "The Del," as she is affectionately called, came first.

L. Frank Baum wrote several of his immortal tales at the seaside resort. Legend has it that he designed the fabulous crown-shaped chandeliers that light the world-famous Crown-Coronet Room.

The Del also starred in Billy Wilder's comedy Some Like It Hot with Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, and Marilyn Monroe—and in The Stunt Man with

Peter O'Toole, not to mention frequent appearances on TV in shows like "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," "Baywatch," and many others.

The hotel has made history in a hundred other ways as well. In 1920, for



instance, the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII, then the Duke of Windsor) visited The Del. Sixteen years later he gave up the throne of England to marry "the woman I love," the divorced Wallis Simpson, who had been married to a U.S. Naval officer and living in Coronado in 1920. For more than 60 years, people have speculated on

whether they first met at The Del....

Step into the richly paneled lobby, and you step back in time. Courteous bellhops quickly relieve you of your luggage and show you to the ornate mahogany front desk.

Guests staying in the Victorian building even glide upstairs on an elevator with historial signifi-

> cance. The gilded cage of open brass grillwork—an Otis—is the sixty-first ever produced; the company went on to manufacture over two and a half million more.

The Victorian building's 380 rooms and suites maintain an





Right and below: Guests live out a romantic fantasy when the sun goes down and the lights come up. At the Prince of Wales Grill, the menu whets appetites with fresh local seafood, prime-quality meats, and sinfully rich desserts.



Right: In 1920, The Del's oceanfront Ballroom feted the Prince of Wales, who 16 years later left the throne of England to marry former Coronado resident Wallis Simpson. Today, the newly renovated Ballroom leaves an equally lasting impression.

authentic turn-of-the-century feel, with several guest rooms featuring private verandahs (once called sleeping porches) overlooking the timeless expanse of blue-green Pacific. Accommodations in the recently renovated Ocean Towers and Cabana buildings offer contemporary style and comfort.

In addition, The Del has 42 function rooms with 65,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, plus spectacular outdoor facilities. Today it represents one of the largest, most complete, most popular meeting, convention, and family reunion sites in Southern California.

After check-in, take time to relax and unwind



Beyond the main lobby, you'll come upon what many consider The Del's most charming feature: the Garden Patio, a tranquil courtyard encircled by the guest rooms of the Victorian building. A frequent setting for weddings, it features a romantic lattice gazebo as its centerpiece.

Visit the History Gallery showcasing handtinted photos and artifacts that chronicle the hotel's impressive and romantic history. Here you see how the colossal resort rose in only 11 months thanks to several new-fangled Industrial Age inventions. You learn how The Del sprang from

> the dreams of an Illinois railroad tycoon named Elisha Babcock who, with his partner H.L. Story, was eager to erect a seaside resort that would awe the world.

Opened in 1888, when the American West was still untamed, the Hotel del Coronado quickly established itself as the latest word in refined living, charm, and luxury. The hotel has remained a living legend, with visits by thousands of celebrities, foreign dignitaries, and travelers from around the world. Having played host to ten presidents, the spectacular resort is as close to being the Western White







Location: About 15 minutes from San Diego International Airport, on Coronado Island across San Diego Bay Property: 26 acres Accommodations: 692 rooms and suites Meeting facilities: 65,000 square feet Recreation: Two pools, spa and fitness center, sandy beach, boathouse and marina, and supervised programs for adults and children. Nearby golf, biking, and other world-famous attractions of San Diego. Range of rates: \$205-\$2,300 Reservations: (619) 522-8000; in the U.S. (800) HOTEL DEL; fax (619) 522-

Mailing address: 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, CA 92118 Managing director: Michael Hardisty

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House as any hotel in the country. In 1977, the U.S. Department of the Interior designated the Hotel del Coronado a national historic landmark.

The Del continues to make history every day with its ten restaurants and lounges. Diners enjoy superb service and a variety of award-winning menus, historic atmospheres, and alfresco dining options. The signature restaurant, the Prince of Wales Grill, features romantic candlelight dining, breathtaking views, and a wide selection of grilled gourmet delicacies. The illustrious Crown-Coronet Room's gilt-edged china, hand-rubbed woods, and attentive waiters weave a timeless spell to go with dishes on the cutting edge of the international culinary scene.

Those seeking relaxation under the sun or vigorous exercise head for The Del's two heated pools or its beautiful beach, recently named one of

the "Best in the U.S." by *Gourmet* magazine readers. Some visit the health club, which offers a variety of options for fitness, relaxation, and spa treatments. Others sign up with the resort's activities department, with offerings that range from children's camps to themed holiday celebrations and family outings.

Shoppers indulge their passion at 30 boutiques, galleries, and shops. Golfers head for the Coronado Golf Course, which waits just a few steps away, as does the Boathouse and Marina, launching everything from



sailing and fishing to whale watching.

Explorers can drive 12 miles south to Tijuana, Mexico, filled with shops, jai-alai games, and Sunday bullfights. Or delve into San Diego itself. California's second largest city entertains visitors year-round with major museums, sporting events, and, of course, the world-famous San Diego Zoo.

According to travel guide publisher Rand McNally, The Del enjoys "more fame and historical significance than perhaps any hotel in North America." And yet, true to her legend—and on the heels of a \$50-million restoration—the queen of great American getaways still reigns as the latest word in seaside hospitality. *****



Top: Tropical decor distinguishes the Ocean Towers accommodations, in keeping with the carefree seaside setting. Above: For some, golf tops the list of activities in San Diego's year-round sunny weather. Left: Chandeliers designed by Wizard of Oz author L. Frank Baum still highlight The Del's legendary Crown-Coronet Room.







Left: The Broadmoor's concierge presides over a sunny corner of the mezzanine, where the furnishings and views pay homage to the grand scale of nature outside. Opposite: After 80 years, the landmark resort still stands for glamour and fun at the gateway to the Colorado Rockies.



The Broadmoor

HE BRACING AIR at 6,500 feet, plentiful sunshine, postcard scenery, and outstanding hotel, sports, cultural, and conference

The original concept of a grand European-style hostelry remains, joined by a history of more than three decades as a Mobil five-star resort.

facilities spark thousands of repeat visits to The Broadmoor each year.

Facing the bluegreen slopes of Cheyenne Mountain and doubled by its image in Cheyenne Lake, The Broadmoor's sand-pink walls and red-tile roofs earned the hotel immediate acclaim as the "Riviera of the Rockies" when it opened June 29, 1918.



Of all the sports featured by The Broadmoor, golf holds the most fame. The first of three championship courses, designed by Donald Ross, debuted along with The Broadmoor itself in 1918. Thirty years later, another famed architect, Robert Trent Jones, added 9 new holes. In 1965, Iones built another 9 holes and rebuilt 4 to



Above: Sunny lawns and flower beds, three golf courses, and more uphold The Broadmoor's reputation as the Riviera of the Rockies. Left: Robert Trent Jones, Sr., designed the resort's fabled East Course.

Right and below: The spa's quiet room and indoor pool help boost the level of relaxation at The Broadmoor's Spa, Golf and Tennis Club. Guests find everything from golf and tennis pro shops to a fitness center, pools, and extensive spa services.





create two totally separate 18-hole courses. (The East Course hosted the U.S. Women's Open Championship in 1995.)

Architect Ed Seay of the Arnold Palmer group

Right: New lakeside terraces offer picturesque gathering spots for fireside chats, meals, afternoon drinks, or simple refreshment from the views.



added the Mountain Course in 1976. This third layout incorporates a clubhouse complete with lounge and dining room, locker rooms, pro shop, and nearby practice range.

> One of the resort's more recent additions opened in August 1994. On the second floor of The Broadmoor's 90,000square-foot Spa, Golf and Tennis Club waits a state-of-the-art fitness center with lap pool and indoor recreational pool, Jacuzzi, aerobics studio, and state-of-theart gym. Spa facilities on the third floor include 16 massage rooms, 6 facial rooms, a dozen mineral-bath tubs, and more. The ground floor adjoins a dozen all-weather tennis courts with locker rooms, pro shop, and an elegant restaurant and bar.

> The newest addition of all spans Cheyenne Lake: a gracefully arched bridge with natural rock sides resembling those along the perimeter of the lake. The 50foot span allows paddle boaters to easily pass under, while making it easier for



pedestrians to travel from the main pool area to the west terrace. An extensive renovation of the lake terrace and walkway resulted in casual seating areas for quiet contemplation and several new alfresco dining areas.

Dining presents a major dilemma at The Broadmoor—in deciding which of nine restaurants best suits one's taste. Perennial favorites include The Penrose Room, a formal setting with Edwardian decor and traditional Continental cuisine, and Charles Court, a popular destination for regional American dishes.

In addition, an enormous banquet kitchen serves gatherings of

up to 1,600. The Broadmoor's 110,000 square feet of function space can stage anything from a board meeting to a complete Broadway show.

Between meetings, sports, and dining, shoppers may disappear for hours into The Broadmoor's extensive shopping complex. Sightseers can explore the scenic Pikes Peak region on their own or join tours to the nearby Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, U.S. Air Force

Location: On the eastern face of the Rocky Mountains, five miles from downtown Colorado Springs, Colorado Property: 3,000 acres Accommodations: 700 rooms and suites

Meeting space: 110,000 square feet Recreation: Three 18-hole golf courses, three pools, 12 tennis courts, spa and fitness center, riding stables, boating, biking, hiking, hot-air ballooning, children's programs, and fascinating tours of the area.

Range of rates: \$180-\$425 (seasonal) Reservations: (719) 634-7711; in the U.S. (800) 634-7711; fax (719) 577-5700 Mailing address: P.O. Box 1439, Colorado Springs, CO 80901 President: Stephen Bartolin, Jr. A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide



Academy, Pikes Peak Cog Railway, or Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun.

The Broadmoor has been different things to different people over the decades. To today's guests, it means five-star fun well away from the harried pace of the modern world. After 80 years, The Broadmoor continues to rate as one of the most dynamic, luxurious, and popular resorts in the West. ₹



Top, far left: The resort hosts everything from meetings of the board to banquets for up to 1,600. Top right: The celebrated Penrose Room features haute cuisine, live music, and dinner dancing. Above: Fine Italian cuisine accompanies views of the fairways at Stratta's. Left: Charles Court specializes in regional American cuisine prepared table-side. Right: Visitors stepping into the lobby at One Central Park West enter the upper echelon of New York hospitality. Below: Trump International Hotel & Tower sets the world of New York commerce, culture, and entertainment at guests' feet.





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Right: The hotel's fourstar restaurant, Jean Georges, combines light, fresh American ingredients with world-class sophistication and French savoir faire.

Trump International Hotel & Tower

T ONE CENTRAL PARK WEST, Trump International Hotel & Tower places guests at the epicenter of New York City commerce, Lincoln Center culture, and Central Park beauty. But visitors enjoy more than simply a convenient Midtown address. When Manhattan's newest luxury hotel opened January 15, 1997, it redefined the city's uppermost standard for personal service and amenities. begin with personal attaché service. Trump International's team of highly trained professionals employs a uniquely individualized approach to service. No matter how particular a guest's requirements may be, the Trump staff will move heaven and earth to accommodate them. Then they meticulously record every preference, and the resulting guest history ensures that no request ever

The interior designers took a cue from the building's preeminent architect, Phillip Johnson, in showing exquisite restraint. They created a decor as rich and tastefully understated as an Armani suit. The restraint extends only to the style and number of accommodations. With just 167 rooms and suites on 17 floors, the Midtown hostelry qualifies as a boutique hotel, with a clublike ambience rivaled only by the finest small European-style properties. The exclusive benefits



needs repeating.

Room service delivers 24 hours a day from Jean Georges, the hotel's awardwinning restaurant (four stars from *The New York Times* and "Best New Restaurant" from The James Beard Foundation). Residents seeking an alternative to room service or dining out may engage one of the chefs at Jean Georges to prepare a multicourse meal in their own private kitchen.

Later, diners can work off any overindulgence in the 6,000-square-foot private fitness center, with 55-foot lap pool and personal trainers,



Left: Spacious suites feature wall-to-wall views of the New York skyline. Below: Amenities range from whirlpool tubs with sumptuous spa products to personal attaché service for every guest.

or have it worked off at the adjacent full-service spa. The health and fitness spa alternately challenges and pampers with everything from an in-line skate trainer and virtual-reality bike to the latest in massage, herbal wraps, and body-glow treatments.

Along with a fully equipped European kitchen in most of the guest rooms and suites—stocked to order upon request—the accommodations provide comfortable contemporary furnishings in earth tones accented by Indonesian and Nepali area rugs. Ten-foot-high ceilings afford nine-foot-high windows with panoramic views of the city skyline and Central Park.

Other standard features include TVs with VCR, CD stereos, dual-line phones with private numbers and data ports, fax machines, fresh flowers, plush bathrobes and slippers, Jacuzzi tubs,

Location: At Columbus Circle on Central Park West in New York City Accommodations: 167 rooms and suites Range of rates: \$475-\$1,500 Reservations: (212) 299-1000; in the U.S. (888) 448-7867; fax (212) 299-1150 Mailing address: One Central Park West, New York, NY 10023 General manager: Rudolf J. Tauscher A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide umbrellas, shopping bags, even telescopes—not to mention business cards and stationery imprinted with guests' names and direct hotel phone numbers. What's more, guests may call for complimentary in-room computers, overnight pressing and shoeshine, and use of cell phones during their stay.

Not surprisingly, nightly turndown far surpasses the common chocolate-on-a-pillow. Guests retire to find tea towels, mineral water, and crystal glasses on a silver Christofle tray. Each evening brings a different epicurean treat: candied fruit, perhaps, or chocolates handcrafted to individual taste. Such details distinguish every aspect of a stay at Trump International Hotel & Tower, a hotel designed to meet every need and exceed every expectation of New York City's most demanding visitors. **26**





Left: While the attachés attend to business around the clock, the bedrooms' exquisite lines and restful colors invite guests to lie back, relax, and enjoy the view. Right: A native stone fireplace welcomes guests to the Inn at Lost Creek, where the decor mimics the natural Colorado surroundings. Below: Guests thrill to stunning views of Telluride's 13,000-foot peaks from Mountain Village.





The Inn at Lost Creek



Above: Dining addresses the needs of heightened appetites. Right: In winter, the inn affords trail-side access to a skier's paradise. The staff provides complimentary equipment storage and service just steps away from four ski lifts. N THE LATE 1800s, Telluride attracted men eager to mine the San Juan Mountains of their rich gold deposits. In the late 1990s, the mountains hold an even more precious commodity—clean alpine air, snowcapped peaks, and countless opportunities for outdoor recreation.

amenities of a private

around a stately lobby,

fine-dining restaurants

workout room, massage

room, meeting room,

rooftop hot tubs, and

designed residences.

9545 and Ten Below,

an après-ski bar, ski

shop, art gallery,

32 individually

home. Life revolves

New to this fabled Colorado setting, up the mountain from Telluride in Mountain Village, the Inn at Lost Creek combines the luxury of a top-end hotel with the space and



But that's just the beginning. Just 50 yards from the front door, the nation's only public gondola system takes guests on a 12-minute ride to and from Main Street Telluride. In town they discover 120 years of Western history preserved in a village marked by Victorian architecture, a historical museum, worldfamous film and music festivals, and

great restaurants.

Back at Mountain Village, access to skiing and golf is as easy as walking across the street. The inn



adjoins four ski lifts. When skiers finish a day on the slopes, they simply glide down to the front door. The inn happily stores and tunes skis overnight and even provides heated boot warmers.

In summer, golfers stroll a few minutes to a par-71, 18-hole



Left: Advanced climate controlled suites create homey atmospheres where award-winning management caters to every need and desire. Below: In private, guests indulge in steam showers and oversize jetted tubs. Outside, they soak in rooftop whirlpools enclosed only by a canopy of Rocky Mountain stars.

championship golf course, while the staff delivers their clubs. The location also gives easy access to miles of hiking and mountain biking trails, horseback riding, fly-fishing, and river rafting.

The doorman greets newcomers as they arrive, a bellman fetches their bags, and a valet parks their car. Continuing into the lobby, guests find the Great Room's timbered beams with iron fittings over an immense two-sided stone fireplace and inviting leather furniture. Later, the concierge will attend to any need, from travel arrangements to ski waxing. But once inside their rooms, guests feel they've left the "hotel" and entered their own private world.

The decoration speaks of artistic tastes and

Location: In Mountain Village outside Telluride, Colorado

Accommodations: 32 rooms and suites

Recreation: Workout room, hot tubs, and nearby

ing, ice climbing, 18-hole golf, tennis, hiking, mountain biking, jeep rides, horseback riding, fly-fishing, rafting, hang

Reservations: (970) 728-5678; in the U.S. (888) 601-

Mailing address: P.O. Box 4170, Mountain Village,

downhill and cross-country skiing, heli-skiing, snowmobil-

Meeting space: 350 square feet

quality, from the hand-trawled stucco walls to the Heinkels cutlery. Indulgent touches such as a steam shower, jetted bathtub, private balcony, and stone fireplace balance practical considerations like a full-size washer-dryer and two-line phone jacks for unimpeded Internet access. The kitchens boast granite countertops, Braun coffee makers, halogen cooktops, microwaves, and Fiestaware dishes. In addition, each room has guest-monitored heating and humidity controls.

What's more, with construction just completed in June of 1998, the inn still has the feel of a brand new home. But crafted from local stone and weathered timber, it also feels right at home in Telluride's rugged San Juan Mountains. 76





Left: Individually decorated residences tempt guests to lose themselves in luxury, while the great outdoors offers a yearround menu of active and relaxing activities.

gliding, hot-air ballooning, and guided tours. Range of rates: US\$130-\$1,200

5678; fax (970) 728-7910

Right and below: The Sutton Place Hotel mirrors the energy of the Chicago Gold Coast lifestyle in everything from its architecture to its lobby's chic design.





The Sutton Place Hotel



Above: The staff takes great pride in catering some of the city's most prestigious events. Right: Chicago's many notable landmarks include Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park. ERFECT FOR LEISURE or business trips, The Sutton Place Hotel rests in Chicago's elegant Gold Coast district. Guests find themselves in a quiet residential neighborhood, a block from Magnificent Mile and Oak Street shopping, Rush Street nightlife, and the beaches of Lake Michigan.

Frequent visitors say they see Chicago at its best on weekends, when the city turns its famous energy from commerce to fun. Leisure travelers join locals in recreation of every kind, from



Travelers in search of the finer things in life find just what they're looking for at The Sutton Place Hotel. Its 23 stories of art decoinspired design delight the eye at every turn. But while the hotel's form entertains the eye, its function plays an even greater part in its appeal.

One of the city's finest door staffs welcomes guests by name. And the accent on personalized service extends to express check-in and checkout, 24-hour room service, same-day

sports to live theater productions to dining that rivals any city in America. To enhance their getaways, the hotel's guests may choose from numerous weekend packages, which can include dining options, parking, and gift certificates from prestigious retailers.



laundry and valet, complimentary daily newspaper delivery and shoeshine, and courtesy weekday transportation to the financial centers of the Loop. A fifthfloor Aerobic Fitness Suite adds state-ofthe-art exercise equipment, while the new Whiskey



Bar & Grill makes an ideal spot for beginning or ending a night on the town.

Guests return home to a welcoming residential environment. The 246 guest rooms and suites are all soundproof and designed first and foremost for comfort. The amenities range from down duvets to irons and ironing boards, 25-inch TVs, stereo CD players and CDs, stocked minibars, and three phones with voice mail and data ports. Bathrooms promise the ultimate in relaxation with deep soaking tubs, separate glass-enclosed showers, plush robes, hair dryers, and lavish bath accessories.

Thirty-four junior suites add sitting areas with full wet bars and in-room safes; some boast outdoor terraces. Six duplex loft penthouses pamper residents with living rooms and half baths on one level, bedrooms and marble master baths above. In addition, each penthouse suite has an entertainment center with large-screen stereo TV.

Location: A block from Michigan Avenue and the beach in the Gold Coast area of Chicago, Illinois Accommodations: 246 rooms and suites Meeting space: 6,900 square feet Range of rates: \$265-\$775 Reservations: (312) 266-2100; in the U.S. and Canada (800) 606-8188; fax (312) 266-2141 Mailing address: 21 East Bellevue Place, Chicago, IL 60611 General manager: David S. Sowell Three adjoin garden terraces, and all have panoramic views of Lake Michigan or the city.

On the first four floors, seven function rooms—all filled with natural light—set the stage for meetings, banquets, and receptions for up to 200. An experienced private dining and culinary team guarantees the success of every occasion. In addition, the fourth floor Business Service Center meets the needs of executive travelers with everything from word processing to color printing, cell phone rental, and full-service administrative assistance.

Finally, the hotel's experienced concierge staff stands ready to coordinate shopping excursions, arrange visits to galleries and museums, or reserve tickets for a night of theater or jazz. With the myriad attractions Chicago has to offer—and the stylish luxury of The Sutton Place Hotel—it's no wonder guests find themselves looking for excuses to extend their stay. ***** Left: Deco-inspired art and furnishings highlight every room and suite. Below: Open terraces join three of the penthouse suites. Top-flight views scan Lake Michigan and Chicago's glittering Gold Coast skyline.





Left: The Boardroom sets an impressive stage for business or dining. A wireless remote unit adjusts drapes, sound, lights, screen, and projector.

Right: The Golf Club of Amelia Island basks in year-round Florida sunshine outside The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Below: An indoor pool highlights The Fitness Center and Day Spa.





The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island



Above: Fairways lined by live oaks and palm trees connect 18 championship holes. The game's complexity can change at the whim of a cool Atlantic breeze. Right: Overlooking the pool and Atlantic Ocean, the completely remodeled Café 4750 welcomes diners all day, both indoors and alfresco. MBRACING 13 ACRES of island beachfront, The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island offers a sanctuary of warm Southern hospitality, coastal charm, and magnificent natural beauty. The AAA Five Diamond Award-winner combines a mile-and-a-half-long stretch of pristine Florida dunes, palms, and native oaks with inspira-

tion from the island community of Fernandina Beach, where national landmark status protects much of the Victorian era's carefree charm.

Florida oaks draped in Spanish moss lead to the welcoming entrance of the seaside resort, which in

turn leads to a lobby extending a warm reception from The Ritz-Carlton staff. Against a backdrop of landscaped courtyard, dunes, and Atlantic Ocean, The Lobby Lounge draws guests for afternoon tea, cocktails, a chat by the fire, or a game of



billiards. The adjacent Bar provides an even cozier enclave for evening get-togethers while enjoying nightly entertainment.

The selection of restaurants begins with the clublike Grill, one of only two AAA Five Diamond Award-winners in the state, and goes on to the new Café 4750 for fresh Florida seafood and creative-

traditional fare. The Gourmet Shop offers deli sandwiches, salads, and freshly baked pastries, while the poolside Ocean Bar & Grill opens seasonally for light meals and beverages. In-room dining delivers to the guest rooms 24 hours a day.

> Space for groups spans more than 32,000 square feet and includes the largest ballroom in north Florida. Catering and meeting staffs manage events to perfection, while the Business Center functions as a full-service office away from home. Executives





often book accommodations within The Ritz-Carlton Club, where the advantages include a private lounge for complimentary food presentations and drinks throughout the day.

Every room and suite boasts fivediamond amenities: marbled baths, terry robes, refreshment cabinets, cable TV, and three phones with dual lines, voice mail, and jacks for fax and modem. Out of 449 guest rooms, 45 are suites—two of presidential proportions and character. Whether

staying in a standard room or a suite, every guest views the sea across a private furnished balcony.

Just outside, colorful gardens edge a sculpted pool with an ocean-view whirlpool. A boardwalk leads over the wild beauty of the dunes to the sea. The resort arranges for everything from kayaks to wave runners, fishing trips to horseback rides along the shore. A nine-court tennis complex provides for day and evening games, while the Fitness Center and Day Spa offers an indoor pool and whirlpool, circuit training, free weights, personal trainers, tai chi, water aerobics classes, and steam, sauna, and massage rooms.



Last, but hardly least, the Golf Club of Amelia Island skirts the hotel with acres of native oaks and seaside fairways, 18 meticulously maintained greens, and strategically placed bunkers. Designed by Mark McCumber and Gene Littler, the championship PGA layout proves as diverse in its challenges as it is beautiful.

Such diversity underlies every aspect of The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Travelers receive individual attention from the moment of arrival. Then they're free to do as little as they want or as much as they can imagine—embracing the coastal lifestyle of the South. ***** Above and above left: While some lounge by the pool or on the beach, others stay active on the tennis courts. Below: All rooms and suites bear the hallmarks of Ritz-Carlton refinement, with everything from 24-hour services to marble baths and balconies by the sea.

Location: 30 miles north of Jacksonville International Airport on Amelia Island, Florida Property: 13 acres Accommodations: 449 rooms and suites Meeting space: 32,000 square feet Recreation: 18-hole PGA golf course, nine tennis courts, croquet lawn, fitness center and day spa, playground, indoor and outdoor pools and whirlpools, sandy beach, wave running, Boogie Boarding, kayaking, surfing, fishing, The Ritz Kids children's programs, horseback riding, retail shops, and tours of local attractions. Range of rates: \$129-\$2,000 (seasonal) Reservations: (904) 277-1100; in the U.S. (800) 241-3333; fax (904) 261-9064 Mailing address: 4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island, FL 32034 General manager: Scott Nassar



Right: Le Meridien Boston occupies a national historic landmark, the former Federal Reserve Building on Post Office Square. Below: The art of N.C. Wyeth, an ebony piano, and the original Renaissance revival ceiling highlight the Julien Bar, once the reception room for the bank's governors.





Le Meridien Boston



Above: The Chocolate Bar at Café Fleuri regales connoisseurs of fine French confections. Right: A Parisian flair for hospitality marks the hotel's lobby as well.

TALY MET FRANCE at Le Meridien Boston, the historic epicenter of Revolutionary New England. In 1922, architect R. Clipston Sturgis designed the building—the Renaissance-style Federal Reserve Bank—after the Palazzo della Cancelleria in Rome.

France stepped in more recently, represented by Meridien Hotels,

whose reputation for impeccable service and style attracts legions of loyal travelers. Meridien supervised the building's transformation from

bank to hotel, adding a threestory glass mansard roof to expand to nine stories. A full third of the hotel's rooms and suites occupy the top three floors, where guests savor views of downtown Boston and Post Office Square from their glass-walled aeries.



With no two alike, the 326 accommodations come in 153 different shapes, sizes, and styles. All take a contemporary approach to design, in counterpoint to the historic public areas. The 25 Business Traveler rooms furnish expandable work surfaces, two-line phones with modem hookups, and fax machines. The Meridien Suites,

each named for a French Burgundy wine, feature reception areas and king-size beds. Loft Suites afford convenient split-level living, with bath-

rooms both upstairs and down.

Guests have the option of dining in private thanks to 24-hour room service, though many prefer to dine in the hotel's two restaurants. First, they might indulge in a cocktail at the Julien Bar.



Left: Creative contemporary cuisine and a galaxy of exquisite chandeliers highlight the AAA fourdiamond experience at Julien. Below: Meeting rooms named for the wines of Bordeaux host groups of up to 300 for

Formerly the reception room for the governors of the Federal Reserve Bank, the bar's rich details include gilded coffered ceilings, carved doorways, and a pair of N.C. Wyeth murals.

Next door, the AAA four-diamond-winning Julien ranks among Boston's finest dining rooms. Named after the city's first French restaurant (opened in Post Office Square in 1794), the room's lofty ceiling, chandeliers, and gold and burgundy palette set an exquisite tone for formal dining in contemporary French style.

More casual, but equally appealing, Café Fleuri serves brasserie-style fare. Here, Old World architecture opens into a six-story atrium linking the hotel to a neighboring office tower, One Post Office Square. For the pleasures of seasonal dining, visitors linger at La Terrasse, a verandah cafe overlooking the Park at Post Office Square.

Location: On Post Office Square in downtown Boston, Massachusetts Accommodations: 326 rooms and suites

Meeting space: 13,169 square feet Range of rates: \$295-\$1,330 Reservations: (617) 451-1900; in the U.S. (800) 543-4300; fax (617) 423-2844 Mailing address: 250 Franklin St., Boston, MA 02110 General manager: Serge Denis

At Le Club Meridien, guests enjoy an indoor pool and a complete gym, sauna, and steam rooms. The spa staff's specialties include in-room personal training sessions and massages.

Le Meridien named its nine meeting rooms after various Bordeaux wines. They range in size from 240 to 1,540 square feet and accommodate groups of up to 300. A tenth "room," the Esplanade, hosts up to 300 people for receptions. For working guests, the Business Center contributes a complete range of services, a reference library, and essential business tools.

Visitors intent on exploring Boston walk to such nearby attractions as the Freedom Trail, the shops of Faneuil Hall and Downtown Crossing, Boston Harbor, and the New England Aquarium. Heading home to Le Meridien Boston, they can bank on a touch of fresh Gallic style to complement the pride of New England. 🛪



banquets and receptions.



Left: A third of the rooms and suites rest on the top three floors. Guests look out over Boston through the mansard roof's windows as if from a Parisian atelier.

Right: The Arizona Inn's historic library offers an irresistible spot for afternoon tea, reading, and quiet conversation. Heirlooms reflect three generations of loving family care. Below: Mexican tiles and a casual Southwest menu highlight the pool bar.





Arizona Inn

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Right: Fragrant flower beds, hedges, fruit trees, and lawn lend special magic to dinner and drinks on the Audubon Bar patio. Like the landscape, guests thrive in Tucson's year-round sun. TUDY the black-and-white photo in the lobby of the Arizona Inn. You'll see how little has changed since the 1930s when Arizona Congresswoman Isabella Greenway welcomed guests like Eleanor Roosevelt and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who came to "rough it" in the

Wild West of Tucson. Instead, Greenway coddled her guests and their servants with the comforts of home, in the style of her distinguished East Coast family.

Today, most visitors bring tennis racquets or a good book instead of maids, chauffeurs, and steamer trunks. But they still find an inn that feels like a family's country estate. *Harpers & Queen* travel editor Rene Lecler described it as "a hotel that does not look like one...with superb service and cheerful people...where the only rules are those dictated by good taste and decency." These standards, reflecting the integrity of continuous Greenway family



ownership, have earned the inn AAA fourdiamond status, a place on the National Register of Historic Places, and a Zagat rating as one of the 100 best hotels in the country.

Hidden in a residential neighborhood, the resort has no sign to announce its presence. But once past the olive trees shading



the entrance, guests discover 14 acres of lush landscaping and private adobe-style *casitas*. Brick walls meander past hedged patios to two Har-Tru tennis courts, a modern exercise facility, and a secluded outdoor heated pool.

The inn is as eclectic in decor as it is cosmopolitan in service and clientele. Many distinguished actors, writers, and rock stars return year after year to enjoy their favorites among the 86 individually decorated and beautifully maintained rooms and suites—or the two large, luxuriously furnished private residences—and to be cared for in privacy, quiet, and sunshine.

At mealtimes, cocktails, or tea, guests gather in the main building, furnished with a family collection of European antiques and paintings. The Audubon Bar, a popular gathering spot, looks like a set from *Casablanca* with its grand piano, bamboo chairs, giant fishtail palm, and collection of original Audubon prints. The dining room pairs classic Continental cuisine with simple ladderback chairs made for the inn's 1930 opening, a mahogany Hepplewhite sideboard from Greenway's house in New York, and a high cathedral ceiling.

Location: At the heart of Tucson, Arizona Property: 14 acres Accommodations: 86 rooms, suites, and private houses Meeting space: 5,593 square feet Recreation: Pool, two tennis courts, fitness facility, and nearby golf, hiking, horseback riding, museums, and desert sightseeing. Range of rates: \$86-\$1,500 (seasonal) Reservations: (520) 325-1541; in the U.S. (800) 933-1093; fax (520) 320-2182 Mailing address: 2200 East Elm St., Tucson, AZ 85719 General manager: Maria Lane



A smaller dining room features prints from artist George Catlin's famed North American Indian portfolio. In the library, a guest enjoying afternoon tea in front of the fireplace might peruse an early classic edition borrowed from an eighteenth-century breakfront. The guest might be a writer himself.

While the atmosphere at Tucson's oldest resort retains its peaceful Old World charm, a cosmopolitan city has gathered around it. But privacy, comfort, and impeccable service remain the watchwords at this legendary Arizona retreat. * Above, far left: The main dining room upholds a long tradition of fine cuisine and impeccable service. Above: Tiled porches, dining terraces, and a rose-covered walkway frame the hidden pool. Below: Individually appointed *casitas* combine four-diamond comfort and antique charm.





Top: The Ojai Valley Inn & Spa nestles at the foot of a majestic California coastal mountain range. Above and right: The resort treats golfers to 18 legendary fairways and greens laid out in 1923 by Billy Bell and George C. Thomas, Jr., and updated in modern times by Jay Morrish.

Ojai Valley Inn & Spa

HE STORY OF THE OJAI Valley Inn & Spa begins in 1923, when Ohio glass manufacturer Edward Drummond Libbey hired noted architect Wallace Neff to design a clubhouse for his Ojai Valley golf course. Today that first Spanish-style structure, now known as the Neff Lounge, welcomes guests to one of California's premier golf and spa resorts.

Over the years, Libbey's clubhouse inspired other Spanish colonial-style buildings, hidden

throughout 220 oakshaded acres only an hour from Los Angeles and 15 minutes from the Pacific shore. Every detail adds to the early California feeling, set within a secluded valley in one of the last unspoiled areas of Southern California. The Neff Lounge

The Neff Lounge flanks the 18-hole



championship golf course designed in 1923 by Billy Bell and George C. Thomas, Jr., and updated by Jay Morrish. The course—host of seven Senior PGA Tour events presents one of the nation's most acclaimed challenges. Guests also ride horses from the resort's stables, hike, bike, fish, play tennis, visit three outdoor pools, and indulge at

Spa Ojai, one of the largest facilities of its kind in the country.

Designed as a village, the 31,000-square-foot

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spa features a dazzling array of therapies within 28 treatment areas joined by whirlpools, steam rooms, saunas, and sunbathing loggias. Its Mind/Body Center includes an art studio, weight room, cardiovascular workout area, and numerous fitness classes from which to choose. Its Penthouse offers



3,500 square feet of living area: four bedrooms and two living rooms, a private treatment room, sauna, meditation loft, and terraces with whirlpools and fireplaces.

The majority of the 206 rooms, including 15 suites, feature spectacular views of the mountains and golf course. A recent refurbishment of the original Hacienda rooms recaptured

the Spanish colonial style with four-poster beds, carved furniture, and carefully restored hardwood floors and tiles. Renovation of the remaining rooms resulted in a contemporary version of Neff's early California style.

Meetings convene at the Topa Conference Center, which features a 4,800-square-foot ballroom, 3,600-square-foot Pavilion, and a multitude of outdoor spaces—all taking full advantage of the Ojai Valley views. Talented chefs and banquet staff cater to every event.

For many, restaurant dining begins at Maravilla, the resort's new signature restaurant featuring Pacific Provincial Cuisine. For more casual dining,

Location: 73 miles northwest of Los Angeles, on the central coast in Ojai, California Property: 220 acres Accommodations: 206 rooms and suites Meeting facilities: 11,000 square feet Recreation: 18-hole championship golf course, Spa Ojai, three pools, eight tennis courts, horseback riding, fishing, hiking, biking, and children's program. Nearby ocean sports and fishing, wine tasting, shopping, and historical tours. Range of rates: \$235-\$2,000 Reservations: (805) 646-5511; in the U.S. (800) 422-6524; fax (805) 646-7969 Mailing address: Country Club Rd., Ojai, CA 93023 General manager: Thad Hyland



the Oak Cafe seats diners in the shade of 250-yearold oak trees or inside by the warmth of a fire. The Club Bar, Acorn Cafe, and poolside snack bar add other options.

One look and it's easy to see why the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa holds the industry's highest honors. Yet even beyond the tangible assets, guests continually name the friendly staff and service as the number-one aspect of their stay. *****





Left: Designed like a Spanish village, Spa Ojai stands as one of the largest facilities of its kind in the country. Above: The vast menu of exercise, beauty, and relaxation options includes the Kuyam, which combines the therapeutic effects of cleansing mud, dry heat, and steam with inhalation therapy.

Left: The resort's new signature restaurant, Maravilla, showcases the chef's highly acclaimed Pacific Provincial Cuisine. Served in a casually elegant setting, the gastronomic menu matches each of six courses with an extraordinary California wine. Right and below: Guests of the Pinnacle Suites enjoy the high life within the upper reaches of Manhattan's 54-story RIHGA Royal Hotel. Guests live within easy walking distance of everything from Central Park and Broadway theaters to Fifth Avenue's finest shops.





The Pinnacle Suites at the RIHGA Royal Hotel

AMPERING begins at the airport for guests of the Pinnacle Suites at the RIHGA Royal Hotel. A chauffeur meets them upon arrival, and a complimentary Town Car whisks them to the 54-story luxury-suite hotel in Midtown Manhattan. What's more, a personal Pinnacle manager greets them at the



to their name. First, the Pinnacle Suites occupy the uppermost reaches of the hotel's art deco-style tower, and each one contains both a living room and a bedroom divided by mirrored French doors.

Every Pinnacle Suite evokes a comfortably luxurious urban residence, from its marble foyer to

> its palette of soothing sea-foam greens, beiges, and blond woods. Large marble-lined bathrooms gleam with brass appointments and feature separate dressing areas, tubs, and glassenclosed showers.

For travelers on business, the Pinnacle Suites provide a complete array of stateof-the-art work amenities. Guests receive personalized

Above: All Pinnacle Suite

residents enjoy complimentary limousine service to and from the airport. Right and opposite: A Pinnacle manager escorts them from the curb through a jewelbox foyer and lobby and on to register in the privacy of their suites. curb and escorts them to their suite, where insuite registration further takes the edge off arrival, providing travelweary guests extra time to relax into the blend of high style and business-savvy design that lends the Pinnacle Suites such distinction.

In a hotel graced with 500 deluxe suites at the heart of New York City, the 100 Pinnacle Suites live up







Above right: A romantic trompe l'oeil fantasy caps the famous Halcyon Restaurant. Diners enjoy contemporary American cuisine prepared with an international flair by Executive Chef John A. Halligan. Above and below right: Private functions in the Gershwin Penthouse benefit from Halcyon's talented chef as well. Windows display stunning views of Central Park and the city below.



business cards in a leather case (presented at check-in). Every suite offers a plain-paper fax machine, printer, and copier; a complimentary cellular phone; and in-suite phones, with private lines, equipped with forwarding to the cell phone to insure those important calls get through. Also, Pinnacle Suite guests can put a face on the most important call of all—saying goodnight to loved ones—using the in-suite videophone.

Travelers find every need met for creature comforts as well. Each suite comes with an ample

supply of Aveda Spa products and a heated electronic bidet toilet. Two TVs, one with video player, and a complete stereo CD system offer a full spectrum of media diversions, while in-suite portable clothing steamers and overnight laundry service keep guests looking fit for forays into one of the world's most fashionable and dynamic cities.

Dedicated high-speed elevators deliver Pinnacle residents to and from the lobby, an intimately scaled beige and rose-marble haven



inspired by the Park Avenue lobbies of the 1920s and '30s. Before and after venturing out, guests often linger in the Halcyon lounge, with its smartly turned-out bar area lined in panels of African mahogany beneath a 20-foot vaulted ceiling. After drinks, many choose to dine at Halcyon, featuring new American cuisine and home of Gourmet magazine's "Great American Chefs at Halcyon" series. The streets of

Location: At the heart of Midtown Manhattan Accommodations: 500 suites Meeting space: 12,564 square feet Range of rates: \$425-\$3,100 Reservations: (212) 307-5000; in the U.S. (800) 937-5454; fax (212) 765-6530 Mailing address: 151 W. 54th St., New York, NY 10019 Web site: www.rihga.com General manager: Frank Arthur Banks

Manhattan beckon from beyond the doors. The RIHGA Royal's prime location, on 54th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues, places guests within walking distance of Midtown's most exciting attractions: Broadway theaters, Fifth Avenue shops, Radio City Music Hall, Lincoln and Rockefeller Centers, Carnegie Hall, the Museum of Modern Art, and scores of fine restaurants, bars, and nightclubs.

Yet some guests choose to spend

all their leisure hours indoors, simply gazing over Manhattan from their suites, observing the bustling streets and pastoral greens of Central Park through wide picture windows. These 180degree views tend to have a mesmerizing effect, particularly when combined with in-suite dining from Halcyon, delivered any time of day or night. Those desiring to burn calories may visit the hotel's fully equipped Fitness Center, open 24 hours a day, or relax with an in-suite massage.

High as they are, the Pinnacle Suites rank as the penultimate in the RIHGA hierarchy. Accommodations reach their zenith in a dozen larger Crown Suites and four 1,500-square-foot individually designed Grand Royal Suites, where





the added luxuries include private saunas, oversize Jacuzzi tubs, full kitchens, and sumptuous dining rooms.

The hotel's top two floors hold the Penthouses—the Gershwin and the Majestic. These sophisticated spaces, with their panoramic views, host some of the highest level corporate events and social functions in New York, all catered by Halcyon.

Only one hotel in the city offers the array of services and amenities found at the RIHGA Royal. Along with the Penthouse, Crown, and Grand Royal Suites, the new Pinnacle Suites further the hotel's well-deserved reputation as one of the finest in Manhattan, indeed the world. *****





Top and below, far left: Grand Royal and Crown Suites offer the latest word in understated elegance. Above and left: Pinnacle advantages extend from the hightech world of communications and entertainment to marble bathrooms packed with sumptuous amenities.

Right: The residential tone of the Great Lounge embodies the feeling of familiarity and ease found in every aspect of the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. The Florida legend counts more than 70 years of dedication to its private members and guests.





Ponte Vedra Inn & Club

HE GOOD LIFE at Ponte Vedra Beach dates back to 1928 and the opening of the nation's newest playground for the wealthy, the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. From the boardrooms of Wall Street to the social registers of America, word spread quickly of the charming seaside retreat on Florida's northeast shore.

The 300-acre resort has seen many changes since the sun- and fun-loving socialites first drove their roadsters under the porte-cochere entrance. Yet the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club has upheld the industry's highest standard for more than seven decades. Today, four stars from Mobil and four diamonds from the AAA match glowing tributes from *Condé Nast Traveler*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and *Golf Digest*.

An expertly trained staff of 500 greet all by name, whether members of Ponte Vedra's private club or guests of the resort. The long list of personal services ranges from European-style registration to round-the-clock bellman assistance, twice-daily housekeeping, and 24-hour in-room dining.

Impeccable service only begins the attention paid to complete guest satisfaction. Ponte Vedra's stunning coastline, with its white beaches and cascading sand dunes, serves as a backdrop for 202



Above and below right: The resort reflects the blessings of year-round sunshine in its Florida palms and casual styling. Much has changed since the 1928 opening, but beachside sunning and swimming still rate among the favorite pastimes.

Location: 22 miles southeast of Jacksonville in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida Property: 300 acres Accommodations: 202 rooms and suites Meeting space: 25,000 square feet Recreation: 36 holes of championship golf, 15 tennis courts, four pools, fitness center and spa, sandy beach, surfing, sailing, paddle boating, fishing, hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Range of rates: \$145-\$380 (seasonal) Reservations: (904) 285-1111; in the U.S. (800) 234-7842; fax (904) 285-2111 Mailing address: 200 Ponte Vedra Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Web site: www.pvresorts.com General manager: Dale Haney



oversized guest rooms and suites. Private patios and balconies provide dramatic views of open sea and sky. Inside, each richly appointed room features king and queen bedding, full-length terry robes, hair dryer, coffee maker, and fully stocked honor bar.

Award-winning restaurants and lounges cater to every taste and mood. The Inn Dining Room begins the day with breakfast in an elegant setting. For lunch and dinner, the Seafoam Room matches an artfully prepared Continental menu with a breathtaking view of the Atlantic. Fresh seafood tops the dinner menu at the Florida Room; the Golf Club serves a sporty lunch overlooking the famous Island Ninth Hole; and the Surf Club Patio and Beach Snack Bar offer meals and refreshments to enjoy beachside.

The wealth of recreational options begins with ocean swimming, surfing, kayaking, fishing, and sailing. Fitness enthusiasts enjoy one of the most expansive health clubs on the East Coast, complete with a full complement of high-tech equipment, daily aerobics classes, and a heated lap pool. After workouts, guests wind down with Jacuzzi, steam, or sauna. An award-winning 10,000-square-foot luxury spa adds more than 100 personal services, including massage and body wraps.

Just steps from the guest rooms, two 18-hole golf courses present a distinct seaside links flavor, challenging players with shots requiring all 14 clubs. In addition, the top-ranked Racquet Club provides 15 Har-Tru courts, seven floodlit for evening play, and a five-star lineup of programs and packages.

A paradigm of tried-and-true excellence in lodging, the resort represents three generations of employees serving three generations of guests. Fashions come and go, but the commitment to traditional hospitality remains unchanged at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. *****



Top: Ensconced in designer luxury, guests fall asleep to the lapping of Atlantic waves and wake to colorful sunrises over the beach. Above: Tennis comes into play on 15 Har-Tru courts. Below, far left: Members and guests stay fit at one of the East Coast's most expansive health clubs. Left: The Inn Dining Room greets the day with an elegant breakfast.





Right: The Majestic crowns Cathedral Hill in Pacific Heights, one of San Francisco's most colorful Victorian neighborhoods.





Above: Rare butterflies line the walls of the Café Majestic's bar. Right: The lobby recalls the splendor and comfort of a grand old San Francisco manor, from its hand-milled English carpet and tasseled sofa to its Parisian chandelier.

San Francisco, California The Majestic

ITH ITS DISTINCTIVE bay windows and Edwardian architecture, The Majestic stands watch over a tree-lined corner of San Francisco's Pacific Heights district. A few blocks removed from the cable cars and high rises, the hotel provides a quiet stay in one of the city's most charming Victorian neighborhoods. At the same time, guests enjoy quick access to San Francisco's bustling business, shopping, theater, and sightseeing districts.

Built in 1902 as the home of Milton Schmitt, a railroad magnate and member of California's state legislature, the mansion soon became The Majestic, one of San Francisco's most illustrious hotels. Every aspect has been lovingly maintained and renovated, from the Belle Époque lobby to the French and English antiques in each room. In fact, the hotel recently earned the prestigious Certificate of Recognition for Architectural Preservation and Restoration from the California Heritage Council.

One step into the mirrored marble entrance explains why actresses Joan Fontaine and Olivia de Havilland chose to live at The Majestic for more than a decade. The lobby brims with exquisite antique tapestries, etched glass, crystal chandeliers,

and French Empire furnishings.

Just off the lobby, the Café Majestic beckons with the allure of a lively French bistro. Its nineteenth-century horseshoe bar—constructed of mahogany and polished South American granite—originally came from Paris. With specimens mainly from New Guinea and Africa, one of the



rarest butterfly collections in the world adorns the walls. Nightly piano entertainment completes the sophisticated, convivial atmosphere.

San Francisco locals, like the late raconteur and columnist Herb Caen, know the dining room as one of the city's most romantic. A long-stemmed rose at each table, mahogany and leather furnishings, and table-side service complement a menu of innovative California dishes paired with French and California wines.

Hand-painted four-poster canopy beds dressed in plump feather pillows, fine linens, and down comforters—await in each of the 57 rooms. Lace curtains, marble bathrooms, clawfoot tubs, and fine antiques finish the *fin de siècle* decors. Gas fireplaces heighten the

Location: In the Pacific Heights district of San Francisco, California Accommodations: 57 rooms and suites Meeting space: 1,000 square feet Range of rates: \$135-\$425 Reservations: (415) 441-1100; in the U.S. and Canada (800) 869-8966; fax (415) 673-7331 Mailing address: 1500 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA, 94109 General manager: Richard J. Dunkelberger, CHA romance in more than half the rooms.

Nine lavish suites provide perfect settings for cocktail parties and small business meetings. For larger affairs, two richly tailored rooms host up to 40 guests each. Guests on business also appreciate the downtown limousine service, digital voice mail and data ports in every room, 54-channel cable reception, and 24-hour room service.

But some guests believe it's the personal touches—such as complimentary afternoon sherry, Crabtree & Evelyn bath amenities, and Frette Italian robes—that put the magic in The Majestic experience. With such devotion to detail—and the hotel's historic opulence—it's no wonder *San Francisco Focus* named The Majestic San Francisco's most romantic hotel. *****



Left: Open for breakfast, dinner, and Sunday brunch, the dining room features fresh, innovative cuisine, professional table-side service, and live musical entertainment.



Above and below left: Romance fills the air of every room and suite. Despite the apparent antiquity, all received a total refurbishment in 1997. Subtle color schemes and marble bathrooms uphold the turn-of-the-century ambience, enhanced by floods of light from century-old bay windows. Right: Accessible only by seaplane, the Sonora Resort & Conference Centre welcomes travelers to a world of pampering and adventure on British Columbia's inland passage.





Sonora Island, British Columbia, Canada Sonora Resort & Conference Centre



Above right and above: World-class river and saltwater fishing draw some to the water, while others simply relax and enjoy the views. Right: Aquatic activities range from boating to volleyball, from Jacuzzi to steam room and sauna. REAT MINDS see things simply. "We are, or become, those things which we repeatedly do," said Albert Einstein. "Therefore, excellence can become not just an event, but a habit." The statement perfectly describes the philosophy at the Sonora Resort & Conference Centre, where words like "attentive staff" and "top-notch facilities" take on a simpler and deeper meaning.

The resort claims a waterfront perch on the



immediately by resort staff, they say good-bye to the world of cars, paved roads, and ringing phones.

And money, too. The resort takes care of all meals, drinks, and day excursions. Fishermen needn't worry about licenses, tackle, bait, or boats. The all-inclusive approach even extends to Cuban cigars, fine ports,

and fine wines.

Every two guests has a personal guide to handle day excursions during the length of their

island of Sonora, a wooded refuge within British Columbia's inside passage, 125 miles northwest of Vancouver. Guests fly in by seaplane, enjoying breathtaking views and coasting to a gentle stop at the dock outside the main lodge. Greeted



stay. Activities can include fishing, paddling canoes across a pristine lake, exploring the coastal inlets, or hiking through some of North America's most stunning forest lands.

The resort itself, however, offers plenty of incentive to stay



close. A spacious, completely modernized boardroom makes small meetings a pleasure. For groups of up to 120, the brand new Longhouse Convention Facility provides a rough-hewn setting equipped with state-of-the-art multimedia capabilities.

The resort owes its communal feel to six comfy lodges, each holding guest rooms that open onto a large central living room with fully stocked bar and fireplace. For couples, this means a vacation with equal amounts of romantic privacy and social interaction. For corporate groups, it means a chance to forge new strategies in a warm family setting.

Within the lodges, guests discover whirlpools, saunas, entertainment centers, a fitness center,

Location: On the island of Sonora, in the inland passage of British Columbia, Canada **Property:** Three acres Accommodations: 24 rooms Meeting space: 2,000 square feet Recreation: Pool, putting green, tennis court, fitness center, game room, boating, canoeing, fishing, hiking, and helicopter and speedboat excursions. Range of rates: Three days, US\$1,695; four days, \$2,595; five days, \$3,295; all inclusive Reservations: (604) 220-9099; in the U.S. (888) 5-SONORA; fax (604) 220-9024 Mailing address: 301 Dogwood St., Ste. 204, Campbell River, BC V9W 2YI, Canada Web site: www.sonoraresort.com **Owner and operator: Michael Gallant**

and a game room. Outside, the grounds buzz throughout the day with guests splashing in the pool, batting the volleyball, or playing tennis.

At mealtimes, everyone gathers around large tables in the main lodge's dining room. Here they swap stories of the day's activities—the grizzly bear glimpsed from a distance, the orcas that breached in front of the resort, the prize salmon that almost got away.

The clean air and congenial atmosphere provide a perspective as clear as the view enjoyed by the 300 bald eagles who call the island home. Whether they've just caught a salmon, or a gorgeous sunset, guests find themselves thinking more clearly than they have in years. As the staff likes to say, "Welcome to the real real world." ***** Left: Each lodge provides a comfortable communal living space for business groups, families, and new acquaintances. Below: Guests of the Presidential Suite use the same desk used by Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin during the 1993 Vancouver Summit.





Left: Above all, Sonora accentuates the simple pleasures. Guests step outside, take a deep breath, and discover the many mind-expanding possibilities of the Canadian wilderness. Right: Cheerful awnings outside the Hotel Vintage Park's Tulio Ristorante mark the corner of Fifth Avenue and Spring Street in downtown Seattle.





Hotel Vintage Park



Above: Individual Washington State wineries inspired the rich colors and motifs of every room and suite. Regular wine tastings in the lobby uphold the vineyard theme as well. Right: Cozy bistro seating at Tulio adds to the convivial atmosphere at one of Seattle's favorite boutique hotels. OURMANDS AND WINE LOVERS delight in the Hotel Vintage Park's vineyard theme, found in everything from its classical European color scheme of merlot red, cabernet purple, zinfandel gold, and grapevine green to its complimentary wine tastings.

Sipping wine seated in the parlor-style lobby of butter-soft leather chairs, flanked by jade sculptures and a hand-carved wood and marble fireplace, one half expects the lord of the manor to burst in fresh from a fox hunt. But one look out the window reveals a downtown block of Seattle's Fifth Avenue, a five-minute walk from Elliott Bay and steps from the city's best shops and theaters.



Location: At the corner of Fifth Avenue and Spring Street in downtown Seattle, Washington Accommodations: 126 rooms Range of rates: \$185-\$435 Reservations: (206) 624-8000; in the U.S. (800) 624-4433; fax (206) 623-0568 Mailing address: 1100 Fifth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101 General manager; Sam Johnson

All 126 rooms bear the names of Washington State wineries and vineyards in wooden plaques above the doors. The wealth of extraordinary offerings includes guest membership at two exclusive downtown private clubs and in-room data ports with high-speed Internet access.

Along with cable TV, in-house movies, three modem-compatible speaker phones, fax machines, and in-room fitness equipment on request, the standard amenities range from hair dryers and terry robes to 24-hour room service from a staff of energetic professionals well trained in the art of pampering.

If the mood strikes for dining out, guests step into Tulio Ristorante, an Italian bistro adjacent to the lobby. Here Chef Walter Pisano and his staff prepare three meals a day from the best Northwest ingredients, specializing in a variety of pastas, pizzas, risottos, salads, fresh seafood, and one of the most authentic Italian dessert trays in town. *****


Left: Rich in local tradition, Hotel Loretto's lobby embraces travelers in the warmth of Old Santa Fe.



Santa Fe, New Mexico Hotel Loretto

UST A BLOCK FROM THE PLAZA in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the authentic Pueblo-revival style, location, and luxury of Hotel Loretto make it an ideal choice for visitors, whether the aim is business, shopping, sightseeing, or simply soaking up the Southwest ambience.

The central location places guests within walking distance of all downtown attractions. This includes more than 100 art galleries along Canyon Road, the boutiques and eateries of the Plaza, and the historic Palace of the Governors, the oldest continuously occupied public building in the United States.

The hotel, built on the site of the former Loretto Academy, captures the feel of Old Santa Fe with its curved adobe walls and interiors filled with Native American art and motifs, brick floors, and kiva fireplaces. Thirty individually appointed layouts distinguish the 140 rooms and suites. The largest



Location: At the heart of Santa Fe, New Mexico Accommodations: 140 rooms and suites Meeting space: 12,000 square feet Range of rates: \$189-\$1,500 Reservations: (505) 988-5531; in the U.S. (800) 727-5531; fax (505) 984-7964 Mailing address: 211 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM, 87501 General manager: Janine Shelton

suite, the Presidential, entertains with a billiards table, three balconies, and 2,800 square feet of sumputous living space.

Seven flexible meeting rooms, a romantic Southwestern restaurant, cozy sandwich shop, and complimentary laundry facilities only add to the hotel's allure. In Spanish, *santa fe* means "holy faith." For the complete Santa Fe lodging experience, savvy visitors put their faith in Hotel Loretto. *****





Above: The hotel's **Pueblo-style architecture** honors the end of the Santa Fe Trail, just a block from Santa Fe's central Plaza. Below, far left: Nellie's entertains under rustic open-beam ceilings and seasonally on the patio. The flavor of New Mexico extends to many of the items on a lively and sophisticated menu. Left: Southwest art and motifs brighten every room and suite.

Right and below: The rich tastes of candy maker Milton S. Hershey found full expression in his namesake hotel. The design resembles a Mediterranean castle complete with central courtyard, bell tower, and formal terrace.





The Hotel Hershey



Below right: Thanks to constant upkeep and recent renovations, the details still shine like new after more than six decades. An AAA fourdiamond rating attests to the first-class standard of hospitality for groups and individuals alike. HOCOLATE KING Milton S. Hershey had a grand vision when he set out to build his namesake city during the Great Depression. Like the Utopians of earlier generations, he dreamed of creating an ideal community. Unlike most of his predecessors, he succeeded.

Hershey, Pennsylvania, still lies placidly among the rolling meadows and forests 90 miles west of Philadelphia. And The Hotel Hershey—a member of Historic Hotels of America and Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide—still forms the centerpiece of hospitality in the nation's confectionery capital, as it has since the 1930s.

Milton Hershey's taste for Mediterranean opulence found expression in the hotel's design.

in AAA four-diamond service, including complimentary newspapers, 24-hour in-room dining, and free shuttles to surrounding Hershey attractions. Upon arrival, guests receive chocolate bars at registration followed by kisses (wrapped in foil) with turndown service in the guest rooms.

The rooms' telephone data ports and a fullservice Business Center complement 22,000 square feet of meeting space, which encompasses everything from a boardroom for ten to a ballroom able to seat 400. The hotel holds both *Successful Meetings*' Pinnacle Award and *Meetings & Conventions*' Gold Key. For truly colossal gatherings, the nearby Hershey Lodge & Convention Center contributes another 670 rooms plus 100,000

Formal gardens surround the building, giving every window a colorful view. Flag towers, fountains, and reflecting pools recall the villas of southern France.

Inside, each room and suite upholds the Old World tradition, not only in decor but



square feet of space, including banquet seating for up to 3,100 under one roof.

In summer, while some guests lounge around the outdoor pool, others flock to Hersheypark, an amusement complex whose 110 acres and 55-plus rides and



attractions include seven roller coasters and six water rides. Golfers find themselves in the Golf Capital of Pennsylvania.

At the Country Club of Hershey, where 72 holes are available to guests, they follow in the footsteps of Ben Hogan, who served as resident pro from 1941 to 1951. The hotel's grounds include the club's nine-hole executive course. Further options include visits to the hotel's fitness center, biking, and hiking over miles of nature trails.

Starting in autumn, Hershey features special holiday celebrations, most notably Creatures of the Night, Antique Auto, Balloonfest, and Christmas In Hershey from mid-November till the New Year. In winter, guests also enjoy themed weekends, cross-country skiing, tobogganing, and indoor swimming.

Two distinctive restaurants contribute to the hotel's Mediterranean flavor the year around. The Fountain Cafe serves bistro fare in a casual setting, while the Circular Dining Room wraps guests in





formal stained-glass windows overlooking gardens and pools. Its menu highlights classic American and Continental cuisine and, of course, chocolate desserts.

Travelers with a sweet tooth find real happiness in Hershey. Chocolate always lies close at hand. At The Hotel Hershey, the flavor recalls one man's taste for luxury—in the town he dedicated to pursuit of the sweet life for everyone. ***** Above: Formal pools, fountains, and flower beds against the green hills and forests of central Pennsylvania lay out a treat for the eyes at every glance. Left: Combined with modern amenities, traditional comforts ensure sweet dreams.

Left: While groups enjoy more than 22,000 square feet of indoor space for meetings, banquets, and receptions, lawn parties take full advantage of the great outdoors.



Right: The simple pleasures at L'Ermitage Beverly Hills include sunshine, Tuscan cuisine, and lofty views from the rooftop terrace. Below: The Lobby's understated decor belies state-of-theart amenities and highly personalized service.





Below right: The pool, maintained for the exclusive pleasure of guests, boasts a 360-degree view of the city, Bel Air, and the Hollywood Hills. Cabanas afford the option of complete privacy for business, conversation, dining, and utter relaxation.

L'Ermitage Beverly Hills

ESS IS MORE—that beguiling design paradox lies at the heart of L'Ermitage Beverly Hills. At Southern California's newest luxury hotel, the paradox challenges the very definition of luxury; for luxury, one thinks, never allows for less.

Except at L'Ermitage Beverly Hills, where less means more of that

most luxurious commodity of all: space—both in public areas and guest rooms. Less also means a purer focus on style: European furnishings and

brilliantly displayed artworks bring the subtle, rectilinear design to life. Exemplifying Modernism at its best, in the finest Los Angeles tradition, L'Ermitage Beverly



Hills's 124 rooms and suites offer the discriminating guest a finely tuned palette of multicultural influences.

Subtle lines, light woods, neutral finishes, and warming fireplaces establish an inviting mood in the Living Room and Library Bar off the Lobby. These subtly appealing spaces, the location of choice for afternoon tea

or evening cocktails, contain exquisite works of art. A trio of authentic silk brocade textiles from China's Jin Dynasty (A.D. 1115-1234), balanced



with paintings and photographs, evoke an Asian mood that wafts throughout the hotel.

Guests in search of a traditional clublike atmosphere visit the second floor, where the



Executive Center offers a unique haven for enjoying a tasteful cigar and beverage in a room finished in mahogany-stained quarter-paneled sycamore and artworks inspired by historic cigar box labels. Additionally, the Pool Terrace and adjacent rooftop patio provide unparalleled gathering places, these framed by panoramic city views.

The legendary shopping and dining of Rodeo

Drive and environs lie just minutes away. For guests inclined to linger at home, the Restaurant at L'Ermitage offers indoor and alfresco dining. The menu, planned by Executive Chef Serge Falesitch, introduces Cuisine du Soleil, an eclectic mingling of tastes from the French Provençal and Italian Tuscan regions caressed with a hint of Asia.

As a special option for guests comfortably settled into their guest rooms, the Living Room, Library Bar, private poolside cabana, or anywhere else in the hotel, any of the restaurant's menus are available at all locations at no extra charge.

Simply staying put in a guest room ranks high among the many inviting possibilities. Each room offers mountain or city views, and most feature French doors opening onto balconies. With an Left: Massive windows frame a magnificent fountain and California sycamores at the Restaurant at L'Ermitage. A high domed ceiling caps the serenity indoors. Below: The Library Bar invites relaxation with cocktails, appetizers, or reading by the fire.



Left: Garden Suites afford the ability to conduct business or entertain in an expansive, comfortable setting. The transitional bedrooms come with conference tables, living room seating, pantries, and the latest in technology.







average 675 square feet, the "standard" Superior and Deluxe Rooms are nearly double the size of a typical guest room.

For those in search of the ultimate home away from home, L'Ermitage offers 13 magnificently furnished suites ranging in size from 1,400 square feet up to the 3,200-square-foot Presidential Suite. All provide guests with seriously luxurious amenities for business or pleasure: ample workspace, English sycamore paneling, maple furnishings, dedicated voice and data ports, Internet access, plain-paper copier and fax machines, cell phones, 40-inch-screen TVs, CD and DVD players, "intelligent" lighting and climate controls, private safes, silk shams on raised platform beds, and Aveda bath products.

Obviously, "less is more" applies exclusively to the aesthetics of this hotel, which holds the Five Star Diamond Award from the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. Los Angeles-bound travelers in search of luxury in its most refined form need look no further than L'Ermitage Beverly Hills. *****

Top and above: Rooms and suites put the accent on more space and less clutter. High-tech advancements include five phones and ten jacks per room for voice and data, Internet, and Web TV. Right: Steam and massage reward state-of-theart workouts on the eighth floor.



Location: In residential Beverly Hills, California Accommodations: 124 rooms and suites Meeting space: 4,200 square feet Range of rates: \$380-\$3,800 Reservations: (310) 278-3344, in the U.S. (800) 323-7500; fax (310) 278-8247 Mailing address: 9291 Burton Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 General manager: Jack Naderkhani A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide





The Running Y Ranch Resort

REGON'S KLAMATH BASIN holds six national wildlife refuges. Visitors exploring the region's Running Y Ranch Resort by foot, canoe, or horseback see the Pacific Northwest as it was 100 years ago. Contented cattle graze some of the 15 square miles, and more bald eagles soar here than anywhere else in the lower 48 states.

As the only destination resort in southern Oregon, the Running Y provides a refuge for people as well. To complement a small community of upscale homes and town homes, The Lodge opened in August 1998 with 83 deluxe guest rooms and suites, three conference rooms, and a boardroom. Each day's friendly, first-class service begins with Continental breakfast on the house.

The ridge-top views encompass pristine wooded hillsides, Klamath Lake, 90 acres of restored wetlands—and the only Arnold Palmer-designed golf course in Oregon. The resort's top-notch golf



Location: Ten miles west of Klamath Falls, Oregon Property: 3,500 acres Accommodations: 83 rooms and suites Meeting space: 2,785 square feet Recreation: 18-hole golf course and 15-acre practice facility, adult's and children's pools, fitness rooms, two tennis courts, basketball, horseback riding, hiking, biking, and canoeing. Range of rates: \$75-\$249 (seasonal) Reservations: (541) 850-5500; in the U.S. (888) 850-0275; fax (541) 850-5593 Mailing address: 5115 Running Y Rd., Running Y, OR 97601-0339 General manager: Michael G, Justin

program uses the championship greens and fairways along with practice grounds and a pro shop. A 13,000-square-foot sports center adds something for everyone, from pools for adults and children to tennis, basketball, fitness activities, even massage. *****



Top: The Running Y Ranch Resort challenges golfers of all skill levels with Oregon's only Arnold Palmer golf course. Above: Guests gather in the lobby for fireside chats and reading. Left: Outdoor enthusiasts choose from a range of activities, from canoeing and golf to hiking and wildlife watching.





Marriott's Camelback Inn Resort, Golf Club & Spa

NOWN FOR ITS UPSCALE ambience, healthful climate, championshipgolf courses, and torch-lit swimming pools, Scottsdale, Arizona, is also known as the home of

Camelback Inn—for more than 60 years the first and last word in the desert oasis vacation.

Now widely recognized as one of the top resorts in North America, Camelback Inn first opened in 1936. Founder Jack Stewart realized his dream of offering friendly, personalized service and well-furnished surroundings to travelers looking for the best in desert dining and recreation. In 1967, a frequent guest of the inn, J.W. Marriott, Sr., purchased the resort from its founder and it became the first resort in the Marriott portfolio. Marriott's Camelback Inn expanded on

Stewart's original idea. Today it is the only Arizona resort to hold both the Mobile Five Star and AAA Five Diamond Awards. Another long list of top industry honors recognizes the ultimate standard for meetings. More than 40,000 square feet of space for group events includes a stunning Executive Boardroom, an outdoor Western theme town, and every meeting amenity imaginable.



Top: Camelback Inn suspends time as it has for more than 60 years. Opposite: The lobby's historic charms include a beehive fireplace and original adobe walls. Left: Pueblo-style patios adjoin every room and suite.



Above: Water lovers of all ages find a spectacular new playground at the resort's centerpiece Jackrabbit Pool. Below right: Flanked by incomparable views of Camelback Mountain, The Chaparral matches classic Continental cuisine, fine wine, and impeccable service. Below, far right: Like all accommodations, Sonoran Suites celebrate the history and style of Arizona culture. The resort's five-star, fivediamond ratings attest to the highest standard of hospitality.

Guests choose from 447 pueblo-style *casitas*. As part of a five-year, \$35-million enhancement program completed in 1997, all feature private outdoor patios or balconies with breathtaking views of the desert and a complete array of fivestar luxuries.

Twenty-seven suites add living rooms and dining rooms and large private sundecks; seven have swimming pools of their own. Thirty new rooms debuted in 1998. Also new is the spectacular Jackrabbit Pool, an aquatic complex made up of fabulous water features, a children's play area, workout facilities, a swim shop, and Hoppin' Jack's eatery.

Surrounded by desert and mountain views



and lush palm- and eucalyptus-lined fairways, golfers take up the challenge of 36 holes of championship golf on the Padre and Jack Snyder-designed Indian Bend courses. The resort also offers a putting green, 9-hole pitch-and-putt course, and the Golf Grille restaurant for hearty appetites at breakfast and lunch.

Those who prefer to swing racquets instead of clubs find six all-weather tennis courts, five lighted for evening play. The 125-acre resort grounds also hold three swimming pools and miles of strolling, jogging, and bicycling paths.

To combine fitness, fun, and pampering, the 27,000-square-foot Spa at Camelback Inn provides a full-service gym, a 25-meter lap pool,





and a European body and spa salon. Sprouts, the spa's restaurant, attracts guests from all over the resort with its fresh, heart-healthy menus.

With its restaurants alone the inn has won thousands of hearts. Few can resist the elegance of The Chaparral Room, where fine china, great wines, and a stunning view of Camelback Mountain accompany a menu of classic Continental favorites.

For another mood and view of the mountain, guests visit the Navajo restaurant. Here they find the accent on Arizona cuisine in a cozy Southwestern setting or poolside in the flower-filled garden. The alfresco tradition continues at the Oasis Lounge's patio grill and at Dromedary's at the South Pool, or with a latte and fresh pastry at the Kokopelli Cafe.

The timeless setting and Southwestern appeal simply cannot be duplicated. In this land of



Location: In Scottsdale, near Phoenix, Arizona Property: 125 acres Accommodations: 477 rooms and suites Meeting facilities: 40,000 square feet Recreation: Two 18-hole golf courses, 9-hole pitch-andputt, three swimming pools, six tennis courts, fitness center and spa, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, shuffleboard, jogging, and biking. Nearby hot-air ballooning, horseback riding, and historical and scenic tours. Range of rates: \$125-\$2,150 Reservations: (602) 948-1700; in the U.S. (800) 24-CAMEL; fax (602) 951-8469 Mailing address: 5402 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85253 General manager: Wynn Tyner

sunshine, exotic flora, and fabulous geologic formations, Camelback Inn symbolizes the ultimate in desert vacations. 🎋



Above: Thirty-six holes of championship golf include the Jack Snyder-designed Indian Bend course. **Drenched in sunshine** year-round, the fairways follow a natural wash past abundant water features and magnificent desert views. Below, far left: The resort's Mummy Mountain Western Town sets the stage for unforgettable theme parties. Below left: The Spa at **Camelback Inn treats** guests to one of the Southwest's largest, most comprehensive beauty and fitness facilities.

Right: Nemacolin Woodlands Resort & Spa brought the grandeur of the French Renaissance to the Pennsylvania countryside in 1997. Chateau LaFayette adds a second hotel to the classic American resort.





Nemacolin Woodlands Resort & Spa



Above: Museum-quality furnishings, carved moldings, ornate mantle pieces, and fine art lend princely style to the LaFayette Tea Lounge. Right: The LaFayette's Grand Lobby welcomes guests under a vaulted ceiling with nine crystal chandeliers surrounded by gold-leaf details. N AMERICAN CLASSIC, Nemacolin Woodlands Resort & Spa takes pride in pleasing a diverse clientele. Golfers and garden lovers, fly-fishing enthusiasts and aromatherapy fans, hikers and bookworms,

history buffs and art lovers find both serenity and stimulus in its pastoral setting and Tudor-style lodge. In 1997 they found the heights of elegance as well when the resort debuted Chateau LaFayette, a second posh new hotel.

Inspired by the timeless chic of that paragon of European hospitality, The Ritz in Paris, the five-story chateau brought 124 opulent new rooms and suites to the resort. Deluxe amenities accompanying a stay on the LaFayette Club level include keyed access to the floor, five daily food and beverage presentations, and dedicated concierge service.

The new hotel's decor rivals the English



Tudor elegance of the original lodge. With coffered ceilings, Louis XVI sofas, and crystal chandeliers, the chateau's Grand Lobby introduces arrivals to the palatial style of the French Renaissance. Guests soon discover the Tea Lounge and Lobby Bar, scene of afternoon tea service; Lautrec, the hotel's high-style French restaurant; and the Cigar Bar, where a fireplace with carved mantel, well-stocked



library, and premium cigar selection from five built-in humidors ensure an unforgettable experience.

Yet the Nemacolin philosophy stands for more than simply style and luxury. The resort offers recreational substance that ranges from pool to golf to tennis and rock climbing. The outdoorsy, adventurous spirit arises from Nemacolin's country roots. Located near Farmington, Pennsylvania, 60 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, the resort spreads over 1,200 acres in the scenic wilds of the Laurel Highlands mountains. Original owner Willard Rockwell named his lodge after Chief Nemacolin, a

Delaware leader who joined forces with a frontiersman to clear a trail between the Potomac and Monongahela rivers in 1749.

In 1987, Pittsburgh entrepreneur and art aficionado Joseph A. Hardy, Sr., purchased the resort. Under Hardy's stewardship, an expansion and renovation program transformed it into a year-round, recreation-oriented luxury property. The lodge became a showcase for Hardy's eclectic art collection, a treasure trove of Tiffany glass and acclaimed works by the likes of Fernando Botero, Alexander Calder, and Qian Yang.

Paradise Pool, others choose from four other pools on the property. Below: Swim-up stools at the Paradise Pool Bar allow guests to double their refreshment.





Today's resort complements all this art and



Far left: One of nine restaurants at the resort, Lautrec features contemporary French cuisine, formal service, and one of Pennsylvania's most romantic settings. Left: Award-winning regional specialties highlight the Golden Trout.

Right: Five built-in humidors, a crackling fire, and classic literary works draw guests into the richly satisfying atmosphere of the Cigar Bar. Below: The Wine Cellar guards the resort's 10,000-bottle collection in a carefully monitored environment.



Right: Two new settings expand Nemacolin's group dining options: the Panorama Pavilion for sheltered fireside picnics and Mulligan's Dining Room, marked by a fanciful mobile and wraparound view.



nature with masterful cuisine produced under the guidance of Executive Chef Todd Rogers. The Golden Trout restaurant, a longtime favorite, continues to thrill guests with its award-winning regional specialties. The resort's many casual dining rooms include The Gazebo, The Tavern, The Caddy Shack, The Hungry Moose Cafe, P.J.'s Parlor for ice cream, and Mulligans, a private banquet room tucked into the Mystic Rock golf course.

Lautrec, a more formal dining experience, serves contemporary French cuisine of the highest order. Adorned with prints by the great



turn-of-the-century French artist Toulouse Lautrec, the restaurant also features a bar, two private dining rooms, and a bistro. The resort's wine cellar, with its 10,000-bottle wine collection, complements the dining at all nine eateries.

Diversity marks the choice of accommodations as well. Individual decors distinguish each of the 96 quarters in the original English Tudorstyle lodge. While all boast every modern convenience, their period-style furnishings range from Elizabethan to art deco. The choice of lodgings extends to 56 one- or two-bedroom townhouses on the property. Chateau LaFayette





adds 124 Renaissance-style rooms and suites, all featuring marble-floored bathrooms with whirlpool tubs. For guests with work to do, each generously proportioned room contains a desk wired for computer and modem.

The resort's Executive Conference Center welcomes groups of every description. Encompassing more than 24,000 square feet of meeting space, exhibition areas, and a lecture hall, the function rooms accommodate gatherings for 10 or meetings for 1,000 with equal aplomb. The Grand Ballroom stages banquets for up to 300 beneath its crystal chandeliers. At Chateau LaFayette, the new 8,700-square-foot Marquis



Ballroom welcomes up to 700 guests for dinner and 1,000 for receptions.

When time comes to relax, guests discover recreation options ranging from quietly meditative to seriously challenging. First and foremost, golfers must decide whether to begin at Mystic Rock, a ruggedly handsome 18-hole Pete Dye course that opened on a mountaintop in 1995, or at the original Scottish-style 18-hole Links Course.

Riders perfect their moves at the equestrian center, then canter to the polo field for action. Racquet enthusiasts test themselves on four lighted tennis courts. Swimmers splash in five





Top: Mystic Rock, one of two championship golf courses, combines the challenge of superb golf with the splendor of Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands mountains. Above: P.J.'s Parlor tempts the young and young at heart. Far left: The Hitchin' Post Saloon ropes in thirsty guests. Left: Billards players sharpen their skills on antique tables at The Tavern.



Location: In the Laurel Highlands mountains outside Farmington, Pennsylvania

Property: 1,200 acres Accommodations: 276 rooms, suites, and townhouses

Meeting space: 24,000 square feet Recreation: Two 18-hole golf courses, four tennis courts, five swimming pools, fitness center and spa, hiking, horseback riding, croquet, badminton, miniature golf, volleyball, 50-foot climbing wall, virtual-reality games, downhill and crosscountry skiing, and sleighing. Nearby fishing, kayaking, and white-water rafting. Range of rates: \$235-\$2,000 Reservations: (412) 329-8555; in the U.S. (800) 422-2736; fax (412) 329-6153 Mailing address: 1001 LaFayette Dr., Farmington, PA 15437 General manager: Patrick Blangy



Top: At the 32,000square-foot Woodlands Spa, guests select from skin, body, and beauty treatments along with exercise classes, fitness equipment, and a comfortably appointed lap pool. Above: Mountain vistas, marble bathrooms, and whirlpool tubs complete the Chateau LaFayette guest rooms. **Right: Townhouses please** families and groups of friends with living and dining areas, full kitchens, and large balconies.

pools. An Adventure Center adds a three-sided 50-foot climbing tower and newly expanded rope course with a team-building venue for groups of up to 200, volleyball courts, skating and biking trails, and virtual-reality computer games. In winter, the resort entertains with sleighing and both cross-country and downhill skiing at a ski area with snow-making equipment and quad lifts. A retail arcade entertains shoppers with their favorite pastime the year around.

Anglers enjoy fishing the area's many streams and lakes. Kayaking and white-water rafting take place on the nearby Youghiogheny River. Sightseers explore Fort Necessity, scene of George Washington's first battle in the French and Indian War, and Fallingwater, the masterpiece of architect Frank Lloyd Wright nearby.

Back on site waits the Woodlands Spa, the



definitive sanctuary for relaxation and pampering. Named one of the country's ten best by *Condé Nast Traveler* in November 1998, the newly expanded 32,000-square-foot facility offers whirlpool baths, steam and sauna, a hair salon, and over 60 revitalizing facial and body treatments. Fitness facilities include exercise and weight equipment and a spring-floored aerobics room.

For those who prefer more contemplative pleasures, the resort provides a meditation house, numerous small atriums, parlors, and a library complete with fireplace and a superb collection of first editions.

Whatever their idea of a dream holiday, guests of Nemacolin find a haven in perfect harmony with their vision, whether of Tudor England, Renaissance France, or the countryside of southwestern Pennsylvania. *****





Left: The Morrison House entry welcomes guests with all the charm of eighteenth-century Alexandria, Virginia.



Morrison House

HILE THE NATION'S CAPITAL modernized and grew just five miles up the Potomac River, Alexandria, Virginia, preserved an authentic slice of the Federal period. Morrison House, a 45-room inn on a quiet side street in Old Town Alexandria, offers a firsthand experience with the style of America's founding gentry.

Butlers escort guests to rooms and suites adorned with ornate woodwork and decorative fireplaces. Antiques served as models for many of the furnishings, including the four-poster beds, silk-brocade sofas, and brass chandeliers.

The hotel draws most of its inspiration from the past, but it also meets modern expectations with four-star, four-diamond hospitality—and exceeds them with contemporary American cuisine in the award-winning Elysium dining room.

The pleasures extend to Continental breakfast and afternoon tea served in the parlor, a casual





piano bar at the Grill, and gatherings of 10 to 150 in private rooms appointed with Georgian and Louis XVI finery.

The intimate size guarantees that every function, every guest, every diner receives personalized attention from the staff. At Morrison House, time travelers find American history in full bloom. *****





Above left: Inspired by Delaware's Winterthur Museum, Parlor furnishings lend a courtly charm to Continental breakfast and afternoon tea. Above: The Library makes an ideal spot for postmeeting recaps. Left: One-of-akind guest rooms mirror the personalized service, a hallmark of membership in Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide. Right: Wyoming's Teton Range stands guard over guests exploring Jackson Hole from Lost Creek Ranch, a modern-day home on the range.







Above: A heated pool and whirlpool invite relaxation after activities like horseback riding, fishing, and hiking. Below right: A new full-service spa offers pampering by the hour, the day, or the week. Beyond the reception area waits everything from massage to mud baths, aromatherapy, aerobics, yoga, and personal trainers.

Lost Creek Ranch

N JACKSON HOLE, Wyoming, guests of Lost Creek Ranch find a touch of luxury between two vast wilderness domains—Grand Teton National Park and Bridger–Teton National Forest. Visitors stay for a week, most enjoying the extensive Western horseback riding program.

Ranch life centers around the lodge, where picture windows and a large outdoor deck face a spectacular high-mountain plain. Guests gather just inside for meals, served family-style with a hint of elegance. Billiards, chess, drinks, and conversation complete most evenings around the lodge's fireplace.

A long day of horseback riding, fishing, or hiking calls for a day—or at least an hour—at the



new full-service spa, which offers a number of world-class body treatments plus extras like a fitness gym, yoga, and aerobics. Guests may also rejuvenate at the tennis court, heated pool, or Wyoming-sized outdoor hot tub.

Exposed log walls and ceiling poles lend the ten guest cabins the same rugged charm that touches everything in sight. Up to two bedrooms, in-room coffee and refrigerators, laundry service, and daily housekeeping ensure the comfort of home.

Little wonder that more than half of the ranch's visitors return. The friendly staff numbers almost one for every guest. And, as *Architectural Digest* put it, "the service is much like the cuisine— ample, polished, but never pretentious." *****

Location: At the base of the Grand Tetons in Jackson
Hole, Wyoming
Property: 160 acres
Accommodations: Ten cabins
Recreation: Pool and whirlpool, spa and fitness room,
tennis court, skeet range, horseback riding, hiking, and
nearby sightseeing, fishing, and golf.
Range of rates: \$5,040-\$11,600 per week
Reservations: (307) 733-3435; fax (307) 733-1954
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Right and below: On the sunny southern coast of California, L'Auberge Del Mar's updated Tudor style comes with a hint of Hollywood glamour.





L'Auberge Del Mar Resort and Spa



Above: Seaside pleasures include the pampering of a European spa. Right: The lobby recalls the days when stars like Rudolph Valentino, Mary Pickford, and Douglas Fairbanks would gather on the spot.

Del Mar, California

) 'AUBERGE DEL MAR Resort and Spa pays homage to an illustrious predecessor. Its 5.2 acres overlook the sea from the spot where the Hotel Del Mar, a Tudor-style landmark, once served as the town's centerpiece and a playground for the Hollywood elite.

The resort welcomes newcomers around a huge double-sided brick

fireplace nearly identical to the one that warmed Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford, Charlie

Chaplin, Bing Crosby, W.C. Fields, Betty Grable,

and many others between 1909 and 1963. Particularly in the lobby and Durante's Pub (named for another long-time guest), the hotel's antiques and nostalgic half-timbered style



echo the ambience that made the old hotel so loved. But, catering to modern tastes for scenery and natural light, the west wall opens to the main swimming pool, courtyard gardens, and view of the Pacific.

A private path leads to miles of sandy beach ideal for strolling, jogging, or relaxing in the sun. The Del Mar Racetrack waits a few

minutes by car in the other direction (running its famous "surf-and-turf" thoroughbred races from late July to mid-September). Guests also find



many of San Diego's best golf courses nearby, including the PGA's Torrey Pines just four miles away. Another favorite activity in the area, hot-air ballooning, takes visitors aloft at

Resorts & Great Hotels

Location: Along the Pacific Coast at Del Mar, California

Property: 5.2 acres Accommodations: 120 rooms, including 8 suites

Meeting space: 7,000 square feet Recreation: Two pools, two tennis courts, indoor and outdoor fitness equipment, and a full-service European health spa. Nearby sandy beach, championship golf, hot-air ballooning, hiking, biking, thoroughbred races, polo, and the countless attractions of San Diego. Range of rates: \$195-\$1,200 (seasonal) Reservations: (619) 259-1515; in the U.S. (800) 553-1336; fax (619) 755-4940 Mailing address: 1540 Camino Del Mar, P.O. Box 2889, Del Mar, CA 92014 General manager: Gordon MacMitchell

sunrise and sunset from the polo fields. As if these weren't enough, the village entertains with more than 50 upscale boutiques and restaurants.

Meanwhile, the resort itself pairs two championship tennis courts with a tennis pro. Indoor and

outdoor fitness equipment and an outdoor Jacuzzi and lap pool add further options. And, some say best of all, a full-service European health spa indulges guests with hydro- and aromatherapy, massage, steam and Swiss showers, saunas, herbal wraps, and more.

The atmosphere of the resort's Dining Room and Terrace embodies the essence of Southern California living. Guests feast on California cuisine made of the finest ingredients, from the freshest of seafood to the abundance of herbs and vegetables grown locally. Themed events and banquets for up to 250 often use the Crosby Ballroom and its adjacent terrace. Altogether, the



resort provides 7,000 square feet for groups indoors—plus 9,000 square feet outside.

Despite the generous space for meetings and parties, the hotel maintains its boutique atmosphere with just 120 rooms, including 8 suites. All have marble bathrooms, stocked minibars, coffee makers with complimentary coffee, seating areas with desks, TVs with in-room movies, three phones, and spacious private balconies or patios. All benefit from friendly, personalized, Mobil four star-rated service.

Just 25 minutes north of San Diego, active luxury-loving travelers discover a new legend in the making at Del Mar. ***** Above: After a day of business, the Crosby Ballroom transforms for gala social occasions.





Far left: Gourmet tastes delight in the Dining Room's recipe for casual romance and regional cuisine. Left: Guest room warmth and eye appeal extend to view-filled private balconies. Right and below: Eight hundred feet of private Gulf Coast sand front The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort.







Above: The atmosphere at the Colony Dining Room matches the freshness of its award-winning cuisine. Below right: Spacious suites afford an overview of tennis courts and garden areas.

The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort

NTERNATIONALLY KNOWN for its tennis facilities and program, The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort reflects the philosophy of its founder, Dr. M.J. "Murf" Klauber, who believes that fitness leads to excellence in sports as well as life.

Tennis magazine lists The Colony as the number one tennis resort in the

also join daily fitness

and aerobics classes.

The spa offers

women's steam, sauna,

Luxurious treatments

by licensed massage

therapists include

shiatsu massage,

neuromuscular

therapy, seaweed

separate men's and

and whirlpool.

United States, thanks to the 21 championshipquality courts and staff of USPTA-certified pros. In addition, personal trainers at the resort's fitness center work closely with each guest to develop individual programs for sports-specific training, posture, flexibility, and other areas. Guests may



wraps, reflexology, aromatherapy, facials, and many other treatments designed to soothe body and mind. The Colony Salon complements the spa's offerings with services for hair and nails, including hair coloring and styling and spa pedicures.

Guests enjoy the convenience of all tennis court time, guaranteed matchmaking, and health facilities

free of charge. Involvement ranges from casual play to high-powered commitment.

Children age 3 to 6 and 7 to 12 have their own daily recreation programs. Called Kinder Kamp and Kidding Around, they also come free of charge. Other seasonal programs include Kids

> Corps for ages 9 to 12, LBK FLA for teens, and Family Fare for parents and children participating together.

Mother Nature provides yet another favorite attraction— 800 feet of private white-sand beach on the Gulf of Mexico.



Location: 15 minutes from Sarasota, on Longboat Key, Florida Property: 18 acres Accommodations: 208 suites, three beach cottages

Meeting facilities: 6,642 square feet Recreation: 21 tennis courts (10 soft Hydro courts), private beach, swimming pool, spa, fitness center, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, biking, and fishing. Nearby championship golf and attractions like the Mote Marine Laboratory and the Ringling Museum of Art. Range of rates: \$190-\$975 (seasonal) Reservations: (941) 383-6464; in the U.S. and Canada (800) 4-COLONY; fax (941) 383-7549 Mailing address: 1620 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key, FL 34228-3499 Internet: www.colonybeachresort.com

General manager: Katherine Klauber

Moulton



Here the resort pursues excellence with a complete Watersports Center stocked with sailboats, Hobie Cats, windsurfers, kayaks, and more. The center gives instruction in all water sports—from basic to advanced—and can arrange for waterskiing, scuba diving, or other special charter trips.

Meanwhile, another staff caters to guests combining business with pleasure. This team specializes in executive gatherings for up to 250. Seven meeting rooms total 6,642 square feet, and outdoor functions take place at a wide variety of sites. In addition, 25 suites function ideally for small private discussion groups. Reserved exclusively for adults and opulently appointed, these oversize quarters offer double duty as exclusive homes for VIPs and for romantic holidays.

Executives find accommodations to suit any need—but so do couples and families with

children. They choose from 208 villa suites and three complete houses. All feature contemporary furnishings, a living room, dining area, balcony, and up to three bedrooms. Also standard are full kitchens and marble master bathrooms with steam showers and whirlpool baths.

The resort goes first class all the way, but the award-winning Colony Dining Room epitomizes the theme of excellence. Called "one of the outstanding restaurants of the world" by *Travel Holiday* magazine, the gourmet establishment holds a long list of honors, including the *Wine Spectator's* Grand Award. The Colony Bistro hosts more casual dining. Guests may also enjoy alfresco lunches at The Colony Patio & Patio Bar. The Colony Lounge completes the day with live music and entertainment nightly.

Dr. Klauber takes special pride in The Colony's reputation for excellence, a pride he shares with daughter Katie, president and general manager, and Katie's husband Michael Moulton, executive vice president. The staff of more than 300 members extends the family feeling with their friendly, caring service.

Regular visitors say they find The Colony's warmth and eye for excellence contagious. They come away relaxed and renewed—ready to face the world with energy and a smile. *****





Top: One of the nation's original all-suite resorts, The Colony continually updates and remodels its accommodations. Sleek modern furnishings, kitchens, and master baths with marble mini spas ensure a relaxing atmosphere indoors. **Above: Guests alternate** between the beach and pool for a wide range of water sports or simple relaxation. Left: The Colony's 21 tennis courts regularly host tournaments, clinics, and private lessons from the USPTAcertified staff.

Right: The Lodge at Vail's new Cucina Rustica brings the warmth of a Tuscan inn to the Colorado Rockies. Windows view Vail Village and the Vista Bahn while guests sample the Italianinspired creations of Chef Dino DeBell.





Above: A garden of Colorado natives surrounds The Wildflower Terrace in spring and summer. Right: At the heart of Vail, the European-style retreat helped launch America's favorite ski village, today a popular destination the year around.

The Lodge at Vail

OME 32 YEARS AGO, a group of U.S. ski enthusiasts brought the Tyrol home to meet the Rockies. These graduates of the 10th Mountain Division, armed with chain saws and visions of the wide-open skiing of the Alps, sculpted the fabulous trails and runs that turned Vail, Colorado, into America's most popular ski resort.

Today the chalet-style hostelry that launched

the original Lodge at Vail still rests at the foot of the main fall line. Just 30 yards from Lift No. 1 and the high-speed Vista Bahn, it continues to set the standard for European charm and comfort, now as a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, To further enhance its attractions, the area's first ski-in, ski-out hotel recently completed a three-phase



renovation and \$15-million addition.

Guests enter a world of alpine luxury characterized by crackling stone hearths and warm, polished woods. A wide staircase sweeps up from the lobby toward the private quarters: 72 rooms lavished in mahogany and marble-lined baths. In addition, guests may choose from 46 individually decorated suites complete with fireplaces, kitchens, and

balconies.

The new wing's 19 rooms and suites include the Penthouse, representing the heights of luxury living with its antique furnishings, silk accouterments, and 3,500 square feet of space. All three Penthouse bedrooms come with fireplaces and bathrooms with sunken tubs. Combined with the great room's views and generous proportions, a



1,000-square-foot deck ensures the ultimate in private relaxation and catered parties.

Delegates combining business with pleasure choose from five meeting rooms. The largest, Vail's only slope-side ballroom, holds groups of up to 500. With their own entrance and breathtaking views, the facilities divide, mix, and match to meet a variety of needs, while the staff contributes professional support and a complete range of audiovisual and office equipment.

Guests find themselves at the heart of the action in the only true pedestrian village outside Europe. Free trams crisscross the valley floor, taking visitors wherever they want to go. Yet most guests stick close to home, enjoying the hotel's heated outdoor pool; exercise, sauna, and massage facilities; 15-person Jacuzzi; and promenade of exclusive shops.

In addition, the hotel boasts one of Vail's most

popular nightclubs, Mickey's Piano and Wine Bar, and exclusive restaurants, The Wildflower, holding awards from the *Wine Spectator*, the James Beard Foundation, and Distinguished Restaurants of North America.

The newly redesigned Cucina Rustica serves breakfast and lunch buffets by day, then Italian cuisine in the ambience of a Tuscan inn by night. In summer, guests enjoy poolside refreshments and captivating views of Colorado wildflowers blanketing Vail Mountain.

Warm weather invites golf, tennis, and horseback riding fans into the surrounding scenery. Summer also means hiking, fishing, rafting, celebrity golf tournaments, vintage car shows, music festivals, even hot-air ballooning. Whatever the season, The Lodge at Vail adds a generous helping of European style and grace to enhance the pleasures of a Rocky Mountain holiday. *****



Left: A new \$15-million





Left: Spring blooms all year at The Wildflower. Under the guidance of Chef Thomas Gay, the restaurant achieved full blossom and earned the coveted Excellence Award from the Wine Spectator.

Location: 100 miles from Denver International Airport in Vail, Colorado Accommodations: 118 rooms and suites Meeting space: 8,000 square feet Recreation: Pool, fitness center, and nearby skiing, golf, tennis, hiking, rafting, fishing, and horseback riding. Range of rates: \$220-\$2,225 (seasonal) Reservations: (970) 476-5011; in the U.S. (800) 331-LODG; fax (970) 476-7425 Mailing address: 174 E. Gore Creek Dr., Vail, CO 81657 General manager: Wolfgang Triebnig A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Right: Established in 1929, The Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa reflects the philosophy of architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The resort's historic areas inspired the design of a contemporary addition, the Paradise Pool, whose tower conceals a 92-foot water slide.







Above: The new Arizona Biltmore Spa pampers guests with over 80 beauty and massage treatments. Right: The adjacent Arizona Biltmore Country Club offers two I 8-hole championship golf courses. Far right: Seven floodlit tennis courts specialize in lessons, clinics, tournaments, and casual games.

The Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa

HE SPIRIT of architect Frank Lloyd Wright infuses every aspect of the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa. Guests have marveled at the site-sensitive design, native materials, and integration of fine art and furnishings since 1929. Today, thanks to a \$50-million renovation and expansion, such high-tech advances as voice mail and electronic card keys are as much a part of the hospitality as the priceless works of art.

Guests selecting Standard Category rooms and



suites sink into exquisitely restful environments with views of Phoenix's famous Squaw Peak and Camelback mountains, the new Paradise Pool, and a myriad of lawns, fountains, and flower gardens. Accommodations in the Resort Category offer extras like living rooms with fireplaces, spacious master baths, and balconies or patios. Guests can also stay in 78 Wright-inspired villas, each with patio or balcony, two bedroom suites, kitchen, dining area, and dramatic living room. In February



Location: In the Squaw Peak foothills of Phoenix, Arizona Property: 39 acres Accommodations: 750 rooms, suites, and villas Meeting space: 60,000 square feet Recreation: Two 18-hole golf courses, putting course, eight pools, fitness center and spa, seven tennis courts, lawn games, jogging, hiking, biking, and children's program. Range of rates: \$145-\$1,490 Reservations: (602) 955-6600; in the U.S. (800) 950-0086 Mailing address: 24th St. and Missouri, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Managing director: Jim Ball

1999, the resort will debut another 120 guest rooms in the new Arizona Wing, resulting in a total of 750 luxury accommodations.

As every returning guest will tell you, no visit to the Arizona Biltmore is complete without a visit to Wright's, the resort's signature dining room and

one of five restaurants on the property. The inspired architecture of Wright's complements a menu of New American Cuisine and the valley's most extensive wine list. Nearby, a private dining room sets the stage for some of the resort's most exclusive dinner parties.

Larger groups—up to 1,400—gather in The Pavilion, while the adjacent Conference Center adds an array of flexible meeting rooms, boardrooms, and foyers. The historic Grand Ballroom, Aztec Room, and Gold Room augment more than 60,000 square feet of modern meeting space.

Water lovers choose from a dip into eight swimming pools and three outdoor whirlpools—or an exhilarating ride down Paradise Pool's 92-foot water slide. For a poolside retreat, 17 private cabanas provide baths

and showers, TVs, courtesy bars, butler service, phone, and fax.

Youngsters look forward to Kids Kabana, a learning and activities program available on an hourly and daily basis. An 18-hole putting course and other practice facilities invite golfers to gear up for the challenge of two 18-hole championship courses nearby. Tennis fans face off on seven lighted courts. Croquet, volleyball, lawn chess, jogging, and biking complete a thorough acquaintance with the 39 acres of manicured



grounds. For explorations off site, veteran concierge and Desert Jewel Destination teams can easily arrange for horseback rides, jeep tours, hot-air ballooning, and jaunts to nearby Scottsdale, Sedona, and the Grand Canyon.

Meanwhile, the resort's newest amenity—the \$3.5-million, 20,000-square-foot Arizona Biltmore Spa—offers a fitness center, aerobics studio, indoor and outdoor treatment rooms, beauty salon, and more than 80 European-style skin, body, and salon services.

Much has changed at the Arizona Biltmore in the last seven decades. Thanks to the dedication of management and the preference of a discriminating clientele, the essence of design and influence of its designer go on and on. 🎋





Top: Brimming with Arizona sunshine, the Sun Room seats guests for afternoon tea in large, comfortable chairs. Above: Villa owners and guests combine the comforts of home and the amenities of a first-class hotel. Left: The resort's newest meeting room, the 15,000-square-foot Pavilion, affords pin spotlighting from a 20-foot ceiling, front- and rearscreen projection, and state-of-the-art sound.

Right: Contemporary art charts Canadian history in the lobby of the Waterfront Centre Hotel, exemplifying the designers' skillful mix of culture, nature, and cosmopolitan lifestyle in Vancouver.





Above: While a covered walkway leads to Vancouver's cruise ship terminal and convention center, the tower mirrors 360 degrees of surrounding mountains, city, and harbor. Right: Herons matches Pacific Northwest flavors with views of Stanley Park. Waterfront Centre Hotel

N 1891, the Empress Steamships of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company launched a standard of service never seen before on the high seas. Exactly 100 years later, Canadian Pacific returned to the shores of British Columbia with their latest vessel—the Waterfront Centre Hotel.

Waterfront Centre forms the cornerstone of the

Coal Harbor Development, a bustling community that links Vancouver's downtown core with its waterfront. Terraced gardens, fountains, and retail shops connect the 23story hotel and its sister office tower on the Concourse Level. An enclosed pedestrian walkway directly links the towers to Vancou-



ver's Cruise Ship Terminal and Trade & Convention Centre.

The hotel's design team knew better than to compete with Mother Nature. From the outside, the hotel mirrors its immediate surroundings of Pacific Ocean, sky, and greenery in blue reflective glass. Inside, the lobby distills the essence of the shore with materials like fossilized shells in

> limestone and sandstone-colored marble against a panoramic view of the harbor. Views of Stanley Park across the water tie diners to the land at Herons, the hotel's signature restaurant.

The bill of fare at Herons provides a sense of place as well. Flavors gathered from the hotel's third-floor, 2,100-





square-foot herb garden join fresh local fruits and vegetables, local game and seafood, and Pacific Northwest wines. In the lounge, guests linger over cocktails by the fire and enjoy live piano entertainment.

Special guest services include a traditional page who personally relays phone, fax, and other messages. Complimentary coffee and tea in every room, 24-hour in-room dining, guest climate control, and two-line phones with data ports provide additional conveniences.

Guests traveling on business appreciate the Business Center, impeccably staffed and equipped with the latest technology at private work stations. For gatherings of up to 600, 24,000 square feet of meeting space offers complete audiovisual services, creative cuisine, and elegant settings with beautiful views of the waterfront. In addition, a complimentary health club invites everyone to enjoy its exercise equipment, steam rooms, massage facilities, and refreshing outdoor pool adjacent to the herb garden.

Spectacular harbor and garden views fill picture windows in every guest room, luring guests

Location: On the shores of Burrard Inlet, in downtown Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada Accommodations: 489 rooms and suites Meeting space: 24,000 square feet Range of rates: Approximate US\$195-\$1,700 Reservations: (604) 691-1991; in the U.S. and Canada (800) 441-1414; fax (604) 691-1999 Mailing address: 900 Canada Place Way, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6C 3L5 General manager: Stephen Peters

outdoors to meet the neighbors: 1,000-acre Stanley Park, historic Gastown, and cosmopolitan Robson Street—all only minutes away. At the same time, the luxuriously renovated rooms tempt guests to linger indoors and enjoy not only their magnificent overview of the city (well over half scan the harbor), but the many luxurious residential touches.

Entrée Gold welcomes the most discerning guests with the ultimate expressions of hospitality, such as private registration, exceptional room amenities, complimentary access to a private boardroom, and breakfast, cocktails, and canapés served in an exclusive lounge.

Canadian and Pacific Rim art ties every room and corridor to views of the land and sea or Vancouver's diversity of cultures. In the lobby, for instance, a large-scale contemporary work, *Voyage* of Discovery, charts British Captain George Vancouver's third and final visit to the Pacific Northwest in 1790. It and other artworks and artifacts establish a sense of old and new throughout the hotel—a fitting tribute to the timeless spirit and matchless beauty of Vancouver's waterfront. K





Top left: The third floor's pool and herb garden face south, ensuring maximum sunshine the year around. Top right: More than half the newly renovated rooms and suites present spectacular harbor views. Above: With 7,050 square feet, the lobby level's Waterfront Ballroom hosts groups of up to 600 in its largest configuration. Left: Intimate gatherings in the Terrace Room combine business with pleasure both indoors and out.

Right: At The Lodge & Club at Ponte Vedra Beach, only the Florida sun rivals the warmth of the welcome in the lobby. Below: The seaside playground transforms into a setting for romance at dusk.





The Lodge & Club



Right: Designed like a Mediterranean village, the resort fronts a wide stretch of private whitesand beach. Guests join members in everything from sunning and swimming to sand-castle building and hunting for shells. HE LODGE & CLUB at Ponte Vedra Beach opened in 1989 as a new notion of what a Florida resort could be. The intimate size ten acres with only 66 rooms and suites—Old World architecture, palm trees, sun, and sand dunes made it seem transported directly from the Costa del Sol. Together with first-class hospitality, the distinct charm and exclusive flavor quickly earned The Lodge Florida's only oceanfront membership in Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide.

The Lodge serves both resort guests and private members. Along with highly personalized attention, members and guests alike enjoy such first-class amenities as valet parking, concierge assistance, a full-service fitness center, 10,500 square feet of meeting space, twice-daily housekeeping, nightly turndown, same-day laundry, complimentary newspapers, and 24-hour room service.



Location: 22 miles southeast of Jacksonville at Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida Property: Ten acres Accommodations: 66 rooms and suites Meeting space: 10,500 square feet Recreation: Three pools, fitness center, spa, biking, sandy beach, kayaking, sailing, and fishing. Nearby golf, tennis, and horseback riding. Range of rates: \$155-\$350 (seasonal) Reservations: (904) 273-9500; in the

U.S. (800) 243-4304; fax (904) 273-0210 **Mailing address:** 607 Ponte Vedra Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 **Web site:** www.pvresorts.com **General Manager:** Dale Haney A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide



The rooms look in on a romantic courtyard lined with wrought-iron lampposts, terra-cotta tiles, two swimming pools, and an oversized Jacuzzi. They also look out over the blue Atlantic from private balconies and terraces. Spacious interiors set with comfortable designer furnishings, ceiling fans, and oversized bathrooms welcome every guest. The 28 suites offer options like fireplaces, Jacuzzi tubs, and kitchenettes.

For those wishing to dine by the pools, attentive waiters bring drinks and grilled menu items from the courtyard's Oasis restaurant. Just steps away, a private beach and calm ocean waters await. Ponte Vedra Beach basks in more than 300 days of sunshine a year, all ideal for spending

time under the open sky or in the shade of a Saint-Tropez-style cabana.

For more formal entertainment, guests gather for complimentary afternoon tea in The Library. At dinnertime, the Mediterranean Room treats them to a gourmet Continental menu, an extensive wine list, and a second-story view of the Atlantic. Another panoramic ocean view accompanies breakfast, lunch, and dinner at The Innlet, a more casual dining option.

As an integral part of the club atmosphere, The Lodge invites guests to join members at regular mixers, dances, cookouts, and live evening concerts. It provides social opportunities for children, too, through year-round supervised kids' programs and a summertime youth camp.

What's more, everyone has access to the recreation and spa offerings at the nearby Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, which features 15 top-rated tennis courts, 36 holes of championship golf, and a 10,000-square-foot luxury day spa with more than 100 body and beauty treatments.

For an intimate resort, The Lodge & Club at Ponte Vedra Beach allows for an enormous breadth of experience. Visitors indulge in everything from world-class sports and spa opportunities to fine dining and a social calendar as active, or inactive, as they please. *****



Above: Rooms and suites bring the outdoors in with their wide open spaces and seaside colors. While all provide oceanfront patios or balconies, optional luxuries include window seats, fireplaces, kitchenettes, and Jacuzzi tubs. Left: Groups enjoy the support of dedicated meetings staff, in-house audiovisuals, and five flexible function rooms for gatherings of 10 to 150.



Right: At the heart of Milwaukee's downtown business district, The Pfister invites guests to experience the splendor of the Victorian Age. The air of antiquity belies state-of-the-art service and amenities appealing to business and leisure travelers alike.





Milwaukee, Wisconsin The Pfister

Above: Afternoon English Tea in the Lobby Lounge treats guests to a timehonored Old World tradition. Right: Café Rouge provides an elegant stage for buffet lunch on weekdays and brunch on Sunday. HE END OF THE LAST CENTURY fulfilled a dream for German immigrant Guido Pfister. When the Milwaukee businessman opened The Pfister Hotel in 1893, his city had a

"Palace for the People—the Grand Hotel of the West."

More than 100 years later, visitors find a rich history wrapped in authentic Victorian-era splendor at the heart of the downtown business district. Meticulous restoration by Marcus Hotels & Resorts in 1993 returned The Pfister to the glory of its Belle Époch debut, from the towering bay windows of its Romanesque exterior to the soaring granite columns, heavenly ceiling mural, crystal chandeliers, and marble wainscoting of its extravagant lobby.



Just as yesterday's Pfister held a place among the grandest of hotels, today's Pfister ranks among "the best places to stay in the whole world," according to *Condé Nast Traveler* and its 1998 Gold List. This and other honors stem not only from the hotel's luxurious surroundings and state-ofthe-art amenities, but from Location: Three blocks from Lake Michigan in the downtown financial district of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Accommodations: 307 rooms and suites Meeting space: 24,000 square feet Range of rates: \$244-\$990 Reservations: (414) 273-8222; in the U.S. and Canada (800) 558-8222; fax (414) 273-8082 Mailing address: 424 E.Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202 General manager: Peter J. Iwanowski A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide

its founding philosophy of service. A special name exists for The Pfister's brand of hospitality: *salve*, a Latin word of greeting and farewell that means "to save" or "to soothe." The watchword, sculpted in decorative bas-relief beneath the lobby's ceiling mural, casts its promise on all who enter.

Beyond the lobby, the 307 rooms and suites (including those of a modern 23-story tower addition) usher guests into sumptuous residential settings of rich greens, reds, pinks, and mauves. The rooms' standard amenities include two TVs and phones, minibars, and remarkably plush towels. Suites raise the luxury quotient even further with marble-and-brass wet bars, three phones, and three TVs—plus Jacuzzi tubs surrounded by marble in the Heritage Suites.

The hotel also earns its modern four-diamond distinction with 24-hour room service, nightly turndown, overnight valet and complimentary shoeshine, concierge desk, and 24,000 square feet of meeting space. The latter, equipped with the latest in modern teleconferencing and other audiovisual systems, adapts for groups of 15 to 1,500.

Outside, a short stroll leads to the shores of Lake Michigan as well as the many festivals held yearround in downtown Milwaukee. Specialty shops, the Grand Avenue Mall, and the city's theater district beckon just blocks away.

Those seeking to view fine art need only scan the walls of the hotel's lobby, hallways, and





restaurants. More than 80 original oil paintings and watercolors distinguish The Pfister Art Collection as the hotel world's largest turn-of-the-century collection on permanent display.

Appetites raised by taking in the sights find reward at three distinguished restaurants within the hotel. Café at The Pfister, Café Rouge, and The English Room all feature the creations of worldclass chefs. The English Room, with its exquisite fine dining menu, consistently wins awards as one of Milwaukee's top restaurants. The Lobby Lounge adds a sophisticated setting for conversation over cocktails and other refreshments, including Afternoon English Tea.

From its lounge to its guest rooms and all the spaces in between, the hotel aims to delight and satisfy every visitor. Today's Pfister still reigns as a Palace for the People, complete with Victorian splendor and timeless hospitality. ***** Above: Views over the city reward everyone from early birds to night owls. The rooms' recent renovations reflect membership with both Historic Hotels of America and Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide.



Far left: Comfort, convenience, and attention to detail mark every room and suite. Left: The seventh floor's meeting and banquet rooms host functions of every description. A 32-foot ceiling in the Imperial Ballroom lends grandeur to any occasion. Right: The Sutton Place Hotel's atrium restaurant, Accents, celebrates the abundance of light and space in Newport Beach. The emphasis on fresh, flavorful cuisine mirrors the California good life as well.





The Sutton Place Hotel



Above: First-class services include transportation to and from nearby John Wayne Airport. Right: The Sutton Place sundeck, pool, and spa exemplify the Southern California lifestyle. HE SUTTON PLACE HOTEL combines European traditions with California flair in Newport Beach, one of Southern California's most affluent and beautiful cities. Guests live only minutes from the legendary shops of Fashion Island and South Coast Plaza, Pacific beaches, and yachts of Newport Bay. Guests at leisure also appreciate the location's easy access to everything and modem hookup in every room, cell phone rental, and ISDN Internet connection in its business center and function rooms.

Meeting facilities cater to groups of 10 or 1,000 with style and first-class care and attention. Two glamorous ballrooms adapt for a wide variety of functions, setting the stage for weddings, social occasions, and corporate gatherings of every

from Laguna Beach to Catalina Island, from Disneyland in Anaheim to Universal Studios in Hollywood.

Working travelers benefit from a full-service Business Center, which offers computer services, outgoing fax transmission, and photocopying. The hotel also offers voice mail



description. Other venues for groups include 11 meeting rooms, nine hospitality suites, and a wedding gazebo in the garden adjoined by the Bistrot Terrasse, an enclosed, glassed-in facility.

Guest rooms range in size from spacious single accommodations to luxurious VIP suites.



Standard amenities include a well-stocked minibar and personal care products, TV with on-demand movies, dual-line phones, and access to 24-hour room service, concierge, same-day laundry and valet, covered parking, car rental, and complimentary transportation to and from nearby John Wayne Airport.

Five suites on the Executive Panache Club level provide comfortable residential settings for meetings or private entertaining. All guests of the Executive Panache Club floor enjoy such extras as complimentary shoeshine and suit pressing, VCRs for their rooms on request, and access to an exclusive lounge with large-screen TV, VCR and video library, and complimentary Continental breakfast and evening hors d'oeuvres.

Guests savor exceptional fare throughout their stay, whether from the executive lounge, room service, catering, or the hotel's signature restaurant, Accents, which features a California atrium garden design and cuisine combining French and California cultures. Available for private dinner parties, the Wine Cellar houses an extensive collection of first-growth Bordeaux wines. For light fare, the outdoor Calypso Café operates poolside during spring and summer. Throughout the year, both the Accents Bar and Trianon Lounge offer informal dining, live music, and cocktails.





Location: Five minutes from John Wayne Airport in Newport Beach, California Accommodations: 435 rooms and suites Meeting space: 19,341 square feet Range of rates: \$175-\$450 Reservations: (949) 476-2001; in the U.S. (800) 243-4141; fax (949) 476-0153 Mailing address: 4500 MacArthur Blvd., Newport Beach, CA 92660 General manager: Jean Pierre Lortal Above, far left: Rooms and suites display a distinct California flair with modern amenities such as voice mail and modem hookup. Above: Spacious VIP suites offer the luxury of entertaining in residential comfort.

The Fitness Center adds yet another dimension to guest enjoyment, providing everything from exercise and weight-training equipment to massage. Guests may also indulge in a dip into the heated pool, spa, and sauna rooms. Or they can jog, cycle on hotel-supplied bikes, or play tennis day or night on two regulation-size courts.

World travelers liken Newport Beach to cities on the French Riviera. At The Sutton Place Hotel, they enjoy the elegance of Europe combined with the free spirit of Southern California. 76



Far left: More than 19,000 square feet of meeting facilities welcome business and social gatherings of every size. Left: Weddings and other events enjoy a view of the garden from the glass-enclosed Bistrot Terrasse. Right: Situated only 17 miles from Phoenix, The Wigwam Resort embraces guests in Arizona warmth and authenticity, from adobe *casitas* and flower beds ablaze with color to evenings of clear, cool, star-filled nights.







Above: Trail rides lead into desert flanked by purple mountains. Much of the outlying land remains pristine, identical to times past. Right: While golfers take up the challenge of three championship golf courses, others play tennis, visit the fitness center, or soak up the sun around the pools.

The Wigwam Resort

HE WIGWAM RESORT remains true to its Southwestern spirit after more than 70 years. In the early 1990s, loyal patrons watched with mixed emotions as the property received a \$45-million rejuvenation and attained the highest international standard. Now everybody relishes the benefits of Mobil five-star status coupled with the atmosphere of old-fashioned Arizona hospitality.

Everything about The Wigwam exudes the warmth and charm of its Arizona locale, from the guest rooms' custom-designed furnishings to the tremendous collection of Native Ameri-

can and Southwestern art, abundant hardwood floors, fireplaces, and fire pits.

Desert golf leads the list of sports attractions, thanks to three championship courses on the property. No less than Robert Trent Jones, Sr., himself designed The Wigwam's Blue and Gold Courses, the latter consistently rated among Arizona's finest by *Golf* magazine and named the best resort course in the state by *Golf*

Digest. Recent institution of a

new program at the Gold Course invites players to experience the time-honored tradition of caddies on an authentically traditional course. The third layout, the Robert "Red" Lawrencedesigned Red Course, immerses guests in a loving tribute to the Arizona landscape.

The Wigwam pleases tennis fans as well with nine lighted Plexipave courts, including a 200-seat stadium court. Hiking, biking, croquet, badminton, shuffleboard, Ping-Pong, and volleyball have their share of devotees too. Camp Pow Wow, a children's day camp, entertains youngsters

through summer and other holidays.

Equestrians of all ages head for the stables, which sponsors trail rides, stagecoach jaunts, and hayrides. The Wigwam's fitness center adds exercise equipment, saunas, steam rooms, whirlpools, and massage. Nearly everyone takes time out for dips in the property's two heated pools and outdoor spas.

Adobe buildings harbor the rooms, suites, and meeting salons within a 75-acre oasis of lawns,
Location: 17 miles west of Phoenix, at Litchfield Park, Arizona Property: 75 acres Accommodations: 331 rooms and suites Meeting space: 30,000 square feet Recreation: 54 holes of championship

golf, nine tennis courts, two pools, fitness center, stables, croquet, badminton, volleyball, shuffleboard, biking, and hiking.

Range of rates: \$120-\$475 Reservations: (602) 935-3811; in the U.S. (800) 327-0396; fax (602) 535-1309 Mailing address: 300 Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park, AZ 85340 Web site: www.wigwamresort.com General manager: Cecil Ravenswood

flower beds, orange trees, and palms. Natural Arizona light streams into the guest rooms' spacious Southwestern interiors, where the standard appointments include stocked honor

bars, cable television, terry robes, two telephones, in-room safes, and private patios. Five-star services range from concierge to valet, housekeeping three times a day, and 24-hour in-room dining.

Four restaurants make up a variety of moods and flavors for dining out, all overseen by Executive Chef Jon Hill, former White House chef for the Reagan Administration. Adjoining the Gold Course, the Grille on the Greens features rotisserie cooking, prime meats, and seafood to enjoy indoors or on the patio.

The Terrace Dining Room provides outdoor seating as well. Featuring fine American and Continental cuisine, it overlooks the main pool area. Guests dine on either the upper or the lower terrace—and dance to live band music in the evening.

Another restaurant, the celebrated Arizona Kitchen, stages cozy fireside dining within thick adobe walls and timbered ceilings. An open kitchen





allows guests to watch the award-winning chefs prepare original expressions of modern Southwest cuisine. The Arizona Kitchen is one of only five restaurants in the state to win both Mobil's Four Star and the AAA's Four Diamond Awards.

Guests also enjoy comestibles at the Kachina Bar off the lobby, the Arizona Bar (complete with big-screen TV), and the Pool Cabana.

The emphasis on fulfilling individual needs and wishes extends to meetings. The resort's 30,000 square feet of conference space adapts for groups of 10 to over 1,000. Conference amenities range from state-of-the-art audiovisuals to office services to custom theme parties.

All this business and pleasure takes place just minutes from downtown Phoenix. Whether longtime patron or newcomer, everyone feels they're coming home, thanks to The Wigwam's signature blend of history, five-star hospitality, and authentic Arizona charm. **76**





Top: Guests choose between entertaining and romancing in spacious suites with large picture windows and stone fireplaces. Below, far left: Sachem Hall seats up to 350 for formal banquets or 600 theater-style. Above and left: While the Arizona Kitchen highlights local flavors, the Terrace Dining Room focuses on Continental cuisine. Right and below: The Charter at Beaver Creek, located ten miles west of Vail, Colorado, offers instant access to Beaver Creek Mountain, Bachelor Gulch, and Arrowhead Mountain for summer and winter sports—from skiing and snowboarding to mountain biking, swimming, and golf.





The Charter at Beaver Creek



Below right: TraMonti Ristorante serves traditional Tuscan cuisine in an elegant atmosphere. A second restaurant offers a more casual mood for American breakfasts, lunches, and dinners.

UCH OF THE RESORT LIFE at Beaver Creek, Colorado, centers on the simple pleasures: fresh air, outdoor activity, and the splendor of the Rocky Mountains. The Charter at Beaver Creek enhances these pleasures by offering the convenience of a condominium property and the services of a luxury hotel and spa.

Located in the Vail Valley, ten miles west of Vail, The Charter sits in the Beaver Creek Village at the base of one of the world's top ski resorts. In addition to more than 30 restaurants and shops, the Beaver Creek Village boasts a year-round 528-seat live

theater, an ice rink, and a cache of art galleries and boutiques. From The Charter, golfers can walk to the Beaver Creek Golf Course, designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr. Meanwhile, Beaver Creek's big sister, Vail, contributes yet another world of outdoor recreation, shopping, concerts, and nightlife.

A summer season of golf, tennis, fly-fishing, river rafting, horseback riding, and hiking balances the valley's famous ski and snowboard offerings. The Charter lies just 100 yards from Beaver Creek's Elkhorn Lift, which gives ski-in, ski-out access to 1,625 acres, 14 lifts, and 146 trails. A short drive away, Vail adds another 30 lifts and 4,644 acres of skiable terrain.

Guests of The Charter explore the valley from a

perfect base camp. Recognized by the Zagat Survey as one of the nation's top hotels, The Charter also appears regularly on *Condé Nast Traveler*'s list of the best places to stay in the

Resorts & Great Hotels



Left and below: Individually appointed designer furnishings set every condominium apart. The units offer one to five bedrooms, spacious living rooms, wood-burning fireplaces, fully equipped kitchens, and patios or balconies.



For accommodation, guests choose everything from gracious hotel rooms to fully appointed condominiums. The condominiums range from one to five bedrooms and offer individual touches such as stone fireplaces and designer furnishings. All condominiums include picture windows, balconies or patios, fully appointed kitchens, washers and dryers, wall safes, humidifiers, VCRs, data ports, voice mail, and plush terry robes. Even though the units feel like home, guests enjoy the services of daily housekeeping and 24-hour front desk and concierge assistance.

Guests also have access to meeting rooms for groups of up to 150, a children's game room, and the après-ski atmosphere of the traMonti Lounge. Tus-

Location: In Beaver Creek, near Vail, Colorado Accommodations: 156 lodge rooms and one- to fivebedroom condominiums Meeting space: 9,000 square feet Range of rates: \$135-\$1,800 Recreation: Indoor and outdoor pools and hot tubs, health club and spa, and children's game room. Nearby skiing, ice-skating, tennis, golf, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, rafting, fishing, and hot-air ballooning. Reservations: (970) 949-6660; in the U.S. (800) 525-6660; fax (970) 949-6709 Mailing address: P.O. Box 5310, Beaver Creek, CO 81620 General manager: Michael Lange can cuisine and an elegant ambience distinguish traMonti Ristorante, while a second restaurant serves casual meals in a warm family atmosphere.

Whether coming off the ski trails in winter, taking a dip in the outdoor pool in summer, or sunning on the deck anytime of year, guests can proceed directly to Spa Struck, The Charter's new 17,000-square-foot spa and athletic club. Here they work out with the latest equipment, swim in a 65foot indoor lap pool, relax in a hot tub, take a steam or sauna, or enjoy a facial, manicure, aromatherapy, or massage.

The Charter at Beaver Creek affords a rare combination of luxuries, from the indulgence of a spa and the service of a fine hotel to the pleasure of a log crackling on the living room hearth. Outside, the Rocky Mountains complete the ideal getaway with an endless supply of blue sky and sunshine. 🎋





Left: Visitors enjoy all the conveniences and comforts of home regardless of the season. Whether in summer or winter, guests look out to find themselves in an alpine paradise. Right: Miramonte Resort nestles at the base of the Santa Rosa Mountains, just 20 minutes south of Palm Springs, California. Old World fountains, poolside cabanas, and balconies entwined with bougainvillea lend an air of Tuscany to the desert.





Miramonte Resort



Above: A cobblestone drive leads to the Coachella Valley's newest resort and one of its highest standards of service. Right: The lobby's finely crafted stonework, wrought iron, and mural ceilings introduce the Miramonte's brand of casual elegance. ROLLS-ROYCE touring car, parked on the cobblestone drive, gives a clue of what waits inside the new Miramonte Resort. Even before it opened in early 1998, the European-style resort—located only 12 miles from Palm Springs, California—won the Coachella Valley's only membership in Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide.

Miramonte spared no expense to construct a setting with all the hall-

marks of Tuscany: groves of olive trees, earth-tone facades accented by stone archways, roses interspersed with fountains and statues. Fourteen separate buildings house 226 rooms and suites, where the windows view the Santa Rosa Mountains and three surrounding golf courses. First-class appointments include marble bathrooms, dressing areas, king- or two queen-size beds, fully stocked bars, and desks with modem hookup.



Round-the-clock room service arrives via bicycle from the resort's main building, Casa Miramonte.

Guests who come for total rest in the desert often change their minds when they learn about the resort's special golf concierge. Miramonte guarantees tee times at 40 of the region's finest courses and country clubs, host to such events as the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic and the Skins Game. The concierge arranges golf itineraries to

match every player's skill, budget, and schedule. For corporate groups, he organizes custom golf clinics and tournaments at nearby facilities such as the David Leadbetter Golf Academy, Jim McLean Golf School, Dave Pelz Short Game School, and the Golf Resort at Indian Wells.

In addition to indulging in nonstop golf, guests swim in two pools (with private cabanas and Jacuzzis), exercise in the fitness center, ride horseback through the Location: In Indian Wells, 20 minutes south of Palm Springs, California Property: 11 acres Accommodations: 226 rooms and

suites

Meeting space: 15,000 square feet Recreation: Two pools, fitness center, croquet, badminton, boccie, and nearby golf, hot-air ballooning, horseback riding, hiking, and four-wheel drive desert tours.

Range of rates: \$109-\$379 (seasonal) Reservations: (760) 341-2200; in the U.S. (800) 237-2926; fax (760) 568-0541 Mailing address: 76-477 Hwy. 111, Indian Wells, CA 92210 General manager: J.P. Alotte A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide

desert, and take flight in a hot-air balloon. While the Rolls-Royce conveys some to Palms Springs' most fashionable galleries and boutiques, the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway lifts others from the desert floor to an alpine forest.

With both Los Angeles and San

Diego only a two-hour drive away, Miramonte offers a convenient halfway point for board meetings and other business events. Planners have plenty of choices with a total 15,000 square feet of space at their disposal and catering capability for up to 500 people. Misted terraces contribute a number of options for outdoor gatherings all year, day and night.

The resort's restaurants—Brissago, the Pool Grille, and Lobby Bar—share common themes of rotisserie-roasted meats, fresh fish, salads, and



pastas. Executive Chef Robert Briskman bases his menus on the finest and freshest California ingredients, describing his style as reminiscent of the coastal regions of Northern Italy. For a show along with dinner, Brissago features an exhibition kitchen.

From flowered landscapes to hand-picked wine lists, Miramonte lends an Old World flavor to every detail. The blend of Palm Springs elegance and Tuscan style portends a long history for the desert's newest luxury destination. *****



Top: Bedrooms come with panoramic views, generous space for work and conversation, private dressing areas, and marble baths. Above: A terrace overlooking the pool creates a romantic fireside setting. Far left: Brissago serves inside or alfresco on a misted terrace. Left: A special golf concierge guarantees tee times at the valley's finest courses, including three that directly flank the resort.







Top: The river of American history runs deep at Virginia's Kingsmill Resort, just minutes from Colonial Williamsburg. Above: Sweeping views accompany fine cuisine and Chesapeake Bay specialties at the Bray Dining Room. Right: The new James River Grand Ballroom welcomes groups of up to 500.

Williamsburg, Virginia Kingsmill Resort

OLFERS and history buffs delight in the rolling green landscapes of Kingsmill Resort, nestled within 2,900 acres along the James River in Williamsburg, Virginia. Originally the site of English colonist Richard Kingsmill's circa 1736 plantation home, Kingsmill Resort presents a mix of unspoiled old and new, combining a

richly historic design and Old World emphasis on personalized service with 63 holes of championship golf, a full-service luxury spa, and a wide

range of first-class amenities.

Guests enjoy a comfortably appointed Resort Center as well as a fully staffed modern Conference Center with expansive meeting and ballrooms, a full-service spa and state-of-theart sports club, and



400 elegantly turned-out rooms and suites.

Clustered in villas overlooking the tennis courts, fairways, and storied waters of the James River and Wareham's Pond, most of the one- to three-bedroom suites feature kitchens, living and dining areas, fireplaces, and outdoor decks. Room service delivers to those

wishing to dine in the privacy of their suite. Those drawn to dining out select from four restaurants and a lounge designed to suit a variety

of moods and tastes.

The Bray Dining Room, on the lobby level of the Resort Center, features a magnificent view of the river, lavish buffets, and a full à la carte menu. Regattas' Cafe & Market provides bistro-style food and atmosphere



Location: On the James River in Williamsburg, Virginia Property: 2,900 acres Accommodations: 400 rooms and suites Meeting space: 20,000 square feet Range of rates: \$139-\$847 Recreation: One 9-hole and three 18hole golf courses, 15 tennis courts, indoor and outdoor pools, sports club, billiards, full-service spa, 91-slip marina, boating, fishing, biking, and a wide variety of nearby sightseeing attractions. Reservations: (757) 253-1703; in the U.S. (800) 832-5665; fax (757) 253-8237 Mailing address: 1010 Kingsmill Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185 General manager: Terri A. Haack A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide

plus a deli market. Eagles' at the Golf Club adds a casual three-meal alternative. In the evening, guests have their choice of winding down at home or at Moody's Tavern, a vibrant pub featuring live entertainment.

The daytime possibilities begin with games on either the 9-hole or any of the three 18-hole golf courses. Other popular attractions: 15 tennis courts with tennis programs, a fully equipped spa, billiards, indoor and outdoor pools, biking, boating, and fishing. A 91-slip marina services both day visitors and guests renting slips. Its spot on the James River leads quickly to Chesapeake Bay and the scenic Intracoastal Waterway.



The region's rich historical roots add countless off-site diversions. Colonial Williamsburg lies just three miles away. Jamestown, one of the nation's first settlements, waits close by as well, as does the Yorktown Victory Center dedicated to the American Revolution.

Richard Kingsmill put both his faith and his plantation on Virginia's fertile soil. Today, guests reap the reward of more than 260 years of history combined with four-star, four-diamond hospitality and fun. *****



Top: Four sets of fairways connect much of the resort's 4.5 square miles. During the PGA Tour, all eyes focus on the River Course, designed by Pete Dye and site of the annual **Michelob Championship** at Kingsmill. Above: Suites come with up to three bedrooms, balconies or patios, full kitchens, and living rooms with fireplaces. Left: Guests enjoy indoor and outdoor pools, fitness facilities, Jacuzzis, steam room, and saunas at the Kingsmill Sports Club.



Right: The stylish lobby of the Essex House celebrates a distinguished history of hospitality on Central Park South in New York City.





Essex House



Above: Art deco splendor conveys the pride of place inherent in presiding over one of the world's great addresses. Right: Journeys Bar captures the spirit of transatlantic travel from days gone by. EW YORK'S famed Essex House faces the city's most romantic sight: the horse-drawn carriages of Central Park South. In turn, strollers in Central Park look to the great sign atop the 40-story art deco tower as their southern compass point.

The hotel's stature, location, and history make it one of Manhattan's bestknown landmarks. Guests who enter the lobby follow in the footsteps of such legends as Lily Pons (with her pet jaguar), Rudy Vallee, Eleanor Roosevelt, Bing Crosby, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Casey Stengel, to name just a few.

In 1985, the Essex House joined Nikko Hotels International, who in 1990 closed the doors for a 20month, \$175-million restoration project. Calling on the high-fashion talents of interior designer Pierre-Yves Rochon—whose masterful touch is also seen at Paris's Grand Hotel—continued a 61-year tradition of firsts and mosts.

The building itself was the tallest in New York City when it opened in 1931 and considered by many as the grandest. It broadcast live big-band music coast-to-coast in the '30s and '40s. Other innovations included Sunday





brunch—invented for strollers to top off a morning in Central Park with a long, leisurely midday meal.

Views of the park through wall-to-wall windows highlight the lobby and Café Botanica. The custom-designed park-view rooms and suites feature French Louis XVI-style furnishings, while the city-view accommodations offer the charm of English country Chippendale

motifs. All provide seating areas, desks, remote-control TVs and VCRs, minibars, safes, fax machines, data ports, voice mail, and three dual-line speaker phones per room. Marble bathrooms feature terry robes, scales, hair dryers, and top-quality grooming aids. Guests receive complimentary shoeshine and nightly turndown. Room service delivers 24 hours, bringing the *New York Times* with breakfast and fresh flowers with every meal.

A table at Les Célébrités represents one of Manhattan's most sought-after spots for fine dining. One of the very few five-diamond, five-star restaurants in America, it was also named one of the top ten hotel restaurants in the world by *Hotels* magazine. The second restaurant, Café Botanica, serves inventive California-style cuisine. Its Winter Garden and fountain lead to Journeys, a clublike lounge recalling an era of bygone luxury in its mahogany walls, Persian carpet, and working hearth.

Guests dropping by the hotel's Health Spa





Above left: Les Célébrités sparkles everywhere, from dazzling decor to impeccable service, an outstanding wine list to an irresistible menu. Above: Café Botanica matches its Central Park views with creative California cuisine. Left: The Grand Salon—the grande dame of ballrooms on Central Park South hosts some of New York's most prestigious events.





Top: Lofty suites afford private dinner parties high above the streets of Manhattan. Above: Along with complimentary saunas and steam baths, guests may use the stateof-the-art training room free of charge. Right: Many of the guest room decors frame stunning vistas of the park and city skyline. find amenities seen only in the finest private health clubs. Personal trainers attend the floor at all times. Separate men's and women's lockers flank facilities for sauna, steam, shower, massage, and beauty treatments.

Weekdays, executives from around the world flock to the hotel as a base for business, benefiting from a fully equipped and staffed Business Center—complete with private rentable offices—and free limousine service to Wall Street and the World Trade Center. Meeting rooms exert a powerful attraction as well. The magnificently restored Grand Salon, the adjoining Petit



Salon, and a variety of other richly decorated function rooms all bask in natural light and most overlook Central Park.

With facilities like this—plus all of Central Park for a front yard, and Broadway's theaters, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, major museums, and Fifth Avenue within easy walking distance the hotel continues to play a central role in the social life, culture, and economy of the city. Strollers still gauge direction by the same lofty building. Inside, the Essex House blends '30s elegance with the ultimate in modern-day luxury and convenience. 26

Location: Along Central Park South in Midtown Manhattan Accommodations: 597 rooms and suites Meeting space: Over 11,000 square feet Range of rates: \$375-\$3,000 Reservations: (212) 484-5100; in the U.S. (800) 645-5687; fax (212) 484-4602. Hotel (212) 247-0300; guest fax (212) 315-1839. Mailing address: 160 Central Park S., New York, NY 10019 General manager: Peter Dangerfield



Left: A 30-foot stone fireplace warms The Houstonian's Great Room, a haven of European residential traditions and rich fabrics. Below: Many of the hotel's motifs inspire thoughts of a grand Texas hunting lodge in the country.



The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa

RANQUIL SECLUSION from the hustle and bustle of Houston's city center, yet close proximity to the finest restaurants and shops, distinguishes The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa.

The four-star, four-diamond retreat nestles on 18 wooded acres in the heart of Houston's Galleria

area. Guests enjoy all the benefits of a resort in the country, including a nature walk, world-class athletic club, and, coming in October 1999, a golf club designed by Rees Jones. Embraced by

Embraced by towering trees and colorful flowers, Houston's only member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide recreates the ambience of a grand Texas lodge. Inlaid floors, handsome paneling, rich European fabrics, and a 30-foot hand-carved stone fireplace welcome guests as they stroll into the lobby, or "Great Room."



Expressions of Texas warmth and hospitality extend to every detail of the hotel, from the Great Room to the 277 guest rooms and nine elegant suites. Guests enjoy floor-to-ceiling windows with intimate wooded views and such conveniences as oversize working desks, dualline speaker phones



Left: The parklike retreat rests at Houston's heart, convenient to downtown, both airports, and Galleria shopping.

Right: The Houstonian Club lobby invites guests into one of the nation's largest and most complete sports and fitness centers. Below: Business travelers appreciate the rooms' working desks and dual-line phones equipped for fax and modem. Everybody loves the wall-to-wall windows with private views of the woodland.



Right: A classic Georgian setting complements fine cuisine at the Manor House. Far right: The Conference Center's 29 rooms serve for everything from high-level board meetings to banquets and theater-style presentations. with data ports, minibars, 25-inch TVs, Nintendo, movies, irons, and hair dryers. Luxury additions include plush robes, Crabtree & Evelyn bath amenities, and crystal ice buckets. Room service caters to guests 24 hours a day.

Residents of the exclusive Concierge Floor share a spacious, private living area complete with a full concierge staff to take care of special requests. Continental breakfast, evening cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and after-dinner sweets served by an elegant fireplace contribute to the experience.

On the ground floor, one deluxe suite and five deluxe rooms constitute another special category of accommodation, featuring sliding glass doors for instant access to the three heated pools available to guests.

Large picture windows capture outdoor views throughout the property, including the 29 meeting





rooms in the Conference Center wing. Business and social events benefit from the inviting views as well as conference-style seating, soundproof walls, and a staff of seasoned professionals.

Guests select from a variety of restaurants, including the Houstonian's new Olivette, a marriage of ancient Mediterranean culinary traditions and modern inspiration. The private Manor House, one of the original estate homes on the property and the former residence of President George Bush, serves as The Houstonian's signature restaurant. Its menu features American regional cuisine with creative heart-healthy and low-fat alternatives.

Groups wishing to dine together enjoy buffetstyle breakfasts, lunches, and dinners in the Aspen Dining Room. For a quick bite, The Center Court at The Houstonian Club specializes in pasta,



Location: In the Galleria area of Houston, Texas

Accommodations: 286 rooms and suites

Meeting space: 30,000 square feet Recreation: Three pools, nature and jogging trails, full-service spa, and a fitness center with programs and classes, workout equipment, 15 racquet-sport courts, rock-climbing wall, basketball, volleyball, and children's activities center. Range of rates: \$249-\$735 Reservations: (713) 680-2626; in the U.S. (800) 231-2759; fax (713) 688-6305 Mailing address: 111 N. Post Oak Lane, Houston, TX 77024 General manager: Mark Yanke A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide

sandwiches, frozen yogurt, and other light, healthy fare. Or guests can unwind and relax in The Bar, a sleek gathering spot characterized by inlaid

floors, paneled walls, striped fabrics, and chess tables.

Guests seeking more energetic activity enjoy outdoor strolls along the mile-long jogging path. Or they may take complete advantage of The Houstonian Club, ranked among the top ten health and fitness centers in the country. The offerings range from an award-winning aquatics program to a rock-climbing wall, boxing ring, five tennis courts, two paddle courts, eight racquetballsquash-handball courts, a full-court gymnasium for basketball and volleyball, more than 100 cardiovascular machines, and various dance, aerobic (including Pilates), tai chi, and stressmanagement classes.

In addition, children can visit the Youth Center



at The Houstonian Club, a new facility complete with a 35-seat movie theater, bistro, jukebox, video games, and computer stations.

Guests who retreat to The Spa at The Houstonian enter a world of pampered luxury, where the possibilities include salt-glow scrubs, seaweed body masks, aromatherapy treatments, and hair, nail, and cosmetic care. The day spa blends European traditions and current trends and techniques, all in an atmosphere of natural serenity.

Above all prevails the tranquillity of nature. Travelers discover a special hideaway in the heart of Houston, a luxury retreat designed to help them define visions and achieve goals while storing up treasured memories. *****







Top: Weddings receive loving attention to detail, whether menu planning, flowers, or table decorations. Above: The Spa spills into a tranquil garden pool oasis. Left: An indoor pool, fitness equipment, Youth Center, and rock-climbing wall only begin the list of options available at The Houstonian Club. Right: The Cincinnatian Hotel brings contemporary refinements to more than a hundred years of traditional style. Below: Built in 1882 as the region's tallest building, today's Cincinnatian welcomes travelers as the only small luxury hotel in the city.





The Cincinnatian Hotel



Above: Meeting rooms such as the Symmes and Ludlow Rooms include videoconferencing capability on the second floor. Right: The Palace Restaurant's atrium seating affords a sidewalk setting for elegant meals. The adjacent Cricket Lounge offers the only Englishstyle afternoon tea in town. HE CINCINNATIAN Hotel epitomizes the expression "a pleasant surprise." Everywhere within its French Second Empire exterior, Old World elegance and contemporary luxury combine to create an atmosphere of gracious discovery.

It was the tallest building in Cincinnati when built as the Palace

Hotel in 1882. It took equal pride in its elevators and incandescent lights—two of the

rarest and most cherished hotel amenities of the

day. Guests shared a bathroom at the end of each corridor.

Times have changed. For starters, 147 rooms and suites now grace the same area that once held 300. And, yes, each private lodging now comes with its own bathroom—as well as a Roman-size bathtub or dual shower, separate dressing room, bathroom phone,



terry-cloth robes, 24-hour room service, minibar, complimentary overnight shoeshine, turndown service, Internet and Ethernet access, dual phone lines, voice mail, and direct line access.

The Emery Presidential Suite reaches the heights of luxury with its two bedrooms, two exceptional baths, living room, and dining

area. Warm tones of beech wood accent stately Indian green marble and Brazilian black granite throughout. Two fireplaces, a wet bar, whirl-

> pools, and a state-of-the-art stereo system add to the list of comforts.

But one thing hasn't changed. The Cincinnatian is still the city's synonym for luxury. On the National Register of Historic Places, it's also the only small luxury hotel in Cincinnati.

Appropriately, the first surprise at The Cincinnatian waits just inside the door—a



Left: Ranked "Top Food" for its new American cuisine by the latest Zagat Survey, The Palace complements a fresh regional menu with an elegant decor. The Wine Spectator showers the wine list with praises for its high quality and large selection.

grand atrium soaring to a magnificent height of eight stories. On one side, the hotel's original marble staircase lends an air of stateliness. The balconies of rooms above can hear soft jazz or classical music rising each evening from the chic Cricket Lounge.

The elegance of the hotel's Palace Restaurant surpasses expectations as well. The 1998 Zagat Survey gave The Palace a "Top Food" ranking for new American cuisine. Each entree arrives covered with a polished silver dome, and all the domes are lifted at once, even at a table of ten. Always attentive, the service is never obtrusive.

A full-time concierge staff, international direct-dial phones, foreign currency exchange, and secretarial service are also available. The only traditional English tea in all of the Queen

Location: At the heart of downtown Cincinnati, Ohio Accommodations: 147 rooms and suites Meeting space: 3,100 square feet Range of rates: \$210-\$1,500 Reservations: (513) 381-3000; in the U.S. (800) 942-9000; fax (513) 651-0256 Mailing address: 601 Vine St., Cincinnati, OH 45202 General manager: Denise Vandersall A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide City unfolds regally each afternoon to the strains of live harp music. An exclusive exercise room includes Nautilus equipment, Stairmaster, stationary bikes, and a sauna. As if that weren't enough, each guest receives a printed weather forecast card during turndown in the evening.

Discriminating travelers have good reason to expect the unexpected from The Cincinnatian. Beyond the uncompromising service, traditional surroundings, and exceptional cuisine, the staff has been outdoing itself for 117 years. *****





Above: Exquisite details wrap guests in residential comfort. Left: Dual phone lines, voice mail, and easy online access keep working travelers in touch with the business world from the lap of luxury.

Right: Two championship golf courses form the centerpiece of Grand Geneva Resort & Spa. The Brute earns its name as one of the Midwest's longest and most challenging courses. Below: The Highlands pits players against the natural terrain of southern Wisconsin.





Grand Geneva Resort & Spa



Above: Guests venturing into the Spa & Sports Center find everything from facials and massage to racquetball courts and a 60-foot lap pool. Right: Summer cruises traverse historic Lake Geneva only a mile from the resort. GRAND GENEVA Resort & Spa welcomes travelers to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, with quiet charm, exemplary service, and yearround activities. Just 90 minutes north of Chicago and 60 minutes southeast of Milwaukee, the former Playboy Club Resort reopened in 1994 after a complete renovation by Marcus Hotels & Resorts. Five years

later, the Grand Geneva holds a long list of awards as one of the premier resort, golf, and spa destinations in mid-America.

The all-season resort features a full range of services, amenities, and activities, from great golf to tennis, swimming, horseback riding, skiing, complete spa services, three distinctive restaurants, and more. Whether seeking an active vacation or a relaxing getaway, guests



need never leave the resort's 1,300 acres.

Special events like Christmas in the Country bring people back year after year. From mid-November to early January, a half-million holiday lights, plus extensive decorations and entertainment, turn the resort into a winter wonderland. While parents enjoy daily fireside teas and nightly

holiday performances, the resort's child-care center, Kids Are Grand, tends tots aged six weeks to four

> years. Older children enjoy cookie baking, scavenger hunts, movies, and supervised games at the Grand Adventure Kids Club.

As the weather warms, the Grand Geneva attracts golfers to its two PGA tour-quality courses. The Brute, a par-72 course designed by Robert Bruce Harris,





Left: Views of the resort's private lake and the chefs at work flank the Newport Grill, a Chicago-style steak house. Below: Ristorante Brissago treats guests to regional Italian dishes prepared with a contemporary flair.



features 68 challenging bunkers and massive sloping greens. The Highlands course presents a par-71 links-style challenge originally designed by Jack Nicklaus and Pete Dye and redesigned in 1995 by Bob Cupp. Natural hills and hazards distinguish the Scottish-style course. A recipient of numerous golf industry awards, the resort recently received recognition as a *Golf* magazine Silver Medal winner, one of only two in Wisconsin.

Guests find year-round fun and fitness at the 40,000-square-foot Spa & Sports Center, which houses a lap pool, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, volleyball courts, cardiovascular theater, weight-training equipment, and workout studios. The spa area offers an array of European beauty

Location: Midway between Chicago and Milwaukee at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin Property: 1,300 acres Accommodations: 355 rooms and villas Meeting space: 50,000 square feet Recreation: Two 18-hole golf courses, ten tennis courts, volleyball, fitness center and spa, indoor and outdoor pools, private lake with paddle boats, horseback riding, biking, hiking, cross-country and downhill skiing, iceskating, and sleigh rides. Range of rates: \$119-\$750 Reservations: (414) 248-8811; in the U.S. (800) 558-3417; fax (414) 248-0130 Mailing address: P.O. Box 130, Lake Geneva, WI 53147-0130 Web site: www.GrandGeneva.com General manager: Stephen Magnuson

treatments, massage, whirlpool, steam, sauna, and a full-service beauty salon.

The resort's 355 guest rooms and recently renovated villas have a luxurious, yet homey, charm. The Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired Prairiestyle architecture and decor of the public spaces perfectly complement the surrounding landscape.

From the luxury of an AAA four-diamond hotel to a 12-run ski operation and a 4,100-foot FAA-certified airport, the Grand Geneva has it all. No wonder the Family Channel and magazines like *Condé Nast Traveler, Golf, Links,* and *Corporate Meetings & Incentives* recognize it as one of the nation's top destinations for discriminating travelers. **#**





Above: Rooms and villas combine the comforts of home with wall-to-wall windows on the wideopen landscape. Left: As popular with small groups as with the Fortune 500, the Grand Geneva offers 50,000 square feet of meeting space—more than any other resort in the state. Right: The Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas welcomes visitors to Dallas with the traditions of grand hospitality. A place on Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List honors the four-star, fourdiamond standard.





Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas



Above: At the heart of the Dallas–Fort Worth Metroplex, the hotel and its master-planned community reflect the Texassized vision of founder Ben Carpenter. Right: Like the Mandalay Ballroom, all meeting spaces combine elegance, comfort, and state-of-the-art functionality. HE OMNI MANDALAY HOTEL reflects the extraordinary vision of its founder, Ben Carpenter. In the early 1950s, the native Texan foresaw the day when the edge of Dallas would reach his family's cattle ranch, Ranchito de las Colinas, in the hills northwest of town. With an eye to saving the land's natural beauty for all time, he set out to shape its destiny.

Today the master-planned community spans 12,000 acres, with a 960-acre business section at its heart and 4,500 acres dedicated to open space and recreation. In the '50s Carpenter donated 150 acres to found the University of Dallas, which now spreads over 1,000 acres. In the '60s he donated

land for a major park

and health care system.

Then in 1973 his plans

when the Dallas-Fort

Airport opened just five

minutes from the edge of Las Colinas.

Colinas, and Carpenter

Soon major corporations began

relocating to Las

Worth International

gained momentum

built Lake Carolyn and Williams Square—a pink granite plaza twice the size of a football field and featuring the world's largest bronze equestrian sculpture, *The Mustangs of Las Colinas*. He also built the Mandalay Canal, a romantic waterway with European-style shopping village and handcrafted Venetian water taxis.

In 1983, Carpenter completed his dream by opening a grand hotel—today's Omni Mandalay. Directly opposite Williams Square and adjoining Lake Carolyn and the canal, the location affords easy access to the businesses in Las Colinas—but in a lakeside setting well away from everyday pressures. Many meetings, in fact, take place right

within the hotel, thanks to 31,200 square feet of superbly functional conference space.

And, just outside the hotel, guests indulge themselves at Spa Atelier, a fullservice Aveda-concept salon and spa offering signing privileges to guests of the Omni Mandalay.

Location: Eight miles from downtown Dallas, at the heart of Las Colinas in Irving, Texas Accommodations: 410 rooms and suites Meeting space: 31,200 square feet Range of rates: \$139-\$1,200 Reservations: (972) 556-0800; in the U.S. (800) THE-OMNI; fax (972) 556-0729 Mailing address: 221 E. Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, TX 75039 General manager: Troy Schroeder

The name Mandalay sprang from events in 1944, when Carpenter served the 124th Cavalry in Burma and won a Silver Star for gallantry in action. His memories of Mandalay, the cultural center of Burma, inspired not only the hotel's name but its Far Eastern, English colonial flavor.

A multimillion-dollar update by Omni Hotels in 1992 reaffirmed the English-Oriental theme. Omni renovations brought new lighting, artworks, and conversation areas to the Lobby and Les Jardins, the living-room lounge.

They brought an elegant polish to the Mandalay Ballroom, a new full-service Business Center, a revitalized Health Club and outdoor pool, and 96 renovated Mandalay Suites—highlighted by spacious parlors, balconies, and sumptuous appointments. Presidential and Governor's Suites elevate the level of luxury even further with rich wood paneling, formal dining rooms, baby grand pianos, and canopy beds.

As always, dining is as much an experience as a meal at the Omni Mandalay, whether in one's



room, at a formal banquet, or in the private dining restaurant Enjolie, where guests enjoy a fabulous Sunday brunch with a view of the lake and the sounds of a classical guitarist. Cafe D'Or provides a golden opportunity for relaxed hotel dining. Aperitif, an extension of Les Jardins, adds a cozy contrast with its black marble bar and atmosphere of a classic gentlemen's club.

High above, rooms and suites toward the top of the Omni Mandalay can see the sunrise over central Dallas, just eight miles distant. Visitors may be unaware just how far Las Colinas has come the last 40 years. They do, however, reap the rewards of one man's journey on the road to the Omni Mandalay. *****



Above: The Governor's Suite and Boardroom illustrate the British colonial style. Below, far left: Les Jardins serves as the hotel's living room. Far Eastern foliage and flowers merge with the view of lakeside lawns and gardens. Left: A renowned Sunday brunch and private dining for groups of 20 to 70 highlight Enjolie.





Below: Mighty Blackcomb and Whistler mountains dwarf the largest, most all-inclusive luxury resort to open in Canada since the turn of the century. Right: The Chateau Whistler's Great Hall honors traditions of life in British Columbia's coastal mountain range.





Chateau Whistler Resort



Below right: For skiers, winter at the Chateau Whistler Resort means a mile of vertical drop on nearly 7,000 skiable acres. VERY SKIER dreams about Whistler in snowtime. The most recent survey of *Mountain Sports & Living* magazine rates it the No. 1 ski destination in North America for the seventh year in a row. An easy two-hour drive north of Vancouver, the Canadian resort nestles at the foot of the continent's two largest ski mountains: Blackcomb and Whistler. Almost 1.5 million skiers flock to the side-by-side peaks in winter, then thrill to a mile of vertical drop on nearly 7,000 skiable acres.

Yet, despite the notoriety, Whistler is still one of

the continent's best-kept secrets when it comes to warm-weather activities—which actually outnumber those of winter. For starters, Whistler now boasts four world-class golf courses, including the Chateau Whistler's own Robert



Trent Jones, Jr., course as well as Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, and Robert Cupp courses. They all blanket the earth in vibrant green while taking in breathtaking panoramas of soaring peaks, bubbling streams, and quiet ponds.

In summer, most of the Chateau Whistler's guests stay outdoors from sunrise to sunset, whether playing golf or tennis, sightseeing, mountain biking, alpine hiking, Rollerblading, swimming in five freshwater lakes, windsurfing, or even skiing on the glacier. Just a short walk from the hotel, Whistler Village presents a full calendar

> of outdoor summer festivals along with galleries and specialty shops, restaurants, bistros, bars, and nightclubs.

At home, the 12-story hotel entertains with three tennis courts, an indoor-outdoor heated



Left and below: Lupine and other Rocky Mountain wildflowers edge Whistler's fairways in spring. Alpine views celebrate the seasons on all four of the valley's 18-hole courses.



pool, and a full-service Health Club & Spa with extensive facilities. Business and social gatherings take place in six function rooms and two grand ballrooms—the largest and most complete facilities for events in the area. A professional Conference Service Department sees to every need, coordinating everything from food and beverage to office and audiovisual requirements.

Guests retire to 558 rooms and suites. Appointed in the latest amenities and furnished with country elegance, all focus on pastoral views of the surrounding mountains and valley. Standard luxuries include down-filled duvets and handmade quilts in the suites; minibars and in-room coffee and tea; alarm-clock radios and color TVs with video checkout, on-command movies, and video games; and full bathrooms with deluxe toiletries, hair dryers, and fluffy bathrobes.

In 1998, The Leading Hotels of the World welcomed the resort to its membership, an honor





Above: Three courts for tennis host games, tournaments, clinics, and lessons from the resident pros. Left: Guests wind down with light meals, snacks, and drinks at the Mallard Bar.



Above: Entrée Gold accomodation comes with extra-special service and the atmosphere of a fine old country manor. Above right: Complimentary refreshments highlight visits to the concierge-level lounge. that coincided with the establishment of an elite floor of accommodations known as Entrée Gold. Guests of this floor enjoy the utmost in luxury, from fireplaces and Jacuzzi tubs in their rooms to private check-in and checkout, full nightly turndown, overnight shoeshine, and complimentary Continental breakfast, honor bar beverages, and hors d'oeuvres served in the comfort of an exclusive concierge lounge.

Fine dining contributes an important component to every stay. The hotel's signature restaurant, The Wildflower, features the best of West Coast ingredients—wild mushrooms to seafoodprepared and served in a romantic country-kitchen atmosphere. Portobello's offers a fresh market-deli alternative, while the Mallard Bar provides fabulous views and a low-key atmosphere for light meals and cocktails. From spring through fall, the Mallard Terrace stages outdoor barbecues, the perfect wrap-up for a day of warm-weather fun.

Few resorts on earth can rival the scope of activities available in any one season at the Chateau Whistler Resort. Winter or summer, guests find the breadth of experience rivaled only by the expansive Canadian welcome and awesome mountain scenery. *****



Above and right: A fullservice Health Club & Spa features indoor and outdoor swimming, whirlpool baths, steam, sauna, massage, and an inspirational view of the valley.



Location: 75 miles north of the Vancouver International Airport, in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada Property: 10.6 acres Accommodations: 558 rooms and suites

Meeting space: 28,000 square feet Recreation: 18-hole golf course, three tennis courts, swimming pool, health club and spa, mountain biking, horseback riding, hiking, fishing, river rafting, windsurfing, downhill and cross-country skiing, heli-skiing, ice-skating, hay rides, snowmobiling, snowboarding, showshoeing, and sightseeing tours. Nearby ice hockey, rock climbing, jet boating, paragliding, hot-air ballooning, Rollerblading, and backcountry expeditions. Range of rates: Approximate US\$275-\$475 (seasonal)

Reservations: (604) 938-8000; in the U.S. (800) 441-1414; fax (604) 938-2055 Mailing address: 4599 Chateau Blvd., Whistler, B.C., Canada VON IB4 General manager: David Roberts





The Townsend Hotel

HEN THE TOWNSEND HOTEL opened in 1988 in Birmingham, Michigan, it had one simple goal: to exceed guests' expectations. The intimate, European-style hotel surprised newcomers then as it does today with its exceptional decor, service, and cuisine.

Guests find themselves central to all of Metro Detroit's major business locations—from downtown Detroit to Troy, Auburn Hills, and Southfield. Neighboring more than 150 shops, galleries, and dozens of parks and restaurants, the hotel's signature pleasures include a pianist with afternoon tea and Continental cuisine at the Rugby Grille.

Everyone looks forward to the private furnished balconies, beds dressed in Belgian linens, phones with fax and voice mail, deep soaking tubs, and thick terry robes. Guests may have everything from a computer delivered to the room to a massage or bubble bath waiting at the end of a long day.

After a decade of success, one might expect The



Location: A half-hour north of Detroit in the	he suburb of
Birmingham, Michigan	
Accommodations: 36 rooms and 51 suite	s
Meeting space: 4,310 square feet	
Range of rates: \$270-\$600	
Reservations: (248) 642-7900; in the U.S. (800) 548-4172
fax (248) 645-9061	
Mailing address: 100 Townsend St., Birming	gham, MI 48009
Managing director: Mort Kouklan	
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Townsend to rest on its laurels as the highest rated hotel in Michigan. But in 1998 it began a project to add 64 more rooms and suites, a state-of-the-art workout facility, bakery, additional meeting space, and a ballroom for groups of up to 400. Carefully planned not to affect ongoing operations, the expansion gives guests even more to love about The Townsend Hotel in 1999. *****





Top and above: The lobby illustrates some of the fine points of hospitality as practiced by The Townsend Hotel. Below, far left: Personalized service and rooms of impeccable taste earn the hotel a perennial spot on Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List. Left: Guests enjoy life in one of Michigan's most upscale communities, central to all the entertainment and businesses of Metropolitan Detroit.

Right: Florida sun and numerous spots for tanning and peoplewatching highlight the Swimming Lagoon at the Lago Mar Resort Hotel & Club.





Lago Mar Resort Hotel & Club

Above and right: Everything from the pristine white-sand beach to the lobby's spectacular floor mural celebrates Fort Lauderdale's seaside pleasures both indoors and out. UESTS of the Lago Mar Resort Hotel & Club enjoy the breezy elegance of the Mediterranean combined with the traditions of Old Florida. They unwind in the atmosphere of a their property from the ground up. Although the facilities are new, Lago Mar still captures the casual charm of South Florida living.

The resort stretches ten acres of lush tropical

private island estate within minutes of downtown Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and its international airport.

Newcomers often remark on the resort's warm family feeling, which stems from private ownership and management by three generations of the same family. Over the last nine years, the Banks family has redeveloped



grounds from Lake Mayan to the sea, ending in 475 feet of white sand and bluegreen Atlantic waters. Along with the private beach and ocean, two pools serve as magnets for sun worshipers. The smallest pool is Olympic size; the largest measures 9,000 square feet of lagoonstyle fun and relaxation.

Two ocean-view tennis courts have their Location: On Harbor Beach in Fort Lauderdale, Florida Property: Ten acres Accommodations: 212 rooms and suites Meeting space: 11,125 square feet Recreation: Two swimming pools, fitness room, two tennis courts, miniature golf, shuffleboard, teen game room, children's playground, volleyball, private beach, and water sports. Range of rates: \$110-\$650

Reservations: (954) 523-6511; in the U.S. (800) 524-6627; fax (954) 524-6627 Mailing address: 1700 S. Ocean Ln., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 General manager: Bruce Campbell

share of fans. Miniature golf, an exercise room, a children's playground, and a generous selection of bars and restaurants entertain as well. Guests may choose from an oceanfront grill, terrace dining, a coffee shop, patio bar, and comfortable lobby lounge with live entertainment.

The signature restaurant, the Palm Garden Dining Room, entertains with a sophisticated tropical look and high-fashion contemporary cuisine. The executive chef seeks out the finest and freshest of local ingredients and prepares them with influences from all over the world.

Meeting planners appreciate the mix of resortclub seclusion and urban convenience as much as leisure travelers. Groups of up to 150 convene in the self-contained Executive Conference Center: four rooms around a central lobby and 5,000square-foot prefunction area. All rooms have sound and climate controls, multiple microphones, phones, and electrical outlets. The Hibiscus Terrace adds a perfect stage for calypso, luau, and other theme events.





The 160 one- and two-bedroom suites—all with balconies and spectacular views—suggest additional settings for small meetings and hospitality. All have microwave ovens and refrigerators, and some have full kitchens. Fifty-two large, handsomely appointed guest rooms complete the choice of accommodation. Everyone has access to business services and complimentary laundry facilities, valet, and self-parking. The concierge and service desk can easily arrange for golf dates, fishing trips, sightseeing tours, and more.

The July 1996 issue of *Money* magazine ranked Fort Lauderdale the best big city to live in nationwide and the fourth best city overall. Its reasons included prime weather and the tremendous number of leisure options. It's these same reasons, plus a whole lot more, that make Lago Mar ideal for a South Florida getaway. *****



Top: A pianist accompanies evening drinks and conversation in the Lago Mar Lounge. Above: Gourmet cuisine and dappled sunshine highlight afternoons on the terrace. Far left: Rooms and suites embody the easygoing elegance of the South Florida lifestyle. Left: A romantic ocean view accompanies guests in the Palm Garden Dining Room.



Right: Sumptuous interiors vie with views of vibrant downtown Vancouver at the new Sheraton Suites Le Soleil. Penthouses match neoclassical finery with high arched windows and terraces for open-air views.





Sheraton Suites Le Soleil



Above: The restaurant Oritalia puts a contemporary twist on the flavors of Asia, Italy, and the Pacific Northwest. Right: Visitors find why so many surveys list Vancouver among the world's top ten most enjoyable cities. ISITORS TO VANCOUVER can swim in the ocean, ski in the mountains, and golf at championship courses on the same day.

Nestled between British Columbia's towering coastal range and inlets of glassy ocean water, the city's vibrant cosmopolitan downtown offers gorgeous parks, diverse cultural experiences, excellent shopping, and some of the world's best culinary offerings, all within easy walking distance.

Sheraton Suites Le Soleil, Vancouver's newest luxury boutique hotel, places visitors in the heart of the financial and entertainment district. For the executive traveler, Le Soleil's location affords quick access to everything from the Vancouver Stock Exchange to corporate head offices—all within three city blocks. Tourists can walk to the Vancouver Art



Gallery, Cruise Ship Terminal, and Stanley Park, a thousand acres of forest accompanied by 22 miles of hiking trails, beaches, and one of North America's top aquariums.

Guests can also stroll to Robson Street, Vancouver's premier shopping district, or visit Chinatown, historic Gastown, the Ford Center of the Performing Arts, and Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Sports enthusiasts can take in an NHL or NBA game at nearby General Motors Place or join the skiing and hiking at Location: In the downtown business district of Vancouver, Canada Accommodations: 122 suites Meeting space: 640 square feet Range of rates: US\$250-\$1,000 Reservations: (604) 632-3000; toll-free in the U.S. and Canada (877) 632-3030; fax (604) 632-3001 Mailing address: 567 Hornby St., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6C 2E8 General manager: Valentina Tang

Grouse Mountain, a mere 30 minutes away.

Amid this cornucopia of activity, Le Soleil offers an exclusive haven of European-style hospitality. With 122 suites on 16 floors, the city's newest boutique hotel indulges visitors in both the refined splendor of a neoclassical setting and the heights of personal service.

Guests stepping off the contemporary city streets into the lobby find themselves transported to another era. Thirty-foot-high vaulted and

gilded ceilings, crystal chandeliers, and gold-veined black marble from Italy epitomize Old World grandeur. Just off the lobby, an intimate lounge pairs a six-foot-high fireplace, original artwork, and deep sofas ideal for quiet conversation and reading.

The suites' maple furniture and satin brocades exhibit the same high level of sophistication. The bathrooms hold creamy marble floors and vanities of polished black granite flecked with copper. Many offer luxurious two-person marble shower stalls. Every suite comes with a general work surface, two-line speaker phone, cordless phone, high-speed Internet access, in-room fax-printercopier, coffee maker, teakettle, ironing board, hair dryer, umbrellas, and Aveda grooming products.

The two penthouse suites welcome VIPs with spectacular furnishings, 18-foot ceilings in the living rooms, floor-to-ceiling windows, two bedrooms, and private patios with prime views of the city.

Everyone appreciates the warmly efficient staff. The ultra-personalized services begin with a room attendant waiting in the suite with a welcome gift of fresh fruits and bottled water. The housekeeping department schedules its duties according to the *guests*' convenience. The general manager hosts a weekly wine reception. And the knowledgeable and discrete concierge can arrange for everything



from butler to chauffeur to private trainer and bodyguard.

For the culinary enthusiast, Le Soleil presents Oritalia—sister to one of San Francisco's top restaurants of the same name. The menu highlights the freshest Pacific Northwest ingredients in an innovative fusion of Italian and Asian styles.

World travelers may recall *le soleil* meaning "the sun" in France. In Vancouver, they find it means the newest leading light to rise on a hotel scene already known for its friendly and sophisticated hospitality. *****



Above: The suites exemplify luxury in every detail, from their satin brocades and custom maple furnishings to their carefully selected accessories. Original art on the themes of cuisine, champagne, and couture pays whimsical tribute to the high life. Below left: Le Soleil's signature motif stands not only for the sun but for the warmth of hospitality extended to all. Right: The Inn at the Market's fifth-floor deck faces the tugs and ferries plying Puget Sound and Elliott Bay. The lights of Seattle sparkle for nighttime viewers seated high above Pike Place Market.





Inn at the Market



Above: The quiet charm of the European countryside presides in the lobby, where cool Pacific Northwest mornings begin with hot tea and coffee on the house. Right: Guests enter the hotel by way of an ivied brick courtyard set with several popular restaurants. HE INN AT THE MARKET nestles within Pike Place Market, one of Seattle's most historic and popular attractions. The 70room boutique hotel takes great pride in maintaining traditions dear to the Pacific Northwest. Beyond superb coffee and local color from the market, guests enjoy a rooftop deck with sweeping views of ferries gliding across Puget Sound.

The Mobil four-star and AAA four-diamond

award winner occupies a modern brick building wrapped around an ivied courtyard. It shares a central fountain and cherry tree with a collection of upscale specialty shops and several bistros. Culturally inclined business and leisure guests find a wide array of activities within steps of their door. Complimentary town car service delivers them in minutes to the Bell



Harbor Conference Center, Benaroya Concert Performance Hall, Seattle Art Museum, and Key Arena, home of the Seattle Supersonics.

The lobby sets an inviting tone with European country antiques and a wood-burning fireplace. Complimentary coffee and tea greet early risers and their guests. The majority of rooms and suites continue the country elegance with overstuffed furniture crafted from natural pine and details like

> antique armoires. Floorto-ceiling bay windows view the city, market, courtyard, Olympic Mountains, or Elliott Bay and Puget Sound.

> The recent addition of five new guest rooms marks a change of style for the inn. The new furnishings incorporate elements of Biedermeier design: simple, elegant lines placing the accent on color and texture. Chenille, silk, and



cotton in tones of blue, beige, and taupe give an overall effect of soothing warmth and sophistication.

All guest quarters offer air conditioning, cable TV with premium channels, refrigerators, irons and boards, terry robes, coffee makers, and fax machines on request. The large tile bathrooms hold phone extensions, lighted vanity mirrors, hair dryers, and custom toiletries. Townhouse, Parlor, and Laura Ashley Suites add extras like fresh flowers, spa amenities, and cozy living areas with microwave ovens and wet bars.

Luncheons, seminars, board meetings, and other gatherings of up to 20 people take place in the Victor Steinbrueck Conference Room. The quiet, naturally lit room includes built-in screens, rheostat lighting, air conditioning, and a full range of audiovisuals and fax machines on request.

For breakfast, room service comes from Bacco, a friendly café and juice bar in the courtyard. Bacco's breakfast and lunch menus emphasize the health benefits of the market's finest and freshest

offerings. For dinner, room service comes from another courtyard restaurant, award-winning Campagne, where Chef Jim Drohman

Location: In the Pike Place Market of Seattle, Washington Accommodations: 70 rooms and suites Meeting space: 770 square feet Range of rates: \$140-\$350 (seasonal)

Reservations: (206) 443-3600; in the U.S. (800) 446-4484; fax (206) 448-0631 Mailing address: 86 Pine St., Seattle, WA 98101

General manager: Joyce Woodard



complements an extensive list of local and traditional wines with the flavors of southern France. Naturally, guests may join the diners at either restaurant or explore any of the many other nearby eateries, including Campagne's sister restaurant, Café Campagne.

Little wonder that *Condé Nast Traveler*'s 1998 Gold List named the Inn at the Market among the top hotels in the world. The premier location, sophisticated outlook, and warm, personal tone define a quintessential Pacific Northwest experience. **26**





Top: Five new rooms herald a change of style for the inn, from country elegant to Biedermeier sophistication. Above: At Campagne, diners feast on southern French specialties prepared from the finest local ingredients. Left: Café Campagne serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner in a cheerful bistro setting. Right: Mission Point Resort rests on Michigan's Mackinac Island, which closely guards its nineteenth-century ambience as a car-free zone. Below: Sweeping views of Lake Huron complement all-American burgers and smokehouse specialties at the Round Island Bar & Grill.





Mission Point Resort

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Right: Kids eat for free at every restaurant. Freighters Café pleases everyone with its casual outdoor breakfast, salads, and sandwiches. For guests planning day excursions, Freighters Deli packs everything from healthy choices for hikers to gourmet picnics for romantic couples. ITH 18 WOODED ACRES fronting Lake Huron, Mission Point Resort upholds Mackinac Island's long tradition as a retreat of simple pleasures. The island's ban on automobiles keeps everything to a gentle pace. With no internal combustion machines to defile

the pine-scented air, visitors enjoy more peaceful modes of transportation such as horse-drawn carriages, bicycles, and walking.

Guests leave their automobiles behind and take a ferry to the island, which is eight miles in circumference and 80 percent protected forest land. Naturally, hiking provides a big attraction, as do horseback riding, biking tours, carriage rides, visits to historic Fort Mackinac, and strolls through a downtown



filled with shops, pubs, and restaurants.

For golfers, the island features Wawashkamo Golf Club, a Scottish links-style course and the oldest continually played nine-hole course in the state. Mission Point guests also receive preferred tee times at several of the 14 championship courses

> just 30 minutes away on the mainland, warming up at an executive championship putting course on the property.

In the midst of this Northern Michigan paradise, Mission Point's 242 rooms and suites indulge visitors even further with posh new decors and extras like goose-down comforters and featherbeds. Some even boast fireplaces, Jacuzzis, or private decks with hot tubs. Along with the firstclass accommodations,



guests discover a state-of-the-art health club (complete with Cybex equipment, therapeutic massage, and more), a beauty salon, art gallery, boutique, first-run movie theater, observation tower, and 3,000-square-foot activity center.

Families of all ages feel right at home at Mission Point. Children find a host of supervised arts, crafts, and play activities at the resort's Discovery Club. They can learn ancient Indian lore, visit the island's Butterfly House, watch for bald eagles, or choose from scores of other options.

Another indication of the family-friendly environment: Guests under 12 years of age eat for free at the resort's three restaurants. This includes the burgers and smokehouse meats at the Round Island Bar & Grill, the sandwiches and salads at Freighters Café and Deli, even the Continental cuisine served with casual elegance at the Point Dining Room.

Along with families, companies treasure the resort's all-American atmosphere for their retreats and banquets. The island's largest conference center—more than 35,000 square feet of meeting space—includes a fully equipped 575-seat theater, a 7,000-square-foot sound stage, and 33 additional rooms for events of every description.

With not a car in sight, the resort's twentiethcentury comforts and conveniences actually enhance the nineteenth-century atmosphere. The phrase "rush hour" has no meaning at Mission Point. *****





Left: Built in 1780, Fort Mackinac crowns the hill behind nearby Mackinac Island Marina, where guests charter boats for fishing and sailing. The beautifully restored British and American outpost restages island history complete with colonial-period costumes and cannon firings.

Location: Between Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas, overlooking Lake Huron's Straits of Mackinac on Mackinac Island Property: 18 acres Accommodations: 242 rooms and suites Meeting space: 35,000 square feet Recreation: Outdoor pool, tennis courts, executive putting course, lawn sports complex, health club, in-line skating, mountain biking, and nightly hayrides. Nearby golf, charter fishing, sailing, hiking, horseback riding, carriage tours, and scenic and historical sightseeing. Range of rates: \$99-\$450 Reservations: Worldwide (800) 833-7711, fax (248) 488-3222; resort (906) 847-3312, fax (906) 847-3408 Mailing address: One Lakeshore Drive, P.O. Box 430, Mackinac Island, MI 49757

General manager: Tim Russell



Right: One of The Alisal's two championship golf courses winds through a virtual wildlife preserve. The other follows the Santa Ynez River. Below: Riding trails lace the resort's 10,000 acres of California woodlands, creeks, and meadows.





The Alisal Guest Ranch and Resort



Above: Comfortable leather sofas gather around a dramatic fireplace in the Oak Room. Right: Sports include flyfishing on a 100-acre spring-fed lake. OME COME for the horses. Others for the golf or tennis. But everyone comes for the easygoing atmosphere. Just a two-and-a-halfhour drive north of Los Angeles, The Alisal Guest Ranch and Resort offers an early California lifestyle nearly as valued for what it doesn't have as for what it does.

Newcomers arrive on a quiet

country road outside the Danish community of Solvang. An unobtrusive sign points to a drive lined with sycamores. *Alisal* means "Grove of Sycamores" in Chumash, a Native American

language that recalls the days before the ranch's original owner, Raimundo Carrillo, was awarded the land in a grant from Spain. As in Carrillo's time, The Alisal still grazes about 2,000 head of cattle.



The ranch first opened a few cabins to overnight guests in 1946. Several of the first families still spend vacations at The Alisal—some with second, third, even fourth generations in tow. Meeting planners appreciate the family feeling as well. Groups of up to 200 have access to a variety of unique meeting and recreational locations that enable

guests to experience the full flavor of the ranch.

Guests unwind by the heated swimming pool, in the Jacuzzi, at the Library, or on long peaceful walks. The more actively inclined can explore the



Resorts & Great Hotels

Location: In the Santa Ynez Valley, 40 miles northwest of Santa Barbara, outside Solvang, California Property: 10,000 acres Accommodations: 73 rooms and suites Meeting space: 6,000 square feet Recreation: Two 18-hole golf courses, seven tennis courts, pool, horseback riding, lake with water sports, flyfishing, volleyball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, badminton, croquet, billiards, table tennis, and children's programs all summer and during holidays. Nearby wineries and cultural, shopping, and historical attractions. Range of rates: \$355-\$435, modified American plan Reservations: (805) 688-6411; in the U.S. (800) 4-ALISAL; fax (805) 688-2510 Mailing address: 1054 Alisal Road, Solvang, CA 93463 E-mail: info@alisal.com Web site: www.alisal.com General manager: David Lautensack

sailing, windsurfing, pedal boating, rowing, fishing, and lazing on a wooden deck or sandy beach.

The more competitively sports-minded can visit the tennis facilities, where a teaching pro oversees a seven-court facility. Golfers, on the other hand, spend most of their time on the resort's two championship 18-hole courses. Reserved for members and guests, the Billy Bell-designed Ranch Course winds past venerable oaks, sycamores, and eucalyptus. The River Course stretches along the Santa Ynez River and provides a panoramic view of the foothills. Both offer private and group lessons by PGA and LPGA pros who use the latest in video analysis.

The resort's modified American plan brings everyone together for breakfast and dinner at the Ranch Room, where the chef specializes in elegantly hearty cuisine. In summer, breakfast at the Old Adobe and theme barbecues at the lake, rodeo arena, or poolside and are options for outdoor dining. All events feature live Western entertainment.

Returning guests often request the same cottage





year after year. All of the simple, homelike rooms and suites have refrigerators and wood-burning fireplaces with plenty of firewood on hand. Some say best of all, every accommodation comes free of distraction from phone or TV.

First-time guests come for the glorious scenery, the individual and group activities, and the friendly feeling from the staff. On subsequent visits they have another reason: to relive fond memories of the last time they came to The Alisal. ***** Above: California ranchstyle cottages and cabins nestle at the foot of oakcovered, rolling hills. Below, far left: The heated swimming pool, spa, and barbecue serve as a social center. Below left: The Executive Bungalow offers stylish but unpretentious accommodations.





LaPlaya Beach Resort



Top and right: LaPlaya takes full advantage of the many assets of Naples, Florida. Days of Florida sunshine give way to glamorous evenings on the town.

HE FOCUS ON SUN, sea, and sand at LaPlaya Beach Resort captures the essence of the legendary Naples, Florida, lifestyle. Surrounded by water, guests watch the sun rise over Every room and suite takes equal advantage of the setting. All 191 guest rooms have balconies, and most open onto private views of the gulf stretching off to the horizon. Inside, the newly

Vanderbilt Bay and set over the Gulf of Mexico. Living spaces match the location as well.

the location as well. Guests step onto a crescent-shaped, openair porch to enter a lobby of cool Mexican tile, Key West ceiling fans, and Caribbean gingerbread trim. Newcomers often catch their breath at the first sight of azure waters and long white beach.



decorated rooms repeat the surrounding colors. Deluxe amenities include refrigerated honor bars, oncommand videos, irons and ironing boards, and spacious marble bathrooms with monogrammed bathrobes. Room service plus laundry, baby-sitting, concierge, and business services ensure a carefree stay.

Groups of up to 500



come together in the Vanderbilt Ballroom, the resort's conference center. With 5,000 square feet, the ballroom divides into four meeting rooms and adjoins a covered 2,300square-foot bayside terrace.

The Tower Building on LaPlaya's gulf side adds three connecting boardrooms and the 2,109-squarefoot Calusa Room. All of the resort's 11,500 square feet of meeting space offers bay or gulf views. Naturally,

beach parties head the list of special themed events.

The hotel's dining room, Cafe LaPlaya, features floor-to-ceiling views of the gulf and meals of contemporary American cuisine. The Soleil Bar provides seating both indoors and out. Like Naples's popular evening cruises, the bar's twotiered terrace draws guests together for a nightly sunset celebration. Live entertainment highlights evenings at the bar.

Guests sail Hobie Cats, Jet Ski, kayak, and more during the day. They go for golf at the many nearby championship courses in the area. Between sports they duck into cabanas on the beach, dip into beachside and sheltered swimming pools, drop by the fitness room, or enjoy a relaxing massage right on the beach.

Guests age 5 to 12 look forward to Camp La Playa. Held three or more times a week, the organized program changes daily but often includes treasure hunts, sand castle building contests, and ice-cream sundae making sessions.

Shoppers have a field day in the area, browsing the boutiques and art galleries along Naples's famous Third Street South, Venetian Village, and Fifth Avenue South. The Philharmonic Center for the Arts, museums, greyhound racing, carriage rides, and nature tours only begin the list of other area attractions.



Yet most of LaPlaya's guests spend the majority of their stay at the resort. Like lucky longtime Naples residents, they're more than happy with the wealth of activities and sightseeing right at home. K

Location: On the Gulf of Mexico in Naples, Florida Property: Seven acres Accommodations: 191 rooms, including five suites Meeting space: 11,500 square feet Recreation: Two swimming pools, fitness room and spa services, children's programs, sandy beach, sailing, Jet Skiing, wave running, kayaking, and 18-hole championship golf nearby. Range of rates: \$140-\$390 (seasonal) Reservations: (941) 597-3123; in the U.S. (800) 237-6883; fax (941) 597-6278 Mailing address: 9891 Gulf Shore Dr., Naples, FL 34108 General manager: Lee Weeks



Above left: Meeting rooms range from connecting boardrooms on the gulf to a 5,000square-foot ballroom on the bay. Above: The lobby introduces the casual elegance found in every aspect of LaPlaya. Exuberant colors, wicker, tile, and ceiling fans accompany guests' first glimpse of the Gulf of Mexico. Below left: The standard of hospitality reflects LaPlaya's affiliation with the prestigious Noble House Hotels & Resorts. Guest rooms lead to spacious balconies, all with private views of Naples and the gulf coast. Right: A multimilliondollar renovation at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center recaptured the landmark's authentic 1928 grandeur. At the same time, the guest rooms grew to superdeluxe proportions. Filled with amenities to match, the VIP suites scale the heights of luxury in America's heartland.





Hilton Milwaukee City Center



Above and right: The hotel's design blends elements of art deco with the signatures of timeless hospitality. A marquis entrance leads to classic columns, polished marble, crystal chandeliers, and a red-velvet settee in the lobby. UILT ON THE SCENIC shores of Lake Michigan, Milwaukee draws thousands of visitors with its lakefront parks and beaches, its many summer festivals, museums, sporting events, and, of course, classic breweries. In the heart of downtown, the historic Hilton Milwaukee City

Center hotel honors this vibrant American city with a legacy of grand hospitality dating back to 1928.

In that year, Milwaukee hotel and insurance magnate Walter Schroeder spent \$7 million to open Wisconsin's tallest and largest hotel on the site of a former Potowatomie Indian village. Towering over the city, it boasted 811 guest rooms and established a new standard of luxury in the Midwest. In 1972, Marcus



Hotels and Resorts purchased the hotel and launched a complete renovation, which expanded the guest rooms and brought the hotel back to its classic opulence. In 1995, the previously named Marc Plaza joined the legendary Hilton Hotels Corporation as a franchised property. Today's host

of ultramodern amenities make the landmark hotel's original 1920s grandeur even that much more appealing.

Seven decades of improvements have kept the hotel at the center of Milwaukee's business and cultural life. Just 15 minutes from General Mitchell International Airport, the Hilton Milwaukee City Center places guests within walking distance of such important sites as the


Milwaukee Performing Arts Center and theater district, Bradley Center Sports Complex, Grand Avenue Mall, and the lakefront grounds.

The hotel's stately exterior, with its red awnings and proud American visage, exudes the air of a trusted classic. As guests walk under the brightly lit marquis into the lobby, they find a vision from an earlier age crafted from crystal chandeliers, smooth marble floors, sweeping staircases, and rich wood highlights.

Two lobby-level ballrooms uphold the same high level of grandeur. Regal decor, tiered balconies, and lavish Victorian chandeliers complete the Empire Room's appeal for posh gatherings of up to 350. Equally ideal for meetings or dinners, the more intimate Monarch Room features wood paneling, plush carpets, and rich draperies. Two more ballrooms on the fifth floor, plus 12 other meeting rooms of various sizes, satisfy a wide variety of needs for business and social events.

In the 500 guest rooms, the hotel's legacy meets such modern amenities as two-line phones, work desks, cable TV with premium channels, and air conditioning. Suites add such luxuries as full kitchens, wet bars, and Jacuzzis. Rooms on the upper floors feature spectacular views across the city, as they have for the past 70 years.



For tradition-minded guests, a stay at the Hilton means a visit to Benson's, the hotel's legendary steak and seafood house. The adjacent Benson's Lounge, with its gallery of whimsical caricatures of Milwaukee celebrities, provides the perfect place to meet friends. Or, for a more casual atmosphere, guests enjoy breakfast and lunch at the Cafe Espresso and cocktails at the Bombay Bicycle Club.

In July of the year 2000, the Hilton Milwaukee City Center will unveil a tower expansion to include 250 new guest rooms, a skywalk to the adjacent Milwaukee Express Convention Center, and a 20,000-square-foot water theme park and family fun center called Paradise. Paradise will be designed as a tropical oasis accented by a sandy beach, brightly colored flowers, and dozens of leafy palm trees. Clearly, today's trusted landmark continues to rival its own historic charm. ***** Far left: Business travelers appreciate the rooms equipped with every modern amenity, the proximity to downtown appointments, and the hotel's Web site, which comes with interactive event-planning tools. Left: Groups stage some of the hotel's most distinguished parties in the lobby level's Empire Room.



Above: On the fifth floor, the Crystal Ballroom holds gatherings of up to 1,000, flanked by a huge foyer, second ballroom, and five smaller meeting rooms. Left: The 30,000 square feet of meeting space affords a setup for every purpose.

Location: In the heart of downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin Accommodations: 500 rooms and suites Meeting space: 30,000 square feet Range of rates: \$89-\$1,000 Reservations: (414) 271-7250; in the U.S. (800) HILTONS; fax (414) 271-1039 Mailing address: 509 West Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203 Web site: www.hilton.com General manager: Gerald L. Rappaport



Right: A 1927 replica of a California mission welcomes guests to Sonoma Mission Inn, Spa & Country Club, a wine country classic known for its fitness and beauty programs, fine food, relaxation, and fun.







Above: The Spa offers a choice of 50 treatments ranging from scrubs and wraps to holistic massage. Right: Massive beams and an open fire contribute to the lobby's casual elegance.

Sonoma Mission Inn, Spa & Country Club

R. T.M. LEAVENWORTH knew he had a gold mine when, in the mid-1840s, the San Francisco physician found a hot artesian well on his country estate. He built a bathhouse and began promoting the water's healing powers. In fact, the doctor had discovered the future site of Sonoma Mission Inn, Spa & Country Club, a fourstar, four-diamond European-style resort where people still come to "take the waters."

Located in wine country about 45 minutes

the hotel, continue to inspire a restoration of health. The artesian well fills both indoor and outdoor

pools with naturally heated water rich in 25 dissolved minerals. The adjoining spa offers a smorgasbord of 50 different services—everything from herbal, mud, and seaweed wraps to Swedish massage, aromatherapy, reflexology, shiatsu, sauna, and steam. A fitness center adds aerobic classes, free weights, treadmills, and exercise bikes. Other

north of the Golden Gate Bridge, the inn became the quintessential California resort, housed in a replica Franciscan mission complete with bell tower and arcade. The hot springs, which bubble up from 1,100 feet beneath



offerings include guided meditation, stress-management, tarot reading, nutrition advice, image consulting on color and wardrobe, and yoga.

Inside the hotel, high ceilings, Spanish limestone, and muted colors Location: 45 miles northeast of San Francisco outside Sonoma, California **Property:** Ten acres Accommodations: 198 rooms and suites Meeting space: 6,500 square feet Recreation: Two hot artesian mineralwater pools, full-service spa and fitness center, championship golf, and nearby horseback riding, biking, and wide range of wine-country tours. Range of rates: \$155-\$795 Reservations: (707) 938-9000; in the U.S. (800) 862-4945; fax (707) 996-5358 Mailing address: P.O. Box 1447, Sonoma, CA 95476 E-mail: smi@smispa.com Web site: www.sonomamissioninn.com Managing director and principal: Charles E. Henning A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide



create an authentic mission feel. The General Vallejo and Jack London suites come with spacious bathrooms large enough to hold whirlpool tubs, separate showers, and twin vanities. Full bars, wood-burning fireplaces, bigscreen TVs, CD players, and phones with data ports round out the luxury.

Meeting planners can tailor a variety of spaces to fit their needs, whether within the intimacy of a private wine-tasting room or the glamour of the 2,000-square-foot Sonoma Valley Room. They also appreciate the Business Center and full audiovisual resources onsite, plus help from experts at organizing team-building activities, theme parties, and golf tournaments at the inn's championship 18-hole course. Additional group, couple, and individual options range from hot-air ballooning and biplane rides to bicycle jaunts to the hamlet of Sonoma, home of the last California mission (built in 1823).

The Grille, the resort's premier dining room, features award-winning cuisine and a wine list with more than 200 Napa and Sonoma Valley vintages. At The Cafe, diners enjoy a casual bistro atmosphere and eclectic American cuisine. The inn frequently arranges for dinner parties in its private rooms and suites. And, with more than 35 wineries in the immediate vicinity, the concierge specializes in coordinating tours, tastings, dinners with vintners, and group picnics amid the vineyards.

In food and drink as well as lifestyle, Sonoma Mission Inn captures the full flavor of California wine country. Perhaps that's what inspired *Gourmet* magazine readers to name it "the best resort spa in the world." Left: Gourmet magazine calls the menu at The Grille "the best of the new Wine Country style." Naturally, the cellar stocks the finest local vintages. Below: Artesian waters rise from 1,100 feet beneath the earth to feed the pools with hot, mineral-rich water.





Left: Ideal for romantic getaways, 30 Wine Country Suites combine luxurious materials and extras like whirlpool tubs and wood-burning fireplaces.



Right: The freshwater pools, saltwater lagoon, and Atlantic Ocean hold something for everyone at Cheeca Lodge, where the hospitality matches the warm, breezy atmosphere in the Florida Keys.





Above: The resort offers 27 acres of laid-back luxury and fun. Right: Florida keystone floors and plantation-style chairs invite guests into the lobby. OWN ALONG THAT SUN-KISSED chain of island jewels called the Florida Keys, Islamorada declares itself the Sportfishing Capital of the World. Decades of visitors—including presidents Truman, Kennedy, Nixon, and

Bush—have come not only for the matchless fishing but for the matchless service, seaside setting, and laid-back charm of Cheeca Lodge.

Cheeca presents a marvelous array of recreational options. Those devoted to stalking the wily bonefish, the mighty tarpon, and other game fish find their challenge offshore and in the backcountry shallows. Others sail, kayak, windsurf, golf on the resort's nine-hole course, play tennis on its six lighted courts, parasail, mount seagoing explorations of neighboring



rations of neighboring keys, and dive on nearby coral reefs.

Easygoing types stay home and fish from the resort's 525foot-long pier, stroll the nature trail, or soak up the sun on more than 1,000 feet of sandy beach, around the five hot Location: In the Florida Keys, halfway between Miami and Key West in Islamorada, Florida Property: 27 acres Accommodations: 203 rooms and suites Meeting space: 4,200 square feet Recreation: Nine-hole golf course, six tennis courts, three pools, sandy beach, fishing pier, deep-sea fishing, windsurfing, sailing, kayaking, snorkeling, diving, parasailing, and supervised programs for children. Range of rates: \$185-\$1,500

Reservations: (305) 664-4651; in the U.S. (800) 327-2888; fax (305) 664-2893 Mailing address: P.O. Box 527, Islamorada, FL 33036 Vice president and general manager: Herbert Spiegel

tubs, or at either of two freshwater pools or the saltwater lagoon.

After long days at play in the sun and sea, guests settle into comfort-

ably spacious rooms and suites, all nestled in lowrise buildings on 27 lushly landscaped acres.

Every one of the 203 accommodations—including the two-bedroom Presidential Suite—boasts a freshly updated decor in keeping with the seaside locale.

Mealtimes present a pair of inspired choices. At the high end, sweeping water views and imaginative seafood cookery lend the Atlantic's Edge its distinction as one of south Florida's finest dining rooms. The Ocean Terrace Grill offers an equally inventive menu but in a more casual setting. Many an evening begins and ends with libations at the legendary Light Tackle Lounge, where anglers share colorful fish stories and drinks beneath walls of trophy game fish and celebrity photos.

The resort makes an ideal setting for seminars and meetings of up to 200 with its three divisible meeting rooms, boardroom, and dedicated Conference Service Department. The wellconnected concierge staff stands by to assist with anything from airline tickets to sportfishing charters. Additional onsite amenities include dive and pro shops, a boutique, a video center, and Camp Cheeca, an acclaimed environmental camp for kids.

In recent years, full-scale commitment to the environment—through recycling and water conservation, catch-and-release fishing, and a host of other progressive policies—has placed Cheeca at



the head of the grassroots movement. The AAA's Four Diamond Award and membership in Small Luxury Hotels of the World may prove the resort's lofty standing on the planet. But it's the everyday caring from the friendly, courteous staff that makes the deepest and most lasting impression. *?*





Top: Oceanfront rooms create the perfect setting for champagne sunsets and candlelit dinners. Above: More than 600 species of fish live in the waters offshore, making Cheeca a legend among anglers of every persuasion. Left: Water sports like sailing, kayaking, and scuba diving rival land sports like tennis and golf. Right: Guests enter the Hotel Inter-Continental lobby from the Sculpture Garden, a complement to the adjacent Museum of Contemporary Art. The hotel forms the cornerstone of California Plaza, a \$1.2-billion mixed-use development at the very heart of Los Angeles.





Los Angeles, California

Hotel Inter-Continental Los Angeles at California Plaza



Above: The Grand War Room serves the needs of attorneys doing legal battle in nearby courts. Right: West-facing rooms view the fountains and stages of the 1.5-acre Watercourt, where the hotel can cater events for up to 5,000 guests.

N OASIS of art and sophistication in the midst of a bustling downtown, Hotel Inter-Continental Los Angeles at California Plaza fulfills the promise of its prime Bunker Hill address.

In the late 1880s, the new hillside neighborhood housed the mansions of lawyers, bankers, doctors, and other influential families. Residents boarded the Angel's Flight funicular to commute one street downhill, into the city.

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Present-day Bunker Hill centers downtown's busy maze of legal, financial, and cultural districts. Just 20 miles from Los Angeles International Airport, the hotel directly neighbors the Museum of Contemporary Art. Other attractions within walking distance include the Los Angeles Music Center, Little Tokyo, historic Olvera Street, City Hall, the Pacific Stock Exchange, and state and federal courthouses.

The 17-story hotel forms the cornerstone of the California

Plaza development, which melds modern art with commercial and residential design. Guests entering the hotel from California Plaza stroll through a courtyard set with a Sculpture Garden, magnificent fountains, and lush landscaping.

Once inside, they find the architecture and decor marked by sleek lines, soft colors, and sundrenched spaces. The lobby area proudly displays original works by some of California's finest



contemporary artists.

All 434 guest rooms and suites offer first-class amenities along with ample room to work or relax. Standard touches include movie channels and Nintendo, a snack center and minibar, dual-line phones with voice mail and modem port, plush terry robes, and 24-hour room service.

For exercise, the health club offers step machines, treadmills, and free weights. Afterwards, guests can relax in steam and dry saunas or take a dip in the



outdoor heated pool. For business, the Executive Business Center handles tasks such as photocopying, faxing, word processing, translations, and deliveries. Meeting areas total 20,000 square feet, including the Bunker Hill Ballroom, seating groups of up to 900.

The latest addition, the Grand War Room, serves attorneys and legal teams preparing for trials in the nearby courthouses. Designed specifically for mounting arduous legal battles, the state-of-the-art conference room features ergonomic leather chairs, paralegal desks, and more to ensure a supremely efficient working environment. A lounge area with refrigerator, CD player, and VCR provides respite from a hectic case.

At mealtimes, guests congregate at the Grand Café, serving contemporary California cuisine both indoors and on the terrace. Views of the Sculpture Garden and a reflecting pond ringed with magnolia trees add to the casually elegant atmosphere. Another popular spot, Angel's Flight Lounge, accompanies drinks and conversation



Location: On Bunker Hill in downtown Los Angeles, California Accommodations: 434 rooms and suites Meeting space: 20,000 square feet Range of rates: \$210-\$1,400 Reservations: (213) 617-3300; in the U.S. (800) 442-5251; fax (213) 617-3399 Mailing address: 251 S. Olive St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 Web site: www.interconti.com General manager: Dale O. Dugan

with views of dancing fountains in the Watercourt. Here, as elsewhere, the staff stands ready to offer tips on nearby attractions and live entertainment in a host of languages.

No matter what language guests speak or what purpose brings them to the city, Hotel Inter-Continental caters to those who appreciate the finest service blended with modern California style and international flair. *****





Above left: Rooms and suites share the hotel's overall mix of contemporary art, Asian influences, and neoclassic overtones. Comfort and service please the most demanding of international travelers.

Far left: Up to 735 guests gather for banquets under the 19-foot ceilings of the Bunker Hill Ballroom. Left: Twenty function rooms cover the full spectrum of purposes, from weddings to board meetings.



The Lodge & Spa at Cordillera



Top: The Lodge at Cordillera presents a vision of Old World traditions in one of the New World's most exciting playgrounds. Right: Forty-six holes of mountain and Vail Valley golf play over steep hillsides, from high-elevated tees, and through fairways lined in pine and aspen. N THE COLORADO ROCKIES, just 25 minutes from Vail, The Lodge & Spa at Cordillera blends alpine seclusion with world-class luxury. Encompassing 6,500 acres of former ranch land, Cordillera offers a full-service spa, three golf courses, four fine restaurants, and a high-country valley bursting with natural beauty and wildlife.

After nine years in business, the 56-room chateau holds a number of major awards. Mobil Travel Guide's 1995 through '98 editions bestowed four stars, making Cordillera one of only two such winners in the Vail Valley. *Condé Nast Traveler*, in its '95, '96, and '97 Gold Lists, named Cordillera

among the world's best places to stay. It ranked The Spa at Cordillera as one of America's top three spas and Restaurant Picasso as the best hotel restaurant in America—not to mention the second best in the world. In addition, *Links* magazine honors The Club at Cordillera's Mountain Course with its prestigious Best of Golf award.

A stay at Cordillera begins and ends with The Lodge, an elegant structure crafted in 1988 from Chinese slate and native stone and wood. Reminiscent of a Belgian country estate, it evokes feelings of hospitality and comfort while inspiring awe with sweeping views of Vail Valley, the Sawatch Range, and New York Mountain.

Hand-troweled plaster walls, beautifully crafted furniture, tiled bathrooms, and high ceilings bear witness to a minute attention to every detail. Guests enjoy fresh flowers, bottled Italian water and

> fresh fruit daily, down pillows and embroidered duvets, fine English toiletries, wall-mounted hair dryers, towel warmers, and bathroom extension phones. Most accommodations also come with fireplaces and decks.

The pampering intensifies at The Spa at Cordillera, which



specializes in invigorating workouts, massages, and skin treatments. Glass encloses the facility's 25meter heated indoor lap pool, revealing a 270degree view of the surrounding mountains. Guests also enjoy an outdoor pool, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, an aerobic dance room with floating wooden floor, free weights, men's and women's sauna and steam rooms, rowing machines, stationary bikes, and Stairmasters. The array of spa options includes aromatherapy, hydrotherapy, body wraps, massages, facials, and exfoliating treatments as well as a full-service salon.

Most guests have a hard time staying indoors, though. They know they can simply step outside to snowshoe, hike, or cross-country ski on 15 miles of trails that lead through stately stands of aspens and evergreens. Or they can play tennis, mountain bike, horseback ride, hot-air balloon, white-water raft, or fly-fish in Cordillera's threemile private stretch of the Eagle River.

Golf takes center stage in the warmer months, thanks to Cordillera's trio of courses. Play often begins on the aspen-lined fairways of the Mountain Course, an 18-hole championship layout by Hale Irwin. Down valley waits the new 18-hole Valley Course by Tom Fazio. It embraces luxury cottages and one- to six-acre single-family homes and features stunning views of New York Moun-

Location: In the Colorado Rockies outside Edwards, Colorado Property: 6,500 acres Accommodations: 56 rooms Recreation: Two 18-hole golf courses, one 10-hole short golf course, two pools, tennis courts, downhill and cross-

country skiing, fly-fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hot-air ballooning, and white-water rafting. **Range of rates:** \$150-\$950 **Reservations:** (970) 926-2200; in the U.S. (800) 877-3529; fax (970) 926-2486 **Mailing address:** P.O. Box 1110, Edwards, CO 81623

General manager: Judson L. Hawk III



tain. Finally, for players seeking a twist to their game, the Short Course, designed by Dave Pelz, challenges golfers to master the short game.

Four restaurants await hungry patrons returning from the day's activities. Restaurant Picasso's maple-wood beams, wrought-iron furnishings, and comfortable upholstered armchairs give the impression of an intimate manor-house dining room. Chef Fabrice Beaudoin, a native of France's Champagne district, reflects his heritage in dishes with a light, European flair.

The Timber Hearth Grille offers creative Southwestern cuisine in one of Colorado's largest timber-frame structures. Chaparral, an authentic steak house, serves certified Angus beef as well as fish, poultry, and pasta dishes. Cordillera's fourth dining establishment, Grouse-On-The-Green, entertains in an intimate pub with the flavor of a Victorian-era country cottage.

Clearly, Cordillera offers the best of all worlds. It combines epicurean luxury, inspiring scenery, and unlimited recreation for an experience seldom matched on any continent. *****





Top left: Rocky Mountain views wrap both indoor and outdoor swimming pools. Top right: Individually appointed rooms share the hallmarks of fine country estates. Above: Spa therapies range from invigorating to relaxing and beautifying treatments. Below left: Fifteen miles of cross-country trails thread Cordillera's 6,500 acres in snow time. Right: Italian stone pines guard Chateau Noël, Stonepine's stately manor house. Below: While a Rolls-Royce answers requests for rides from the Monterey airport, a carriage offers tours of the estate.







Above: Limoges china and crystal stemware in the Dining Room set an appropriate table for the artistry of award-winning chefs. Right: The Living Room exemplifies the baronial lifestyle, too, with its light-filled windows, grand piano, massive fireplace, and high beamed ceiling. ONLY ONE U.S. RESORT holds the prestigious Purple Shield rating from Relais & Châteaux, the Paris-based association of fine independent hotels. The distinction goes to Stonepine, an exclusive European-style country estate at the heart of Carmel Valley, California.

Guests arrive to a welcoming

glass of sherry in the Foyer. Stonepine owes its legacy of such traditions to Helen Crocker Russell, of the legendary San Francisco Crocker

banking family. Built in the 1920s, her Mediterranean-style property once hosted black-tie balls, gala picnics, polo matches, and even wild-boar hunting expeditions. In those days, socialites would arrive from San Francisco in their Stutz Bearcats and Duesenbergs. Today,

Carmel Valley, California Stonepine



guests requesting a complimentary ride from the Monterey airport arrive in a vintage Phantom V Rolls-Royce limousine.

The property reigned as the foremost thoroughbred breeding farm west of the Mississippi during the 1950s and '60s. In the '90s, some guests come to study dressage and hunter-jumper skills with

Stonepine's internationally acclaimed instructors. The estate's extensive equestrian facilities range from a four-furlong track and jumping

> arenas to miles of riding trails and a horse-drawn carriage for rides through the award-winning gardens.

Helen Crocker Russell planted the 80-foot stone pines that lend such dignity to the estate. Garden aficionados enjoy walking tours through the jewel-





like entry garden, rose garden, azalea and hydrangea garden, perennial garden, topiary garden, and cutting garden near the Renaissance-style swimming pool.

The founder's remarkable sense of detail also lives on in her European country manor house, Chateau Noël, which the current owners, Gordon and Noël Hentschel, restored after purchasing Stonepine in 1983. Interior highlights include stately European fireplaces and innumerable antiques and objects d'art imported

from the Continent and Asia. At dinner, the candlelit Dining Room sparkles with Limoges china and crystal stemware, a fitting backdrop for the artistry of internationally trained chefs.

Eight suites, inspired by notable designers like Chanel and Cartier, grace Château Noël's second floor. Guests may also chose to stay in four suites at the Paddock House, in the twobedroom Briar Rose Cottage, the five-bedroom Gate House (a mini estate with its own guest house, heated pool, and tennis court), or the brand new Hermes House, the most lavish domicile of all with its 27-foot-high entry



gallery, master and guest suites, four fireplaces, dining room, and kitchen. All suites and cottages include luxurious bathrooms with Jazuzzi tubs, state-of-the-art entertainment centers, and private libraries. And most come with romantic wood-burning fireplaces.

Stonepine rests within a short drive of Monterey's famed aquarium and golf courses, the quaint village of Carmel, and the seaside cliffs of Big Sur. Yet the majority of guests never leave the grounds during their stay, content to bask in the rarefied air of classical country living at Stonepine. ***** Above: Designers such as Chanel and Cartier inspired the decors of Chateau Noël's eight suites. Though one of a kind, all come with entertainment centers, libraries, down comforters, Jacuzzi tubs, and fresh flowers daily. Below left: Guests feel like royalty visiting their own country estate, from the first glass of sherry in the Foyer to the last fond farewell from the staff.

Location: In Carmel Valley, California Property: 330 acres Accommodations: 14 suites and cottages Meeting space: 1,500 square feet Recreation: Swimming pool, Equestrian Center, tennis court, croquet, archery, hiking, biking, and nearby golf and other Monterey Peninsula attractions. Range of rates: \$325-\$2,500 Reservations: (831) 659-2245; in the U.S. (800) 735-2478; fax (831) 659-5160 Mailing address: 150 E, Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924 E-mail: stonepine@worldnet.att.net Managing director: Dirk Oldenburg



Left: The Brazilian Court offers both a quiet oasis and proximity to all the glamour and excitement that is Palm Beach.





Brazilian Court



Above: The Chancellor Grille Room features Continental cuisine with the accent on seafood. Below right: Refurbished for the twenty-first century, the hotel maintains an atmosphere of casual elegance, in keeping with its Five Star Diamond Award from the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. OU NEVER KNOW who might be settling in at the Brazilian Court. Past guests have included performers Tony Bennett, Debbie Reynolds, Mikhail Baryshnikov, the Pointer Sisters, and other notables from society's A-list.

The fabled Palm Beach, Florida, retreat opened New Year's Day 1926. And after more than seven decades of additions and improvements, it received a major renovation of all rooms, suites, and public spaces in 1997. The Mediterranean-style landmark still centers on a romantic inner courtyard. But returning guests also find a new beauty salon and barbershop, library, fitness center, and spa services.

Some guests live at the Brazilian Court yearround, for the season, or a month at a time. Others come more briefly, for conferences or banquets in the fully equipped meeting spaces, swims at the secluded pool, or strolls along nearby beaches and Worth Avenue. Everyone enjoys



Location: Two blocks from Worth Avenue in Palm Beach, Florida Accommodations: 103 rooms and suites Meeting space: 3,000 square feet Recreation: Swimming pool, fitness center, and nearby beaches, golf, and tennis. Range of rates: (seasonal) \$135-\$775 Reservations: (561) 655-7740; in the U.S. (800) 552-0335; fax (561) 655-0801 Mailing address: 301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach, FL 33480 General manager: Michael C. Brown A Member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide

dining in the courtyard, at the Chancellor Grille Room, or in the privacy of their rooms.

Mrs. Merriweather Post, of the Palm Beach Old Guard, knew the Brazilian Court as a bastion of impeccable hospitality. She'd be pleased with the added luxuries—and to see that some things never change. 76





Left: A quarter-mile lane of coastal South Carolina oaks brings guests to the historic heart of Litchfield Plantation.

Litchfield Plantation

OST VACATIONERS come to the Grand Strand, a popular stretch of South Carolina coast, for its 60 miles of sunny beaches, 97 golf courses, and live entertainment at Myrtle Beach. A few of the more discriminating head for historic Litchfield Plantation at Pawleys Island, a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World and the highest Zagat-rated property on the Grand Strand. Some arrive by yacht at the resort's marina, but most enter by private quarter-mile drive along a lane of ancient moss-draped oaks.

Guests receive a warm welcome in the Guest Centre at the Carriage House, then settle into the beautifully restored guest rooms of the circa 1750 manor house or into cottages scattered over 600 acres of creeks and former rice fields. They gather at an oceanfront clubhouse, heated pool, pair of tennis courts, gourmet Carriage House restaurant, or simply stroll and converse with friends and family. The concierge arranges for golf, fishing,



Location: 25 miles south of Myrtle Beach at Pawleys Island, South Carolina Property: 600 acres Accommodations: 38 rooms, suites, and villas Meeting space: 4,000 square feet Recreation: Pool, two tennis courts, marina, beach clubhouse, and nearby golf, health club, fishing, hunting, and the attractions of Myrtle Beach, Georgetown, and Charleston. Range of rates: \$175-\$242 (seasonal) Reservations: (843) 237-9121; in the U.S. (800) 869-1410; fax (843) 237-1041 Mailing address: P.O. Box 290, Pawleys Island, SC 29585 General manager: Karl Friedrich

hunting, trips to surrounding attractions, or anything else a guest might wish.

Most guests, however, elect to stay "home" for their holiday, agreeing with the late Poet Laureate James Dickey who wrote, "The moment you come into Litchfield Plantation...is as dramatic as Alice going through the looking glass. You are enveloped in wonder...there is nothing else." **#**



Above: Award-winning cuisine comes wrapped in the splendor of a bygone era. Below, far left: The comfort and character of 38 rooms, suites, and villas helped earn a Zagat rating as one of the top 50 inns and bed-andbreakfasts nationwide. Left: The library at the Carriage House Club adjoins space for gatherings of up to 300. Right: Denver's Brown Palace Hotel pioneered the atrium lobby in America more than a century ago. A full-time staff of craftsmen and painters keeps the original details like new.





The Brown Palace Hotel



Above: More than a dozen meeting rooms share in the hundred-plus year history of deal making and exemplary service. Below right: Once the founder's office, the Churchill Bar boasts the finest in premium spirits and cigars. S THE MILLENNIUM approaches, the Brown Palace Hotel still reigns over the Mile High City as its gracious grande dame. The four-star, four-diamond hotel—and charter member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide—remains an example of grand lodging at its finest, even after 107 years as a pillar of the downtown Denver community.

The Brown Palace motto, "Where the World Registers," rang true from the day it opened on August 12, 1892, when entrepreneurs from all over the country were flocking West, seeking their fortunes in silver and gold. The Brown Palace, with its eight-story atrium and Italian Renaissance design by Frank Edbrooke, established a regal stage on which to court or finalize deals. The same holds true today, as evidenced by U.S. President Bill Tremont, and 17th Streets. After donating property for Colorado's Capitol building, Brown decided Denver needed a grand hotel to rival the palaces of Europe. He spared no expense in building the Brown Palace—facing it with Colorado red granite and Arizona sandstone and lining the atrium lobby in Mexican white onyx surrounded by seven floors of balconies edged in ornate grillwork.

Today the hotel boasts 230 luxuriously appointed guest rooms, more than a dozen meeting rooms, 24-hour room service, valet parking, and downtown Denver's only four-star restaurant, the Palace Arms. Another Denver favorite, a fashionable cigar lounge called the Churchill Bar, now occupies Henry Brown's former office. Here aficionados meet in a library atmosphere to indulge in fine cigars, single malt Scotch whiskeys, small batch

Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin posing for photos from the second floor balcony during 1997's Summit of the Eight.

The hotel owes its legacy to the vision of founder Henry C. Brown, who owned the triangular piece of land upon which it was built at Broadway,



bourbons, and premium spirits and wines.

In the Ship Tavern, which opened after the repeal of Prohibition, diners feast on great steaks and seafood amid a collection of antique model clipper ships. After dinner, aspiring singers and a host of regulars combine to create cabaret-style





Far left: Denverites know the Ship Tavern for its Rocky Mountain trout, prime rib, and mile-high nautical decor. Left: Napoleonic antiques highlight the Palace Arms, downtown Denver's only four-star restaurant. Below left: The hotel's main dining room, Ellyngton's, sets an elegant table for breakfast and lunch.

Location: In the heart of the downtown business and entertainment district of Denver, Colorado Accommodations: 230 rooms and suites Meeting space: 14,000 square feet Range of rates: \$205-\$950 Reservations: (303) 297-3111; in the U.S. (800) 321-2599; fax (303) 312-5900 Mailing address: 321 17th St., Denver, CO 80202 Web site: www.brownpalace.com General manager: Peter H. Aeby A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide

entertainment for everyone who comes in to listen to the piano player. The soothing sounds of classical harp and piano waft through the atrium lobby, site of Afternoon Tea each day. Ellyngton's, the hotel's main dining room, features breakfast, lunch, and a fabulous Dom Pérignon Sunday Brunch.

A wealth of modern conveniences balances the historical charm of the hotel. Guests enjoy a fullservice business center, state-of-the-art fitness room, in-room TVs with on-demand movies and video games, two phones with private voice mail and dual ports for voice and modem, twice-daily maid





service, nightly turndown, and 24-hour room service.

And, as from the beginning of its days, pure Rocky Mountain water drawn from the hotel's own artesian well still flows from every faucet.

It's no wonder the Brown Palace garners accolades from such publications as USA Today, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and Gourmet and Sunset magazines. An uncommonly proud tradition underlies the Brown Palace Hotel, still one of the world's great hotels as it enters the new millennium. *****



Far left: The building's triangular shape dictated rooms of various shapes and sizes. All feature generous windows and charming individual decors. Left: Contemporary refinements include a fitness center with topof-the-line equipment. **Right: Quail Lodge Resort** and Golf Club spans more than 800 acres of Carmel Valley lakes, meadows, fairways, and greens.





Carmel, California Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club

HEN QUAIL LODGE joined The Peninsula Group in 1997, it entered a legendary family of hotels with members in Beverly Hills, New York, Hong Kong, and other parts of Asia. But The Peninsula motto-The

sunny side of Carmel year-round. A stroll from the main lodge leads to the pro shop, clubhouse dining room, putting greens, driving range, and championship golf course. Players follow Carmel River, skirting ten lakes and viewing the pristine

> beauty of Quail Meadows along the way.

At Quail Meadows, more than four-fifths of the 56 customhome sites have been sold to date. The properties average approximately four acres and, like the golf course, feature stunning vistas of oaks and meadows laced with miles of trails. A nature conservancy oversees half Quail Meadows's 600 acres, ensuring the area's tranquil beauty for all time.



Above: Like the Executive Villas, all lodgings invite total relaxation with their distinctive residential tone. Right: Stately pines, oaks, and cottonwoods guard a classic layout. Ten lakes come into play on the back nine.

Details Make the Difference-applied to Quail Lodge from the start. The resort earned Mobil's top distinction, the Five Star Award, under private ownership for 20 years.

Today, as always, the lion's share of activity centers on the Golf Club at Quail Lodge, home of the California Women's State Amateur Championship each December. The prime Carmel location, 3.5 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean fog belt, means golfers play on the







Surrounded by nature, arriving guests settle into a parklike setting of lakes, lawns, trees, and flowers. A quick call to the concierge can help pinpoint upcoming activities at the resort—and there are many. Special events range from exhibits of Italian autos and designer gardens to outdoor symphony performances. Another call to room service can bring breakfast, lunch, or dinner with a bouquet of fresh flowers.

Guests select from a variety of sumptuous accommodations. The 100 rooms and suites include lakeside lodges, cottage suites, and the ultimate in luxury, the Executive Villas. These villas contain two-bedroom suites with living room areas and fireplaces, entertainment systems, wet bars, sundecks, and private gardens with hot tubs. They often serve for private meetings or entertaining, while additional function rooms adapt for anything from an official board meeting to a banquet for up to 350.

Location: Minutes from Carmel-by-the-Sea, California

Recreation: 18-hole golf course, four tennis courts, two

pools, hiking, and biking. Nearby horseback riding and

ocean sports plus scenic, historic, and winery tours.

Reservations: (831) 624-1581; in the U.S. (800)

Mailing address: 8205 Valley Greens Dr., Carmel,

General manager: Michael B. Hoffmann A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide

Accommodations: 100 rooms and suites

Meeting space: 7,000 square feet

Range of rates: \$245-\$550

538-9516; fax (831) 624-3726.

The resort's celebrated chef, Bob Williamson, takes full advantage of California's year-round harvest for his culinary inventiveness, acquired through years of experience in Europe. Diners at the DiRoNA Award-winning Covey restaurant relax in a casually elegant setting, sampling Covey classics, inspired new dishes, and one of the West Coast's finest wine cellars.

A new dining venue called The Deck debuted outside The Covey in 1998. Featuring a creative appetizer and beverage menu, it views the resort's famous fountain and footbridge over Mallard Lake and provides a more casual alternative or prelude to the Covey experience.

Between meals, meetings, and golf, guests soak up the sun at two pools, ride bikes, play tennis, and enjoy leisurely picnics at Quail Meadows. Or they hit the trail on horseback, fish in Monterey Bay, and sail, windsurf, or beachcomb along the blue Pacific coastline. *****



Top left: The focus on the finer things in life includes an epicurean menu at The Covey. Top right: Cottage Suites offer comfortable sitting rooms with fireplaces and bars. Optional added bedrooms have separate entrances, baths, and private patios. Above: A hardwood hot tub views the fourteenth fairway from the lodge's splitlevel patio. Left: The resort's signature lake, bridge, and fountain set the mood for a menu of fun foods and drinks on The Deck.



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Property: 845 acres



Top: The all-suite Edgewater Beach Hotel fronts seven miles of Naples beach along the Gulf of Mexico. Above and right: The Fountain Cafe treats guests to breakfast and lunch alfresco.

Edgewater Beach Hotel

TH JUST 124 LODGINGS, the all-suite Edgewater Beach Hotel upholds the Naples reputation as a retreat for the privileged few. Guests drink in views of the Gulf of Mexico from private gingerbread-trimmed balconies. They savor masterful South Florida cuisine in an elegant restaurant of washed maple and

original art. They sip tropical drinks in a poolside cabana. They sport fish in legendary waters, shop in the city's exclusive boutiques, and stroll barefoot along seven miles of shell-strewn beach.

Beyond the lobby's marble floors and 50foot windows, they gather at the Fountain Cafe for breakfast and lunch beneath a canopy of palms. Dinner at the Club at The Edgewater features panoramas of the gulf from the sixth



floor and gourmet cuisine highlighted by regional delicacies. Both the restaurant's lounge and Traditions off the lobby offer equally exquisite views plus evening entertainment. The hotel's boutique stocks gourmet snacks and convenience items along with great gifts.

The one- and two-bedroom suites combine the advantages of a private

vacation residence with the benefits of a full-service hotel. They come with living and dining rooms done in wicker and Caribbean-flavored chintz, original watercolors, dhurrie rugs, and cool



Mexican tiles. Frenchpaned windows and sliding plantation shutters open to private patios or balconies by the sea. Standard features extend from room service to microwave kitchens with full-size refrigerators to oversize bathrooms lined with Location: On Millionaire's Row in Naples, Florida Property: 3.5 acres Accommodations: 124 suites Meeting space: 3,600 square feet Recreation: Heated swimming pool, fitness center, game room, beach, water sports, sailing, fishing, and biking. Nearby golf and tennis. Range of rates: \$140-\$1,500 Reservations: (941) 262-6511; in the

Reservations: (941) 262-6511; in the U.S. (800) 821-0196; fax (941) 262-1243 Mailing address: 1901 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples, FL 33940 President and managing partner: John E. Ayres, Jr. Hotel manager: William Doyle

imported granite, tile, and marble.

Guests seeking the ultimate in privacy and luxury choose from the penthouse level's suites, upgraded with top-of-the-line bathroom fixtures, marble, granite vanities from Italy, carpet, lighting, and artwork. The elevator's coded entry system renders the penthouse accessible only to its privileged residents.

For some guests, the suites serve not only as homes, but as settings for private entertaining and executive

gatherings. Dedicated sites for business groups include three elegantly appointed rooms on the sixth floor and the Beach Cottage directly on the sand.

Whether on business or holiday, guests enjoy workouts at the health club at water's edge. They indulge in sunset cruises, windsurf, sail, snorkel, and scuba dive, play tennis on four clay courts nearby, and enjoy special privileges at several championship golf courses in the area. For anglers, local charter boats guarantee deep-sea and





freshwater fishing adventures of a lifetime.

In addition, the concierge staff can easily arrange excursions to Everglades National Park, where explorers encounter America's largest mangrove habitat and 1.4 million acres of protected Florida wildlife.

Still, many guests confine their experience to the hotel's immediate environs. The combination of barefoot ease and world-class sophistication never fails to soothe the senses and rejuvenate the spirit. ***** Left: The hotel's wings embrace the pool and central courtyard, which forms a social center as well as a pathway to the beach. Just offshore waits a wide choice of water sports, from snorkeling and diving to sailing and deep-sea fishing. Below: Private balconies trimmed in Caribbeanstyle gingerbread frame the setting sun.





Left: The suites capture Naples's mood of endless summer with wicker furnishings and sunny color schemes. Guests relax with all the comforts of home—plus the service of a luxury hotel.

Right: The Mural Room at Yosemite's Ahwahnee Hotel encapsulates the grace of a great American classic.





The Ahwahnee Hotel



Above: Yosemite's Royal Arches formation inspired the vertical thrust of the hotel's design, which in turn inspired generations of architects. Right: Large windows on the back side focus on the majesty of Half Dome. HAT A CHALLENGE for the builders of The Ahwahnee: to match the splendor of the most beautiful valley in the High Sierra. Yet with its facade of granite stones and massive redwood-colored beams, the palatial lodge does justice to its setting—evoking the glacier-carved domes and peaks, rolling meadows, and tumbling waterfalls of Yosemite National Park.

The Ahwahnee welcomed its first guests in 1927. Nestled in what naturalist John Muir called a "sublime valley," with the Royal Arches formation as its backdrop, the monumental six-story design impressed visitors as much then as it does wall murals, floor mosaics, and stained-glass window details.

The Ahwahnee attracted royalty, heads of state, presidents, and film celebrities from the start. Herbert Hoover visited less than two weeks after its opening. Winston Churchill, film stars from Charlie Chaplin to Clint Eastwood, President John F. Kennedy, and California Governor Pete Wilson have all enjoyed Yosemite's charms from The Ahwahnee. Even Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip paid a call one rainy day in March 1983.

Guest rooms live up to the VIP guest list with top-of-the-line amenities, everything from TVs

today. Now a national historic landmark, its windows loom 24 feet tall, the fireplaces burn tremendous logs, and 34-foot pillars of sugar pine support the grand dining room. Native American motifs enliven the interior painted ceiling beams,



and refrigerators to bathrobes and hair dryers. Guests can book adjoining parlor rooms to create suites. They can reserve the sixth floor rooms—complete with sun porches, fireplaces, and libraries—or the Presidential Suite with



its breathtaking balcony view. Seven redwood, shake-roofed cottages hide off in the woods. They hold two dozen guest rooms, some with cozy fireplaces and all with rustic furnishings and slate front porches.

The lodge's Solarium, Great Lounge, and Grand Dining Room feature enormous windows to catch the special mountain light and everchanging views of nature's masterpiece. Guests gather for afternoon tea in the Great Lounge and candlelit meals under twinkling chandeliers in the Grand Dining Room. The settings and staff of talented chefs conspire to enhance not only the visitor's appreciation of fine company and cuisine but of the meadows and forests outside.

The Ahwahnee welcomes visitors year-round, though reservations should be placed a year ahead. Several package offers provide exceptional opportunities. November and December highlight Vintners' Holidays, when famous wine makers present their wines at tastings and gala banquets.

Location: About 75 miles east of Merced in Yosemite National Park, California Property: One acre Accommodations: 123 rooms, suites, and cottages Meeting space: 5,046 square feet Recreation: Swimming pool, tennis courts, and nearby golf, biking, hiking, climbing, mountaineering, river rafting, horseback riding, ice-skating, snowshoeing, and skiing. Range of rates: \$250-\$700 (seasonal) Reservations: (559) 252-4848; fax (559) 456-0542 Mailing address: Yosemite Concession Services, Reservation Office, 5410 E. Home Ave., Fresno, CA 93727 Web site: www.yosemitepark.com Chefs' Holidays in January and February bring legendary cooks to The Ahwahnee to demonstrate their culinary secrets. And, during February, a Romance Package treats couples to luxurious three-night stays.

The Ahwanhee's famous Bracebridge Dinner reigns as the grandest tradition of all. Directed for many years by Yosemite's master photographer Ansel Adams, and so popular it requires lottery applications, The Bracebridge emulates a seventeenth-century English squire's feast. The event fills the Grand Dining Room with hearty viands, music, and song to warm the hearts of those souls lucky enough to be in Yosemite's sublime valley at Christmas. K



Left: The sun lights the Great Lounge through high stained-glass windows by day. The room fairly echoes with the words of Sierra Club founder John Muir, who wrote, "Yosemite is a place of rest.... Its natural beauty cleanses and warms like fire, and you will be willing to stay forever in one place."



Above: A recent \$1.5million refurbishment brought comfortable new furniture, fabrics, and window treatments to the guest rooms. Below left: The Grand Dining Room celebrates the bounty of California's year-round harvest under a three-story, natural wood-beamed ceiling. Cathedral windows frame views of meadow, forest, and Yosemite's awesome granite faces.

Right: Garland's yearround retreat spans 3,500 acres of northern Michigan forest. Below: Nearly a third of the acreage affords exclusive upland game and trophy hunts.







Above: Sleigh-ride picnics, ski trails, and indoor and outdoor Jacuzzis turn winter into one of the warmest seasons. Right: Guests breakfast by a crackling fire in the lobby and under the sun's warm rays on the deck.

HITE-TAILED DEER, elk, bald eagles, mink, foxes, otters, wild turkeys, Canada geese, black swans, and the occasional black bear share their 3,500acre Michigan retreat with guests of Garland. The privately owned resort constitutes a rare breed in itself: a hybrid of wildlife preserve, botanical garden, AAA four-diamond execu-

tive resort, and championship-caliber golf mecca.

Garland's 72 holes of golf draw devotees from across the country. All four championship

courses-Swampfire, Monarch, Reflections, and Fountainscombine with the Garland Golf Academy to provide one of the Midwest's most complete and memorable golf experiences.

In addition to great golf, guests enjoy three lighted tennis courts, indoor and outdoor swimming pools,

Lewiston, Michigan Garland



whirlpools, sauna, workout room, and hiking and biking trails. In winter they skate on a lighted outdoor ice rink, take sleigh rides into the countryside, and ski over more than 30 miles of groomed cross-country trails.

The largest log structure east of the Mississippi River welcomes them behind massive stone gates.

Surrounded by immaculately groomed gardens, the resort's signature brass Eagle Fountain anchors one end of the Main Lodge's walkway. The

> stained-glass main door suggests the entrance to a wilderness cathedral.

> and South Wing contain 53 rooms, four VIP Suites, and the 2,000-square-foot Penthouse. Fifty oneand two-bedroom Villas offer additional space and privacy. The majority of accommo-

building's cut- and

The Main Lodge

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Location: 200 miles north of Detroit, outside Lewiston, Michigan Accommodations: 177 rooms and suites

Property: 3,500 acres Meeting space: 11,590 square feet Recreation: 72 holes of championship golf, Garland Golf Academy, two swimming pools, health and fitness spa, three tennis courts, basketball and volleyball courts, ice-skating, cross-country skiing, biking, hiking, game preserve, championship croquet, lake sailing, canoeing, waterskiing, and nearby horseback riding. Range of rates: \$99-\$528 (seasonal) Reservations: (517) 786-2211; in the U.S. (877) 4-GARLAND; fax (517) 786-2254; group sales (248) 932-1215 Mailing address: Route | HCR-Box 364M, Lewiston, MI 49756 General manager: Barry Owens

dations combine lofty ceilings and massive exposed logs with bold contemporary furnishings. Some present Queen Victoria canopied beds, marble-tiled floors, whirlpool baths, and push-button fireplaces.

The sense of pampered luxury and personalized details extend to dining as well. Herman's Terrace, with a view of the putting green, offers a delightful setting for outdoor meals. Inside, Herman's main dining room sets a more intimate and romantic mood. Diners feast on such local delicacies as morel mushrooms and pheasant, fresh salmon and venison—complemented by a well-rounded selection of wines from around the world.

The chefs apply classical cooking techniques to American regional specialties in everything from casual snacks to romantic dinners to formal



dinner parties. Banquets often convene in The Great Room, which holds up to 200. Garland's Conference Center comes with five versatile meeting spaces, an executive boardroom, and full audiovisual capability.

Busy executives often use Garland's 5,000-foot runway to arrive and depart by private jet or plane. Most report leaving without a hint of stress left over from everyday life. Whether visiting for business or vacation, everyone benefits from the north country's most valuable assets: crisp woodland air, wide-open scenery, and warm Midwestern hospitality. *****



Top: Guest rooms reflect the "Garland Way" of rustic first-class comfort and scrupulous attention to detail. Above: Manicured gardens set off the Main Lodge-the largest log structure east of the Mississippi. Left: Golf guarantees matchless moments with native woodland, water, and wildlife. The greens and fairways of four 18-hole golf courses point up Garland's natural setting to perfection.





Right: A dazzling mix of old and new fills the view from Seasons restaurant atop the Regal Bostonian Hotel. Historic Faneuil Hall Marketplace dominates the foreground against a backdrop of contemporary city skyline.





The Regal Bostonian Hotel



Above: The stately brickred hotel exemplifies modern sensibilities carefully entwined with the past. Right: Many land-based voyages of discovery begin at the front desk. The central location places Boston's most popular attractions well within reach of guests' feet. VERYONE LOVES BOSTON, especially those who love to explore a city by foot. The Regal Bostonian Hotel—one of the city's premier small luxury hotels—places Boston's most popular attractions at guests' feet, from Faneuil Hall at their doorstep to the famous Freedom Trail, Boston Harbor, New England Aquarium, and world-class museums just a short stroll away.

Surrounded by eighteenth-century architecture, the handsome red-brick hotel directly faces Faneuil

Hall Marketplace and City Hall from Boston's historic Blackstone Block. Guests arrive by porte cochere on a cobbled drive circling a landscaped interior courtyard.

The staff invites new arrivals to sit back and relax by the fire during check-in just the first of many instances of caring and personalized service. Guests bask in elegant, individually appoint

the warmth of a private residential setting throughout their stay. But they also appreciate the advantages of first-class hotel services, including the assistance of a top-notch concierge staff, white-glove housekeeping, nightly turndown, and 24-hour in-room dining.

Glass-enclosed walkways connect the hotel's two wings, the Bostonian and the Harkness. Guests staying in both enjoy the sophistication of elegant, individually appointed European furnish-

ings. Many of the 163 guest rooms and suites include such luxuries as working fireplaces, oversized whirlpool bathtubs, and private balconies lined with wrought-iron rails and flower-filled window boxes. All provide the latest in-room technology plus separate dressing areas, comfortable seating, and generous desks.

While staunchly preserving the



intimacy of a small luxury hotel, the staff also stages some of Boston's most prestigious small social and business events in four specialty suites. The Winslow Homer and Blackstone Suites seat up to 20 for dinner, and the William Dawes seats up to 40. The Josiah Quincy seats 70 or holds as many as 125 for receptions, while its interior balcony adds yet more space for registration, coffee breaks, or cocktail parties. From start to finish, dedication to detail ensures the success of every event.

Food and wine connoisseurs flock to the hotel's celebrated Seasons restaurant for its nightly event: a special five-course menu designed to accompany tastings of wines from individual vineyards or winemakers. Both the wine series menu and creative a la carte selections showcase New England's finest and freshest ingredients—a perfect accompaniment to the skyline view of Faneuil Hall. Soft jazz in the first-floor Atrium lounge harmonizes with an even more intimate look at the comings and goings of the nation's premier urban marketplace.

The hotel presides over the location of hundreds of years of commercial and revolutionary progress at the heart of Boston. Guests stepping from the Regal Bostonian find themselves surrounded by history and at the same time engulfed in the city's ever-innovating spirit of the new. ***** Left: Every spacious room and suite provides an elegant working desk, comfortable seating, and separate dressing area. Many expand on the luxury with wood-burning fireplaces and oversized whirlpool tubs. Below: The Atrium lounge entertains with live jazz, refreshments, and front-row seats for people-watching through large picture windows.



Location: At Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston, Massachusetts Accommodations: 163 rooms and suites Meeting space: 2,962 square feet Range of rates: \$245-\$375 Reservations: (617) 523-3600; in the U.S. (800) 222-8888; fax (617) 523-2454 Mailing address: At Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston, MA, 02109 Web site: www.regal-hotels.com/boston Managing director: Robert Rivers



Left: Residential-style hospitality extends to four specialty suites set aside for executive meetings, seminars, dinner parties, and intimate receptions.

Right: The Coeur d'Alene's resort tower rises 18 stories above the city and lake of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Guests reach the shore just 40 minutes east of the international airport at Spokane, Washington.





The Coeur d'Alene A Resort on the Lake



Above: Luxury-minded guests check into the fitness center and spa, where the menu of options includes a lakeside massage. Right: Dining choices begin with Beverly's, winner of the prestigious DiRoNA Fine Dining Award. UESTS ARRIVING by private jet or plane touch down at the Coeur d'Alene Airport. But most come via the international airport at Spokane, Washington, then relax on the way to The Coeur d'Alene Resort in hotel limousines. The scenic half-hour drive ends outside a lakeside hotel capped by steep copper roofs and copperpeaked belfries.

The lobby greets newcomers with warm Idaho

informality. Flanked by water views and a bronze-hooded fireplace, guests register at a small circular desk. Travelers feel instantly at home thanks to the friendly staff and liberal use of residential touches. Most of the 337 rooms and suites have doorbells, for instance, and foyers, fireplaces, and separate sleeping and living-dining areas. Many feature private lanais.

The long list of outdoor activities begins with a stroll on the world's longest floating boardwalk. Three-quarters of a mile long, the promenade skirts more than 300 boat slips. Within view of the hotel's family restaurant, the marina promises hours of fun along more than 135 miles of Lake Coeur d'Alene shoreline.

> In winter, visitors target two major ski resorts and the Fantasy in Lights holiday festival. In summer, the trails host horseback riding, hiking, and biking. Other area attractions include Cataldo Mission, Silverwood theme park, and cruises on the lake and St. Joe River. And,



Location: On the lake at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Accommodations: 337 rooms and suites

Meeting space: 30,000 square feet Recreation: 18-hole golf course, four tennis courts, two swimming pools, fitness center and spa, racquetball, bowling, virtual golf, and children's programs. Nearby lake sports, skiing, hiking, biking, and a vast range of area attractions.

Range of rates: \$89-\$359 (seasonal) Reservations: (208) 765-4000; in the U.S. and Canada (800) 688-5253; fax (208) 667-2707 Mailing address: P.O. Box 7200, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-1941 Web site: www.cdaresort.com General manager: William T. Reagan

connected to the hotel by sky bridge, shoppers find the Coeur d'Alene Plaza packed with upscale boutiques and restaurants.

But golf presents the number one attraction for many. Designed by

Scott Miller, the resort's 18-hole championship course features the world's only movable floating green—and a driving range that targets the lake with floating balls. A four-court tennis complex adjoins the course's clubhouse, whose 750-foot dock serves *The Eagle* and *The Double Eagle*, mahogany water taxis that ferry players to and from the main resort.

Back at the hotel, guests enjoy the lake level's indoor swimming and wading pools, full-service fitness center and spa, virtual golf, bowling, and racquetball. One flight up, summer-season guests sun and swim on an outdoor pool deck.



The seventh floor—the second heart of the hotel—holds Beverly's, the resort's DiRoNA Award-winning restaurant. The floor's ten boardrooms, together with five flexible meeting salons on the lobby level, add up to 30,000 square feet of state-of-the-art meeting space.

Guests find there's more than enough for everyone at The Coeur d'Alene—from business gatherings and romantic dining to lake sports, skiing, and world-class golf. Like the great Northwest itself, the resort's pace is unhurried, unspoiled, unassuming. Travelers encounter the soul of Idaho at the heart of Coeur d'Alene. *****



Top: The world's only floating green awaits golfers at the fourteenth hole. Above: Fantasy in Lights features displays, a laser show, and nightly holiday cruises. Far left: Spaces for groups range from a 15,000-square-foot ballroom to a choice of eight executive boardrooms. Left: Along with Mobil four-star hospitality, views of the lake highlight nearly every room and suite in the tower.





Right: The cottages at L'Auberge de Sedona provide romantic Arizona retreats for honeymooners and others seeking seclusion. Below: Orchards rooms gaze down on sun-dappled woods lined in lawns, sycamores, and cottonwoods.





Above: Renowned for its fine French cuisine, L'Auberge Restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner in a dining room right out of the French countryside. Right: A funicular ride affords changing red-rock views between the lip of the canyon and its base.

L'Auberge de Sedona

AUBERGE DE SEDONA brings a touch of Gallic luxury to Arizona's red rock country, a land of weather-sculpted bluffs, buttes, and spires. Eleven acres of creek-side canyon, secluded cottages, fine restaurants, and a handsome lodge supply all that's needed for a romantic weekend, executive retreat, or unforgettable wedding.

Tucked deep in Sedona's canyon, the cottages' modest log exteriors belie the luxury inside. Country French decors drape Pierre Deux fabrics over mullioned windows, love seats, and canopied beds. Thick carpets and stone fireplaces complete the romantic spell. Balconies, patios, and porches frame views of the gardens and beyond.





Romantic twosomes and families in the one- and two-bedroom cottages hear only songbirds and the rush of Oak Creek outside. Wide lawns and flowers sweep down to water lined in cottonwoods and sycamores and jumping with trout.

The Lodge adds another score of guest rooms. It also holds the lobby,

which welcomes visitors with handcrafted carpets, stone floors, and fireplaces.

In addition, while maintaining the air of an Old World retreat, The Lodge incorporates four function rooms with a maximum capacity for up to 100 guests, plus beautiful outdoor reception space for up to 200 at weddings and other special events. Groups of all kinds Location: A two-hour drive north of Phoenix, just south of Flagstaff, in Sedona, Arizona Property: || acres Accommodations: 100 rooms, suites, and cottages Meeting space: Over 1,885 square feet Recreation: Pool, Jacuzzi, and fishing on property. Nearby tennis, golf, health clubs and racquetball, horseback riding, hiking, Jeep tours, and skiing. Range of rates: \$160-\$435 Reservations: (520) 282-1661; in the U.S. (800) 272-6777; fax (520) 282-2885 Mailing address: P.O. Box B, 301 L'Auberge Lane, Sedona, AZ 86339 E-mail: info@lauberge.com Web site: www.lauberge.com General manager: Annika Chane

draw from a full range of catering and conference services.

Stairs and a charming funicular with glass cab connect the creek, garden, and Lodge to The Orchards at L'Auberge. Just steps

from the galleries and boutiques of uptown Sedona, a heated swimming pool and Jacuzzi form the centerpiece for a hillside sundeck. Orchards accommodations come with the full complement of standard luxuries, plus eye-dazzling red rock views.

Scenery aside, L'Auberge de Sedona is best known for its award-winning restaurant, where a staff of European-trained chefs orchestrates a gastronomic experience in six exquisitely crafted courses. The menu presents an ever-changing exploration of fine French cuisine against a backdrop of European antiques and creek-side views.

Nearby, the Terrace on the Creek presents





salads and other light entrees in an outdoor setting. On top of the hill, the casually elegant Orchards Restaurant offers regional American favorites.

Between meals, the resort's concierge points the way to tennis courts, health and racquetball clubs, stables, and three championship golf courses. Tours range from plane rides to brief hikes to fourwheel-drive jaunts with a guide well-versed in backcountry lore.

Naturally, stays at L'Auberge de Sedona focus largely on the glory of the rocks and the majesty of Oak Creek Canyon. Incredibly, guests find, the civilized pleasures nearly match the splendor of the setting. *****





Top: Cottages romance guests with wood-burning fireplaces. Above: With four bedrooms, the Creekhouse Lodge proves ideal for families and small groups. Far left: The Terrace on the Creek serves light fare beside Oak Creek. Left: A variety of indoor and outdoor settings promise unforgettable events.





Top: The Tides rests near the mouth of the Rappahannock River, in the Northern Neck region of Chesapeake Bay. Above right: Every guest may sign up to join the resort's signature cruise aboard the 1927 classic yacht *Miss Ann*. Right: Golf Digest rates The Tides's Golden Eagle among the top ten courses in Virginia. ORE than 50 years ago, a New Orleans dreamer named Ennolls Stephens fell in love with a peninsula on the upper reaches of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay. He bought it and built The Tides Inn from local timber with his own hands.

Then, in 1946, he set off with his wife for Europe to bring back many of the antiques guests enjoy today—carpets from Brussels, silver from Stratford-on-Avon, artwork from Paris....

During the 1960s, when a trend in less formal vacations swept the nation, Stephens built The Tides Lodge a two-minute boat ride across the channel. Although his second resort offered a more casual experience, it shared the same spirit of family values, which passed

The Tides



to separate heirs in the 1980s. A friendly family competition between the resorts ended on January 1, 1998, when The Lodge joined The Inn as The Tides, the largest family-owned resort in the Mid-Atlantic.

The sibling properties grew

separately in size and reputation over the years, but at both the charm of a Stephens family-run resort remained. Today's guests enjoy a mixture of casual and tradition styles, the intimacy of a

personalized guest retreat, and 45 holes of world-class golf at The Lodge's Tartan Course and The Inn's renowned Golden Eagle course, plus a shorter game on a par-3 executive course.

Visitors arriving by yacht tie up at opposite harbors near the resorts' Location: On Chesapeake Bay near Irvington, Virginia Property: 675 acres

Accommodations: 194 rooms Meeting space: 10,000 square feet Recreation: 45 holes of golf, seven tennis courts, fitness center, three pools, sandy beach, two marinas, power and nonpower boating, fishing, game room, croquet, shuffleboard, hiking, biking, children's summer day camp, and numerous scenic and historical attractions nearby.

Range of rates: The Lodge: \$140-\$175, European plan. The Inn: \$130-\$275 per person (double occupancy), modified American plan

Reservations: (804) 438-5000; in the U.S. and Canada (800) 843-3746; fax (804) 438-5222

Mailing address: 480 King Carter Dr., Irvington, VA 22480-0480

Web site: www.the-tides.com President: R. Lee Stephens, Jr. General manager: Randy Stephens

fleets, which host one or more cruises daily. Or the dock masters will set guests up with sailboats, canoes, paddleboats, or local captains for fishing in the bay.

Some guests like to play tennis or laze by the pools or on the sandy

beach. Others enjoy biking, bridge, bingo, or sightseeing at nearby Stratford (birthplace of Robert E. Lee), Wakefield (birthplace of George Washington), or Colonial Williamsburg. But nobody is pressed into action. In fact, some guests have been coming for decades simply for the award-winning food.

Today's Tides boasts six diverse restaurants and

14 banquet and meeting rooms for groups of up to 200. At The Inn, tradition reigns in every corner. Men wear jackets at the dinner hour, when lavish four-course meals are the rule. For one price, guests of The Inn dine on the modified American plan and participate in most activities free of charge. Guests at The Lodge dine on the European plan and select fee-based activities and amenities as they please, so flexibility is key. Guests at both can utilize every offering at a moment's notice, thanks to the boat standing



by for a 200-yard "shuffle" across the channel.

Although The Inn and The Lodge offer unique advantages, both feature the same AAA four-diamond standard and friendly, unobtrusive attention from the staff. As always, the family's dedication to service guarantees a perfect vacation, regardless of which side of the water guests choose. *****



Left: Separated by 200 yards of water, yet united by Stephens family management, The Inn's traditional flavor complements a more casual approach at The Lodge. Below: Guests take a twominute boat ride to sample the best of both properties, while the surrounding bay affords a wide variety of water sports and pastimes.



Left: The Tides's six restaurants offer the full range of dining experiences, from a casual buffet at Commodore's to a formal four-course meal in the Main Dining Room.

Right: Twenty-six acres of gardens embrace the historic Huntington Hotel—reborn under The Ritz-Carlton banner in 1991.





The Ritz-Carlton, Huntington Hotel & Spa



Above: The Terrace Patio overlooks California's first Olympic-size pool. Opposite and right: Like all interiors throughout, The Lobby Lounge and Bar exhibit the extraordinary craftsmanship that restored and enhanced the hotel's bygone glory. GUESTS OF THE RITZ-CARLTON, Huntington Hotel & Spa, enjoy all the sunshine and seclusion of a country estate barely 15 minutes from downtown Los Angeles. The hotel first opened in 1907 as a retreat for wealthy sun seekers from the East. Now carefully restored to its original grandeur, the California landmark entered its second golden age in 1991.

While state-of-the-art convenience underlies the historical detail, the landscape and architecture follow the original plans. Oriental carpets, crystal chandeliers, and distinguished paintings and porcelains recapture the gentility of days gone by. Plump sofas and club chairs invite instant relaxation. The friendly staff makes even first-time visits feel like a homecoming.

The meeting space expands on this sense of bygone grace and hospitality. Grandly intimate,

the Georgian Room and the Viennese Ballroom make a natural choice for wedding parties—under vaulted ceilings and chandeliers from the same atelier who supplied the palace of Ludwig II, the Mad King of Bavaria. The larger Ritz-Carlton Ballroom holds up to 1,000. In addition to a dozen more salons and boardrooms, the choice of meeting sites extends to the recently unveiled hightech executive retreat, Clara Vista Cottage.

This luxury conference facility, hidden in a secluded area of the estate, is actually a 1930s Spanish-style mansion transformed into a dream location for executive retreats. It features a handsome living room, wet bar, kitchen, four bedrooms and six bathrooms (including two executive suites), an 18-seat boardroom, 8-seat dining or meeting room, and a 1,000-square-foot terrace. As in the main hotel, an on-site service manager sees to every detail, from state-of-the-art video conferencing to menu planning and transportation needs.

Guest-room benefits reflect the hotel's commitment and attention to detail in everything from 24-hour room service to twice-daily maid service



and nightly turndown with chocolates. All 392 rooms and suites provide comfortable conversation areas, large closets, working desks, refrigerated honor bars, and marble bathrooms. Guests staying on Ritz-Carlton Club floors seven and eight share added luxuries like dedicated concierge service





Right and below: Ritz-Carlton debuted its new Huntington Spa & Salon in November 1997. The full-service facility includes a state-of-the-art fitness center, beauty salon, 17 treatment rooms, steam, sauna, and whirlpool baths.



Right: Another newly remodeled feature, the Clara Vista Cottage, invites groups to experience the ultimate in executive retreats. The

luxury conference facility includes a living room, dining room, boardroom, kitchen, and terrace for outdoor receptions. and a private lounge with complimentary food and beverage presentations.

Restaurants unite the legendary pleasures associated with the Huntington and Ritz-Carlton standards. The Grill, with its warm, clublike ambience, overlooks the central Horseshoe Garden and San Gabriel Valley beyond. Its patrons enjoy evening entertainment along with elegantly progressive cuisine. For more casual occasions, The Terrace serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner plus a lavish brunch on Sunday. Menus list both light and hearty choices along with Fitness Cuisine.

Guests also indulge in fine food and beverage at The Bar and adjacent Lobby Lounge. The latter



became an overnight sensation in traditionminded Pasadena, where afternoon tea has been a way a life for generations.

A stroll around the 26-acre grounds leads through gardens designed in 1911 by William Hetrich, the landscape architect for Pasadena's famed Huntington Library and Gardens. California's first Olympic-size swimming pool stretches in the sun beside the hotel's nostalgic Picture Bridge—complete with the original 41 murals depicting California's history. The beautifully restored pool forms the centerpiece of The Ritz-Carlton Courtyard, which also features food and beverage service and a heated whirlpool spa near the Japanese Garden.





Left and below: All guest rooms and suites enjoy the advantage of a city location but also the peaceful seclusion of a country estate. Everywhere, contemporary convenience and luxury blend with the elegance of times past.



The recently reborn 12,000-square-foot Huntington Spa & Salon welcomes guests to an unparalled retreat that promises rejuvenation, relaxation, and restoration of the body, mind, and spirit. The full-service facility features the latest in specialized massage treatments and salon services as well as the latest in cardiovascular and strengthtraining exercise equipment. The Aerobics Program features step aerobics, high- and lowimpact aerobics, body sculpting, yoga, and meditation. Additionally, three lighted tennis courts draw racquet fans across the Picture Bridge.

The picturesque grounds have seen thousands of weddings since 1907. Guests of the past include presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Gerald Ford, Prince Philip and Princess Anne, Vladimir Horowitz and Albert Einstein. But you don't have to be a bride or Albert Einstein—or even a prince or a president—to appreciate the sweep of history that culminates in the considerable pleasures of today's Ritz-Carlton, Huntington Hotel. *****

Location: A few blocks from the 110 and 210 freeways in Pasadena, California Property: 26 acres Accommodations: 392 rooms, suites,

and cottages

Meeting space: 29,000 square feet Recreation: Full-service amenity spa, fitness center, and salon; pool and whirlpool; and three tennis courts. Nearby Norton Simon Museum, Rose Bowl, and Huntington Library and Gardens.

 Range of rates: \$205-\$5,000

 Reservations: (626) 568-3900; in the

 U.S. (800) 784-3748; fax (818) 568-3700

 Mailing address: 1401 S. Oak Knoll

 Ave., Pasadena, CA 91106

 General manager: Ralph Grippo



Left: The Terrace serves modern California cuisine with a Mediterranean accent for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Long famed for its roses in winter, Pasadena's climate calls for outdoor dining year-round. Right: Fresh from a recent \$32-million enhancement, Rancho Las Palmas Marriott Resort & Spa shines like new in the California desert sun. Below: When the sun goes down, a new kivastyle fireplace warms the courtyard at Pablo's.





Rancho Las Palmas Marriott Resort & Spa



Right: Hot and cold tapas, served both at Pablo's and the Casa Lounge, celebrate the flavor of California's Old Spanish days compliments of award-winning Executive Chef Miguel Morales. HAT BETTER WAY to celebrate one's twentieth anniversary than with a \$32million facelift? Not that Rancho Las Palmas Marriott Resort needed it. As one of the California desert's most popular resorts, it already boasted a place of honor on *Condé Nast Traveler*'s 1998 Gold List. Nevertheless, the original Jewel of the Desert entered 1999 freshly updated, expand-

ed, and polished to perfection.

Just 13 miles from Palm Springs, the location on Bob Hope Drive in the exclusive country club district of Rancho Mirage holds a clue as to the number one sport: desert golf, on 27 Ted Robinsondesigned championship holes. Tennis fans come for games and instruction at a 25-court tennis club ly updated, expand- "iyurotiletapy pools, a

complete with hard and clay surfaces, shaded courtside cabanas, lighting for evening games, and a 1,000-seat stadium.

In January, a brand new European-style health spa began giving golf and tennis a run for their money. The 20,000-square-foot complex features 26 treatment rooms, steam rooms, saunas, hydrotherapy pools, a full-service salon, fitness

facility, an outdoor pool with underwater music, and a second-story outdoor relaxation area. The spa's café, Fresca's, completes the array of European-style beautifying and revitalizing options with a delectable menu of health-conscious items.

Every one of the bars and restaurants boasts a new design and menu, and some even have new
Location: 13 miles from Palm Springs in Rancho Mirage, California Property: 240 acres Accommodations: 450 rooms and suites Meeting space: 41,000 square feet Recreation: 27 holes of championship golf, 25 tennis courts, European health spa and fitness center, Tortuga Island pool and recreation complex, and children's programs. Nearby hot-air ballooning, horseback riding, and numerous sightseeing attractions. Range of rates: \$89-\$340 Reservations: (760) 568-2727; in the U.S. (800) 458-8786; fax (760) 568-5845 Mailing address: 41000 Bob Hope Dr. Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 General manager: Frank Garahan

locations. This year's diners indulge in an even wider selection of foods and moods, from poolside casual to elegant and refined. Plus, a lively new bar and grill now entertains at yet another major addition: Tortuga Island, a sprawling water playground

with 6,000-square-foot pool and whirlpool, 100-foot slide, and water pop jets.

Groups look forward to a magical view of the San Jacinto Mountains from the new Starlight Terrace, a 10,000-square-foot landscaped balcony above the 10,000-square-foot Fiesta Ballroom. Because the new ballroom adjoins the pre-existing 13,200-square-foot Las Palmas Ballroom divided only by plentiful prefunction space meeting planners mix and match from some of the Coachella Valley's largest, most flexible meeting space.

A dozen conference suites, Gold Key Hall of Fame catering and meetings staffs, and a full-service business center stand by to fill in the details.

Everything-from the ballrooms to the new



spa and water playground—reflects the charm of California's Spanish colonial period. The 450 completely redesigned rooms and suites capture the flavor with new mission-style furnishings, designer fabrics, and French doors opening to private balconies and patios. Services range from valet and laundry to concierge and in-room dining any time of day or night.

At the heart of the lushly landscaped grounds, a new courtyard entertains outside the lobby. Rich in colorful tiles and warmed by a kiva-style fireplace, the Plaza creates a vibrant social point for guests to sample wine and tapas and mingle throughout the evening. Good food and friends in an intimate setting—what better way to complete a twentieth anniversary celebration? ***** Above: The resort gained 27 holes of Ted Robinsondesigned championship golf when it merged with its legendary neighbor, the Rancho Las Palmas Country Club, in 1981.





Far left: Madeira restaurant matches Mediterranean cuisine with wine from all over the world, including its Portuguese namesake island. Left: New French doors and furnishings highlight every room and suite. Right: The Listel Vancouver lobby greets guests with fine art, contemporary design, and worldclass hospitality.





Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada Listel Vancouver



Above: A leading light on the Robson Street scene, O'Doul's Restaurant & Bar takes a fresh look at regional cuisine and live jazz. Below right: Private parties celebrate with the best of the wine makers' art. Far right: Rooms and suites illustrate the commitment to comfort, contemporary culture, and cosmopolitan style. RT LOVERS in search of luxury surroundings and world-class hospitality find the perfect answer at Listel Vancouver. Guests enjoy not only the matchless excitement of Robson Street shops and nightlife, but the haven of an elegant boutique hotel filled with contemporary fine art.

All 129 rooms and suites share such fourdiamond features as individual climate control, dual-line phones with voice mail and data ports, minibars, hair dryers, irons and ironing boards, inroom movies, and fluffy goose-down duvets. Other standard amenities include room service, same-day laundry and valet, and an indoor pool, Jacuzzi, and gym. Popular O'Doul's Restaurant & Bar opens right onto Robson Street. It invites guests to join locals sampling the fresh flavors of the Pacific Coast and Fraser Valley Delta plus some of Vancouver's hottest live jazz.



Location: On Robson Street, the dining and shopping mecca at the heart of downtown Vancouver, Canada Accommodations: 129 rooms and suites Meeting space: 3,000 square feet Range of rates: Approximate US\$140-\$400 Reservations: (604) 684-8461; in the U.S.(800) 663-5491; fax (604) 684-7092 Mailing address: 1300 Robson St., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6E IC5

General manager: John Nicholson

Along with the lobby and other public spaces, guest rooms on the hotel's two Gallery Floors showcase the work of 30 world-renowned artists in intimate settings curated by Buschlen Mowatt Galleries. For travelers who value contemporary culture, warm hospitality, and cosmopolitan style, Listel Vancouver graciously fits the bill. *****







Ventana Big Sur, California

ENTANA, meaning "window" in Spanish, gives the perfect description for this legendary California property. Resting 1,200 feet above the sea, Ventana Big Sur focuses on a land of mesmerizing beauty: broad vistas of the Pacific Ocean and the green and gold-flowered mountains of the Big Sur coast.

Ventana complements its 243-acre "window" with romantic oversized rooms and suites, woodburning fireplaces, and private terraces or balconies. Guests enjoy two swimming pools, extensive spa services including a variety of massage therapies, and famous Japanese hot baths in the moonlight. Complimentary breakfast appears in the Lobby, Library, or on a tray in the room. For lunch or dinner, guests follow an eighth-mile path through forest and meadow to one of the most highly acclaimed restaurants on the Central Coast.

Ventana holds four stars from Mobil, a place on



Location: An hour south of Monterey in Big Sur, California Property: 243 acres

Accommodations: 62 rooms and suites

Recreation: Two swimming pools, saunas, spa, Japanese hot baths, and hiking. Nearby beach and horseback riding. Range of rates: \$295-\$1,200

Reservations: (831) 667-2331; in the U.S. (800) 628-6500; fax (831) 667-2287

Mailing address: Ventana, Big Sur, CA 93920

General manager: Sal Abaunza

Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List, and designation as the number-one hideaway escape from *Gourmet*. *Travel & Leisure* rated it one of the best small hotels in the world. Simple yet sophisticated, serenely sybaritic, Ventana feeds the senses along with the spirit. Guests emerge restored to their natural being, forever imprinted with the haunting landscape of Big Sur. *****





Top left: Ventana lodgings take their cue from the rustic serenity of California's Big Sur coast. Above and below, far left: Acclaimed dining, both indoors and out, harmonizes with the accent on nature. Left: While Ventana's creature comforts satisfy the senses, Big Sur's ambience soothes the soul. Right: The Canterbury's Atrium, with interior balconies, recalls its counterparts in many of Europe's finest small hotels. Below: The central site has welcomed travelers to Indianapolis for nearly 140 years.





Canterbury Hotel

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Right: Wrapped in wellseasoned wood and red leather, the bar entertains in the tradition of an English gentleman's club. REGISTERED HISTORIC landmark, the Canterbury Hotel traces its lineage to the Civil War era, when the first hotel appeared at the corner of Illinois and Chesapeake streets in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In 1928, the old Oxford Hotel made way for the Lockerbie Hotel. Fifty-five years later, renovation of the 12-story building restored the twoyears, nothing came close to matching today's Canterbury Hotel. Queen Anne- and Chippendale-style furnishings and motifs grace the interiors throughout. Bookcases in the lobby's sitting room come well stocked with literary classics. Guests in the Parlor Suites luxuriate in king-size four-poster beds. Six two-story Penthouse Suites entertain with generous living and sleeping quarters,

story atrium and fine brick and terra-cotta exterior. But the previous 200 rooms became 99 much larger accommodations—all lavished with the hallmarks of European hotel keeping.

While visitors enjoyed lodging on the site for more than 125



chandeliers, and spiral staircases. And the Presidential Suite crowns the choice of accommodations with a large living area, den area, kitchen area, two king-size bedrooms, and a Jacuzzi tub in the upstairs bathroom.

All 74 rooms and 25 suites come with mini-



bars, twice-daily housekeeping, complimentary newspapers, terry robes, English soaps, hair dryers—even phones and TVs in the bathrooms. Other benefits include voice mail, data ports, Lognet movies and Nintendo games, valet parking, 24-hour room service, and complimentary Continental breakfast. Guests can also count on butler, baby-sitting, limousine, and concierge services.

Small groups convene in an intimate collection of meeting rooms. The hotel can entertain up to 125 guests, supported by a full complement of audiovisual equipment and experts as well as interpreters and secretarial services if required.

In keeping with the traditions of Canterbury, England, the city that gave the hotel its name, guests partake of afternoon tea in The Atrium, accompanied by tea sandwiches, freshly baked pastries, petits fours, and live piano music. The adjoining Restaurant at the Canterbury holds the coveted DiRoNa Award for its breakfast, lunch, and dinner of fine American and European

Location: In the heart of Indianapolis, Indiana Accommodations: 99 rooms and suites Meeting space: 2,200 square feet Range of rates: \$215-\$1,550 Reservations: (317) 634-3000; in the U.S. (800) 538-8186; fax (317) 685-2519 Mailing address: 123 S. Illinois St., Indianapolis, IN 46225 General manager: Letitia Moscrip A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide cuisine. The hotel itself, the city's only member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, ranks among the nation's top hotels, according to Zagat's annual survey, and rates four diamonds from the AAA.

Guests find themselves within easy walking distance of the RCA Dome and the city's convention center. In addition, the hotel provides a private entrance from the mezzanine to Circle Centre, the new shopping, dining, and entertainment mall at the heart of a revitalized downtown Indianapolis. An *Indianapolis Star* editorial praised the complex as a exciting new showcase for the arts in Indianapolis and a great place to gather for food, conversation, and entertainment as well as shopping at stores like Nordstom, Ann Taylor, and Abercrombie & Fitch.

So discriminating travelers enjoy not only an Old World setting and top-notch service at the Canterbury Hotel, but instant access to one of the city's most popular new attractions. **26**



Left: Guest room refinements range from Chippendale four-poster beds and signature robes to inroom data ports and 24hour room service. Below: Two-story luxury sets the Penthouse Suites apart.



Left: The Canterbury's Restaurant earns glowing reviews for its menu of regional U.S. and Continental cuisine. Right: Bright bouquets, a cozy fire, and other hallmarks of British refinement warm the lobby of The Magnolia Hotel & Suites, Victoria's newest luxury hotel.







Above: The facade incorporates sections of Old World brick once used by seagoing traders as ballast. When the ships left port, the bricks stayed behind to build a great city. Right: West-facing guest rooms view British Columbia's Parliament Buildings across the Inner Harbour.

The Magnolia Hotel & Suites

ICTORIA'S BRITISH HERITAGE and mild West Coast weather make it one of the most distinctive cities in Canada. Presiding at the southern tip of Vancouver Island, just across the Georgia Strait from Vancouver, its cobblestone streets and brick sidewalks serve as constant reminders of its days as a crown colony.

Street names like Bastion Square and Trounce Alley lead to such historic sites as the Parliament Buildings, Chinatown, and Centennial Square. than half a million sightseers each year.

Within the city's historic Inner Harbor district, the newly constructed Magnolia Hotel & Suites affords guests easy access to all the central attractions, including government offices, fine shops, and Victoria's Convention Centre. Managed by Atlific Hotels and Resorts, an affiliate of Ocean Properties, Ltd., the hotel opened in October 1998. Preserved portions of the original heritagebrick 1891 facade immediately set a tone of

Careful of the duck crossings that still exist at major intersections, visitors enjoy attractions such as the Royal London Wax Museum, Crystal Garden, and the Royal British Columbia Museum. Fifty-acre Butchart Gardens, one of the most phenomenal botanic displays in North America, attracts more



Decorated inside in opulent golds and warm cinnamon browns, The Magnolia perfectly complements Victoria's Union Jack character with the comfort of a grand manor house. The hotel's designers went to great lengths to ensure that everything about The Magnolia would create the

Victorian-era charm.



Left: The atmosphere of bygone times belies such state-of-the-art amenities as in-room modem ports and multiline speaker phones. Private indulgences include deep soaking tubs, large glassed-in showers, and morning tea and coffee served in the lobby.

atmosphere of an intimate European-style boutique hotel.

In the lobby, a barrel-vaulted gold leaf ceiling and alabaster chandeliers lend a sense of baronial homecoming. Surrounded by mahogany-paneled walls, sumptuous sofas and oversized armchairs invite guests to relax near the fireplace. To complete the effect, the lobby even boasts an English Regency-style drop-leaf sofa table.

In the 66 guest rooms and suites, floor-toceiling windows frame views across Victoria's bustling harbor. Custom period-style appointments include brass door levers, crown moldings, extra-deep baseboards, traditional armoires hiding the TVs, and two-poster beds dressed in down duvets and feather pillows. Lavish bathrooms feature marble floors, full walk-in glass showers,

Location: In the heart of the historic Inner Harbor district of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada Accommodations: 66 rooms Meeting space: 310 square feet Range of rates: Approximate US\$100-\$250 Reservations: (250) 381-0999; in the U.S. and Canada (877) 624-6654; fax (250) 381-0988 Mailing address: 623 Courtney St., Victoria, B.C., Canada V8W IB8 Director of sales and marketing: Jill Allen General manager: Jana Cornelius and soaker tubs complete with luxurious linens and bath balms.

Practical considerations include the rooms' oversized work desks with data ports, multiline speaker phones, convenient portable phones, and three executive boardrooms accommodating up to ten persons each. Personal luxuries include valet parking, nightly turndown, and silver-service coffee and tea served in the lobby each morning.

In keeping with its clublike European flavor, The Magnolia offers a fine dining room, the Capitol Steak House, and a public house, Hugo's Lounge, featuring live music and select beers created by the hotel's own brew masters onsite. At the end of the day, guests gathered in these cozy establishments experience the essence of Victoria's friendly, historic atmosphere at its best. *****



Left: Business travelers appreciate the hotel's three handsome boardrooms geared for executive meetings of up to ten. Right: Twenty-two acres of lush tropical landscape embrace the hotels, condominiums, and meeting facilities at The San Luis Resort and Conference Center. The island location places guests directly on the Gulf of Mexico, within minutes of the many visitor attractions of Galveston Island, Texas.





The San Luis Resort and Conference Center



Above: Balconies of The San Luis Hotel view the beach across an enormous pool with swim-up bar. Right: Bronze dolphins greet guests on the beachside staircase. HE HISTORY of Galveston Island includes a period in the early 1800s when pirates controlled the Texas coast along the Gulf of Mexico. One of the most notorious, Jean Lafitte, arrived on the island in 1817 and quickly became the principal innkeeper. Forced to flee only three years later under dire circumstances, he allegedly buried his fortune and never returned.

Lafitte's booty may be lost forever, but today

another kind of treasure awaits discovery. In the years since Lafitte fled, Galveston Island grew into a wonderfully civilized city—part beach resort, part historic landmark, and part cultured metropolis. The San Luis Resort and Conference Center perfectly complements everything the island has to offer. The 22-acre complex embraces two first-class hotels—The San Luis Hotel and Hilton Resort Beachfront Galveston Island—condominiums, and convention facilities along sunny Seawall Boulevard, a classic beachfront strip on the south side of the island. It overlooks a white sand beach and the clear, warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Colorful umbrellas shade guests on the beach as they relax in sight of their rooms.



Altogether, the resort offers 500 guest rooms, each with unobstructed views of the water. All rooms and suites have their own balconies, designer furnishings, desks, and dual phone lines with fax and modem



capability for business and personal needs.

Distinguished by a glass-enclosed 4,000square-foot entry promenade—a comfortable place to relax and listen to live piano music— The San Luis Hotel also features an outdoor pool with swim-up bar, whirlpool, tennis courts, fitness facility—and The Steakhouse restaurant, recently named Best Steakhouse on the Gulf Coast by *Texas Monthly* magazine for its impressive menu and the sumptuousness of its mahogany and leather decor. Additional dining choices include The Cafe, The Palm Court, Landry's Seafood House, and an International House of Pancakes.

Families and others planning at least a week's vacation often opt for stays in the 100 condominiums at The San Luis. Or, for stays of any duration, they may also select from the 150 rooms and suites at the Hilton, which includes a floor dedicated to executive-level hospitality. Guests lounge by another outdoor pool or soak in the heated whirlpool, sip cocktails at the tropical swim-up bar, join friends on the tennis courts, or work out in a fitness facility.

The resort's high standard hits the stratos-

phere within the 30,000-square-foot San Luis Conference Center. The sheer magnitude of the three-level center—with its Grand Ballroom and 18 soundproof conference rooms—leaves guests in awe. Newly appointed mahogany details and textiles complete a regal setting for weddings, parties, and meetings of up to 650 people.

Guests find all this within steps of the beach and within minutes of 16 museums and Galveston's Strand National Historic Landmark District, home to more than 100 shops, galleries, and restaurants. Whether they come for business or vacation, Galveston Island visitors find the perfect location at The San Luis. ***** Above, far left: Fine wine completes the awardwinning experience at The Steakhouse, where guests feast on Midwest grain-fed beef and live Maine lobster. Above: Guests receive a sparkling reception in The San Luis Hotel's promenade. Below: Designer interiors suit everything from romantic getaways to family vacations and firstclass business trips.





Asia, Australia, Hawaii, & South Pacific



Right: Three decades of Hawaiian hospitality back the legend of today's Kahala Mandarin Oriental. Below: Just ten minutes from Waikiki's world-class shops and entertainment, guests find peaceful seclusion in one of Honolulu's most prestigious residential areas.





Kahala Mandarin Oriental



Right: A recent multimillion-dollar renovation transformed the lobby into the family room of a grand plantation home. Though much has changed, returning presidents, potentates, and film stars still recognize the chandeliers' signature glow. UESTS OF THE KAHALA Mandarin Oriental find the charms of old Hawaii freshly re-imagined for the 1990s. Just 15 minutes from downtown Honolulu, Kahala's 800-foot stretch of pristine beach, exquisite sunrise and sunset views, and aura of privacy remain intact. Yet a tasteful renovation has transformed the 30-year-

old legend into one of Hawaii's most luxurious and up-to-date resorts and a proud recipient of the AAA's Five Diamond Award.

Today, like the first heyday of the 1960s, celebrities and other guests relax beside the pool or on the beach by day. In the evening, they mingle with Honolulu society who gather for dinner at Hoku's, the hotel's



award-winning signature restaurant.

The traditions of Hawaiian hospitality extend a warm aloha to one and all—including families with children. The Keiki Club invites kids to explore Hawaiian culture through educational games and activities. While pleasing children, this leaves parents free to enjoy more adult amuse-

> ments—such as rounds on some of Oahu's top golf courses.

Other guests opt for visits to the hotel's Fitness Center. Still more plunge into Pacific adventures, renting kayaks, rafts, sailboats, or snorkeling gear on the beach. As a highlight for guests of all ages, the hotel offers one-on-one interaction with resident bottlenose dolphins, who share Location: On the beach at Kahala, a residential suburb of Honolulu, Hawaii Property: 6.8 acres Accommodations: 371 rooms and

suites

Meeting space: 9,560 square feet Recreation: Swimming pool, children's pool, fitness center, dolphin lagoon, 800foot sandy beach, snorkeling, kayaking, and sailing.

Range of rates: \$295-\$3,495 Reservations: (808) 739-8888; in the U.S. (800) 367-2525; fax (808) 739-8800 Mailing address: 5000 Kahala Ave., Honolulu, HI 96816-5498 General manager: Jan Goessing

their Dolphin Lagoon with sea turtles and a rainbow of tropical fish.

The playful dolphins and congenial gatherings by the pool uphold a long Kahala tradition, as do the friendly employees. In the lobby, the hotel's signature chandeliers still cast their colorful glow. Yet, under Mandarin Oriental management, much has changed, especially in the hotel's 371 spacious guest rooms.

Today's rooms balance contemporary design and amenities with the romance of a bygone era, conjured with mahogany furniture, teak parquet floors, and local artworks. In the bathrooms, vintage fixtures and wicker furniture enrich the traditional mood. Despite the changes, the rooms still feature vistas of the Pacific, the Ko'olau Mountains, the Waialae Golf Course, and the Dolphin Lagoon, all framed by a waterfall and lush Hawaiian gardens.

Hoku's—a restaurant to rival any in Honolulu—delivers Asian-inspired cuisine from a lively open kitchen. Embellished with sushi and oyster



bars, the dining room provides ocean views from every table. Just outside, the Hoku Terrace serves light meals and cocktails in a delightfully relaxed atmosphere. For casual dining throughout the day, the Plumeria Beach Cafe serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner by the beach.

Shoppers love the array of upscale boutiques in the retail arcade. Meeting planners and working guests appreciate the hotel's new banquet facilities, meeting rooms, and fully equipped Business Center.

Whether working or playing, guests feel instantly at home. Heartfelt Hawaiian hospitality, combined with a special sense of exclusivity, conspire to turn every guest into a member of the family. *****



Top: Spacious rooms delight the eye with views from Diamond Head to Koko Head. Above: While some lounge in cabanas and hammocks along the shore, others relax with a wide range of ocean sports. Far left: A fresh breeze accompanies meals at the reborn Plumeria Beach Cafe. Left: Guests enjoy all the elements of a classic Hawaiian holiday, from pool to palms to clear Pacific waters.





Right: Le Royal Meridien's swim-up bar appears to float high above the southwest edge of Koh Samui. The island's only infinity-edge pool produces the magical illusion of merging cliff-top and Gulf of Thailand waters.



Above and right: Inner

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Le Royal Meridien Baan Taling Ngam

UESTS NEVER GET OVER the views from their room at Le Royal Meridien Baan Taling Ngam. Or the views from the seven swimming pools, four restaurants and bars,

Gulf of Thailand and the islands of Ang Thong National Marine Park on the horizon.

Despite its proximity to Bangkok—only 70 minutes away by plane—Thailand's third largest

meeting rooms, and pristine white sandy beach, for that matter.

Secluded on the southwest shore of Koh Samui, the 16-acre resort spills spectacularly down the side of a lushly landscaped cliff, focusing on breathtaking panoramas of the



island remains a land of sleepy coconut plantations, azure seas, and peaceful, silent nights. Days glide by languidly, under the protective gaze of stone elephants and other guardian statues.

Forty deluxe rooms pay homage to Koh



Samui's nurturing spirits with traditional Thai luxury: burnished wood floors, teak furnishings, crisp linen sheets, and fluffy towels. At the same time, in keeping with membership in The Leading Hotels of the World, all rooms offer the ultimate in modern amenities, from 24-hour room service to adjustable air conditioning, satellite TV, laser-disk video, stereo, CD library, electronic safe, and directdial phones. In all rooms, sliding glass doors open to balconies with breathtaking views of the sea.

For a heightened degree of luxury, the resort provides seven large beach villas and two deluxe suites near the gulf. The cliff villas, with up to 3,500 square feet of space and three bedrooms, command their own private worlds. The threelevel, three-bedroom Baan Napa, or Royal Villa, reigns as the jewel in the crown of extraordinary accommodations.

Guests pursue all manner of water sports off the sand, from swimming and snorkeling to windsurfing and sailing. For the adventurous, an awardwinning PADI dive center offers scuba instruction and trips to the island's many sites, including the coral reef offshore and excursions to Ang Thong National Marine Park.

Yet many find complete contentment in the Jacuzzi or by the pools. The main pool, located





above the beach, sports an infinity edge, swim-up bar, and breathtaking view of the offshore islands and the sea. A few steps away, a fitness center and spa offer workouts and soothing Thai massage.

The pervading peacefulness of the resort extends to its drinking and dining alternatives. Lom Talay restaurant presents Thai cuisine and entertainment alfresco, while the beachside Promenade specializes in Italian dishes and fresh seafood. Meanwhile, the Verandah Bar provides a cliff-top perch for refreshments all day, but proves especially popular during the island's famous peach and persimmon sunsets.

Later, guests settling on their balconies after dark often marvel at the vastness of stars that dome the peaceful gulf waters. As one visitor put it, "Even the sea seems to be holding its breath." *****





Above: Rich in Thai motifs, every room, suite, and villa comes with fivestar comfort and a balcony view of the island's sunset coast. Below, far left: Guests enjoy everything from tennis and mountain biking to sea kayaking, sailing, and scuba diving. Left: The Thai-roofed accommodations stretch up from the beach to cap the peak of the cliff. Right: Australian flora makes up the bulk of Bedarra Island, little changed since Captain Cook first sighted it in 1770. Only 15 luxury villas invite guests to explore the lush, unspoiled rain forest, bathe in the warm blue waters, and lounge or picnic on the soft sandy beaches.





Bedarra Island, Queensland, Australia Bedarra Island

ITH ONLY 15 LUXURY VILLAS, Bedarra Island welcomes just a few privileged guests at a time. The 247-acre haven of natural wonders lies on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, midway between the cities of Townsville and Cairns, Australia, and three miles off Queensland's fabled Reef and Rainforest Coast.

To reach Bedarra, travelers fly from Cairns to nearby Dunk Island, then transfer by launch to the resort. They arrive to find a pristine rain forest fringed in golden beaches and anchored in the

iridescent blue waters of the Coral Sea.

Lush tropical foliage embraces every twolevel villa, all placed for total privacy and cleverly crafted to blend in with the surroundings. Backed by the sights and sounds of the rain forest, guests gaze from their balcony to behold



the ocean's warm, clear waters across a private stretch of sand.

Indoors, the villas offer both air conditioning and softly whirring ceiling fans, bedrooms with king-size beds, separate living rooms, well-stocked minibars, TVs with VCRs, CD players, phones, and such extra touches as aromatherapy oil burners and ceramic boards with colored glass counters for playing backgammon and other table games.

Bedarra's all-inclusive rate tempts guests to

sample every delectable food and beverage the resort has to offer. An open bar quenches thirsts 24 hours a day with domestic and imported beers, vintage red and white wines, champagne, spirits, and liqueurs. For reading and conversation, guests gather in a comfortably appointed



Above: Complimentary catamarans provide one of the many means for romantic adventure. Right: Just three miles off the Queensland coast, the island offers a world apart. Location: Three miles off the north Queensland coast on Bedarra Island, Australia Property: 247 acres Accommodations: 15 villas Recreation: Pool, tennis court, sandy beaches, snorkeling, fishing, sailing, sailboarding, paddle skiing, and rain-forest walks. Nearby golf, squash, horseback riding, and sky and scuba diving. Range of rates: Approximate US\$395-\$620 Reservations: (61)(2) 9364-8300; in the U.S. (800) 225-9849; fax (61)(2) 9299-2477 Mailing address: GPO Box 5287, Sydney, NSW 2001, Australia E-mail: resorts_email@poaustralia.com Resort general: Giacomo and Natalie

lounge, where the amenities include a grand piano and a library with a wide selection of books, CDs, and videos. For mementos, they shop at Bedarra's upscale boutique.

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For meals, they gather at the Terrace Restaurant, with an unforgettable view of the rain forest. Here a staff of talented chefs cater to individual whims with menus that change daily and feature the freshest Queensland seafood and tropical fruits. Crayfish, crab, and baby barramundi highlight the menu.

For lunch, some vacationers prefer to load one of the motorized

dinghies with a picnic basket—filled with a choice of champagne and other gourmet delights—and enjoy it in the seclusion of a hidden beach.

Along with exploration of Bedarra's beaches, bays, and coves by motorboat come snorkeling,

catamaran sailing, paddle skiing, and fishing. Guests also enjoy complimentary use of Bedarra's pool, Jacuzzi, and tennis court. Snorkeling and diving on the Great Barrier Reef wait just a short cruise away, or private charters will take couples ocean sailing or game fishing. Guests opting for a quick launch trip to Dunk play golf and squash or, for a small additional fee, go horseback riding and sky diving.

Bedarra's matchless location and tropical climate support an endless



list of activities. Yet for some, the island serves as the perfect hideaway for doing little to nothing at all. Asked to recall Bedarra's most memorable sound, one visitor replied, "The popping of champagne corks first thing in the morning." *R*



Above: Utter privacy, first-class comfort, and an all-inclusive rate ensure a holiday of carefree abandon. Below left: A freshwater swimming pool flanks the Central Complex, where diners punctuate their days with delectable meals and an extensive choice of beverages. Right: Visiting artists often join the art and antiques highlighting the Great Hall of the Lodge at Koele.





The Lodge at Koele and Manele Bay Hotel



Above: The upcountry retreat recalls a colonial estate from the Edwardian period. Below right: Genteel pursuits include golf at the Experience at Koele, an 18-hole course designed by Ted Robinson and Greg Norman. Far right: Guests enjoy one of the fastest growing sports in the country at Koele's 15-acre sporting clays course. ONLY TWO RESORTS share Hawaii's sixth largest and most secluded island. Guests at both have access to virtually everything on 141square-mile Lanai. Happily, they also share access to each other's amenities, including golf courses, tennis courts, dining rooms, and more. Convenient transportation carries registered guests to the golf courses, Lanai Pine Sporting Clays, Lanai City, and between both resorts.

A sense of permanence and luxury welcomes newcomers as they enter the main hall of either hotel. Tufted sofas, richly patterned rugs, and European portraits join museum-quality art and artifacts from across the Pacific and Asia.

Both hotels have libraries, game rooms, bars, conversation areas, and dining rooms adjoining the main halls. Together they count seven restaurants,



serving everything from poolside breakfasts to country-club lunches to award-winning cuisine for dinner. At each, the quality reflects membership in two of the hotel world's most prestigious organizations: Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide and Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

The Lodge at Koele debuted first, in 1990, in the cool green hills a mile from the island's only town (Lanai City, population 2,800). The stately copper-roofed structure shelters 102 rooms around a formal axial plan. Long porches set with cushioned wicker seating connect twin guest wings.

Guests at Koele live at 1,700 feet above sea level. With temperatures in the low 70s, there's no need for air conditioning. Doors and windows open to manicured lawns and rows of Cook Island pines, a pond, gazebo, orchid hothouse, and





gardens that merge into woodlands. Along with bike, four-wheel-drive vehicle, and equestrian trails, guests find a 15-acre sporting clays course, croquet, lawn bowling, and an 18hole putting course—the latter to perfect their strokes before tackling the Experience at Koele, an 18-hole championship golf course by Greg Norman and Ted Robinson.

Manele Bay Hotel—the larger, newer (1991), and more casual of Lanai's resorts—hugs a steepsloping hillside above Hulopo'e Beach. Generously open, with a Mediterranean feeling, it adjoins a cliff-top Conference Center and the Challenge at Manele, a target-style championship golf course by Jack Nicklaus.

The 250 rooms and suites, furnished in Chinese colonial style, occupy five two-story pavilions linked by breezeways, multilevel gardens, and waterfall-fed fishponds. The private quarters at both hotels include TVs, VCRs, cozy sitting areas, and individually selected antiques and artworks.

Location: On the island of Lanai, Hawaii Property: 89,000 acres Accommodations: 352 rooms and suites Meeting space: 12,000 square feet Recreation: Two 18-hole golf courses, eight tennis courts, sporting clays course, spa, pools, sandy beach, kayaking, children's programs, lawn bowling, croquet, mountain biking, horseback riding, and cultural programs including the Lanai Visiting Artist Program with famous authors, chefs, musicians, filmmakers, and fine artists. Range of rates: \$295-\$2,000 Reservations: (808) 565-3800; in the U.S. (800) 321-4666; fax (808) 565-3868 Mailing address: P.O. Box 310, Lanai City, HI 96763 E-mail: reservations@lanai-resorts.com General manager: Vice President, Resorts Operation, William Scalley Resident manager: Sean Maddock (Lodge at Koele) Members of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide



Even the bathrooms combine personalized charm and the best in hotel living: double sinks, separate shower and tub, terry robes, and sumptuous grooming aids.

Little wonder to hear that the world's wealthiest man, Microsoft's Bill Gates, chose to marry his bride at Manele. Or that guests like Hollywood's Michael Douglas, Tom Selleck, and Gene Hackman seek renewal on Lanai. Or that readers of *Condé Nast Traveler* rank both resorts among the world's top ten tropical hideaways. Lanai—the former pineapple paradise—has refined the sweet life for five-star tastes. *** Above, far left: The Jack Nicklaus-designed Challenge at Manele plays 150 feet above the surf. Above: Spinner dolphins often frolic in the waters off Hulopo'e Beach. Below: Manele's Kailani Terrace blends Kama'aina traditions with art and artifacts from around the globe.





Banyan Tree Maldives Vabbinfaru



Top and above: Clear blue water creates a natural playground for canoeing, snorkeling, diving, sailing, and fishing at the Banyan Tree Maldives Vabbinfaru. Right: Diners indulge in lavish meals with a range of settings and cuisines.

HE BANYAN TREE

Maldives Vabbinfaru gives a new and thoroughly luxurious twist to the phrase "cast away on a tropical island." The resort remains the only development on the tiny island of Vabbinfaru, one of more than 1,200 picture-perfect islands in the Maldive archipelago. The

little isle feels completely isolated, yet reaching it from the capital city of Male takes only 20 minutes by speedboat.

Guests looking out from their 48 highhatted, Balinese-style villas see pristine ocean waters plied by mariners for more than





four millennia. Today's Maldives serve as a magical preserve for both undersea life and Sunni Muslim culture. The resort's design and art gallery celebrate the region's ancient traditions with an array of local art forms and motifs.

Most of the focus, however, rests naturally on the sea. Offshore lie

some of the world's most pristine conditions for snorkeling and diving. The resort offers PADI- and SSIcertified scuba instruction, equipment rental, and trips to spellbinding reefs and shipwrecks. From diving and windsurfing to deep-sea fishing, Location: In the North Male Atoll on the island of Vabbinfaru, Republic of Maldives

Property: 6.5 acres Accommodations: 48 villas Meeting space: 231 square feet Recreation: Spa, sandy beach, scubadiving center, snorkeling, sailing, waterskiing, windsurfing, canoeing, kayaking, surfing, fishing, and excursions by boat, seaplane, and helicopter. Range of rates: \$400-\$2,000

Reservations: (960) 443-147; in the U.S. (800) 525-4800 or (800) 223-5652; fax (960) 443-843 Mailing address: Vabbinfaru Island, North Male Atoll, Republic of Maldives General manager: Bernold O. Schroeder

opportunities for fun and adventure abound.

Meanwhile, a setting of unmatched serenity waits back at the Banyan Tree Spa, a six-pavilion sanctuary run by a staff of degreed professionals, all trained for at least a year at the Banyan Tree Phuket, Thailand. Their treatments draw from a vast menu of ancient and modern healing arts used around the world: meditation as well as body rubs, wraps, and massages, facials, and beautifying for the hair, nails, and overall image.

The private villas mirror the serenity of the spa with their secluded terraces, gardens, and sweeping vistas of the Indian Ocean. Four-poster beds, generous sitting areas, sybaritic bathrooms, direct-dial phones, and indigenous art give just a taste of what the interiors have to offer. The Presidential Villa welcomes families and groups with an entertainment area and Jacuzzi plus one or two connecting villas. Small corporate gatherings can count on not only full secretarial services and catering but the comfort of a luxurious boardroom.





At mealtimes, guests call for delivery from Villa Dining or sample scrumptious Maldivian and international dishes at the beachfront Ilaafathi or Sangu Garden Restaurants. Alternatively, a chef and waiter will prepare and serve a barbecue on guests' private terrace or cater a romantic dinner for two in a secluded sandbank setting. At the Naiboli Bar, couples share

afternoon cocktails with friends and later count the stars in the Maldives firmament.

Thanks to a staff of 150 for just 48 villas, the resort marries the ultimate standard of Small Luxury Hotels and the Deluxe Collection of SRS World Hotels to the simplicity of a far-flung island lifestyle. In a land where dolphins frolic near the beach, where pristine waters meet palmframed perfection, the Banyan Tree brings a dream world to life. ₹



Top: Four-poster beds, private terraces, and close-up views of the Indian Ocean highlight the beachfront villas. Above: Snorkelers come face to face with undersea life on the surrounding reefs. Below, far left: The thatched-roof Sunset Jetty provides a rendezvous spot for lovers and friends as well as a location for corporate meetings. Left: The **Banyan Tree also caters** lunch or dinner in a secluded sandbank setting.







Opposite: Wrapped in year-round sunshine and a gentle Pacific breeze, Ihilani Resort & Spa houses guests within steps of the ocean, lagoon, and pool. Left: Oahu's only fullservice luxury resort skirts a hidden lagoon on the island's western shore. Below: Ihilani incorporates many of the best aspects of Hawaii's indigenous culture.



Ihilani Resort & Spa

HILANI RESORT & SPA embraces one of four pristine lagoons at Ko Olina Resort & Marina—640 acres of unspoiled tropical flora, two miles of white-sand beach, and 18 holes of

The main building centers 387 rooms and suites around a soaring glass-domed atrium. More than 85 percent of the rooms focus on the Pacific. Guests drink in the view from private lanais set

with teak dining tables and reclining lounges.

Even standard rooms average among the largest in Hawaii, and 36 suites provide up to 4,000 square feet. All guests enjoy ceiling fans, TVs with in-house movies, safes, radio-CD players, and stocked minibars. Three phones allow for fingertip



Left: Ko Olina Golf Club challenges players with 18 holes of Ted Robinsondesigned golf.

championship golf. As the only hotel at Ko Olina, Ihilani provides seclusion unrivaled on Hawaii's most-visited island. Guests unwind on the sunny leeward shore of Oahu, a world away from Honolulu and Waikiki but just 25 minutes from Honolulu International Airport.





Above: One of four distinctive restaurants, Azul illustrates the hotel's sophisticated yet casual flavor. The menu draws from the spirit of the Mediterranean coupled with an unprecedented use of the island's freshest bounty. communication plus instant room lighting and climate control.

Marble bathrooms offer deep-soaking tubs, separate showers and water closets, double vanities, robes, slippers, and custom toiletries. Services range from nightly turndown to 24-hour in-room dining. Given the extent of the pampering indoors, guests may have to remind themselves to step outside.

Those who do reap rewards at every turn. The lagoon and beach wait a few steps from the main building and pool. A second pool specializes in lap swimming outside Ihilani Spa—a 35,000-squarefoot facility featuring a full range of fitness, relaxation, and beauty programs. Guests' children pursue pleasures of their own at the Keiki Beachcomber Club.

Racquet fans meet on six courts complete with a pro shop. Guests preferring clubs to racquets head for Ko Olina's 18-hole championship golf course. Designed by Ted Robinson, it ranks as one of the top 75 resort courses in the country, according to



Location: On the southwestern shore

Accommodations: 387 rooms and

Meeting space: 16,412 square feet Recreation: 18-hole golf course, six tennis courts, two pools, spa and fitness center, children's program, sandy beach, snorkeling, diving, fishing, and sailing.

of Oahu, Hawaii Property: 640 acres

suites

Golf Digest. A trilevel clubhouse provides locker rooms, a golf shop, and Niblick's, a casual drinking and dining establishment.

For many, golf provides the perfect complement to meetings. Ihilani's group facilities include the Ocean Ballroom for up to 400, eight smaller meeting rooms, and a boardroom for up to 22. Dedicated staff oversee everything from planning and catering to secretarial support.

Like everything at Ihilani, most items on the menus reflect a marrying of cultures. Ihilani chefs practice a culinary style called Tropical Pacific. Working with local ingredients, the kitchens of allday restaurant Naupaka, fine-dining room Azul, and Niblick's Golf Club Grille please a wide spectrum of tastes. The fourth restaurant, Ushio-Tei, caters to connoisseurs of classic Japanese cuisine.

Ihilani represents the only full-service luxury resort on Oahu. Guests enjoy a five-diamond standard of hospitality at one of Hawaii's most accessible and idyllic locales. *****



Right: The celebration of light and air continues in some of the most spacious guest rooms in Hawaii. Far right: Ihilani's full-service, 35,000square-foot destination spa rewards seekers of health, beauty, and fitness.





Left: The Mauna Kea Beach Hotel embraces the sands of Kauna'oa Bay on the Big Island's Kohala Coast. Encircled by golf, tennis, and bright blue ocean waters, the hotel offers an activity for every taste.

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Mauna Kea Beach Hotel

N 1960, when the new state of Hawaii wanted to decentralize tourism beyond Waikiki, it invited hotelier Laurance S. Rockefeller

to tour the islands and choose an outlying site for a new luxury resort. The resulting trip changed the standard for Hawaiian holidays for all time.

Rockefeller fell in love with the Big Island of Hawaii. He chose an area on the Kohala Coast, statistically the sunniest spot in the islands. On land covered in 5,000-year-old black lava adjoining a white-sand beach—backed by majestic snowcapped Mauna Kea and fronted by Kauna'oa Bay—he built a hotel whose every aspect paid tribute to the ancient Hawaiian spirit.



More than 30 years later, the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel reopened after a top-tobottom, 18-month restoration. Today's guests find the same sense of Hawaiian time and place that for decades made it the number one favorite of elite travelers from all over the world. They still find the open-air atrium replete with full-size palms and flagstone patios, running brooks, and pools of colorful koi. Rockefeller's vast Mauna Kea collection of Asian and Pacific



Above and left: Everything takes its cue from the Pacific island setting, from the 200 acres of landscaped grounds to the lobby's smallest details.





Top: Legendary Hole No. 3 at the Mauna Kea Golf Course presents a tee shot across a surging Pacific inlet. Above: The five-star Tennis Park offers 13 Plexipave courts and a state-of-the-art video training facility. Right: Rockefeller's famous palm-shaded pool overlooks the beach and lawn. art still graces the walls and lush, tropical grounds.

But a few things have changed since Rockefeller's day. The number of rooms has more than doubled, to 310. The number of employees has risen to nearly 800. And all the rooms and suites now feature a fresh watercolor palette, first-quality rattan and willow furnishings, plus updated fixtures and amenities in the bathrooms. Today, in contrast to the old days, the hotel supplies every room and suite with cable TV.

Most guests, however, prefer to remain blissfully unaware of the outside world. Many concentrate instead on Mauna Kea Resort's two 18-hole golf courses, which contributed to the resort earning one of only a dozen Gold Medals bestowed by *Golf* magazine to golf resorts

nationwide.

Traditionalists begin at the original Mauna Kea Golf Course, designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. Holding a Gold Medal of its own as one of the nation's top 100 courses, the classic tree- and bunker-lined course skirts breathtaking vistas of the rugged coast, lava beds, and sparkling blue Pacific.

In 1992, Mauna Kea unveiled its second award-winning layout. The Hapuna Golf Course, fashioned by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay into one of Hawaii's



Location: On the Kohala Coast of the Big Island of Hawaii Property: 200 acres Accommodations: 310 rooms and

suites

Meeting space: 9,833 square feet Recreation: 18-hole golf course, 13 tennis courts, pool, fitness center, shuffleboard, croquet, volleyball, sandy beach, windsurfing, sailing, snorkeling, diving, fishing, and organized programs for all ages and interests. Another 18 holes of golf nearby, seasonal whale watching, horseback riding, and helicopter rides.

Range of rates: \$325-\$1,250 Reservations: (808) 882-7222; in the U.S. (800) 882-6060; fax (808) 882-5700 Mailing address: 62-100 Mauna Kea Beach Dr., Kohala Coast, HI 96743 General manager: Charles Park



most environmentally sensitive designs, provides a links-style challenge as well as a safe haven for several native birds, including the rare *pu'eo*, or Hawaiian owl.

The resort's Tennis Park provides another big draw with its 13 Plexipave courts and five-star programs. Some guests ride horseback on the Parker Ranch lands surrounding the resort. Others frequent the hotel's fitness center or jogging course that winds along the fairways. Activities programs for every age and interest add a wide array of learning, playing, and sightseeing options.

Ocean sports head the attraction list for many: surfing and windsurfing, snorkeling and scuba diving, sailing and fishing. Even so, a surprising number of guests remain content to lounge by the pool or on the beach. While the hotel leaves larger meetings and conferences to its sister property, the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, it makes an ideal location for intimate wedding parties, board meetings, and executive retreats.

Nowhere is choice more evident than in the five restaurants. Known above all for their commitment to Hawaiian cuisine, the chefs work with everything from locally grown Kona coffee to Parker Ranch beef and baby fern shoots.

As witnessed by this emphasis on quality and choice, attention to the individual may be the underlying key to nearly four decades of popularity. The personal touch permeates every stay, in keeping with Rockefeller's original vision of the perfect Hawaiian retreat. *****



Top: Understated luxury in the guest rooms and suites befits the spirit of Mauna Kea, devoted to stewardship of the land and local traditions of hospitality. Above: Hawaiian performers stage events in a variety of settings. Far left: A Big Island breeze completes the refreshment of every outdoor buffet. Left: The Garden Room provides a more formal setting for private dinners or receptions.







Right: Nusa Dua Beach Hotel & Spa devotes more than an acre of rejuvenating gardens, pools, and pavilions to its spa. Therapies conform to international standards while incorporating Bali's back-to-nature approach.



Below right: Even the meeting rooms reflect the island's days of royal splendor. Far right: Evening dining and performances under the stars express the warmth, hospitality, and culture of the Balinese experience.

Nusa Dua Beach Hotel & Spa

HE TOWERING STONE gates to the Nusa Dua Beach Hotel resemble those of an ancient Balinese palace. Stepped pools sparkle on all sides, and 95 dragon heads—representing the mythical Hindu guardian Naga—spout water amid the lotus flowers. Balinese belief holds that such finely carved gates bar the entrance of those with less than pure hearts.

The resort—which opened in 1983 as the first five-star property in Bali's popular Nusa Dua area—pays homage to the days when mighty rajas governed the island with pomp and pageantry. Its authenticity creates the feeling that to know Nusa



Dua is to know Bali as it existed centuries ago.

Only 20 minutes from the main airport, the beach-side resort remains wonderfully isolated amid 23 acres of tropical park land. The gardens feature luscious overhangs of bougainvillea and sprays of hibiscus accenting duck-filled ponds and gushing fountains. From their rooms, guests follow trails of quaint bridges and winding pathways to the swimming pools or other locations, stopping at open-air *bales* for cocktails and fresh juices along the way.

Interiors incorporate the rich arts and crafts of the island, embellished by traditional Balinese







ikat and batik textiles. High ceilings thatched with natural *alang-alang* grass watch over natural-dye paintings of mythical scenes, intricately carved wood and sandstone facades, and elaborate indoor water fountains.

The attention to detail extends to the resort's business center and event facilities, which handle meetings of up to 400, and to some of the finest dining facilities on the island. Guests choose from nine restaurants, cafés, and bars, including the aptly named Raja's Table.

All 335 rooms and 45 suites combine a rich Balinese flavor with modern touches such as air conditioning, balconies, safe deposit boxes, satellite TVs, and direct-dial phones. The exclusive Palace Club takes Nusa Dua's level of luxury one step higher, offering palatial furnishings and private garden lanais.

zs and private garden lanais. The noted Nusa Dua Spa draws guests to yet another beach-side garden. At the spa's reception, guests collect their batik robes and head for the separate men's and women's facilities. Along with meditation and yoga training, a wide choice of massages, facials, and body treatments await, including traditional Indonesian treatments such as Javanese *lulur* and Balinese *boreh*.

Fitness-minded guest find tennis and squash courts as well as a full gym with a myriad activities—even a rock-climbing wall and Balinese dancing lessons.

After the recent \$22-million renovation, Nusa Dua provides more luxurious and healthful pampering than ever. Even the swimming pool now features a natural filtering system that precludes the use of chlorine or other chemicals—the only such system on Bali. So Nusa Dua guests remain not only pure of heart, but pure of body as well. ***** Above, far left: The 23acre grounds recall the summer palace of an Indonesian prince. Thatched-roof *bales* invite guests to stop for refreshments or simply to contemplate the view. Above: Raja's Table, the hotel's signature restaurant, serves Asia-Pacific specialties alfresco.

peninsula of Bali, Indonesia **Property:** 23 acres **Accommodations:** 380 rooms and suites **Meeting space:** About 4,300 square feet **Recreation:** Three swimming pools, spa, fitness gym, climbing wall, two tennis and two squash courts, sandy beach, sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, snorkeling, biking, and nearby 18-hole championship golf. **Range of rates:** US\$200-\$2,000 **Reservations:** (62)(361) 771-210; (800) 223-6800; fax (62)(361) 771-229 **Mailing address:** P.O. Box 1028, Den-

Location: At Nusa Dua, on the southern

pasar, Bali, Indonesia E-mail: ndbhnet@indosat.net.id Web site: www.hotelnusadua.com General manager: Erik Gangsted





Above: Guests of the new Palace Club enjoy an open invitation to the Palace Lounge. Left: The Lagoon Pool captures the essence of pure pleasure.



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Top and below right: Silky Oaks Lodge immerses visitors in the sights, sounds, and serenity of Australia's Reef and Rainforest Coast. Elevated walkways link the main lodge with 60 private chalets. Far right: The lounge mirrors the friendly laid-back lifestyle of Far North Queensland.

Mossman, Queensland, Australia Silky Oaks Lodge

USTRALIA'S DAINTREE RAINFOREST National Park preserves the world's oldest virgin rain forest. Ranking second in size only to Brazil's Amazon region, the Daintree has nurtured hundreds of species of trees, orchids, and ferns, tropical birds, giant butterflies, marsupials, and other exotic life forms for more than 100 million years.

Today, Silky Oaks Lodge offers luxury-loving humans the opportunity to experience a World Heritage-listed wilderness from the comfort of a stylish resort. Facing the Mossman River, overlook-



ing an idyllic lagoon, guests enjoy attentive, firstclass service while living in intimate contact with the rain forest.

The piers supporting Silky Oaks's main lodge place guests directly in the forest canopy, within arm's length of electric-blue Ulysses butterflies, buff-breasted kingfishers, bright yellow orioles, and tree-climbing opossums. Set along the front of the main lodge building, overlooking the Daintree, the Tree House Restaurant complements its open-air setting with fresh gourmet cuisine made from the finest Queensland produce.



Location: Adjoining Daintree Rainforest National Park outside Mossman, Queensland, Australia Property: 80 acres Accommodations: 60 chalets Recreation: Pool, tennis court, hiking, biking, horseback riding, bird-watching, river snorkeling, canoeing, wallaby feeding, and nearby golf and tours of attractions including Cape Tribulation and the Great Barrier Reef. Range of rates: Approximate US\$225 Reservations: (61)(2) 9364-8300; in the U.S. (800) 225-9849; fax (61)(2) 9299-2477 Mailing address: P.O. Box 396, Mossman, QLD 4873, Australia E-mail: resorts_reservations@

poaustralia.com General manager: Steve Anstey



The adjoining Tree House Bar and Lounge offers another spot for sharing the rain forest experience with fellow travelers. For a matchless setting, a raised timber walkway leads to the Jungle Perch platform. Here, high above the river, guests enjoy coffee, afternoon tea, or cocktails with a bird's-eye view of the forest.

Like the main lodge, the resort's 60 freestanding chalets hover near treetop level. Hidden by lush vegetation, all open to wide verandahs. Inside, the chalets take care of guests' creature comforts with air conditioning, queen-size and single beds, phones, minibars, and tea- and coffeemaking gear. Many of the bathrooms come with sumptuous spa tubs, and all provide hair dryers, bathrobes, and deluxe toiletries.

Silky Oaks tempts guests to leave the luxury of

their lodgings with a wide range of activities. A nursery for orphaned wallabies invites them to visit. A tennis court attracts some. Swimmers and sunbathers enjoy dips and snacks at the pool. Cool mountain water draws others for canoe rides, swimming, or snorkeling in the Mossman River. Guests also explore the jungle on foot, horseback, and bikes. In the evening, resident naturalistguides entertain with slide shows that illustrate exactly what to look for.

For some, the Silky Oaks location makes the perfect base for a wider exploration of Far North Queensland, including Port Douglas and the Great Barrier Reef. Most guests, however, content themselves with the pleasures right at hand, enjoying an effortless adventure in a land of 100million-year-old flora and creatures of paradise. **#**



Above: Lovebirds and others nestled in the rain forest canopy indulge in naps and massage on their private verandahs. Below left: Mossman Gorge sends an endless stream of cool mountain water past the lodge. The river flows through the planet's oldest living rain forest to empty near Earth's largest living organism, the Great Barrier Reef.



Right: Turtle Island invites romantics to experience life on one of the jewels in Fiji's Yasawa chain. Below: The island's *mana*, or "magic," stems from a delicate balance between sea, land, and man's sensitive design.





Pacific Ocean Turtle Blue Lagoon to Viti Levu

Below right: Honeymooners often come to begin their life together. Others seek to celebrate and rekindle a long romance. Everyone rediscovers a childlike pleasure in the beauty of nature and gentle rhythms of the sea.

Turtle Island, Fiji Turtle Island

HE TOURISM COUNCIL of the South Pacific named Fiji's original private island resort the number one deluxe resort in the South Pacific for 1997. The collection of 14 private cottages, or *bures*, nestles alongside Turtle Island's most prized lagoon—the same Blue Lagoon seen in films of the same name starring Jean Simmons in 1949 and Brooke Shields in 1980.

Newcomers arrive via seaplane from Viti Levu's seaplane base. Schools of bright fish glide through a fantasy of blue water as guests alight from their plane on the main Blue Lagoon in front of the resort. Friendly Fijian staff welcome them with

exotic fruit cocktails in flower-bedecked coconuts.

Guests' homes are tworoom, 1,000-square-foot coral stone cottages with intricately woven palm frond ceilings. Each has a rattan-finished sitting room, queen- or kingsize four-poster bed, fully stocked refrigerator, champagne on ice, and fresh flowers decorating nearly every surface. A hammock hangs outside for their enjoyment. All furniture in the *bures* and outdoor areas was handcrafted in founder Richard Evanson's workshop. Turtle Island's main dining table, for instance, resulted from a monkey pod seed he planted more than 20 years ago.

Evanson, the American who personally orchestrates the friendly atmosphere, sold a lucrative cable TV firm in the early '70s to purchase Nanuya Levu, a 500-acre barren and uninhabited island in Fiji's Yasawa chain. He renamed it Turtle Island, dove headfirst into selfimposed exile, and came up a dedicated shirtsleeve conservationist.



The 1998 Gold and Grand Awards for Culture and Environmental Programs from the Pacific Asia Travel Association went to Evanson for his long dedication to conserving the environment

Location: On Turtle Island, Fiji Property: 500 acres Accommodations: 14 two-room beachside bures Recreation: 14 white-sand beaches, snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, windsurfing, deep-sea fishing, hiking, mountain biking, private picnics, horseback riding, sunset boat rides, and trips to neighboring islands and villages. Range of rates: \$495-\$659 per person per day, including all lodging, meals, beverages, laundry, and activities (six night minimum stay). Subject to ten percent V.A.T. Packages available. Reservations: (360) 256-4347, fax (360) 253-3934; in the U.S. and Canada toll-free (877) 2-TURTLE; in Australia (61)(3) 9629-4200, toll-free (800) 816-717, fax (61)(3) 9629-8605 Mailing address: 10906 N.E. 39th St., Ste. A-1, Vancouver, WA 98682-6789 E-mail: usa@turtlefiji.com Web site: www.turtlefiji.com **Owner and manager: Richard Evanson**



and preserving Fijian culture. Evanson recycles all water and generates his own electricity. He releases no waste into the ocean. Guests leave TV, radio, newspapers, and cash behind.

The staff of more than 50 Fijians takes care of every need—including snorkeling, deep-sea fishing, and scuba gear; sailboats, kayaks, and windsurfers; horseback rides; mountain bikes; and visits to villages on nearby outer islands.

Most guests gather for the nightly dinner party around Evanson's long monkey-pod table. Chef Jeremy Dochery, protégé of the renowned Frenchborn Australian Chef Jacques Reymond, works his culinary magic from freshly caught fish, crab, and lobster; Australian beef and lamb; and organic fruits and vegetables grown in the island's own three-acre vegetable garden. Guests enjoy an unlimited supply of outstanding wines, champagnes, and liquors. They have the choice of dining in a private location, but most join the others for breakfast on the beach or at evening sites that range from the mountaintop to a lantern-lit lagoon.

Saturday night dinner ends with a traditional moment of silence. Here guests may take the time to count their blessings and reflect on the experience *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report* called "as close to heaven on earth as you're likely to get." *H*



Top: Fourteen guest bures nestle in peaceful seclusion along the island's famous Blue Lagoon. Above: The powder-soft beach at sunset creates a perfect setting for romance. Left: Guests' separate sitting rooms include comfortable furnishings, wet bars, and refrigerators custom stocked with foods and beverages of choice.



Right: Despite its August 1995 vintage, Matahari Beach Resort mirrors the ancient motifs and atmosphere of a traditional Balinese village. Below: Neighboring fields slope down to a black-sand beach on Bali's pristine northwest coast.





Matahari Beach Resort

ALI'S LOCATION just south of the equator guarantees the certainty of several things: The sun rises at 6 a.m. and sets at 6 p.m. every day of the year. The temperature of the sea hovers at 80 degrees

year-round. And, well off the beaten tourist path, guests of the Matahari Beach Resort find the holiday of their dreams in paradise.

A Balinese dancer welcomes guests with flowers at the international airport in southern Bali. Then they board the hotel's air-conditioned

limousine for the scenic three-hour ride to the resort. A helicopter serves those who prefer to shorten the trip to 20 minutes. Both modes of transportation provide a sightseeing tour filled with

> fascinating villages, soaring mountains, rice terraces, and holy temples.

> The resort rests on a fine-grained lava beach overlooking the Java Sea in the old fishing village of Pemuteran, on Bali's northwest coast. Locals call the area Taman Bali, or the Garden of Eden. Singaraja, the old

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columns.

Right: Newcomers re-

ceive a royal welcome

in the lobby, where the

carved stone masonry

and intricately gold-leafed

details include hand-



Left: Matahari means Eye of the Day, and the resort occupies a magical region known as Taman Bali, or the Garden of Eden. Below: The arts take center stage. Some guests simply enjoy the show. Others join in classes covering dance, woodcarving, sculpture, painting, and local culinary arts.



Balinese capital, lies 37 miles to the east; the mountains of Bali Barat National Park lie just to the south.

A sense of warmth and security envelops visitors from the moment of arrival. Grounded in legendary Balinese hospitality, the courteous and attentive staff strives to anticipate and meet guests' every need.

Traditional architecture immerses visitors even further into the culture. Intricate wood carvings and ornate stone masonry adorn the lobby, while a raffia ceiling forms a golden canopy overhead. Balinese architects and craftsmen built the resort solely by hand, using marble and domestic materials such as sandstone, wood, and bamboo.

Winding paths of natural stone lead off to the 16 bungalows, where marble terraces catch the light to guide the way. Hand-carved wooden folding doors open to rooms filled with elegant furniture, including king-size four-poster beds made of fine local wood. Gleaming parquet floors and 13-foot raffia ceilings give the rooms a warm, natural glow.

Modern comforts within the 32 accommodations include air conditioning, minibars, international direct-dial phones, safes, hair dryers, and radios. The dressing and bathing areas include sunken bathtubs adjoining private gardens. Bathers





Above and left: The considerable talents of Chef Thomas Kilgore, formerly with Germany's Vier Jahreszeiten Hotel, complement the Balinese art of hospitality at the Dewi Ramona restaurant.





Top and above: Guests enjoy exclusive direct access to the island of Menjangan, under the protection of Bali Barat National Park. The resort's dive school emphasizes reverence in the face of the untouched environment. Right: Refreshment comes in many forms, from beach-side massage to games at the Bali Handara Golf Club. have the option of soaking in the oversize tub or stepping out to the garden to shower beneath a water-spouting dragon statue. For those wishing to dine in, room service delivers 24 hours a day.

Guests crossing the grounds on the way to the beach encounter a symphony of soothing sights, mysterious sounds, and scents. Water flows from stone statues and splashes gently into small ponds. The warm breeze rustles the leaves of swaying palm trees and hibiscus and carries the fragrance of lilies, flowering jasmine, and frangipani. On the beach, sun worshipers sip cool drinks while soaking up the rays on comfortable lounges. A staff masseuse offers seaside massage in the shade of the beach pavilions.



More active-minded visitors explore the fabled undersea world of the Java Sea. David's Dive Sport, the resort's PADI scuba diving school, allows both beginners and experts to discover the sights beneath the surface without venturing out too far.

Only 40 minutes by boat from the resort, the island of Menjangan presents divers with one of the most gorgeous coral reefs in the world. Its clear turquoise waters house table corals, sea ferns, peaceful sharks, stingrays, sea turtles, and tropical fish in every color of the rainbow. The resort's commitment to preserving the environment led to securing exclusive rights for its guests to explore Menjangan's pristine dive sites.


Location: At Pemuteran, 37 miles west of Singaraja on the northwest coast of Bali, Indonesia Property: 12.4 acres Accommodations: 32 rooms Meeting space: 861 square feet Recreation: Swimming pool, children's pool, tennis court, badminton, driving range, pitch-and-putt green, sandy beach, beach volleyball, snorkeling, diving (with PADI training and certification), windsurfing, sailing, fishing, mountain biking, and instruction in Balinese arts. Nearby golf and a wealth of fascinating excursions. Range of rates: US\$194-\$466 Reservations: (62)(362) 92312; fax (62)(362) 92313 Mailing address: P.O. Box 194, Pemuteran, Singaraja, Bali, Indonesia E-mail: matahari@denpasar:wasantara.net.id Web site: www.matahari-beach-resort.com General managers: Maja and Thomas Kilgore

Other activities include tennis, mountain biking (complimentary), windsurfing, and sailing. Also, the hotel's limousine offers to drive guests to the Bali Handara Kosaido Golf Club, just an hour away. At the resort itself, guests can practice at a

driving range and pitch-and-putt green. For those enamoured with Balinese culture and wishing to learn more, the resort offers classes in local dance as well as woodcarving, sculpture, and painting.

After a full day of sun and activity, the Dewi Ramona restaurant entertains with generous portions of fine cuisine prepared by European Chef Thomas Kilgore and his staff of Indonesian chefs. Specialties highlight the freshest local

ingredients, including favorites like red snapper and lobster and aromatic rice from local farms. Nearly everything is made fresh in the hotel's kitchen. What's more, the dining area faces a panoramic view of the garden, where an open-air platform stages traditional dances accompanied by gamelan with a Balinese orchestra.

For some, evening drinks and conversation at the Wayang Cocktail Bar make the perfect way to end a perfect day. For larger gatherings such as banquets and meetings, the



resort's conference room accommodates up to 80 people. Other resources onsite include a drugstore, library, and beauty salon featuring cosmetics made only from natural ingredients.

Bali locals say the gods and goddesses appreciate worldly pleasures as much as mere mortals. It's easy to believe at Matahari Beach Resort, where the setting, accommodation, and caring service easily fit the description divine. *****





Top and above: Devoted hands plaited guests' raffia ceilings, laid the parquet floors, and carved the spectacular furnishings. Left: A phalanx of mythical stone characters guards the portals of each bungalow.

Right: Vatulele combines the simplicity of the Fijian lifestyle and the luxuries of a world-class resort.





Vatulele Island Resort



Above and right: A handmade retreat, Vatulele blends effortlessly into the environment. The shared central complex illustrates use of open walls, huge natural tree trunks, and Fijian thatched roofs. GUESTS of Vatulele Island Resort leave the real world far behind. No clocks, radios, or TVs intrude—no reception desk, no piped-in music. The office maintains contact with the twentieth century by phone and fax; but elsewhere at the 60-acre resort, only the sun, stars, and tides mark the passage of time.

The Fijian resort lies a 25-minute flight

south of the international airport on Viti Levu. The island, population 900, was known solely for its tapa-cloth production until recently. Then a fifth-generation Fijian of European extraction, Martin Livingston (with a distinguished career in luxury resort management behind him), became partners with the Emmy Award-winning Australian TV producer Henry



Crawford. They spent two years seeking the perfect island and two years building, then in 1990 opened the resort to international acclaim.

As guests approach the shore, the staff prepares for a traditional Fijian choral welcome. The resort employs 110 islanders to care for only 18 villas. Nearly an acre of



tropical vegetation cushions each villa with total privacy. Guests wishing to remain undisturbed simply hang a shell necklace outside their villa.

All 18 guest villas, or *bures*, front the resort's three-quarter-mile stretch of beach. Designed in a combination of Fijian and American Southwest styles, they each measure nearly 2,000 square feet of whitewashed walls, terra-cotta floors, and brilliant fabric accents of yellow, orange, and blue.

Thatched roofs shelter sitting rooms on the beach level and spacious bedrooms with kingsize beds, dressing areas, and bathrooms with enormous showers on an upper level. Overhead fans, gentle trade winds, and large shuttered windows afford constant cooling breezes.

Everything reflects the owners' consummate taste, from the stocked refrigerator to the robes and toiletries, blue and white handmade pottery, terra-cotta lamps, and wind chimes. Large terraces off the bedroom and sitting room adjoin a path to the beach.

Guests can swim, sail, paddle, windsurf, snorkel, scuba dive, and sportfish. They can play tennis or volleyball or take a walk through the jungle. They can duck into the well-stocked

Location: On Vatulele Island, south of Viti Levu, Fiji Property: 120 acres Accommodations: 18 bures Recreation: Scuba diving (specialty), snorkeling, sailing, paddling, windsurfing, sportfishing, tennis, volleyball, and jungle hikes. Range of rates: US\$968 per couple per night, all inclusive with the exception of scuba diving and sportfishing Reservations: (61)(2) 9326-1055, fax (61)(2) 9327-2764; in the U.S. (800) 828-9146, fax (310) 338-0708 E-mail: vatu@magna.com.au Web site: www.vatulele.com Managing director: Henry Crawford library. Or, over each *bure's* terrace, a two-person hammock hangs temptingly in the shade.

Guests may opt to dine on their terrace, on the beach, or in a gazebo overlooking the resort. Others like to gather family-style at the main *bure* near an enormous banyan tree.

The cuisine ranges from Fijian and Indian to Thai, Italian, Japanese, and Californian. Dinner might begin with hors d'oeuvres at the bar followed by freshly made pasta and seafood salad. Tandoori cuisine might come next, or sushi, lobster curry, designer pizza, or baked fish wrapped in spinach. The wine cellar stocks Australian labels of the first rank as well as the finest French Champagne.

Gourmet magazine recognizes Vatulele as "the creation of perfectionists." For superb food and drink, friendliness, privacy, and peace of mind, few island resorts anywhere in the world can compare. *****

Above: An acre of dense foliage affords total privacy for each of the 18 guest *bures*. Spacious living areas adjoin terraces, which front the beach.

Below: A thriving coral reef offshore creates a picture-perfect lagoon ideal for swimming, aquatic sports, and especially scuba diving.



Right: Pools, ponds, palms, and Pacific Ocean come together at the main lagoon-pool complex of Kea Lani Hotel Suites & Villas. Opposite: The Royal Fountain Terrace stages spectacular weddings. Below: Kea Lani means "Heavenly White," an apt description of the hotel on Maui's Polo Beach.





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Right: Every suite offers a full measure of residential luxury and privacy—plus floor-to-ceiling windows that open to a doublewidth oceanfront lanai.

Kea Lani Hotel Suites & Villas

AWAII'S ONLY ALL-SUITE luxury resort rests on Maui's famed Polo Beach. The Kea Lani opened in December of 1991 in a setting lavish with tropical greenery, flowers, and 22,000 square feet of water features. A gleaming white exterior makes a spectacular sight against the clear blue skies of Wailea, known for its exceptionally sunny climate.

The main building's five floors of suites have double lanais facing the sea and setting sun. Indoors, living rooms entertain with 27-inch Sony

TVs, video players, laser and compact disc players, and AM-FM radios. The living rooms' double sofa beds mean the suites can sleep up to four adults and two children at no additional charge. Further amenities include wall safes, additional TVs in the bedrooms, two-line phones with computer data outlets, wet bars, refrigerators, microwave ovens, coffee makers, and complimentary coffee. Large marble bathrooms provide deep soaking

tubs, separate showers, twin pedestal sinks, hair dryers, lighted shaving and makeup mirrors, *yukata* robes, and Bare Escentuals toiletries. No detail of personal luxury is overlooked. Individual climate controls and ceiling fans condition the 840-square-foot suites.



The one- to threebedroom villas lie a few steps closer to the sea. Measuring 1,000, 1,800, and 2,200 square feet, they accommodate up to four and eight adults at no extra charge. The villas provide all the above amenities plus





Right: The Mezzanine provides a uniquely elegant backdrop for meetings or dinner parties. Below: Refreshment at the Polo Beach Grille & Bar includes snacks, lunch, cocktails, and optional in-pool seating.



Right: Caffe Ciao treats guests to daily pastries, freshly baked international breads, and gourmet deli specialties. A fine selection of wines and wide variety of coffee and imported teas assures a selection for every taste.

private sundeck plunge pools, second bathrooms, washer-dryers, and kitchens equipped with everything from tableware and toasters to fullsized appliances.

Guests wishing to dine out select from a number of options, beginning with Nick's Fishmarket Maui, the resort's main restaurant and one of the island's premier seafood emporiums. Here diners feast on fresh catches of the day and live Maine lobster, veal, steak, and pasta dishes.

For breakfast, guests drop by the casually elegant Kea Lani Restaurant or Caffe Ciao, an



indoor-outdoor eatery open from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and featuring fresh European bakery products and a wood-burning pizza oven. While Caffe Ciao adjoins the adult pool and beautifully landscaped Palm Court, the Polo Beach Grille and Bar serves lunch, snacks, and cocktails at the main lagoon-pool complex, where the amenities include a swim-up bar and 140-foot water slide.

Another garden highlight, the Royal Fountain Terrace, combines seven waterfalls and four fountains cascading 325 feet from the ballroom's reception area to the steps of the Gazebo—a

> favorite spot for weddings. Working with a total 34,060 square feet of function space, an expert meetings staff caters to social and business gatherings of up to 600 guests.

> Beyond the gardens waits all of Maui. Guests explore everything from mysterious lava tubes to pristine forests to boardwalked streets of shops and galleries. They tee up on five championship golf courses, including Wailea, Waikapu, and Makena. Fourteen courts at nearby Wailea Tennis Club keep the racquet fans happy. Or the activities desk links guests up to sailboats, kayaks, windsurfers, floats, snorkel-



small executive groups, and friends, the villas come with one, two, and three bedrooms, fully equipped kitchens, living rooms, and sundecks with private plunge pools, barbecues, and outdoor dining tables.

ing and scuba gear-and classes in any water sport they may desire.

No matter what the guests' interests, the path to relaxation and well-being for many begins at Spa Kea Lani. The elegant day spa features a complimentary 24-hour fitness center and a wealth of nurturing therapies and products from around the world, including some unique to Hawaii such as the ti-leaf aloe wrap and lomilomi massage.

Kea Lani's youngest guests pursue their own special interests through the Keiki Lani children's

program, which operates the year around, seven days a week. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., kids build sand castles, explore tidepools, hike, swim, enjoy the water slide, and more. Craft sessions focus on native flora and fauna, including the famous humuhumunukunukuapua'a-Hawaii's state fish.

Internationally renowned architect José Luis Esquerra designed the resort to frame the island experience with a touch of Mediterranean glamour. Few resorts can match the result: the expansiveness of all-suite luxury and the special magic of Maui. 🏕



Above: Licensed therapists offer massage, facials, and body treatments at Spa Kea Lani, in the poolside cabanas, and in guests' private suites and villas. Left: The villas offer all the comforts of home with the amenities of a first-class resort on the doorstep.

Location: On Polo Beach in Wailea. Maui, Hawaii

Property: 22 acres

Accommodations: 450 suites and villas Meeting space: 34,060 square feet Recreation: Three swimming pools, two Jacuzzis, water slide, fitness center, sandy beach, sailing, kayaking, snorkeling, windsurfing, scuba diving, arts and crafts sessions, daily children's program, and nearby golf and tennis. Range of rates: \$295-\$1,600 Reservations: (808) 875-4100; in the

U.S. (800) 882-4100; fax (808) 875-1200 Mailing address: 4100 Wailea Alanui, Maui, HI 96753

General manager: Shawn Sweeney



Right and below: The Colony Surf Hotel harbors one of Honolulu's most sought-after dining experiences. Signature dishes at David Paul's Diamond Head Grill include Chef David Paul Johnson's famous Kona Coffee-Roasted Rack of Lamb.





Colony Surf Hotel



Right: A recent multimillion-dollar refurbishment put a fresh face on the legend, home of visiting glitterati since 1959 and today a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World. OR THOSE WHO KNOW Hawaiian history, the name Colony Surf Hotel evokes images of ukuleles, long boards, and tiki torches at twilight. Lana Turner and Frank Sinatra chose the Colony Surf's magical setting whenever they came to Oahu. It later became the hotel of

The South Pacific ambience remains uncommonly serene, isolated from the bustle of Waikiki by a peaceful expanse of parks and beaches. Neighboring the renowned Outrigger Canoe Club on Kaimana Beach, the location affords quick and easy access to such attractions as Diamond Head,

choice for the cast of "Hawaii Five-O" and Tom Selleck, star of "Magnum P.I."

Today, the Colony Surf still embodies the spirit of old Hawaii. At the same time, a complete renovation in 1997 created a brand new boutique hotel that sparkles with state-of-theart refinements. Nestled on the beach at the base of Diamond Head, guests enjoy the soothing sights and sounds of the sea along with such modern conveniences as data ports and two-line phones with voice mail.



the Honolulu Zoo, the Waikiki Aquarium, the War Memorial Natatorium, and famous Kapiolani Park.

Guests arrive to find the serenity of a South Seas hideaway. The lobby's furnishings encourage them to linger amid the Indonesian accents, antiques, sumptuous ottomans, and *punais*. But, at a moment's notice, newcomers can take the cabanalike elevator to their choice of 50 private rooms upstairs.

The decor of every room and suite incorporates contemporary Location: On Kaimana Beach in Honolulu, Hawaii Accommodations: 50 rooms and suites

Meeting space: 1,800 square feet Recreation: Secluded beach and nearby surfing, snorkeling, ocean kayaking, jogging, softball, volleyball, tennis, golf, and countless Honolulu attractions. Range of rates: \$205-\$2,000 Reservations: (808) 924-3111; in the U.S. (888) 924-SURF; fax (808) 923-2249 Mailing address: 2885 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, HI 96815 General manager: Patrick Boeshans

handmade teak furnishings: large platform beds, carved mirrors, armoires, and inviting lounge chairs. Bathrooms boast expansive vanity counters and Indonesian baskets brimming with Aveda beauty products.

The rooms also include safes, refreshment centers and refrigerators, stereos with CD players, and cable TV with on-demand movies and video games. For business meetings or other affairs, the Diamond Head Room caters to groups of up to 100. Additional amenities range from 24-hour concierge and in-room dining to complimentary Continental breakfast, shoeshine, and daily newspaper. To top it off, guests may request an inroom massage.

Scores of fine restaurants wait just minutes away in town, but right at home, David Paul's



Diamond Head Grill ranks as one of the finest restaurants in all the islands. Chef David Paul Johnson, winner of many top culinary honors, continues to impress diners with such memorable creations as Tequila Shrimp with Firecracker Rice and Kona Coffee-Roasted Rack of Lamb.

During their stay, guests sense the special magic of the setting's warm, secluded sands and sunsets across the blue Pacific. Still evocative of beach boys and bonfires, the Colony Surf pays tribute to its colorful past with a luxuriously modernized future. *****



Above: Flanked by spectacular views of the beach and Diamond Head, rooms and suites combine South Seas serenity and first-class amenities. Guests enjoy the latest in high-tech advances-plus 24-hour concierge and in-room dining services, complimentary shoeshine and newspaper, and Continental breakfast on the house. Left: A Penthouse view reveals how only palm-studded Kapiolani Park divides guests from the high-rise excitement of Waikiki.



Right: A heated pool and Jacuzzi skirt the base of Conrad International Hong Kong. Below: The hotel's 61-story building rises high above the heart of Hong Kong's central business district.







Below right: The lobby's swirling fish, peonies, and butterflies contribute to the atmosphere of calm refinement. An old Chinese coin set in the marble floor wishes prosperity on all who enter.

Conrad International Hong Kong

N EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH percentage of guests return time after time to Conrad International's flagship Asian property. From Placido Domingo to Alanis Morisset, from Tony Blair to Newt Gingrich, some of the world's most demanding performers, politicians, and business travelers count on Conrad International Hong Kong as the ultimate in luxurious accommodation, facilities, and service.

With its Renaissance-style painting stretching 40 feet high and 12 feet wide, the lobby makes a fitting symbol for the hotel's almost magical mix of warmth and monolithic grandeur. The building stretches 61 floors into the sky as one of four skyline. Appointments reflect not only the ultimate in timeless taste, comfort, and hospitality but the latest in high-tech advances. The amenities include welcoming fruit baskets and such conveniences as minibars, tea- and coffee-making machines, and 24-hour room service. Large bathrooms indulge guests with deep tubs, separate showers, hair dryers, magnifying mirrors, fine toiletries, terry robes, kimonos, and rubber duckies. And, instead of eating a high-fat, highcalorie chocolate from the pillow at nightly turndown, guests can cuddle up with a teddy bear.

Along with this wealth of residential touches, every room provides generous desk space and

towers in the Pacific Place complex. Past the banyan-tree shaded entry, guests' first impression is one of elegance and intimacy against a backdrop of landscaped parklands.

Rooms and suites gaze from the top half of the building over Victoria Harbour, The Peak, and the city



comfortable work seating—plus a remarkable first in the industry known as a biz.comm center. The compact system places a virtual office at every guests' fingertips. With easy instructions in more than ten languages, it features a private-number fax machine, phone with

Location: At Pacific Place in Hong Kong Central Accommodations: 513 rooms and suites Meeting facilities: 34,385 square feet Range of rates: Approximate US\$378-\$3,205 Reservations: (852)(2) 521-3838; in the U.S. (800) HILTONS; fax (852)(2) 521-3888 Mailing address: Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong E-mail: info@conrad.com.hk Web site: www.conrad.com.hk Senior vice president and general manager: Dario Regazzoni

speaker- and conference-call capability, message center, printer, copier, modem, and data port for E-mail and Internet access. In addition, all guests may call upon the fully equipped Business Centre, staffed 24 hours a day.

Executive lodgings take up the top four stories, where the amenities include private check-in, dedicated concierge and butler service, personalized stationery, even step exercise machines in the guest rooms. On the fifty-ninth level, the Executive Lounge provides a private conference room and a spacious lounge area with spectacular views of the harbor. Here VIPs relax over complimentary breakfast, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, and other snacks and drinks throughout the day.

Guests preferring to dine out choose from six award-winning restaurants and lounges right within the hotel. Private gatherings range from intimate dinners to full-scale banquets in one of Hong Kong's largest and most dazzling ballrooms. Six more meeting rooms host other kinds of events, from medium-sized seminars to board meetings. Leisure facilities include a heated outdoor swimming pool with Jacuzzi and a full-







service health club with gym, sauna, steam, massage, and personal trainers on call.

Dedication to the individual's needs, comfort, and convenience infuses every aspect of the hotel. Returning guests look forward to the ultimate in five-star hospitality. Or, as *Condé Nast Traveler* put it, they know they can count on "mind-bogglingly good service." *****



Above and left: Every room and suite in the house presents another heart-stopping view of Victoria Harbour or the green and glittering slopes of The Peak.

Far left: A boardroom for traveling executives adjoins the 24-hour Business Centre. Left: From high-tech treadmills and bikes to sauna and steam room, the state-of-the-art health club offers something for everyone. Right: Sauna and steam rooms adjoin a medley of pools outside Pita Maha's Private Villa Spa. Below: Guests receive a truly royal welcome to Bali's Tjampuhan Valley.





Pita Maha

Bali Sea Lombot WEST BALI NATL PAAR Legian Jimbaran Jimbaran Nusa Dua Indian Ocean

Right: All aspects at Pita Maha aim for total relaxation of body and mind through the age-old philosophy of balance. One of seven natural springs feeds the main pool, a favorite spot for soaking up the views. ONE OF BALI'S NEWEST legends owes its inspiration to an Ubud prince who, in 1934, established an artist's association in the kingdom of Ubud. Born along the scenic Oos River, 45 minutes from Bali's southern beaches, the association established Ubud as the artistic center of the island. The group's name, Pita Maha, means Great Shining.

In 1995, in honor of their father's vision, the prince's sons founded the Pita Maha resort. And

quite a tribute it is. Located just up the valley from the original guest house, now the famous Hotel Tjampuhan, Pita Maha boasts 24 walled villas built with a standard of workmanship found only in the most exquisite Balinese palaces.

All two dozen villas face the rising sun across historic Tjampuhan Valley. Everything about the site seems charmed. Its close proximity to a tenth-century Hindu temple reflects the royal family's spiritual allegiance. Seven crystal springs surround the resort, and one feeds the gemlike swimming pool. And Pita Maha overlooks the confluence of two rivers, always a hallowed site in Bali.

Due to the resort's royal ownership, guests enjoy preferential access to the nearby Ubud Palace and Market, monkey forest, museums, temples, and white-water river trips. And because Ubud remains Bali's cultural center, its colorful bazaars and galleries delight guests for hours on end.

Nearly hidden by the lush hillside, Pita Maha





with contemporary flair. Every private walled villa comes with 24-hour service, private bar, air conditioning, satellite TV, and international directdial phones.

Left and below: The architect, who resides in Ubud Palace, expressed the ancient Balinese style



captures the flavor of an authentic Balinese village. Guests choose from ten garden villas, ten villas with private pools, and four duplex villas with pools ideal for families. Each villa comes with air conditioning, satellite TV, safe deposit box, and open-air garden bathroom. All designs integrate thatched roofs, gorgeous hand-carved woodwork, and authentic Balinese stonework.

In similar style, the split-level Terrace Restaurant and Bar views the scenic river valley and distant rice terraces from an outdoor pavilion. Adjoined by the Warung and Bar for poolside refreshments, the restaurant serves both Western and Oriental cuisine.

Activity at Pita Maha centers largely on the fullservice health spa. Sauna and steam rooms open onto hot or cold whirlpool baths, a 26-foot lap

Location: Overlooking the Oos River in central Bali, Indonesia Property: Six acres Accommodations: 24 villas Recreation: Swimming pool and full-service health spa. Nearby hiking, white-water rafting, and a host of cultural attractions. Range of rates: US\$250-\$400 Reservations: (62)(361) 974-330; in the U.S. (800) 525-4800; fax (62)(361) 974-329 Mailing address: Jalan Sanggingan, P.O. Box 198, Ubud 80571, Bali, Indonesia General manager: Yoshua Daely pool, and a spring water plunge pool brimming with fragrant flowers. Nearby, private relaxation rooms shelter treatments such as pedicures, manicures, acupressure, aromatherapy, facials, and traditional Balinese herbal massage.

Contemporary refinements include 24-hour room service, laundry and dry cleaning, child care, a souvenir shop, library, and tour booking. But at Pita Maha, the little details mean the most. No one will every forget the complimentary ginger water and jasmine tea with meals or the traditional drink of *brem barong* that accompanies each arrival.

Welcomed into a sanctuary created by Balinese royalty, guests feel like royalty themselves. Firsttime visitors should come forewarned: They will never want to leave. *****



Left: The chef presents a wide choice of fresh ingredients designed to please both Eastern and Western tastes. Like all views, the restaurant's speaks a universal language.

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Asia, Australia, Hawaii, & South Pacific

ASIA Cambodia

Phnom Penh

Hotel le Royal, 210 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (855)(65) 339-8377.

Siem Reap Grand Hotel d'Angkor, 250 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (855) 236-8168.

India

Bangalore The Oberoi, Bangalore, 130 rooms. (800) 5-OBEROI; (91)(80) 558-5858.

The Taj West End, 140 rooms. (800) 458-8825; (91)(80) 225-5055.

Bombay

The Oberoi, Bombay, 337 rooms. (800) 5-OBEROI; (91)(22) 202-5757. 1991 Annual. The Taj Mahal Hotel, 330 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (91)(22) 202-3366. 1992 Annual.

Calcutta

The Oberoi Grand, Calcutta, 300 rooms. (800) 5-OBEROI; (91)(33) 249-2323. **1991 Annual. Taj Bengal,** 220 rooms. (800) 458-8825; (91)(33) 283-939. **1992 Annual.** Goa

The Leela Beach Goa, 230 rooms. (91)(834) 246-363.

Jaipur

Rajvilás, an Oberoi Hotel, 71 rooms. (800) 5-OBEROI; (91)(141) 640-101. **1998 Annual.** The Rambagh Palace, 110 rooms. (800) 458-8825; (91)(141) 381-919.

Lucknow The Taj Mahal Hotel Lucknow, 112 rooms. (800) 458-8825; (91)(522) 393-939.

Madras

Taj Coromandel Hotel, 240 rooms. (800) 458-8825; (91)(44) 827-2827.

New Delhi

The Oberoi, New Delhi, 350 rooms. (800) 5-OBEROI; (91)(11) 436-3030. 1991 Annual.

The Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi, 350 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (91)(11) 301-6162. 1992 Annual.

Taj Palace Hotel, 300 rooms. (800) 44-UTELL; (91)(11) 301-0404.

Udaipur

The Lake Palace, 85 rooms. (800) 458-8825; (91)(294) 527-961.

Indonesia Bali

Amandari, 29 rooms. (800) 447-7462; (62)(361) 975-333. 1995 Annual.

Amankila, 35 rooms. (800) 447-7462;

(62)(363) 41333. 1995 Annual.

Amanusa, 35 rooms. (800) 447-7462; (62)(361) 71267. **1995 Annual.**

Bali Hyatt, 390 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (62)(361) 281-234.

Bali Inter-Continental Resort, 425 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (62)(361) 755-055. **1998 Annual.** Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay, 147

rooms. (800) 332-3442; (62)(361) 701-020. Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan, 46 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (62)(361) 977-577.

Grand Hyatt Bali, 750 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (62)(361) 771-234.

Matahari Beach Resort, 32 rooms. (62)(362) 92312. 1998 Annual. This issue, page 284.

Nikko Bali Resort & Spa, 395 rooms. (800) NIKKO-US; (62)(361) 773-377.

Nusa Dua Beach Hotel & Spa, 380 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (62)(361) 771-210. 1998 Annual. This issue, page 278.

The Oberoi, Bali, 75 rooms. (800) 5-OBEROI; (62)(361) 730-361. 1998 Annual.

Pita Maha, 24 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (62)(361) 974-330. **1998 Annual. This issue, page 298**.

Tandjung Sari Hotel, 26 rooms. (62)(361) 288-441.

Villa Pelangi, 6 rooms. (62)(361) 974-270.



Grand Hyatt Bali

In the heart of Nusa Dua, the Grand Hyatt Bali invites guests into a mystical water palace set on 40 acres of tropical gardens. Cascading waterfalls, six swimming pools, and lagoons encircle 750 guest rooms clustered in four Balinese-style villages on the beachfront. Five restaurants feature a range of cuisines, from Asian to Mediterranean to International. Health and fitness facilities and a variety of water sports, such as snorkeling and windsailing, satisfy adventurers and relaxation seekers alike. **PO. Box 53**, **Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia; U.S. (800) 233-1234; (62) (361) 771-234; fax (62) (361) 772-038.**

Java

Grand Hyatt Jakarta, 450 rooms. (800) 223-1234; (62)(21) 390-1234.

Mandarin Oriental Jakarta, 437 rooms. (800) 526-6566; (62)(21) 314-1307.

The Regent, Jakarta, 369 rooms. (800) 545-4000; (62)(21) 252-3456.



Nikko Bali Resort & Spa

Nikko Bali Resort & Spa winds down a 132-foot cliff to meet a white-sand beach and the island's largest swimming pool. The unique site affords sparkling water views from all 395 rooms, which combine firstclass amenities with the natural warmth and simplicity of Bali. Between land and water activities—and visits to the spa—guests enjoy world-class dining at four bars and restaurants. Jl. Raya Nusa Dua Selatan, Nusa Dua 80363, Bali, Indonesia. U.S. (800) NIKKO-US; (62)(361) 773-377; fax (62)(361) 773-388. E-mail: sales@nikko bali.com. Web site: www.nikkobali.com.

Lombok

The Oberoi, Lombok, 50 rooms. (800) 5-OBEROI; (62)(370) 38444. 1998 Annual.

Moya Island

Amanwana, 20 rooms. (800) 447-7462; (852) 845-6711.

Japan Chiba

The Manhattan, 131 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (81)(43) 275-1111.

Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel & Towers, 782 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (81)(473) 555-555. 1993 Annual.

Ito Peninsula

Kawana Hotel, 140 rooms. (800) 421-0000; (81)(557) 451-111.

Kyoto

Kyoto Brighton Hotel, 183 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (81)(75) 441-4411. **1992 Annual.**

The Miyako, 528 rooms. (800) 336-1136; (81)(75) 771-7111.

The Westin Kyoto Takara-ga-ike Prince Hotel, 322 rooms. (800) 542-8686; (81)(75) 712-1111. **1992 Annual.**

Nagasaki

Hotel Europe, 329 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (81)(956) 581-111.

Okinawa Villa Okuma, 196 rooms. (800) NIKKO-US; (81)(980) 412-122.

Osaka

Imperial Hotel, Osaka, 390 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (81)(6) 881-1111.

Hotel New Otani, 556 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (81)(6) 941-1111. Hotel Nikko Osaka, 653 rooms. (800) NIKKO-US; (81)(6) 244-1111. 1990 Annual.

The Plaza, 532 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (81)(6) 453-1111.

The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka, 292 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (81)(06) 343-7000.

The Royal Hotel, 1,161 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (81)(6) 448-1121.

The Westin Osaka, 304 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (81)(6) 440-1111.

Sendai

Hotel Zuiho, 119 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (81)(22) 397-1111.

Tokyo

ANA Hotel Tokyo, 903 rooms. (800) ANA-HOTELS; (81)(3) 3505-1111. 1995 Annual.

Dai-ichi Hotel Tokyo, 275 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (81)(3) 3501-4411.

Four Seasons Chinzan-so, 286 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (81)(3) 3943-2222.

Imperial Hotel, 1,125 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (81)(3) 3504-1111.

Hotel Okura, 948 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (81)(3) 3582-0111.

Park Hyatt Tokyo, 178 rooms. (800) 223-1234; (81)(3) 5322-1234. 1995 Annual.

Hotel Seiyo Ginza, 80 rooms. (800) 447-3496; (81)(3) 3535-1111. 1992 Annual.

The Westin Akasaka Prince Hotel, 761 rooms. (800) 542-8686; (81)(3) 3234-1111. **1991 Annual.**

The Westin Tokyo, 444 rooms. (800) WESTIN-1; (81)(3) 5423-7000. 1998 Annual.

Yokohama

Yokohama Grand Inter-Continental Hotel, 600 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (81)(45) 223-2222. 1992 Annual.

Korea

Seoul

Hotel Inter-Continental Seoul, 598 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (82)(2) 555-5656. **1990** Annual.

Hotel Lotte, 1,484 rooms. (800) 24-LOTTE; (82)(2) 771-1000.

The Ritz-Carlton, Seoul, 402 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (82)(2) 3451-8000. 1996 Annual.

Hotel Shilla, 620 rooms. (800) 929-6881; (822) 2303-301.

Macau

Macau

Mandarin Oriental, 437 rooms. (800) 526-6566; (853) 567-888.

Colôane Island The Westin Resort, 208 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (853) 871-111.

Malaysia

Kota Kinabalu Shangri-La Tanjung Aru Resort, 500 rooms. (800) 942-5050; (60)(88) 241-800.

Kuala Lumpur

Carcosa Seri Negara, 13 rooms. (800) 223-1588; (60)(3) 282-1888.

Hotel Istana, 516 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (60)(3) 241-9988.

The Regent, Kuala Lumpur, 339 rooms. (800) 545-4000; (60)(3) 241-8000.

Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel, 399 rooms. (800) 468-3571; (60)(3) 263-1122.

The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur, 248 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (60)(3) 242-8000.

Shangri-la Kuala Lumpur, 720 rooms. (800) 942-5050; (60) 3232-2388.

Langkawi Island

Pelangi Beach Resort Langkawi, 350 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (60)(4) 911-001.

Penang

Penang Mutiara Beach Resort, 440 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (60)(4) 812-828. 1992 Annual.

Senai

Hotel Sofitel Palm Resort & Golf, 333 rooms. (800) SOFITEL; (60)(7) 599-6000.

Myanmar

Rangoon The Strand Hotel, 32 rooms. (800) 447-7462; (95)(1) 243-377.



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Nepal

Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, 27 rooms. (977) 415-659.

Pakistan

Karachi Pearl Continental Hotel, 300 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (92)(21) 568-5021.

People's Republic of China

Beijing Grand Hotel, 743 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (86)(1) 513-7788.

The Great Wall Sheraton Hotel Beijing, 1,057 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (86)(1) 500-5566.

Kempinski Lufthansa Center, 530 rooms. (800) 426-3135; (86)(10) 465-3388.

The Palace Hotel Beijing, 577 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (86)(1) 512-8899.

Guangzhou

White Swan Hotel, 942 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (86)(20) 888-6968.

Hong Kong

Conrad International Hong Kong, 513 rooms. (800) HILTONS; (852) 521-3838. 1992 Annual. This issue, page 296.

Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, 575 rooms. (800) 223-1234; (852) 588-1234.

Island Shangri-La Hong Kong, 565 rooms. (800) 942-5050; (852) 877-3838.

The Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong, 541 rooms. (800) 526-6566; (852) 522-0111.

The Park Lane, Hong Kong, 815 rooms. (800) 338-1338; (852) 2890-3355. 1994, 1995 Annuals.

The Peninsula, 300 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (852) 2366-6251. **1990 Annual**.

The Regent, Hong Kong, 604 rooms. (800) 545-4000; (852) 2721-1211.

The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong, 216 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (852) 2877-6666.

Shanghai

Garden Hotel Shanghai, 500 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (86)(21) 415-1111.

- Shanghai JC Mandarin, 514 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (86)(21) 279-1888.
- The Westin Tai Ping Yang, 578 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (86)(21) 275-8888.

Xi'an

Xi'an Garden Hotel, 301 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (86)(29) 751-111.

Philippines Manila

Mandarin Oriental, 464 rooms. (800) 526-6566; (63)(2) 816-3601.

The Manila Hotel, 570 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (63)(2) 247-0011.

The Peninsula, 525 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (63)(2) 819-3456. **1990 Annual.**

Pamalican Island Amanpulo, 40 rooms. (800) 447-7462; (63)(2) 532-4040.

Republic of Maldives

North Male Atoll

Banyan Tree Maldives Vabbinfaru, 48 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (960) 443-147. This issue, page 270.

Singapore

The Beaufort Sentosa, Singapore, 214 rooms. (800) 637-7200; (65) 275-0331. 1994, 1997, 1998 Annuals.

Goodwood Park Hotel, 235 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (65) 737-7411.

Grand Hyatt Singapore, 693 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (65) 738-1234. 1996 Annual.

Hotel Inter-Continental Singapore, 406 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (65) 338-7600.

The Oriental, 516 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (65) 338-0066

The Raffles Hotel, 104 rooms. (800) 232-1886; (65) 337-1886.

The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore, 608 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (65) 337-8888. 1998 Annual.

Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore, 810 rooms. (800) 942-5050; (65) 737-3644. 1991 Annual.

Shangri-La Rasa Sentosa Resort, 389 rooms. (800) 942-5050; (65) 275-0100.

The Westin Stamford & Westin Plaza, 2,071 rooms. (800) WESTIN-1; (65) 338-8585. 1998 Annual.

Sri Lanka

Taj Samudra Hotel, 400 rooms. (800) 458-8825; (94)(1) 446-622.

Taiwan/Republic of China Taipei

Grand Formosa Regent Taipei, 560 rooms. (800) 545-4000; (886)(2) 523-8000.

The Ritz Taipei, 200 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (886)(2) 597-1234.

Hotel Royal Taipei, 203 rooms. (800) 645-5687; (886)(2) 542-3266.

The Sherwood Taipei, 350 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (886)(2) 718-1188. 1992 Annual.

Thailand

Bangkok

The Beaufort Sukhothai Bangkok, 226 rooms. (800) 637-7200; (62)(2) 287-0222.

The Dusit Thani, 521 rooms. (800) 448-

8355; (66)(2) 236-0450/9. **1990, 1991 Annuals.** Grand Hyatt Erawan, 400 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (66)(2) 254-1234.

The Landmark of Bangkok, 415 rooms. (800) 663-1515; (66)(2) 254-0404. 1992 Annual.

The Marriott Royal Garden Riverside Bangkok, 429 rooms. (800) 228-9290; (66)(2) 4600-0212.

Le Méridien President Hotel, 377 rooms. (800) 543-4300; (66)(2) 253-0444.

The Oriental Bangkok, 396 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (66)(2) 236-0400.

The Peninsula Bangkok, 102 rooms. (800) 822-8101; (66)(2) 234-3910.

The Regent, 400 rooms. (800) 545-4000; (66)(2) 251-6127.

Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers, 770 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (66)(2) 266-0123. **1993, 1994 Annuals.**

Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok, 697 rooms. (800) 942-5050; (66)(2) 236-7777. 1991, 1997 Annuals.

Cha-Am

Dusit Resort and Polo Club, 308 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (66)(32) 520-009.

Chiang Mai

The Regent, Chiang Mai, 67 rooms. (800) 545-4000; (66)(53) 298-181.

Chiang Rai

Dusit Island Resort Hotel, 286 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (66)(53) 715-5169.

Hua Hin

Chiva-Som, 57 rooms. (800) INSIGNIA; (66)(32) 536-536. 1997 Annual.

Royal Garden Resort Hotel, 220 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (66)(32) 511-881.

Royal Garden Village Hua Hin, 162 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (66)(32) 520-2506. 1992 Annual.

Sofitel Central Hua Hin, 154 rooms. (800) SOFITEL; (66)(32) 512-021.

Khon Kaen

Hotel Sofitel Raja Orchid Khon Kaen, 300 rooms. (800) 221-4542; (66)(43) 322-155. 1997 Annual.

Ko Samui

Imperial Samui Hotel, 155 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (66)(77) 422-020.

Imperial Tongsai Bay Hotel, 72 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (66)(77) 425-015.

Le Royal Meridien Baan Taling Ngam, 77 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (66)(77) 423-019/22. This issue, page 264.

Santiburi Dusit Resort, 73 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (66)(77) 4250-3138. 1995 Annual.

Krabi

Dusit Rayavadee, 100 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (66)(75) 620-7403. 1995 Annual.

Pattaya

Dusit Resort, Pattaya, 500 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (66)(38) 425-6117. **1991 Annual.**

Phuket

Amanpuri, 40 rooms. (800) 447-7462; (66)(76) 324-333. **1995 Annual.**

Banyan Tree Phuket, 98 rooms. (800) 525-4800: (66)(76) 324-374. 1998 Annual.

Chedi Phuket Bay Hotel, 110 rooms. (66)(76) 324-017.

Dusit Laguna Resort, 232 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (66)(76) 324-320-32. 1990 Annual.

Le Méridien Phuket, 470 rooms. (800) 543-4300; (66)(76) 340-4805.

Le Royal Meridien Phuket Yacht Club, 108 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (66)(76) 3811-5663.

Sheraton Grand Laguna Beach Resort, 327 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (66)(76) 324-1017. 1996 Annual.

Vietnam

Dalat

Hotel Sofitel Dalat Palace, 43 rooms. (800) 221-4542; (84)(63) 825-444. 1998 Annual.

Hanoi

Hanoi Daewoo Hotel, 411 rooms. (84)(4) 831-5000.

Sofitel Metropole, 244 rooms. (800) SOFI-TEL; (84)(4) 826-6919.

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND AUSTRALIA New South Wales

Bowral

Milton Park, 40 rooms. (800) 447-7462; (61)(48) 611-522.

Canberra Hyatt Hotel, 249 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (61)(6) 270-1234.

Leura/Blue Mountains Fairmont Resort & Conference Centre, 210 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (61)(47) 825-222.

Lord Howe Island Pinetrees Hotel Lodge, 37 rooms. (61)(65) 632-177.

Sydney

ANA Hotel Sydney, 573 rooms. (800) 262-4683; (61)(2) 250-6000. **1995 Annual.**

Hotel Inter-Continental Sydney, 498 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (61)(2) 9230-0200. 1995, 1998 Annuals.

The Observatory Hotel, 100 rooms. (800) 237-1236; (61)(2) 256-2222. 1994 Annual.

Park Hyatt Sydney, 158 rooms. (800) 223-1234; (61)(2) 241-1234. **1993, 1994 Annuals**.

The Regent, Sydney, 594 rooms. (800) 545-4000; (61)(2) 238-0000.

The Ritz-Carlton, Double Bay, 140 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (61)(2) 362-4455. 1995 Annual.

The Ritz-Carlton, Sydney, 106 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (61)(2) 252-4600. 1992, 1995 Annuals.

Sheraton on the Park, 559 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (61)(2) 286-6000. 1994 Annual.

Northern Territory

Darwin

The Beaufort Darwin, 196 rooms. (800) 637-7200; (61)(89) 829-911. **1994 Annual.**

Queensland

Brisbane

The Beaufort Heritage, 252 rooms. (800) 637-7200; (61)(7) 221-1999. **1994 Annual.**

Cairns

Bloomfield Wilderness Lodge, 17 rooms. (61)(7) 4035-9166.

Cairns International Hotel, 321 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (61)(7) 4031-1300. **1996 Annual.**

Kewarra Beach Resort Cairns, 60 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (61)(7) 4057-6666.

The Reef Hotel Casino, 148 rooms. (61)(7) 4030-8888.

Coolum Beach

Hyatt Regency Coolum, 324 rooms. (800) 223-1234; (61)(75) 446-1234.



Kewarra Beach Resort Cairns

Authentically Australian, Kewarra Beach Resort welcomes visitors to a 74-acre botanic wonderland edged in pristine, private beach frontage. Even Kewarra's firstclass luxury facilities reflect the Aboriginal, Islander, and European heritage found only in Queensland—a splendid complement to the superb natural environment. P.O. Box 199, Smithfield, Queensland 4878, Australia; U.S. (800) 525-4800; fax (61)(70) 577-525.

Daintree Rainforest

Silky Oaks Lodge, 60 rooms. (800) 225-9849; (61)(70) 981-666. This issue, page 280.

Gold Coast

Conrad & Jupiters Casino, 622 rooms. (800) HILTONS; (61)(75) 921-133.

Hyatt Regency Sanctuary Cove, 247 rooms. (800) 400-3319; (61)(75) 301-234.

Marriott Surfers Paradise Resort, 360 rooms. (800) 228-9290; (61)(75) 929-800.

Pan Pacific Gold Coast Hotel, 298 rooms. (800) 327-8585; (61)(75) 922-250.

Royal Pines Resort, 329 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (61)(75) 971-111.



Thala Beach Lodge

A perfect base for exploring the Great Barrier Reef, Thala Beach Lodge centers miles of World Heritage coastline in northern Queensland. The lodge shares its reverence for the natural environment by offering 85 individual bungalows built on stilts beneath a canopy of rain forest trees. Guests find themselves secluded but not isolated, only a 50minute transfer from Cairns International Airport and a 10-minute drive from the village of Port Douglas. **P.O. Box 199, Smithfield, Queensland 4878, Australia; U.S. (800) 525-4800; (61)(7) 4057-5300.** Sheraton Mirage Gold Coast, 291 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (61)(75) 591-1488. 1990, 1995 Annuals.

Great Barrier Reef & Whitsundays

Bedarra Island, 32 rooms. (800) 227-4411; (61)(2) 9364-8300. 1991 Annual. This issue, page 266.

Brampton Island Resort, 108 rooms. (800) 227-4411; (61)(70) 514-499. 1991 Annual.

Dunk Island Resort, 145 rooms. (800) 227-4411; (61)(70) 688-199. 1991 Annual.

Great Keppel Island Resort, 160 rooms. (800) 227-4411; (61)(79) 391-744. 1991 Annual.

- Green Island Resort, 46 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (61)(70) 313-300. 1996 Annual.
- Hayman, 214 rooms. (800) 366-1300; (61)(79) 401-234. Spring 1988, 1995 Annual.
- Heron Island Resort, 109 rooms. (800) 443-0799; (61)(79) 781-488.

Lizard Island Lodge, 32 rooms. (800) 227-4411; (61)(70) 360-2444. 1991 Annual.

Orpheus Island Resort, 31 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (61)(7) 477-7377.

Hope Island Hyatt Regency Sanctuary Cove, 247 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (61)(7) 5530-1234.

Noosa Heads

Netanya Noosa Hotel, 48 rooms. (61)(74) 474-722.



Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas Resort Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas Resort encompasses 300 acres of tropical paradise, right on the beach-the closest point to the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest. Embraced by five acres of swimmable saltwater lagoons and an 18-hole golf course, the Sheraton Mirage Resort boasts five-star accommodations and service. Visitors enjoy an idyllic North Queensland destination with exceptional restaurants, country club, tennis, and Marina Mirage shopping and touring-truly a world-class property. P.O. Box 172, Port Douglas, Qld. 4871, Australia; U.S. (800) 325-3535; (61) (7) 4099-5888.

Port Douglas

Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas Resort, 312 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (61)(7) 4099-5888. Fall 1988, 1990 Annual. Runaway Bay

Couran Cove Resort, 95 rooms. (61)(7) 5597-9000.

Smithfield

Thala Beach Lodge, 85 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (61)(7) 4057-5300.

Tasmania

Launceston Launceston Country Club Casino, 104 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (61)(3) 355-777.

Victoria

Melbourne

Adelphi Hotel, 34 rooms. (61)(3) 9650-7555. The Hotel Como, 107 rooms. (61)(3) 9824-0400.

Grand Hyatt Melbourne, 547 rooms. (800) 223-1234; (61)(3) 9657-1234.

Park Hyatt Melbourne, 240 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (61)(3) 9657-1234.

Sheraton Towers Southgate, 386 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (61)(3) 9696-3100.

Sofitel Melbourne, 363 rooms. (800) SOFI-TEL; (61)(3) 9653-0000.

The Windsor, 190 rooms. (800) 5-OBEROI; (61)(3) 9653-0653. **1991 Annual.**



The Hotel Como

Named the best luxury hotel in Melbourne at the 1998 State Tourism Awards, and the best in all Australia at the '96 and '97 National Tourism Awards, The Hotel Como presides in the heart of Melbourne's South Yarra district. In an area known for its great restaurants and shopping, the 36 rooms and 71 suites provide a wide range of luxurious options, from lounge and dining areas to saunas, spa baths, and Japanese gardens. What's more, every suite boasts a direct ISDN line for phone, fax, and modem. **630 Chapel St., South Yarra, Victoria 3141, Australia; (61)(3) 9825-2222.**

Yering Chateau Yering, 20 rooms. (61)(3) 9237-3306.

NEW ZEALAND North Island

Auckland

Sheraton Auckland Hotel & Towers, 416 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (64)(9) 379-5132.

Stamford Plaza, 332 rooms. (800) 545-4000; (64)(9) 309-8888.

Hotel du Vin, 48 rooms. (800) 367-5494; (64)(9) 233-6314.

Bay of Islands

Kimberley Lodge, 5 rooms. (800) 367-5494; (64)(9) 403-7239.

Okiato Lodge, 4 rooms. (800) 367-5494; (64)(9) 403-7948.

Coromandel Peninsula

Puka Park Lodge, 48 rooms. (800) 367-5494; (64)(7) 864-8088.

Mount Ruapehu

Grand Chateau Hotel, 69 rooms. (800) 578-7878; (64)(7) 892-3809.

Palliser Bay

Wharekauhau Lodge, 30 rooms. (800) 367-5494; (64)(6) 307-7581.

Rotorua

Moose Lodge, 20 rooms. (800) 367-5494; (64)(7) 362-7823. 1997 Annual.

Muriaroha Lodge, 5 rooms. (800) 445-9008; (64)(7) 346-1220.

Solitaire Lodge, 11 rooms. (800) 367-5494; (64)(7) 362-8208.

Taupo

Huka Lodge, 20 rooms. (800) 367-5494; (64)(7) 378-5791.

Tongariro Lodge, 17 rooms. (800) 528-6129; (64)(7) 386-7946.

Tauranga

Fantail Lodge, 12 rooms. (800) 367-5494; (64)(7) 549-1581.

Wellington

Wellington Parkroyal, 232 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (64)(4) 472-2722.

South Island

Blenheim

Timara Lodge, 4 rooms. (800) 367-5494; (64)(3) 572-8276.

Christchurch

Noah's Hotel Christchurch, 208 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (64)(3) 379-4700.

Parkroyal Christchurch, 297 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (64)(3) 365-7799.

Murchison

Moonlight Lodge, 17 rooms. (800) 367-5494; (64)(3) 523-9323.

Nelson

Lake Rotoroa Lodge, 10 rooms. (800) 528-6129; (64)(3) 523-9121.

Queenstown

Millbrook Resort, 36 rooms. (64)(3) 441-7000. Nugget Point Resort, 35 rooms. (800) 528-6129; (64)(3) 442-7273.

Oliver's Lodge, 17 rooms. (64)(3) 449-2860. Queenstown Parkroyal, 139 rooms. (800) 578-7878; (64)(3) 442-7800.

Westland

Lake Brunner Sporting Lodge, 12 rooms. (800) 367-5494; (64)(3) 738-0163.

HAWAII & SOUTH PACIFIC Hawaii

Island of Hawaii

Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, 243 rooms. (888) 340-5662; (808) 325-8053.

Hapuna Beach Prince Resort, 350 rooms. (800) 882-6060; (808) 880-1111. 1995, 1996 Annuals.

Kona Village Resort, 125 rooms. (800) 367-5290; (808) 325-5555. Winter 1988.

Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, 310 rooms. (800) 882-6060; (808) 882-7222. Fall 1988; 1993, 1996 Annuals. This issue, page 275.

Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, 350 rooms. (800) 367-2323; (808) 885-6622. Fall 1987; 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994 Annuals.

The Orchid at Mauna Lani, 541 rooms. (800) 845-9905; (808) 885-2000. 1992, 1994 Annuals.

Sheraton Maui Resort, 510 rooms. (800) 782-9488; (808) 661-0031.

Island of Kauai

Hanalei Bay Resort & Suites, 234 rooms. (800) 367-5004; (808) 826-6522.

Hyatt Regency Kauai Resort & Spa, 600 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (808) 742-1234. 1993, 1995 Annuals.

Kauai Marriott Resort and Beach Club, 356 rooms. (800) 228-9290; (808) 245-5050.

Princeville Resort, 252 rooms. (800) 826-4400; (808) 826-9644. **1998 Annual.**

Island of Lanai

The Lodge at Koele, 102 rooms. (800) 321-4666; (808) 565-3860. 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 268.

Manele Bay Hotel, 250 rooms. (800) 321-4666; (808) 565-3860. 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 268.

Island of Maui

Four Seasons Resort, 380 rooms. (800) 334-6284; (808) 874-8000.

Grand Wailea Resort & Spa, 761 rooms. (800) 888-6100; (808) 875-1234.

Hotel Hana Maui, 93 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (808) 248-8211.

Hyatt Regency Maui, 810 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (808) 661-1234.

Kapalua Bay Hotel, 209 rooms. (800) 367-8000; (808) 669-5656.

Kea Lani Hotel Suites & Villas, 450 rooms. (800) 882-4100; (808) 875-4100. 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 290.

Maui Prince Hotel at Makena Resort, 310 rooms. (800) 321-MAUI; (808) 874-1111. **1991, 1993 Annuals.**

Renaissance Wailea Beach Resort, 345 rooms. (800) HOTELS-1; (808) 879-4900.

The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, 548 rooms. (800) 262-8440; (808) 669-6200. 1994, 1997 Annuals.

The Westin Maui, 761 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (808) 667-2525. Fall 1988.

Island of Molokai

Kaluakoi Hotel and Golf Club, 228 rooms. (800) 388-3800; (808) 552-2555.

Island of Oahu

Colony Surf Hotel, 50 rooms. (888) 924-SURF; (808) 924-3111. This issue, page 294.

Halekulani, 456 rooms. (800) 367-2343; (808) 923-2311. Winter 1988.

Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki, 521 rooms. (800) 321-6248; (808) 956-1111. 1991, 1993 Annuals.

Ihilani Resort & Spa, 387 rooms. (800) 626-4446; (808) 679-0079. 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 272.

Kahala Mandarin Oriental, 371 rooms. (800) 526-6566; (808) 739-8888. This issue, page 262.

The Royal Hawaiian, 526 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (808) 923-7311. 1997 Annual.

Sheraton Moana Surfrider, 793 rooms. (800) 923-0308; (808) 922-3111.

Fiji

Jean-Míchel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort, 20 rooms. (800) 246-3454; (415) 788-5794.

Kaimbu Island Resort, 3 rooms. (800) 473-0332; (679) 880-333. **1994, 1996, 1997, 1998** Annuals.

Matagi Island Resort, 11 rooms. (800) 362-8244; (679) 880-260/301-780. 1995 Annual.

Namale, 10 rooms. (800) 727-FIJI; (679) 850-435. 1997, 1998 Annuals.

The Regent, Fiji, 294 rooms. (800) 545-4000; (679) 750-000.

Sheraton Fiji Resort, 300 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (679) 750-777.

Sheraton Vomo Island Resort, 30 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (679) 667-955.

Taveuni Island Resort (Dive Taveuni), 7 rooms. (877) 828-3864; (679) 880-441. 1998 Annual.



Taveuni Island Resort (Dive Taveuni) Taveuni Island Resort caters to honeymooners and other nature lovers seeking the best of Fijian life both above and below the water. Just 14 guests in seven romantic oceanfront bures enjoy five-star candlelit dining and friendly staff in an intimate and relaxed atmosphere. A pro dive team guides new and experienced divers to the worldfamous Rainbow Reef and Great White Wall. Others explore rain forests and waterfalls, kayak to deserted beaches, and watch the sunset over cocktails by the pool. P.O. Matei, Taveuni Island, Fiji; (877) 828-3864. E-mail: info@divetaveuni.com. Web site: www.divetaveuni.com.

Turtle Island, 14 rooms. (800) 255-4357; (360) 256-4347. 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 282.

Vatulele Island Resort, 17 rooms. (800) 828-9146; (61)(2) 9326-1055. 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 288.

Wakaya Club, 8 rooms. (800) 828-3454; (679) 440-128. **1993 Annual.**

French Polynesia

Bora Bora

Hotel Bora Bora, 55 rooms. (800) 447-7462; (689) 604-460. 1995 Annual.

Bora Bora Lagoon Resort, 80 rooms. (800) 432-2672; (310) 649-4570. **1994 Annual.**

Mouana Beach Parkroyal, 40 rooms. (800) 432-BORA; (689) 677-373.

Huahine

Sofitel Heiva, 200 rooms. (800) 221-4542; (689) 688-686.

Tahiti

Hyatt Regency Tahiti, 190 rooms. (800) 400-3319; (689) 461-234.

Sofitel Maeva Beach, 224 rooms. (800) 221-4542; (689) 428-042.

Micronesia

Palau

Palau Pacific Resort, 160 rooms. (800) 327-8585; (680) 488-2600. 1990 Annual.

Continental United States & Canada

CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES Alabama

Birmingham

The Tutwiler, 147 rooms. (800) 745-1787; (205) 322-2100.

The Wynfrey Hotel at Riverchase Galleria, 341 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (205) 987-1600.

Orange Beach Perdido Beach Resort, 345 rooms. (800) 634-8001; (334) 981-9811.

Point Clear

Marriott's Grand Hotel, 306 rooms. (800) 228-9290; (334) 928-9201.

Alaska

Anchorage

Captain Cook Hotel, 600 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (907) 276-6000.

Girdwood

Alyeska Prince Hotel, 307 rooms. (800) 880-3880; (907) 754-1111.

Ketchikan

Waterfall Resort, 40 rooms. (800) 544-5125; (907) 225-9461. Winter 1988.

Arizona

Carefree

The Boulders, 160 rooms. (800) 553-1717; (602) 488-9009. Fall 1987, 1994 Annual. Grand Canyon National Park El Tovar Hotel, 65 rooms. (800) 528-6367; (520) 638-2631.

Litchfield Park

The Wigwam Resort, 331 rooms. (800) 327-0396; (602) 935-3811. 1992 Annual. This issue, page 178.

Paradise Valley

The Hermosa Inn, 35 rooms. (800) 241-1210; (602) 955-8614.



The Hermosa Inn

The Hermosa Inn entertains with the charm of an authentic Southwestern hacienda. Just minutes from Phoenix and Scottsdale, Arizona, guests relax in 35 individually decorated adobe *casitas*, most with fireplaces, scattered over six acres of blooming flowers and serene desert. A 1930s home built by cowboy-artist Lon Megargee houses the inn's signature restaurant, Lon's at the Hermosa, where guests delight in award-winning American cuisine, the rustic decor, and flickering light from beehive fireplaces. 5532 N. Palo Cristi Rd., Paradise Valley, AZ 85253; U.S. (800) 241-1210; (602) 955-8614.

Phoenix

The Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, 750 rooms. (800) 950-0086; (602) 955-6600. 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 168.

The Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix, 301 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (602) 468-0700. **1990 Annual.** Royal Palms Hotel & Casitas, 117 rooms. (800) 672-6011; (602) 840-3610.

Scottsdale

Canadian Pacific's Scottsdale Princess, 625 rooms. (800) 223-1818; (602) 585-4848.

Gardiner's Resort on Camelback, 100 rooms. (800) 245-2051; (602) 948-2100. 1996 Annual.

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort at Gainey Ranch, 493 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (602) 991-3388. Fall 1988.

Marriott's Camelback Inn Resort, Golf Club & Spa, 447 rooms. (800) 24-CAMEL; (602) 948-1700. Fall 1987; 1994, 1995, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 150.

The Phoenician, 580 rooms. (800) 888-8234; (602) 941-8200. 1991 Annual.

Sedona

L'Auberge de Sedona, 100 rooms. (800) 272-6777; (520) 282-1661. Winter 1988; 1991, 1994, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 242. Enchantment Resort, 162 rooms. (800) 826-4180; (520) 282-2900. Spring 1988, 1995 Annual.

Tempe

Buttes, 355 rooms. (800) 843-1986; (602) 225-9000.

Tucson

Arizona Inn, 86 rooms. (800) 933-1093; (520) 325-1541. This issue, page 128.

Canyon Ranch, 190 rooms. (800) 742-9000; (520) 749-9000. 1992 Annual.

The Lodge at Ventana Canyon, 49 rooms. (800) 828-5701; (520) 577-1400.

Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, 398 rooms. (800) 23-LOEWS; (520) 299-2020. Winter 1988; 1994, 1998 Annuals.

Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa, 143 rooms. (800) THE-OMNI; (520) 299-2020.

Sheraton El Conquistador Resort & Country Club, 428 rooms. (800) 325-7832; (520) 544-5000. 1990 Annual.

The Westin La Paloma, 487 rooms. (800) WESTIN-1; (520) 742-6000. 1997, 1998 Annuals.

Westward Look Resort, 244 rooms. (800) 722-2500; (520) 297-1151.

California Central/Central Coast Big Sur

Post Ranch Inn, 30 rooms. (800) 527-2200; (408) 667-2200.

Ventana Big Sur, 59 rooms. (800) 628-6500; (408) 667-2331. 1997 Annual. This issue, page 253.

Carmel

Carmel Valley Ranch, 100 rooms. (800) 4-CARMEL; (408) 625-9500. 1990 Annual.

Highlands Inn, 142 rooms. (800) 682-4801; (408) 624-3801. 1990, 1991 Annuals.

Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club, 100 rooms. (800) 538-9516; (831) 624-1581. Fall 1987; 1992, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 230.

Stonepine, 14 rooms. (800) 735-2478; (831) 659-2245. **This issue, page 224.**

Morro Bay

The Inn at Morro Bay, 96 rooms. (800) 321-9566; (805) 772-5651. Winter 1988.

Oakhurst

Château du Sureau, 9 rooms. (209) 683-6860. 1997 Annual.

Pebble Beach

Inn at Spanish Bay, 270 rooms. (800) 654-9300; (408) 647-7500. 1992 Annual.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach, 161 rooms. (800) 654-9300; (408) 624-3811. Winter 1988.

San Jose

The Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, 541 rooms. (800) 527-4727; (408) 998-1900. **1996**, **1997**, **1998 Annuals**.

The Resort at Squaw Creek, 405 rooms. (800) 327-3353; (916) 583-6300. 1993, 1994, 1996 Annuals.

Yosemite National Park

The Ahwahnee Hotel, 123 rooms. (209) 253-5644. 1998 Annual. This issue, page 234.

Northern California

Kenwood

The Kenwood Inn & Spa, 11 rooms. (800) 353-6966; (707) 833-1293.

Napa Valley

Silverado Country Club & Resort, 280 rooms. (800) 532-0500; (707) 257-0200.

Oakland

Claremont Resort, Spa & Tennis Club, 239 rooms. (800) 551-7166; (510) 843-3000.

Rutherford Auberge du Soleil, 50 rooms. (800) 348-5406: (707) 963-1211. Fall 1987.

San Francisco

Campton Place, 134 rooms. (800) 647-4007; (415) 235-4300.

The Clift Hotel, 326 rooms. (800) 65-CLIFT; (415) 775-4700. **1997 Annual**.

The Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, 596 rooms. (800) 527-4727; (415) 772-5000. 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals.

The Huntington Hotel, 140 rooms. (800) 227-4683; (415) 474-5400. 1993, 1998 Annuals.

The Majestic, 57 rooms. (800) 869-8966; (415) 441-1100. 1998 Annual. This issue, page 138.

Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco, 160 rooms. (800) 526-6566; (415) 885-0999.

The Mark Hopkins Inter-Continental, 390 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (415) 392-3434.



The Prescott Hotel

The fashionable ambience of The Prescott Hotel well suits the location: in the heart of Union Square, within walking distance of San Francisco's finest art, shopping, and entertainment. First-class advantages include 163 luxurious rooms and suites, room service from Wolfgang Puck's famous Postrio, evening turndown, valet, complimentary coffee or tea, and wine and cheese in the living room. The mix of style, service, and location pleases business and pleasure travelers alike. **545 Post St., San Francisco, CA 94102; U.S. (800) 283-7322; (415) 563-0303.** Hotel Monaco, 201 rooms. (800) 214-4220; (415) 292-0100. 1997 Annual.

Hotel Nikko San Francisco, 522 rooms. (800) NIKKO-US; (415) 394-1111. 1990 Annual.

Palace Hotel, 550 rooms. (800) 325-3589; (415) 512-1111. 1997 Annual.

Park Hyatt San Francisco, 360 rooms. (800) HYATT-CA; (415) 392-1234. **1993, 1994, 1998 Annuals.**

Prescott Hotel, 163 rooms. (800) 283-7322; (415) 563-0303. **1996 Annual.**

Renaissance Stanford Court Hotel, 393 rooms. (800) 227-4736; (415) 989-3500. 1991 Annual.

The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco, 336 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (415) 296-7465. 1992 Annual.

The Westin St. Francis, 1,200 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (415) 397-7000. 1990, 1993 Annuals.

Sonoma

Sonoma Mission Inn, Spa & Country Club, 198 rooms. (800) 862-4945; (707) 938-9000. **1998 Annual. This issue, page 216.**

St. Helena

Meadowood, 99 rooms. (800) 458-8080; (707) 963-3646. Winter 1988; 1993, 1994 Annuals.

Southern California

Beverly Hills

The Beverly Hills Hotel, 203 rooms. (800) 283-8885; (310) 276-2251.

L'Ermitage Beverly Hills, 124 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (310) 278-3344. 1990 Annual. This issue, page 146.

The Peninsula Beverly Hills, 196 rooms. (800) 462-7899; (310) 551-2888. **1993, 1994, 1997 Annuals.**

The Regent Beverly Wilshire, 295 rooms. (800) 545-4000; (310) 275-5200.

Carlsbad

Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 331 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (760) 603-6800.

La Costa Resort and Spa, 479 rooms. (800) 854-5000; (760) 438-9111. 1998 Annual.

Coronado

Hotel del Coronado, 691 rooms. (800) HOTEL-DEL; (619) 522-8000. Fall 1988, 1996 Annual. This issue, page 110.

Coronado Marriott, 300 rooms. (800) 331-3112; (619) 435-3000. 1994 Annual.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 440 rooms. (800) 23-LOEWS; (619) 424-4000. 1994 Annual.

Dana Point

The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, 393 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (949) 240-2000. Fall 1987; 1990, 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals.

Death Valley

Furnace Creek Inn, 68 rooms. (800) 236-7916; (760) 786-2345.

Del Mar

L'Auberge Del Mar Resort & Spa, 120 rooms. (800) 553-1336; (619) 259-1515. 1991, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 162.



The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel California's only five-star, five-diamond resort, The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel invites guests into a paradise poised on a 150-foot bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Majestic cliffs, two miles of beach, and dazzling sunsets create an awe-inspiring backdrop for fine dining, tennis, fitness activities, nearby golf, sailing, fishing, and more. Every detail, from the service to the 393 accommodations, illustrates Ritz-Carlton's ultimate commitment to good taste and comfort. One Ritz-Carlton Dr., Dana Point, CA 92629; U.S. (800) 241-3333; (949) 240-2000.

Desert Hot Springs Two Bunch Palms Resort & Spa, 45 rooms. (800) 472-4334; (760) 329-8791.

Indian Wells

Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, 338 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (760) 341-1000. Fall 1987; 1995, 1998 Annuals.

Miramonte Resort, 226 rooms. (800) 237-2926; (760) 341-2200. This issue, page 182.

Renaissance Esmeralda Resort, 560 rooms. (800) HOTELS-1; (760) 773-4444. 1992 Annual.

La Jolla

Sheraton Grande Torrey Pines, 392 rooms. (800) 762-6160; (619) 558-1500.

La Valencia Hotel, 100 rooms. (800) 451-0772; (619) 454-0771.

La Quinta

La Quinta Resort & Club, 640 rooms. (800) 598-3828; (760) 564-4111. 1997 Annual.

Laguna Beach

Surf & Sand Hotel, 157 rooms. (800) 267-4139; (714) 497-4477.

Los Angeles

Hotel Bel-Air, 92 rooms. (800) 648-4097; (310) 472-1211. 1996 Annual.

The Biltmore, 683 rooms. (800) 245-8675; (213) 624-1011.

The Four Seasons Beverly Hills, 285 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (310) 273-2222.

Hotel Inter-Continental Los Angeles at California Plaza, 434 rooms. (800) 442-5251; (213) 617-3300. 1998 Annual. This issue, page 220.

Hotel Nikko at Beverly Hills, 300 rooms. (800) NIKKO-US; (310) 247-0400. 1996, 1997 Annuals. Park Hyatt Los Angeles at Century City, 367 rooms. (800) HYATT-CA; (310) 277-1234. 1997, 1998 Annuals.



Park Hyatt Los Angeles at Century City Conveniently located near Beverly Hills, Hollywood, the new Getty Center, Pacific beaches, and downtown, the Park Hyatt Los Angeles at Century City presides as one of the city's most elegant hotels. It features 367 guest rooms, including 189 suites, all with morning newspaper delivery, nightly turndown, 24-hour room service, and spectacular city views from private balconies. Guests also enjoy a fitness center and two restaurants, including the award-winning Park Grill. **2151 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067; U.S. (800) HYATT-CA; (310) 277-1234.**

Sheraton Grande, 469 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (213) 617-1133.

Wyndham Checkers Hotel, 188 rooms. (800) WYNDHAM; (213) 624-0000.

Marina del Rey

The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey, 306 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (310) 823-1700. **1992**, **1994** Annuals.

Newport Beach

Four Seasons Hotel Newport Beach, 285 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (714) 759-0808.

The Sutton Place Hotel, 435 rooms. (800) 243-4141; (949) 476-2001. 1996, 1997 Annuals. This issue, page 176.

Ojai

Ojai Valley Inn & Spa, 207 rooms. (800) 672-2822; (805) 646-5511. Fall 1988; 1990, 1992, 1994 Annuals. This issue, page 130.

Palm Desert

Marriott's Desert Springs Resort & Spa, 895 rooms. (800) 331-3112; (760) 341-2211. 1991, 1994 Annuals.

Palm Springs

Givenchy Hotel & Spa, 98 rooms. (800) 276-5000; (760) 770-5000.

Pasadena

The Ritz-Carlton, Huntington Hotel & Spa, 387 rooms. (800) 784-3748; (626) 568-3900. 1992, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 246.

Rancho Bernardo Rancho Bernardo Inn, 287 rooms. (800)

896-7083; (619) 675-8500. **1992 Annual.**

Rancho Mirage

Rancho Las Palmas Marriott Resort & Spa, 450 rooms. (800) 228-9290; (760) 568-2727.

The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage, 239 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (760) 321-8282. **1990**, **1991 Annuals**.

The Westin Mission Hills Resort, 512 rooms. (800) WESTIN-1; (760) 328-5955. 1995, 1996, 1997 Annuals.

Rancho Santa Fe

Rancho Valencia Resort, 48 rooms. (800) 548-3664; (619) 756-1123. 1991 Annual.



Rancho Valencia Resort

Just 25 miles north of downtown San Diego, Rancho Valencia Resort delivers the ultimate in service and luxury. The secluded property offers 43 beautifully appointed suites, each with fireplace and private garden patio. Guests indulge in everything from body-care treatments to games on 18 tennis courts, playing privileges at nearby private golf courses, and an award-winning restaurant featuring California-Mediterranean cuisine. P.O. Box 9126, 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067; U.S. (800) 548-3664; (619) 756-1123; fax (619) 756-0165.

Riverside

Mission Inn, 235 rooms. (800) 843-7755; (909) 784-0300. 1997 Annual.

San Diego

Hyatt Regency San Diego, 875 rooms. (800) 223-1234; (619) 232-1234. 1994 Annual.

U.S. Grant, 280 rooms. (800) 237-5029; (619) 232-3121.

The Westgate Hotel, 223 rooms. (800) 221-3802; (619) 557-3634.

San Marcos

The Golden Door Spa, 40 rooms. (800) 424-0777; (760) 744-5777.

Santa Barbara

Four Seasons Biltmore, 234 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (805) 969-2261. Fall 1988, 1997 Annual.

San Ysidro Ranch, 44 rooms. (800) 860-4930; (805) 969-5046. Fall 1988, 1992 Annual. Simpson House, 14 rooms. (800) 676-1280; (805) 969-9227.

Santa Monica

LeMerigot Beach Hotel, 175 rooms. (800) 926-9524; (310) 395-9700.

Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, 350 rooms. (800) 23-LOEWS; (310) 458-6700. 1994 Annual.

Hotel Oceana, 63 rooms. (800) 777-0758; (310) 458-1182.

Shutters on the Beach, 198 rooms. (800) 334-9000; (310) 458-0030.



LeMerigot Beach Hotel

Santa Monica's newest luxury offering, LeMerigot Beach Hotel combines the sophistication of the French Riviera and the easy lifestyle of Southern California. Guests select from two restaurants, a complete health spa, 12,000 square feet of meeting space, and 175 luxuriously appointed rooms, many with ocean views. The location, which places visitors within steps of the Pacific Ocean and nine miles from Los Angeles International Airport, affords easy access to Century City, Beverly Hills, and the new Getty Center museum. **1740 Ocean Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90401; U.S. (800) 926-9524; (310) 395-9700.**

Solvang

The Alisal Guest Ranch and Resort, 73 rooms. (800) 4-ALISAL; (805) 688-6411. 1991, 1992, 1996, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 210.

Westwood

Westwood Marquis Hotel and Gardens, 257 rooms. (800) 421-2317; (310) 208-8765. 1995, 1997 Annuals.

Colorado

Aspen

Hotel Jerome, 93 rooms. (800) 331-7213; (970) 920-1000. 1991, 1997 Annuals.

Hotel Lenado, 19 rooms. (970) 925-6246. The Little Nell, 92 rooms. (800) 223-5652;

 (970) 920-4600. 1998 Annual. The St. Regis Aspen, 257 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (970) 920-3300.

The Sardy House, 20 rooms. (970) 920-2525.

Beaver Creek

The Charter at Beaver Creek, 180 rooms. (800) 525-6660; (970) 949-6660. This issue, page 180.

Hyatt Regency Beaver Creek, 295 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (970) 949-1234.

Inn at Beaver Creek, 45 rooms. (800) 859-8242; (970) 845-7800.

Pines Lodge, 68 rooms. (800) 859-8242; (970) 845-7900.

The Broadmoor, 700 rooms. (800) 634-7711; (719) 634-7711. **1990, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 114.**

Denver

The Brown Palace Hotel, 230 rooms. (800) 321-2599; (303) 297-3111. 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 228.

Loews Giorgio Hotel, 197 rooms. (800) 243-1166; (303) 782-9300.

Hotel Monaco Denver, 189 rooms. (800) 397-5380; (303) 296-1717.

The Westin Hotel Tabor Center, 420 rooms. (800) WESTIN-1; (303) 572-7207.



Hotel Monaco Denver

Northern Italian cuisine at Panzano and a full-service Renaissance Aveda Spa enhance the theme of escape to faraway places at the new 189-room Hotel Monaco Denver, in the heart of the city's central business district. While the deco-French decor casts a spell of romantic fantasy, the hotel's practical side addresses reality with such standard features as two-line speaker phones, data ports, fax, copier, and printer along with CD player, coffee maker, honor bar, and more. **1717** Champa St., Denver, CO 80202; U.S. (800) 397-5380; (303) 296-1717.

Durango

Sheraton Tamaron Resort, 412 rooms. (800) 678-1000; (970) 259-2000.

Tall Timber, 10 rooms. (970) 259-4813.

Edwards

The Lodge & Spa at Cordillera, 56 rooms. (800) 877-3529; (970) 926-2200. 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 222.

Englewood

Inverness Hotel & Golf Club, 302 rooms. (800) 346-4891; (303) 799-5800.

Granby

C Lazy U Ranch, 41 rooms. (970) 887-3344.

Keystone

Keystone Lodge, 152 rooms. (800) 525-1309; (970) 496-2316.

Meeker

Seven Lakes Lodge, 11 rooms. (800) 809-4772; (970) 878-4772. 1997 Annual.

Snowmass

The Snowmass Lodge & Club, 136 rooms. (800) 525-0710; (970) 923-5600. Fall 1987.

Telluride

The Inn at Lost Creek, 32 rooms. (888) 601-5678; (206) 443-3600. This issue, page 120.

The Peaks at Telluride, 177 rooms. (800) 789-2220; (970) 728-6800.

The San Sophia Inn, 16 rooms. (800) 537-4781; (970) 728-3001.

Vail

The Lodge at Vail, 160 rooms. (800) 331-5634; (970) 476-5011. 1990, 1994 Annuals. This issue, page 166.

Sonnenalp Resort at Vail, 190 rooms. (800) 654-8312; (970) 476-5656.

Vail Cascade Hotel & Club, 289 rooms. (800) 420-2424; (970) 476-7111. **1990, 1994** Annuals (as The Westin Resort, Vail).

Delaware

Wilmington Hotel du Pont, 216 rooms. (800) 441-9019; (302) 594-3100.

District of Columbia Washington

ANA Hotel Washington, D.C., 415 rooms. (800) ANA-HOTELS; (202) 429-2400. 1995 Annual.

The Carlton, 192 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (202) 638-2626. 1991 Annual.

Four Seasons Hotel Washington, D.C., 196 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (202) 342-0444.

The Hay-Adams Hotel, 143 rooms. (800) 424-5054; (202) 638-6600.

The Jefferson Hotel, 100 rooms. (800) 368-5966; (202) 347-2200. 1990, 1994 Annuals.

The Luxury Collection Hotel Washington, D.C., 238 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (202) 293-2100.

Park Hyatt Washington, D.C., 224 rooms. (800) 223-1234; (202) 789-1234. 1993, 1994 Annuals.

The Watergate Hotel, 231 rooms. (800) 424-2736; (202) 965-2300.

The Westin, 263 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (202) 429-0100. 1996 Annual.

The Willard Inter-Continental, 340 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (202) 628-9100.

Florida

East Coast

Amelia Island

Amelia Island Plantation Resort, 629 rooms. (800) 874-6878; (904) 261-6161. 1990, 1994 Annuals.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 449 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (904) 277-1100. 1995, 1997 Annuals. This issue, page 124.

Aventura

Turnberry Isle Resort & Country Club, 340 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (305) 936-2929. **1991**, **1993 Annuals.**

Boca Raton

The Boca Raton Resort & Club, 963 rooms. (800) 327-0101; (407) 395-3000.

Coral Gables

The Biltmore Hotel, 275 rooms. (800) 727-1926; (305) 445-1926. **1997 Annual.**

Hyatt Regency Coral Gables, 242 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (305) 441-1234. **1997 Annual.** Omni Colonnade, 157 rooms. (800) THE-OMNI; (305) 441-2600.

Fisher Island

Fisher Island Club, 60 rooms. (800) 537-3708; (305) 535-6020. 1994 Annual.

Fort Lauderdale

Hyatt Regency Pier 66, 388 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (800) 327-3796.

Lago Mar Resort Hotel & Club, 170 rooms. (800) 524-6627; (954) 523-6511. 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 202.

Marriott's Harbor Beach Resort, 624 rooms.

(800) 222-6543; (954) 525-4000. **1991 Annual.**

Key Biscayne

Sonesta Beach Resort Key Biscayne, 292 rooms. (800) SONESTA; (305) 361-2021. 1995 Annual.

Miami

Delano, 238 rooms. (800) 555-5001; (305) 672-2000.

Doral Golf Resort and Spa, 694 rooms. (800) 71-DORAL; (305) 592-2000.

Grand Bay Hotel, 178 rooms. (888) 80-GRAND; (305) 858-9600. 1992, 1994, 1997 Annuals.

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, 800 rooms. (800) 23-LOEWS; (305) 604-3900.

Mayfair House, 182 rooms. (800) 433-4555; (305) 441-0000.

Palm Beach

Brazilian Court, 103 rooms. (800) 552-0335; (407) 655-7740. 1998 Annual. This issue, page 226.

The Breakers, 572 rooms. (800) 833-3141; (407) 655-6611.

Four Seasons Ocean Grand, 210 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (407) 582-2800. 1991 Annual (as The Ocean Grand).

PGA National Resort & Hotel, 420 rooms. (800) 633-9150; (407) 627-2000.

The Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach, 270 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (407) 533-6000.

Ponte Vedra Beach

The Lodge & Club, 66 rooms. (800) 243-4304; (904) 273-9500. This issue, page 172.

Marriott at Sawgrass Resort, 850 rooms. (800) 457-4653; (904) 285-7777.

Ponte Vedre Inn & Club, 202 rooms. (800) 234-7842; (904) 285-1111. 1995 Annual. This issue, page 136.

Florida Keys

Islamorada Cheeca Lodge, 203 rooms. (800) 327-2888; (305) 664-4651. 1991 Annual. This issue, page 218.

Key West

Hyatt Key West Resort & Marina, 120 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (305) 296-9900. Key West Hilton Resort and Marina, 178 rooms. (800) HILTONS; (305) 294-4000. **1998 Annual.**

Marquesa, 27 rooms. (800) 869-4631; (305) 292-1919.

Marriott's Casa Marina Resort, 311 rooms. (800) 626-0777; (305) 296-3535.

Marriott's Reach Resort, 150 rooms. (800) 874-4118; (305) 296-5000.

Pier House Resort & Caribbean Spa, 142 rooms. (800) 327-8340; (305) 296-4600.

Sunset Key Guest Cottages, 37 rooms. (800) HILTONS; (305) 292-5300. 1998 Annual.

Little Torch Key

Little Palm Island, 30 rooms. (800) 3GET-LOST; (305) 872-2524.



Little Palm Island

Guests enjoying the water sports, spa, fourdiamond service, and superb cuisine of Little Palm Island completely detach from the pressures of everyday life. With only 30 suites, the exclusive Relais & Chateaux-affiliated property waits in the Atlantic, three miles off the lower Florida Keys. Travelers reach the private-island resort by boat or Little Palm Island seaplane service from all South Florida airports. **28500 Overseas Hwy., Little Torch Key, FL 33042; U.S. (800) 3GET-LOST; (305) 872-2524. Web site: www.littlepalmisland.com.**

Florida Panhandle

Haines City

Grenelefe Golf & Tennis Resort, 900 rooms. (800) 237-9549; (941) 422-7511.

Howey-in-the-Hills

Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort, 187 rooms. (800) 874-9053; (904) 324-3101. 1995, 1996 Annuals.

Lake Buena Vista

Disney's Grand Floridian Beach Resort, 897 rooms. (800) 647-7900; (407) 934-7639.

Orlando

Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort, 750 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (407) 239-1234. 1998 Annual.

Marriott's Orlando World Center, 1,503 rooms. (800) 621-0638; (407) 239-4200.

The Peabody Orlando, 891 rooms. (800) PEABODY; (407) 352-4000.

West Coast

Captiva Island South Seas Plantation, 500 rooms. (800) CAPTIVA: (941) 481-6424. Fall 1987.

Longboat Key

The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort, 232 rooms. (800) 4-COLONY; (941) 383-6464. Winter 1988; 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 164.

The Resort at Longboat Key Club, 232 rooms. (800) 237-8821; (941) 383-8821. 1993 Annual.

Marco Island

Marriott's Marco Island Resort and Golf Club, 735 rooms. (800) 438-4373; (941) 394-2511.

Naples

Edgewater Beach Hotel, 124 rooms. (800) 821-0196; (941) 262-6511. 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 232.

LaPlaya Beach Resort, 191 rooms. (800) 237-6883; (941) 597-3123. 1997 Annual. This issue, page 212.

The Registry Resort, 474 rooms. (800) 247-9810; (941) 597-3232. Fall 1987, 1997 Annual.

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, 463 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (941) 598-3300. **1990 Annual.**

Sanibel Island

Casa Ybel Resort, 114 rooms. (800) 276-ISLE; (941) 472-3145. 1996 Annual.

St. Pete Beach

The Don CeSar Beach Resort & Spa, 275 rooms. (800) 282-1116; (813) 360-1881. **Winter 1988**.

Renaissance Vinoy Resort, 380 rooms. (800) HOTELS-1; (813) 894-1000.

Tampa (Wesley Chapel) Saddlebrook Resort, 790 rooms. (800) 729-8383; (813) 973-1111.



Saddlebrook Resort, Tampa

Just 30 minutes north of Tampa International Airport, four-star, four-diamond Saddlebrook Resort features two 18-hole championship golf courses and serves as world headquarters for the Arnold Palmer Golf Academy. Guests enjoy 45 tennis courts (all Grand Slam surfaces), a sports village with fitness center and luxurious spa, three swimming pools, four restaurants, and two lounges. Award-winning meeting facilities host gatherings of 10 to 1,000. **5700 Saddlebrook Way, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543; U.S. (800) 729-8383; (813) 973-1111. Web site: www.saddle brookresort.com.**

Tarpon Springs

Westin Innisbrook Resort, 1,000 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (813) 942-2000.

Georgia Atlanta

Four Seasons Atlanta, 242 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (404) 881-9898.

Georgian Terrace, 320 rooms. (800) 651-2316; (404) 897-1991.

Grand Hyatt Atlanta, 437 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (404) 365-8100.

Hyatt Grand Hotel Atlanta, 246 rooms. (800) 952-0702; (404) 881-9898.

J.W. Marriott Atlanta, 387 rooms. (800) 228-9290; (404) 262-3344.

The Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta, 447 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (404) 659-0400. 1997 Annual.

The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead, 553 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (404) 237-2700. 1990, 1997 Annuals.

Braselton

Château Élan Winery & Resort, 306 rooms. (800) 233-WINE; (770) 932-0900. 1995, 1997 Annuals.

Lake Lanier Islands

Renaissance PineIsle Resort, 250 rooms. (800) HOTELS-1; (770) 945-8921. 1993 Annual.

Pine Mountain

Callaway Gardens, 800 rooms. (800) CALL-AWAY; (706) 663-2281.

Sea Island

The Cloister, 262 rooms. (800) 732-4752; (803) 638-3611. **1993, 1996 Annuals.**

St. Simons Island

The Lodge on Little St. Simons Island, 13 rooms. (888) 733-5774; (912) 638-7472.



The Lodge on Little St. Simons Island Accessible only by boat, The Lodge on Little St. Simons Island accommodates just 30 overnight guests in grace and style. In Georgia's Golden Isles, the 10,000-acre natural setting encourages boating, canoeing, hiking, fishing, and horseback riding. The island's unmatched privacy offers an ideal backdrop for family gatherings, corporate retreats, or groups of friends, who may rent the entire resort. P.O. Box 21078, Little St. Simons Island, GA 31522-0578; U.S. (888) 733-5774; (912) 638-7472. Web site: www.Little_St_Simons_Island.com.

Sea Palms Golf & Tennis Resort, 170 rooms. (800) 841-6268; (912) 638-3351.

Idaho

Coeur d'Alene

The Coeur d'Alene—A Resort on the Lake, 338 rooms. (800) 688-5253; (208) 765-4000. Fall 1988; 1992, 1994 Annuals. This issue, page 240.

Sun Valley

Sun Valley Resort, 550 rooms. (800) 786-8259; (208) 622-4111.

Illinois

Chicago

The Drake, 535 rooms. (800) 55-DRAKE; (312) 787-2200. 1995 Annual.

The Fairmont Hotel in Chicago, 692 rooms. (800) 527-4727; (312) 565-8000. 1990, 1996,

1997, 1998 Annuals.

Four Seasons Chicago, 343 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (312) 280-8800.

Oak Brook Hills Hotel & Resort, 382 rooms.

(800) 445-3315; (630) 850-5555. 1998 Annual.
 Omni Chicago Hotel, 347 rooms. (800)
 THE-OMNI; (312) 944-6664.

Renaissance Chicago Hotel, 565 rooms. (800) HOTELS-1; (312) 372-7200.

The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago, 431 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (312) 266-1000.

The Sutton Place Hotel, 246 rooms. (800) 606-8188; (312) 266-2100. 1996, 1997 Annuals. This issue, page 122.

The Tremont, 129 rooms. (800) 621-8133; (312) 751-1900. 1997 Annual.

Westin River North, 443 rooms. (800) WESTIN-1; (312) 321-7178.

The Whitehall Hotel, 221 rooms. (800) 948-4255; (312) 944-6300. 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals.

Galena

Eagle Ridge Inn & Resort, 420 rooms. (800) 892-2269; (815) 777-2444.

Indiana

Indianapolis Canterbury Hotel, 99 rooms. (800) 538-8186; (317) 634-3000. 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 254.

Louisiana

New Orleans

The Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans, 700 rooms. (800) 527-4727; (504) 529-7111. 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals.

Maison de Ville, 23 rooms. (800) 634-1600; (504) 561-5858.

Le Meridien New Orleans, 494 rooms. (800) 543-4300; (504) 515-1128.

Omni Royal Crescent Hotel, 98 rooms. (800) THE-OMNI; (504) 527-0006. **1998 Annual**.

The Omni Royal Orleans, 346 rooms. (800) THE-OMNI; (504) 529-5333.

Le Pavillon Hotel, 220 rooms. (800) 535-9095; (504) 581-3111.

Windsor Court Hotel, 324 rooms. (800) 262-2662; (504) 523-6000.

Maine Prouts Neck

Black Point Inn Resort, 80 rooms. (800) 258-0003; (207) 883-4126. 1998 Annual.

Rockport

Samoset Resort, 150 rooms. (800) 341-1650; (207) 594-2511.

Maryland

Baltimore

Harbor Court Hotel, 203 rooms. (800) 824-0076; (410) 234-0550. 1998 Annual.

St. Michaels

The Inn at Perry Cabin, 41 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (410) 745-2200.

Massachusetts

Blantyre

Blantyre, 23 rooms. (800) 735-2478; (413) 637-3556.

Boston

Boston Harbor Hotel, 230 rooms. (800) 752-7077; (617) 439-7000. 1990, 1994, 1998 Annuals.

The Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 379 rooms. (800) 527-4727; (617) 267-5300. 1993, 1997, 1998 Annuals.

Four Seasons Boston, 288 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (617) 338-3442.

Le Meridien Boston, 326 rooms. (800) 543-4300; (617) 451-1900. This issue, page 126.

The Regal Bostonian Hotel, 152 rooms. (800) 343-0922; (617) 523-3600. 1992, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 238.

The Ritz-Carlton, Boston, 278 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (617) 536-5700. 1991 Annual.



Dan'l Webster Inn

In the heart of one of Cape Cod's most picturesque villages, the Dan'l Webster Inn entertains year-round with 47 finely appointed guest rooms, a gift shop, heated outdoor pool, and flower-filled gardens. Four award-winning dining rooms serve breakfast, lunch, and exquisite dinners complemented by a distinctive wine list. The Tavern at the Inn instills the essence of Cape Cod charm in its relaxed atmosphere and menu of casual fare. **149 Main St.**, **Sandwich, MA 02563; U.S. (800) 444-3566; (508) 888-3622. Web site:** www.danlwebsterinn.com.

Cambridge

The Charles Hotel in Harvard Square, 296 rooms. (800) 882-1818; (617) 864-1200. **1997**, **1998 Annuals**.

Chatham

Chatham Bars Inn, 150 rooms. (800) 527-4884; (508) 945-0096.

Lenox

Canyon Ranch, 120 rooms. (800) 742-9000; (413) 637-4100. 1992 Annual.

Cranwell Resort & Golf Club, 65 rooms. (800) 272-6935; (413) 637-1364.

Nantucket Island

The Wauwinet, 35 rooms. (800) 426-8718; (508) 228-0145.

New Seabury New Seabury, 170 rooms. (800) 999-9033; (508) 477-9400.

Sandwich

Dan'l Webster Inn, 47 rooms. (800) 444-3566; (508) 888-3622.

Williamstown

The Orchards, 49 rooms. (800) 225-1517; (413) 458-9611.

Michigan

Acme

Grand Traverse Resort, 750 rooms. (800) 748-0303; (616) 938-2100. 1993 Annual.

Birmingham

The Townsend Hotel, 87 rooms. (800) 548-4172; (248) 642-7900. 1998 Annual. This issue, page 201.

Dearborn

The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, 308 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (313) 441-2000. 1991 Annual.

Lewiston

Garland, 177 rooms. (800) 968-0042; (517) 786-2211. 1996, 1997 Annuals. This issue, page 236.

Mackinac Island

Grand Hotel, 324 rooms. (800) 33-GRAND; (906) 847-3331.

Mission Point Resort, 239 rooms. (800) 833-7711; (906) 847-3312. This issue, page 208.

Shanty Creek

Shanty Creek, 600 rooms. (800) 678-4111; (616) 533-8621.

Minnesota

Minneapolis The Whitney Hotel, 97 rooms. (800) 248-1879; (612) 339-9300. Red Wing

St. James Hotel, 60 rooms. (800) 252-1875; (612) 388-2846.

Mississippi

Natchez

Monmouth Plantation, 25 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (601) 442-5852. 1993 Annual.

Missouri

Branson Chateau on the Lake Resort Hotel and Convention Center, 302 rooms. (800) 333-5253; (417) 334-1161. **1998 Annual.**

Kansas City

The Raphael Hotel, 123 rooms. (800) 821-5343; (816) 756-3800.

The Ritz-Carlton, Kansas City, 373 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (816) 756-1500. 1991 Annual.



The Raphael Hotel

Named one of the world's top 500 places to stay by *Condé Nast Traveler*, The Raphael Hotel welcomes guests at Kansas City's famous Country Club Plaza. The hotel's quiet sophistication recalls Europe's finest small hotels, especially in its traditional appointments and impeccable service. The 18 rooms and 105 suites match the Old World atmosphere with a full complement of modern first-class amenities. **325 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64112; U.S.** (800) 821-5343; (816) 756-3800.

Lake of the Ozarks Marriott's Tan-Tar-A Resort, Golf Club & Spa, 866 rooms. (800) 826-8272; (573) 348-3131.

Ridgedale

Big Cedar Lodge, 248 rooms. (417) 335-2777.

St. Louis

The Hotel Majestic, 91 rooms. (800) 451-2355; (314) 436-2355.

Hyatt Regency, St. Louis, 540 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (314) 231-1234.

The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis, 301 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (314) 863-6300. 1991 Annual.

Montana

Big Sky

Big Sky Ski & Summer Resort, 298 rooms. (800) 548-4486; (406) 995-5000. 1993 Annual.

Whitefish

Grouse Mountain Lodge, 144 rooms. (877) 223-0742; (406) 862-3000. 1998 Annual.

Kandahar Lodge, 48 rooms. (800) 862-6094; (406) 862-6098.



Grouse Mountain Lodge

With Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake, Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort, and ten championship golf courses on its doorstep, Grouse Mountain Lodge welcomes visitors to the heart of Montana's great outdoors. Highlights of the 145-room haven include fine dining at Logan's Grill, a nineroom conference center, and every amenity required by today's first-class leisure and business travelers. 2 Fairway Dr., Whitefish, MT 59937; U.S. (877) 223-0742; (877) 862-1505; fax (406) 863-2901. E-mail: info@montanasfinest.com. Web site: www.montanasfinest.com.



Kandahar Lodge

Everyone from alpine skiers to golfers dreams of a place like Kandahar Lodge, located in the village area of Montana's Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort. Visitors find the virtues of an intimate country inn blended with the indulgences of a grand European hotel. Pampered by personalized service, guests retire to a choice of 48 rooms, all furnished with country elegance and fine amenities. P.O. Box 1659, Whitefish, MT 59937; U.S. (800) 862-6094; (877) 862-1505; fax (406) 863-2901. E-mail: info@montanasfinest.com. Web site: www.montanasfinest.com.

Nebraska

Omaha

Westin Aquila Hotel, 146 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (402) 342-2222. 1997 Annual.

Nevada Incline Village

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort and Casino, 458 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (702) 832-1234. Spring 1988.

Las Vegas

Bellagio—The Resort, 3,100 rooms. (888) 987-7111; (702) 693-7111.

Caesars Palace, 1,508 rooms. (800) 423-2917; (702) 731-7110.

The Mirage, 3,044 rooms. (800) 723-1723; (702) 791-7111.

Rio Suite Hotel & Casino, 1,554 rooms. (800) PLAY-RIO; (702) 252-7777.

Sheraton Desert Inn Resort & Casino, 720 rooms. (800) 634-6906; (702) 733-4434.

South Lake Tahoe

Caesars Tahoe, 440 rooms. (800) 648-3353; (702) 588-3515.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe, 532 rooms. (800) 648-3773; (702) 588-6611.

New Hampshire Bretton Woods The Mount Washington Hotel & Resort, 195 rooms. (800) 258-0330; (603) 278-1000.



The Mount Washington Hotel

Established in 1902, the Mount Washington Hotel & Resort recalls an era of gracious leisure and timeless elegance in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. The national historic landmark hotel offers golf, tennis, indoor and outdoor pools, horseback riding, mountain biking, children's programs, and 19 meeting rooms for groups of 5 to 1,000. For its first winter season ever, the hotel will celebrate "First Winter 2000" with alpine and cross-country skiing, sleigh rides, ice-skating, and other snow-time fun. Rte. 302, Bretton Woods, NH 03575; U.S. (800) 258-0330; (603) 278-1000. Web site: www.mtwashington.com.

Dixville Notch

The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel, 230 rooms. (800) 678-8946; (603) 255-3400.

Laconia

The Margate at Winnipesaukee, 146 rooms. (800) MARGATE; (603) 524-5210.

New Jersey

Absecon

Marriott Seaview Resort, 299 rooms. (800) 228-9290; (609) 748-1990.

Short Hills

Hilton at Shorthills, 300 rooms. (800) HILTONS; (973) 379-0100.

New Mexico

Mescalero Inn of the Mountain Gods, 262 rooms. (800)

545-9011; (505) 257-5141.



Inn of the Mountain Gods

At an elevation of 7,200 feet, The Inn of the Mountain Gods—"New Mexico's Most Distinguished Resort"—almost reaches the sky. It offers 262 first-class rooms, suites, and condos along with four restaurants, a deli, and convention services for up to 400, all within the densely forested beauty of the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation. Guests enjoy a casino, a Ted Robinsondesigned golf course, seasonal skiing, horseback riding, tennis, fishing, boating, and more. Carrizo Canyon Rd., Mescalero, NM 88340; U.S. (800) 545-9011; (505) 257-5141. Web site: www.innofthe mountaingods.com.

Santa Fe

The Bishop's Lodge, 88 rooms. (800) 258-6022; (505) 983-6377.

Inn of the Anasazi, 59 rooms. (800) 688-8100; (505) 988-3030. 1994 Annual.

Hotel Loretto, 140 rooms. (800) 727-5531; (505) 988-5531. This issue, page 143.

New York

Amenia Troutbeck, 42 rooms. (800) 978-7688; (914) 373-9681.

Cooperstown

Otesaga Hotel, 127 rooms. (800) 348-6222; (607) 547-9931.

Garden City

The Garden City Hotel, 280 rooms. (800) 547-0400; (516) 747-3000.

Lake George The Sagamore, 350 rooms. (800) 358-3585;

(518) 644-9400. 1991, 1992 Annuals.

Lake Placid Lake Placid Lodge, 23 rooms. (518) 523-2700. Mirror Lake Inn, 128 rooms. (518) 523-2544.

New York City The Carlyle, 185 rooms. (800) 227-5737; (212) 744-1600. Essex House, 595 rooms. (800) 645-5687; (212) 484-5100. 1990, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 186.

Four Seasons New York, 367 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (212) 758-5700.

The Lowell, 65 rooms. (800) 221-4444; (212) 838-1400. 1991, 1997 Annuals.

The Luxury Collection Hotel New York, 214 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (212) 757-1900.

The Mark, 180 rooms. (800) THE-MARK; (212) 744-4300. 1991 Annual.

The New York Palace, 962 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (212) 888-7000. 1990 Annual.

The Peninsula New York, 242 rooms. (800) 262-9467; (212) 247-2200. 1990, 1993, 1994, 1997 Annuals.

The Pierre, 205 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (212) 838-8000.

The Plaza, 805 rooms. (800) 759-3000; (212) 759-3000. 1990, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals.

Hôtel Plaza Athénée, 153 rooms. (800) 447-8800; (212) 734-9100.



Hôtel Plaza Athénée, New York Located on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, between Madison and Park Avenues, the Hôtel Plaza Athénée shines as a superstar among The Leading Hotels of the World. Guests of just 153 rooms and suites live within walking distance of Central Park and New York's finest museums, galleries, department stores, and boutiques. Le Regence, the hotel's award-winning restaurant, adds to the reputation for personalized service and Old World charm. **37 E. Sixty-Fourth St., New York, NY 10021; U.S. (800) 447-8800; (212) 734-9100; fax (212) 772-0958.**

The Regency, 362 rooms. (800) 23-LOEWS; (212) 759-4100. 1994 Annual.

RIHGA Royal Hotel, 500 rooms. (800) 937-5454; (212) 307-5000. This issue, page 132.

The St. Regis, 362 rooms. (800) 759-7550; (212) 753-4500. 1993 Annual.

The Stanhope, 156 rooms. (800) 828-1123; (212) 288-5800. 1990, 1992, 1995, 1998 Annuals.

The Soho Grand, 367 rooms. (800) 965-3000; (212) 965-3000.

Trump International Hotel & Tower, 168 rooms. (800) 44-TRUMP; (212) 299-1000. This issue, page 118.

U.N. Plaza—Park Hyatt, 427 rooms. (800) 223-1234; (212) 758-1234. 1994 Annual.

The Waldorf-Astoria, 1,120 rooms. (800) WALDORF; (212) 355-3000. 1993 Annual. The Waldorf Towers, 242 rooms. (888) WATOWER; (212) 872-7289. 1998 Annual.

The Westbury, 232 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (212) 535-2000.

Westin Central Park South, 208 rooms. (800) WESTIN-1; (212) 757-1900.

Saranac Lake The Point, 11 rooms. (800) 255-3530; (518) 891-5674.

North Carolina

Ashville Grove Park Inn Resort, 510 rooms. (800) 438-5800; (704) 252-2711.

Chapel Hill

Siena Hotel, 80 rooms. (800) 223-7379; (919) 929-4000.

Charlotte

The Park Hotel, 194 rooms. (800) 334-0331; (704) 364-8220. **1994**, **1996**, **1997** Annuals.



The Park Hotel

The 194-room Park Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina, combines eighteenth-century style with modern conveniences. Discriminating business and leisure travelers enjoy 24-hour room service, complimentary shoeshine, and nightly chocolates on their pillows. Guests also have the advantages of a health club with full spa facilities plus preferred access to the Golf Club at Ballantyne Resort. More than 8,500 square feet of meeting space accommodates corporate groups in style. **2200 Rexford Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211; U.S.** (800) 334-0331; (704) 364-8220.

Duck Sanderling Inn Resort, 88 rooms. (800) 701-4111; (919) 261-4111.

Durham Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club, 271 rooms. (800) 443-3853; (919) 490-0999.

Lake Lure Lake Lure Inn, 50 rooms. (800) 678-8946; (704) 625-2525.

Lake Toxaway The Greystone Inn, 33 rooms. (800) 824-5766; (704) 966-4700.

Pinehurst

Mid Pines Resort Inn & Golf Club, 118 rooms. (800) 323-2114; (910) 692-2114.

Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, 500 rooms. (800) 487-4653; (919) 295-6811.

Southern Pines

Pine Needles Resort, 71 rooms. (800) 747-7212; (910) 692-7111.

Ohio

Cincinnati The Cincinnatian Hotel, 147 rooms. (800) 942-9000; (513) 381-3000. 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 192.

Cleveland

The Ritz-Carlton, Cleveland, 208 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (216) 623-1300. 1995 Annual.

Concord Quail Hollow Resort & Country Club, 169 rooms. (800) 792-0258; (216) 352-6201.

Oregon Black Butte Ranch Black Butte Ranch, 100 rooms. (800) 452-7455; (541) 595-6211.

Gleneden Beach

Salishan Lodge, 205 rooms. (800) 452-2300; (541) 764-3600. Spring 1988; 1991, 1996 Annuals.

Portland

The Benson Hotel, 287 rooms. (800) 426-0670; (503) 228-2000. 1997 Annual.

Fifth Avenue Suites, 221 rooms. (800) 711-2971; (503) 222-001.

The Governor Hotel, 100 rooms. (800) 554-3456; (503) 224-3400.

The Heathman, 150 rooms. (800) 551-0011; (503) 241-4100. **1994 Annual.**



The Benson Hotel

Founded in 1912, the Benson Hotel combines a sense of Portland's history with the most lavish of modern luxuries. Honored by the National Register of Historic Places, the hotel provides an impressive array of modern amenities and services, including inroom entertainment system and honor bars, 24-hour room service, and Clef d'Or concierge assistance. The London Grill offers award-winning traditional favorites for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. **309 S.W. Broadway, Portland, OR 97205; U.S. (800) 426-0670; (503) 228-2000.**



RiverPlace Hotel

A convenient location and four-star, fourdiamond service and amenities distinguish Portland's RiverPlace Hotel. Located on the Willamette River, the downtown hotel offers 84 deluxe rooms, suites, and condominiums near city shopping, first-class restaurants, and fine galleries. Guests enjoy complimentary morning newspaper delivery, Continental breakfast, evening shoeshine, terry robes, concierge assistance, 24-hour room service, and use of RiverPlace Athletic Club. **1510 Southwest Harbor Way, Portland, OR 97201; U.S. (800) 227-1333; (503) 228-3233.**



The Heathman Hotel

The Heathman Hotel welcomes travelers to the heart of downtown Portland's cultural district. The newly renovated landmark hotel practices fine service as an art, inviting guests of the 150 rooms and suites to experience the ultimate in Northwest hospitality in an elegant setting. Heathman luxuries range from full concierge service and 24-hour in-room dining to an onsite fitness suite and a complimentary library of over 400 classic films. **1001 S.W. Broadway, Portland, OR 97205; U.S. (800) 551-0011; (503) 241-4100.**

RiverPlace Hotel, 84 rooms. (800) 227-1333; (503) 228-3233. **1997 Annual.**

Hotel Vintage Plaza, 107 rooms. (800) 243-0555; (503) 228-1212.

Running Y

The Running Y Ranch Resort, 83 rooms. (888) 850-0275; (541) 850-5500. This issue, page 149.

Sunriver

Sunriver Resort, 435 rooms. (800) 547-3922; (541) 593-1000.

Timberline

Timberline Lodge, 71 rooms. (800) 547-1406; (503) 272-3311.

Pennsylvania Bradford

Glendorn, 12 rooms. (800) 225-4255; (814) 362-6511.

Farmington

Nemacolin Woodlands Resort & Spa, 280 rooms. (800) 422-2736; (412) 329-8555. 1995, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 154.

Hershey

The Hotel Hershey, 239 rooms. (800) 533-3131; (717) 533-2171. **1998 Annual. This** issue, page 144.

Philadelphia

Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia, 371 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (215) 963-1500.

Park Hyatt at the Bellevue, 195 rooms. (800) 893-1234; (215) 893-1776.

The Rittenhouse Hotel, 136 rooms. (800) 635-1042; (215) 546-9000.

The Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia, 290 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (215) 563-1600. 1992 Annual.

Skytop

Skytop Lodge, 166 rooms. (800) 345-7759; (717) 595-7401.

South Carolina

Charleston

Charleston Place, 440 rooms. (800) 611-5545; (843) 722-4900. **1996 Annual.** Wentworth Mansion, 21 rooms. (888) INN-

1886; (843) 853-1886.



Wentworth Mansion

A stay at the Wentworth Mansion, built in 1886, means a trip back in time to a more stately, elegant era. Located in historic Charleston, South Carolina, the mansion boasts hand-carved marble fireplaces, intricate woodwork, Tiffany stained-glass windows, and a variety of other ornamental details. All of the mansion's authentically restored, antique-filled rooms offer kingsize beds, oversize whirlpools, and gas fireplaces. **149 Wentworth St., Charleston, SC 29401; U.S. (888) INN-1886; (843) 853-1886.**

Hilton Head Island

Hilton Head Island Hilton Resort, 323 rooms. (800) 845-8001; (803) 842-8000.

Hyatt Regency Hilton Head, 505 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (803) 785-1234.

Palmetto Dunes, 500 rooms. (800) 845-

6130; (803) 785-1161. 1996, 1997 Annuals.

Sea Pines Oceanfront Resort, 450 rooms. (800) 732-7463; (803) 785-3333. 1990 Annual.

The Westin Resort, 412 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (803) 681-4000. Winter 1988.

5000; (805) 681-4000. winter 1988.

Kiawah Island

Kiawah Island Resort, 500 rooms. (800) 654-2924; (803) 768-2121.

Pawley's Island

Litchfield Plantation, 32 rooms. (800) 869-1410; (843) 237-9121. This issue, page 227.

Seabrook Island Seabrook Island Resort, 160 rooms. (800) 845-2475; (803) 768-1000.

Tennessee

Gatlinburg

Bent Creek Golf Resort, 108 rooms. (800) 251-9336; (615) 436-2875.

Memphis

The Peabody, 468 rooms. (800) PEABODY; (901) 529-4000. 1995 Annual.

Walland

The Inn at Blackberry Farm, 37 rooms. (800) 862-7610; (423) 984-9850. 1995, 1996, 1997 Annuals.

Texas Austin

Barton Creek, 147 rooms. (800) 336-6157; (512) 329-4000. Spring 1988, 1993 Annual.

Four Seasons Hotel, 291 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (512) 478-4500.

Lake Austin Spa Resort, 40 rooms. (800) 847-5637.

Renaissance Austin, 468 rooms. (800) HOTELS-1; (512) 343-2626.

Dallas

Hotel Adolphus, 428 rooms. (800) 221-9083; (214) 742-8200. 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals.

Hotel Crescent Court, 216 rooms. (800) 654-6541; (214) 871-3200. 1993 Annual.

The Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, 550 rooms. (800) 527-4727; (214) 720-2020. **1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals.**

Hotel Inter-Continental Dallas, 528 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (972) 386-6000.

The Mansion on Turtle Creek, 142 rooms. (800) 527-5432; (214) 559-2100. 1993 Annual.

The Melrose Hotel, 184 rooms. (800) MEL-ROSE; (214) 521-5151.

Fort Worth

The Worthington Hotel, 504 rooms. (800) 433-5677; (817) 870-1000. 1996 Annual.



Lake Austin Spa Resort

Lake Austin Spa Resort welcomes visitors to the picturesque Texas Hill Country. As a destination spa located on a major waterway, it offers a wide scope of water-based activities, everything from water aerobics to sculling, canoeing, and kayaking on Lake Austin. The spa also features programs in yoga, tai chi, stress management, and cooking classes. Forty lakeside cottages and fresh, tasty, health-conscious cuisine further enhance the experience of renewal and relaxation. **1705 S. Quinlan Park Rd., Austin, TX 78732; U.S. (800) 847-5637. Web site: www.lakeaustin.com**



Hotel Adolphus

Fortune, flamboyance, and fame came together in 1912 to create Hotel Adolphus, the grande dame of Dallas hotels. Recalling the days of beer baron and founder Adolphus Busch, a smartly uniformed doorman welcomes guests to the hotel. Inside, everything from the 428 rooms and suites to the meeting space and superb restaurants combines the splendor of another age, the industry's highest modern standard, and the warmth of hospitality found only at the heart of Texas. **1321 Commerce St., Dallas, TX 75202, U.S. (800) 221-9083; (214) 742-8200.**

Galveston

The San Luis Resort and Conference Center, 500 rooms. (800) 445-0090; (409) 744-1500. This issue, page 258.

The Tremont House, 117 rooms. (800) 874-2300; (409) 763-0300.

Houston

La Colombe D'Or, 6 rooms. (713) 524-7999. Four Seasons Houston, 399 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (713) 650-1300.



The Melrose Hotel

The 1997 Zagat Survey voted The Melrose Hotel one of the "Top Excellent Hotels in Dallas." The newly refurbished landmark offers 184 guest rooms and suites, three concierge Deluxe Floors, a 1,500-square-foot Presidential Suite, and over 5,000 square feet of banquet facilities. The four-star Landmark Restaurant features an eclectic blend of Southwestern, Asian, and Creole-Cajun cooking, while the locally famous Library Bar hosts evenings of live entertainment. **3015 Oak Lawn Ave., Dallas, TX 75219; U.S. (800) MELROSE; (214) 521-5151.**

The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa, 291 rooms. (800) 231-2759; (713) 680-2626. 1997 Annual. This issue, page 189.

The Lancaster Hotel, 93 rooms. (800) 231-0336; (713) 228-9500. 1991 Annual.

The Luxury Collection Hotel Houston, 232 rooms. (800) 334-8484; (713) 840-7600. 1992, 1994 Annuals.

Omni Houston Hotel, 368 rooms. (800) THE-OMNI; (713) 871-8181. **1995, 1997 Annuals.**

Irving

Four Seasons Resort and Club, 357 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (214) 717-0700.

Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas, 410 rooms. (800) THE-OMNI; (214) 556-0800. This issue, page 196.

San Antonio

The Fairmont Hotel, 37 rooms. (800) 527-4727; (210) 224-8800.

The Havana Riverwalk Inn, 27 rooms. (888) 224-2008; (210) 222-2008.

Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, 500 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (210) 647-1234.

La Mansión del Rio, 337 rooms. (800) 292-7300; (210) 225-2581. 1994, 1997 Annuals.

Plaza San Antonio, 252 rooms. (800) 727-3239; (210) 229-1000.

The Westin La Cantara, 508 rooms. (800) WESTIN-1; (210) 558-6500.

Utah

Park City Deer Valley Lodging, 200 rooms. (800) 453-3833; (801) 649-4040.

Stein Eriksen Lodge, 131 rooms. (800) 453-1302; (801) 649-3700. 1998 Annual. Green Valley Spa & Tennis Resort, 50 rooms. (800) 237-1068; (801) 628-8060. 1995, 1997 Annuals.

Vermont

Brownsville

Ascutney Mountain Resort, 240 rooms. (800) 243-0011; (802) 484-7711.

Chittenden

Mountain Top Inn, 60 rooms. (800) 223-5695; (802) 483-2311.

Manchester Village

The Equinox, 163 rooms. (800) 362-4747; (802) 362-4700. Winter 1988, 1990 Annual.

Stowe

Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa, 130 rooms. (800) 253-2232; (802) 253-7355.

Topnotch at Stowe Resort and Spa, 110 rooms. (800) 451-8686; (802) 253-8585. **1993 Annual.**

Trapp Family Lodge, 93 rooms. (800) 826-7000; (802) 253-8511.



Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa

Centrally located between Stowe Village and Mount Mansfield, Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa combines Vermont country charm with the luxuries of a firstclass, full-service resort. The choice of 120 accommodations includes new deluxe rooms with fireplaces and breathtaking mountain views. Guests enjoy attentive service, award-winning dining, a pampering spa, complete salon, fully equipped sports club, and year-round activities for the entire family. PO. Box 369, Stowe, VT 05672-0369; U.S. (800) 253-2232; (802) 253-7355. Web site: www.stoweflake.com.

Stratton Mountain Stratton Mountain Inn and Lodge, 211 rooms. (800) 777-1700; (802) 297-2500.

Woodstock Woodstock Inn & Resort, 146 rooms. (800) 448-7900; (802) 457-1100.

Virginia

Alexandria Morrison House, 42 rooms. (800) 367-0800; (703) 838-8000. 1998 Annual. This issue, page 159.

Arlington

The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, 345 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (703) 415-5000. 1992 Annual.

Chantilly

Westfields International Conference Center by Marriott, 335 rooms. (800) 635-5666; (703) 818-0300. 1993, 1995 Annuals.

Charlottesville

The Boar's Head Inn & Sports Club, 175 rooms. (800) 476-1988; (804) 296-2181. Fall 1987, 1990 Annual.

Hot Springs

The Homestead, 519 rooms. (800) 838-1766; (540) 839-1766.

Irvington

The Tides, 134 rooms. (800) 843-3746; (804) 438-5000. Fall 1987; 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 244.

Keswick

Keswick Hall, 48 rooms. (800) ASHLEY-1; (804) 979-3440.

Leesburg

Landsdowne Resort, 305 rooms. (800) 541-4801; (703) 729-8400.

McLean

The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 399 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (703) 506-4300. 1997 Annual.

Richmond

The Jefferson, 275 rooms. (800) 424-8014; (804) 788-8000.

Virginia Beach

Founders Inn, 240 rooms. (800) 926-4466; (757) 424-5511.

Washington

Inn at Little Washington, 12 rooms. (540) 675-3800.

Williamsburg

Kingsmill Resort, 405 rooms. (800) 982-2892; (804) 253-1703. This issue, page 184.

Williamsburg Inn and Colonial Houses, 232 rooms. (800) 962-6770; (804) 229-1000. Fall 1987.

Washington

Bellevue

Bellevue Club Hotel, 65 rooms. (800) 579-1110; (425) 454-4424.

Hyatt Regency Bellevue, 384 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (425) 462-1234.

Blaine

The Inn at Semi-Ah-Moo, 198 rooms. (800) 770-7992; (206) 371-2000.

Friday Harbor

Friday Harbor House, 20 rooms. (888) 772-4422; (360) 378-8455. Langley

The Inn at Langley, 24 rooms. (888) 772-4422; (360) 221-3033.

Port Ludlow

Heron Beach Inn, 37 rooms. (888) 772-4422; (360) 437-0411.

Port Ludlow Resort & Conference Center, 180 rooms. (800) 367-7052; (206) 437-2222.

Seattle

Alexis Hotel, 109 rooms. (800) 426 -7033; (206) 624-4844. 1997, 1998 Annuals.

Four Seasons Olympic Hotel, 450 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (206) 621-1700.

Inn at the Market, 65 rooms. (800) 446-4484; (206) 443-3600. 1993, 1994, 1997 Annuals. This issue, page 206.

Hotel Monaco, 189 rooms. (800) 945-2240; (206) 621-1770. 1998 Annual.

Sorrento Hotel, 76 rooms. (800) 426-1265; (206) 622-6400. 1990, 1997, 1998 Annuals.

Hotel Vintage Park, 126 rooms. (800) 624-4433; (206) 624-8000. This issue, page 142.

The Woodmark Hotel on Lake Washington, 100 rooms. (800) 822-3700; (206) 822-3700.

1997, 1998 Annuals.

Snoqualmie

The Salish Lodge, 91 rooms. (800) 826-6124; (206) 888-2556. 1991, 1996 Annuals.

Stevenson

Skamania Lodge, 195 rooms. (800) 221-7117; (509) 427-7700. 1996 Annual.

Winthrop

Sun Mountain Lodge, 115 rooms. (800) 572-0493; (509) 996-2211. 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals.

West Virginia

White Sulphur Springs **The Greenbrier Hotel,** 592 rooms. (800) 624-6070; (304) 536-1110. **1993 Annual.**

Wisconsin

Elkhart Lake

The Osthoff Resort, 174 rooms. (800) 876-3399; (414) 876-3366.

Kohler

The American Club, 236 rooms. (800) 344-2838; (414) 457-8000. Fall 1988.

Lake Geneva

Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, 355 rooms. (800) 558-3417; (414) 248-8811. This issue, page 194.

Milwaukee

Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 500 rooms. (800) HILTONS; (414) 271-7250. This issue, page 214. The Pfister, 307 rooms. (800) 558-8222; (414) 273-8222. This issue, page 174.

Wyoming

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Lost Creek Ranch, 10 rooms. (307) 733-3435. This issue, page 160. Spring Creek Resort, 117 rooms. (800) 443-6139; (307) 733-8833.

Moran

Jackson Lake Lodge, 385 rooms. (800) 628-9988; (307) 543-3100. Jenny Lake Lodge, 37 rooms. (800) 628-

9988; (307) 733-4647.

CANADA

Alberta

Banff

Banff Springs Hotel, 846 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (403) 762-2211. 1993 Annual.

The Rimrock Resort Hotel, 345 rooms. (800) 661-1587; (403) 762-3356. 1995 Annual.

Calgary

The Palliser, 406 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (403) 262-1234.

Edmonton

Hotel Macdonald, 198 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (403) 424-5181.

Jasper

Jasper Park Lodge, 442 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (403) 852-3301. 1994, 1997, 1998 Annuals.

Kananaskis

The Lodge at Kananaskis and Hotel Kananaskis, 321 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (403) 591-7711. **1994 Annual.**

Lake Louise

Chateau Lake Louise, 513 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (403) 522-3511. 1993 Annual.

British Columbia

Kelowna

Lake Okanagan Resort, 150 rooms. (800) 663-3273; (604) 769-3511.

Sonora

Sonora Resort & Conference Centre, 24 rooms. (888) 5-SONORA; (604) 220-9099. This issue, page 140.

Tofino

The Wickaninnish Inn, 46 rooms. (800) 333-4604; (250) 725-3100. 1998 Annual.

Vancouver

Four Seasons Hotel, 385 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (604) 689-9333.

Listel Vancouver, 129 rooms. (800) 663-5491; (604) 684-8461. This issue, page 252.

Metropolitan Hotel Vancouver, 197 rooms. (800) 667-2300; (604) 687-1122. 1994 Annual (as Delta Place).

The Pan Pacific Hotel, 505 rooms. (800) 937-1515; (604) 662-8111. 1990 Annual.

Sheraton Suites Le Soleil, 122 rooms. (877) 632-3030; (604) 632-3000. This issue, page 204.

The Sutton Place Hotel, 397 rooms. (800) 961-7555; (604) 682-5511. 1996, 1997 Annuals.

Waterfront Centre Hotel, 489 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (604) 691-1991. 1995 Annual. This issue, page 170. Wedgewood Hotel, 94 rooms. (800) 663-0666; (604) 689-7777.

The Westin Bayshore, 519 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (604) 682-3377.

Victoria

The Bedford Regency, 40 rooms. (800) 665-6500; (604) 384-6835.

The Empress, 481 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (604) 384-8111. **1994 Annual.**

The Magnolia Hotel & Suites, 66 rooms. (877) 624-6654; (250) 381-0999. This issue, page 256.

Ocean Pointe Resort, Hotel & Spa, 250 rooms. (800) 667-4677; (250) 360-2999.

Oak Bay Beach Hotel, 51 rooms. (800) 668-7758; (604) 598-4556.

Whistler

Chateau Whistler Resort, 558 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (604) 938-8000. 1990, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 198.

1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 198.

Delta Whistler Resort, 292 rooms. (800) 515-4050; (604) 932-982.

The Pan Pacific Lodge, 121 rooms. (800) 538-4040; (604) 905-2999.

New Brunswick

Saint Andrews The Algonquin, 254 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (506) 529-8823. **1990, 1994 Annuals.**

Ontario

Huntsville

Deerhurst Resort, 338 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (705) 789-6411. 1994 Annual.

Ottawa

Chateau Laurier, 425 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (613) 241-1414.

The Westin Hotel, 515 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (613) 560-7000.



The Wickaninnish Inn

The Wickaninnish Inn presides on the magnificently rugged west coast of Vancouver Island. Visitors enjoy legendary beach walks, pampering at Ancient Cedars Spa, and superb cuisine at the Pointe restaurant. All 46 spacious rooms feature soaker tubs and ocean-view balconies plus all the amenities expected from membership with Relais & Chateaux. Guests reach the remote yet easily accessible site via scheduled flights from Vancouver and Seattle. Osprey Lane at Chesterman Beach, Tofino, B.C., Canada VOR 2Z0; U.S. (800) 333-4604; (250) 725-3100. Web site: www.wickinn.com.

Toronto

Four Seasons Hotel Toronto, 380 rooms. (800) 545-4000; (416) 964-0411.

Hotel Inter-Continental, 209 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (416) 960-5200.

The King Edward, 299 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (416) 863-9700. 1997 Annual.

The Prince Hotel, 381 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (416) 444-2511.

Royal York Hotel, 1,375 rooms. (800) 828-7447; (416) 368-2511.

The Sutton Place Hotel, 292 rooms. (800) 268-3790; (416) 924-9221. 1996, 1997 Annuals.

Quebec Montebello

Le Chateau Montebello, 210 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (819) 423-6341. **1994 Annual**.

Montreal

Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal, 357 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (514) 987-9900.

Loews Hôtel Vogue, 142 rooms. (800) 465-6654; (514) 285-5555. 1995 Annual.

The Ritz-Carlton, Kempinski, 230 rooms. (800) 363-0366; (514) 842-4212.

Le Westin Mont-Royal, 300 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (514) 284-1110.

Mont-Tremblant

Chateau Mont-Tremblant, 316 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (819) 681-7000.

Pointe-au-Pic

Manoir Richelieu, 374 rooms. (800) 463-2613; (418) 665-3703.

Quebec City

Le Château Frontenac, 612 rooms. (800) 441-1414; (418) 692-3861.

Europe & Africa

Austria

Baden bei Wien

Grand Hotel Sauerhof, 88 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (43)(2252) 412-510. 1995, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 106.

Innsbruck Hotel Europa Tyrol, 130 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (43)(512) 5931.

Salzburg

Hotel Goldener Hirsch, 73 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (43)(662) 848-511.

Hotel Österreichischer Hof, 121 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (43)(662) 88977.

Hotel Schloss Fuschl, 84 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (43)(622) 922-530.

Sheraton Salzburg Hotel, 163 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (43)(662) 889-990.

Seefeld

Vital Hotel Royal, 121 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (43)(52) 124-4310.

Vienna

ANA Grand Hotel Wien, 205 rooms. (800) ANA-HOTELS; (43)(1) 515-800.

Hotel Bristol, 146 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (43)(1) 515-160.

Hotel Imperial, 152 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (43)(1) 501-100.

Hotel im Palais Schwarzenberg, 38 rooms. (800) 325-7500; (43)(1) 798-4515.

Hotel Sacher, 116 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (43)(1) 51456.

Belgium

Brussels

Royal Windsor Hotel, 266 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (32)(2) 505-5555.

Bulgaria

Sofia

Sheraton Sofia Balkan, 188 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (359)(2) 981-6541.

Cyprus

Limassol

Amathus Beach Hotel, 244 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (357)(5) 321-152.

Paphos

The Annabelle, 218 rooms. (800) 568-8688; (357)(6) 238-333.

Paphos Amathus Beach Hotel, 257 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (357)(6) 247-300.

Czech Republic

Prague

Hotel Inter-Continental Praha, 364 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (420)(2) 2488-1111. This issue, page 100.

Hotel Palace Praha, 125 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (420)(2) 2409-3111. 1994 Annual.

Denmark

Copenhagen

Hotel D'Angleterre, 130 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (45)(33) 120-095.

England

Bath

Forte Grand Bath Spa, 93 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (44)(1225) 444-424.

Royal Crescent Hotel, 42 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (44)(1225) 823-333.

Broadway

The Lygon Arms, 63 rooms. (800) 63-SAVOY; (44)(1386) 852-255.

Channel Islands Hôtel L'Horizon, 107 rooms. (800) 444-1545; (44)(1534) 43101.

London

22 Jermyn Street, 18 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (44)(171) 734-2353. The Berkeley, 156 rooms. (800) 63-SAVOY; (44)(171) 235-6000.

The Blakes, 52 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (44)(171) 370-6701.

Brown's Hotel, 118 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (44)(171) 493-6020.

Churchill Inter-Continental, 451 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (44)(171) 486-5800. 1992 Annual.

Claridge's, 194 rooms. (800) 63-SAVOY; (44)(171) 629-8860.

The Cliveden Town House, 35 rooms. (44)(171) 730-6466. **This issue, page 88.**

The Connaught, 90 rooms. (800) 63-SAVOY; (44)(171) 499-7070.

Conrad London, 160 rooms. (800) HILTONS; (44)(171) 823-3000. 1992 Annual.

The Dorchester, 247 rooms. (800) 727-9820; (44)(171) 629-8888.

Dukes Hotel, 81 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (44)(171) 491-4840. **1993 Annual.**

Four Seasons London, 227 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (44)(171) 499-0888.



London Hilton

London Hilton commands breathtaking views of Hyde Park and The City from all 446 of its elegant guest rooms. In the heart of Mayfair, the prestigious Park Lane address lies within minutes of everything from Harrods to Buckingham Palace. Bars and restaurants include Windows on the twenty-eighth floor, where London's beautiful people join guests for cocktails and a panoramic sunset view. Hilton's flagship property recently won "best in the U.K." from the German edition of Business Traveler magazine. 22 Park Lane, London W1Y 4BE, England; U.S. (800)HILTONS; (44)(171) 493-8000.

Grosvenor House, 586 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (44)(171) 499-6363. 1997 Annual.

The Hempel, 42 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (44)(171) 298-9000.

The Howard Hotel, 136 rooms. (800) 221-1074; (44)(171) 836-3555.

Hyatt Carlton Tower, 224 rooms. (800) 223-1234; (44)(171) 235-1234.

Hyde Park Hotel, 185 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (44)(171) 235-2000. 1990 Annual.

The Landmark London, 300 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (44)(171) 631-8000.

The Lanesborough, 95 rooms. (800) 999-1828; (44)(171) 259-5599. 1993 Annual. The Langham Hilton, 385 rooms. (800) HILTONS; (44)(171) 636-1000.

London Hilton, 446 rooms. (800) HILTONS; (44)(171) 493-8000.

Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, 185 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (44)(171) 235-2000.

Le Méridien Piccadilly, 264 rooms. (800) 543-4300; (44)(171) 734-8000.

The Park Lane Hotel, 305 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (44)(171) 499-6321. 1995 Annual.

The Ritz, 131 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (44)(171) 493-8181. **1993, 1994 Annuals.**

The Savoy, 202 rooms. (800) 63-SAVOY; (44)(171) 836-4343.

Sheraton Belgravia, 89 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (44)(171) 235-6040.

Sheraton Park Tower, 289 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (44)(171) 235-8050.

The Stafford, 80 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (44)(171) 493-0111. 1993 Annual.

Marlow Forte Grand Compleat Angler, 62 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (44)(628) 484-444.

Nantwich Rookery Hall, 45 rooms. (800) 322-2403; (44)(1270) 610-016.

New Milton Chewton Glen Hotel, 58 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (44)(1425) 275-341.

Rotherwick

Tylney Hall, 110 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (44)(1256) 764-881. **1993, 1994 Annuals.**

Salcombe Marine Hotel, 62 rooms. (44)(154) 884-4444.

Stratford-Upon-Avon Welcombe Hotel & Golf Course, 76 rooms. (800) 221-1074; (44)(1789) 295-252.

Taplow

Cliveden, 37 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (44)(1628) 668-561.

Ullswater

Forte Grand Leeming House, 40 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (44)(17684) 86622.

Worcester

The Elms Hotel, 25 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (44)(1299) 896-666.

Finland

Helsinki Hotel Hesperia, 372 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (358)(0) 43101.

France

Antibes Hotel du Cap–Eden Roc, 140 rooms. (800) 566-5356; (33)(93) 613-901.

Bagnols

Chateau De Bagnols, 20 rooms. (800) 447-7462; (33)(47) 471-4000.

Biarritz

Hotel du Palais, 156 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (33)(5) 5941-6400. 1998 Annual.



Hôtel du Palais

The Hôtel du Palais recently celebrated 100 years filled with gala evenings and stately affairs. Constructed in 1855 by Napoléon III for his wife Eugénie de Montijo, the former Villa Eugénie remains a living monument to the history of European style and grace. A wide sandy beach, stately pool, and fitness center complement the 156-room legend, whose Second Empire style virtually defines Biarritz and affirms its reputation as one of the world's most elegant seaside resorts. 1, Ave. de l'Impératrice, F64200 Biarritz, France; U.S. (800) 223-6800; (33)(5) 5941-6400; fax (33)(5) 5941-6799. E-mail: palais@cotebasque.tm.fr. Web site: www.cotebasque.tm.fr/palais.

Cannes

Carlton Inter-Continental Cannes, 354 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (33)(4) 9306-4006.

Hôtel Gray d'Albion, 186 rooms. (800) 221-4542; (33)(4) 9299-7979.

Hotel Majestic, 263 rooms. (800) 221-4542; (33)(4) 9298-7700.

Hotel Martinez, 430 rooms. (800) 888-4747; (33)(4) 9298-7300.

Courchevel

Hotel le Byblos des Neiges, 77 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (33)(4) 7900-9800.

Hôtel de Charme Les Airelles, 56 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (33)(4) 7909-3838.

Le Melezin, 34 rooms. (800) 447-7462; (33)(4) 4790-80133.

Deauville

Hôtel du Golf, 179 rooms. (800) 221-4542; (33)(31) 881-901.

Hôtel Normandy, 300 rooms. (800) 221-4542; (33)(31) 986-622.

Hôtel Royal, 300 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (33)(31) 986-633.

Evian-les-Bains

Domaine du Royal Club Evian, 247 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (33)(4) 5026-8500. **1998 Annual. This issue, page 90.**

La Baule

Castel Marie-Louise, 31 rooms. (800) INSIGNIA; (33)(2) 4011-4838.

Hotel Hermitage, 217 rooms. (800) INSIGNIA; (33)(2) 4011-4646.

Hotel Royal, 101 rooms. (800) INSIGNIA; (33)(2) 4011-4848.

Megeve

Les Loges du Mont Blanc, 44 rooms. (33)(4) 5021-2002.

Nice

Hotel Negresco, 158 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (33)(4) 9316-6400.

Paris

Le Bristol, 200 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (33)(1) 5343-4300.

The Castille, 107 rooms. (800) WESTIN-1; (33)(1) 4458-4458.

Hotel de Crillon, 163 rooms. (800) 888-4747; (33)(1) 4471-1500.

Hôtel George V, 293 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (33)(1) 4723-5400. 1993 Annual.

Hotel Meurice, 180 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (33)(1) 4458-1010.

Hôtel Plaza Athénée, 242 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (33)(1) 5367-6665.

Prince de Galles, 169 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (33)(1) 4723-5511.

Hôtel Ritz, 187 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (33)(1) 4316-3030.

Royal Monceau Paris, 219 rooms. (800) HERITAGE; (33)(1) 4299-8800.

St. James Paris, 48 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (33)(1) 4405-8181.

Hotel de la Tremoille, 107 rooms. (800) 543-4300; (33)(1) 4723-3420.

Roquebrune-Cap-Martin

Vista Palace Hotel, 68 rooms. (800) 628-8929; (33)(4) 9210-4000.

Saint-Germain-en-Laye Pavillion Henri IV, 42 rooms. (33)(34) 101-515.

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

Grand Hotel du Cap Ferrat, 59 rooms. (800) 457-7676; (33)(493) 765-050.

Hotel Royal Riviera, 77 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (33)(4) 9376-3100.

Saint-Symphorien-le-Château

Château d'Esclimont, 53 rooms. (33)(37) 311-515.

Saint-Tropez

Hotel Byblos, 102 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (33)(4) 9456-6800.

Chateau de la Messardiere, 90 rooms. (800) 628-8929; (33)(4) 9456-7600.

Versailles

Trianon Palace, 94 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (33)(30) 843-800.

Germany Baden-Baden

Brenner's Park Hotel & Spa, 100 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (49)(7221) 9000.

Schlosshotel Bühlerhöhe, 90 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (49)(7226) 550.

Badenweiler

Hotel Römerbad, 93 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (49)(7632) 700.

Berlin

Hotel Adlon, 336 rooms. (800) 426-3135; (49)(30) 22610.

Bristol Hotel Kempinski, 401 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (49)(30) 884-340.

Grand Hotel Esplanade, 402 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (49)(30) 254-780.

Schlosshotel Vier Jahreszeiten Berlin, 52 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (49)(30) 895-840. 1996, 1997 Annuals. This issue, page 94.

Steigenberger Berlin, 397 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (49)(30) 21270.

The Westin Grand, Berlin, 358 rooms. (800) WESTIN-1; (49)(3) 020-270.

Bremen

Park Hotel Bremen, 150 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (49)(421) 34080.

Cologne

Excelsior Hotel Ernst, 155 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (49)(221) 2701.

Düsseldorf

Hotel Breidenbacher Hof, 132 rooms. (800) 223-1588; (49)(211) 13030. 1991 Annual.

Hotel Nikko Düsseldorf, 301 rooms. (800) NIKKO-US; (49)(211) 8340.

Frankfurt

Hotel Hessischer Hof, 117 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (49)(69) 75400.

Kempinski Hotel Gravenbruch Frankfurt, 288 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (49)(6102) 5050. Schlosshotel Kronberg, 58 rooms. (800) 372-

1323; (49)(6173) 70101.

Freiburg

Colombi Hotel, 128 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (49)(761) 21060.

Hamburg

Atlantic Hotel Kempinski, 254 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (49)(40) 28880.

Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten, 188 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (49)(40) 34940.

Heidelberg

Der Europaische Hof-Hotel Europa, 135 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (49)(6221) 5150.

Hinterzarten

Parkhotel Adler, 78 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (49)(7652) 1270.

Resorts & Great Hotels

Lindau am Bodensee

Hotel Bad Schachen, 130 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (49)(8382) 2980.

Munich

Bayerischer Hof, 428 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (49)(89) 21200.

Kempinski Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Munich, 312 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (49)(89) 21250.

Hotel Rafael, 73 rooms. (800) 223-1588; (49)(89) 290-980. 1991 Annual.

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Weisbaden

Hotel Nassauer Hof, 190 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (49)(611) 1330.

Greece

Athens

Adromeda Athens, 30 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (30)(1) 643-7302.

Hotel Grande Bretagne, 364 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (30)(1) 333-0000.

Corfu

Astir Palace Komeno Bay, 308 rooms. (800) 843-3311; (30)(661) 91481.

Hilton International Corfu, 256 rooms. (800) HILTONS; (30)(661) 36540.

Crete

Elounda Bay Palace, 298 rooms. (800) 888-1199; (30)(841) 41580.

Elounda Beach Hotel & Villas, 260 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (30)(841) 414-124. 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 84.

Lemnos

Akti Myrina Hotel, 135 rooms. (800) 345-8236; (30)(413) 7907.

Mykonos

Kivotos Clubhotel, 30 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (30)(289) 24094.

Rhodes

Grand Hotel Astir Palace, 386 rooms. (800) 888-1199; (30)(241) 26284.

Rodos Park Suites Hotel, 60 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (30)(241) 24612.

Hungary

Budapest

Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest, 367 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (36)(1) 266-1000.

Ireland

Cong

Ashford Castle Hotel, 83 rooms. (800) 346-7007; (353)(92) 46003.

Dublin

The Berkeley Court, 198 rooms. (800) 42-DOYLE; (353)(1) 660-1711.

Conrad Dublin, 191 rooms. (800) HILTONS; (353)(1) 676-5555.

The Westbury, 169 rooms. (800) 42-DOYLE; (353)(1) 679-1122.

Newmarket-on-Fergus Dromoland Castle, 73 rooms. (800) 346-7007; (353)(61) 368-144.

Italy

Abano Terme Trieste & Victoria Hotel, 113 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (39)(49) 866-9101.

Bologna

Grand Hotel Baglioni, 125 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(51) 225-445.

Capri

Grand Hotel Quisisana, 150 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(81) 837-0788.

Hotel Punta Tragara, 35 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (39)(81) 837-0844.

Catania

Sheraton Catania Hotel, 166 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (39)(95) 271-557.

Cernobbio

Villa d'Este, 156 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(31) 3481.

Fiesole

Hotel Villa San Michele, 36 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(55) 59451.

Fiuggi

Grand Hotel Palazzo della Fonte, 153 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (39)(775) 5081. **1994 Annual.**

Florence

Grand Hotel Villa Medici, 103 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(55) 238-1331.

Hotel Regency, 35 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(55) 234-6735.

Savoy Hotel, 101 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(55) 283-313.

Genoa

Hotel Colombia, 172 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (39)(10) 261-841.

Ischia Porto

Grand Hotel Punta Molino Terme, 96 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(81) 991-544.

Milan

Hotel Diana Majestic, 94 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (39)(02) 20581.

Hotel Duca Di Milano, 99 rooms. (800) 325-3535: (39)(02) 62841.

Excelsior Hotel Gallia, 252 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (39)(02) 67851. 1994 Annual.

Four Seasons Hotel Milan, 98 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (39)(02) 77088.

Grand Hotel Et De Milan, 95 rooms. (800) 457-4000; (39)(02) 723-141.

Hotel Palace, 216 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (39)(02) 6336.

Hotel Pierre Milano, 49 rooms. (800) 223-1588; (39)(02) 7200-0581. Hotel Principe di Savoia, 299 rooms. (800)

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325-3535; (39)(02) 62301.

Montecatini Terme

Grand Hotel and La Pace, 150 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(572) 75801.

Naples

Grande Albergo Vesuvio, 185 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(81) 764-0044.

Portofino

Hotel Splendido, 69 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (39)(185) 269-551.

Positano

Hotel San Pietro, 60 rooms. (39)(89) 875-455. Hotel Le Sirenuse, 62 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(89) 875-066.

Rapallo

Grand Hotel Bristol, 93 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (39)(185) 273-313.

Ravello

Lloyd's Baia Hotel, 120 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (39)(89) 210-145.

Rome

Aldrovandi Palace Hotel, 137 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(6) 322-3993.

Hotel Eden, 112 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (39)(6) 478-121.

Hotel Excelsior, 327 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (39)(6) 4708.

Le Grand Hotel, 171 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (39)(6) 47091.

Hotel Hassler, 100 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(6) 699-340.

Hotel Lord Byron, 37 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(6) 322-0404.

De la Ville Inter-Continental Roma, 192 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (39)(6) 67331.

San Remo

Royal Hotel San Remo, 140 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(184) 5391.

Santa Margherita Ligure Grand Hotel Miramare, 83 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(185) 287-013.

Sardinia

Hotel Cala di Volpe, 123 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (39)(789) 976-111.

Hotel Cervo, 90 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (39)(789) 92003.

Forte Village Resort, 191 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (39)(70) 921-516/921-520. 1992, 1994

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Hotel Pitrizza, 51 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (39)(789) 930-111.

Hotel Romazzino, 91 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (39)(789) 977-111.

Sicily

Mazzaro Sea Palace, 81 rooms. (800) INSIGNIA; (39)(942) 24004.

San Domenico Palace Hotel, 114 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(942) 23701.

Venice

Bauer Grünwald, 211 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(41) 520-7022.

Hotel Cipriani & Palazzo Vendramin, 96 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (39)(41) 520-7744.

Hotel Danieli, 231 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (39)(41) 522-6480.

Hotel Europa & Regina, 231 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (39)(41) 520-0477.

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Hotel Drei Könige am Rhein, 87 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (41)(61) 261-5252.

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Hôtel du Rhône, 212 rooms. (800) 223-1588; (41)(22) 731-9831. 1991, 1997 Annuals.

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Grindelwald

Grand Hotel Regina, 100 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (41)(33) 854-5455.

Gstaad

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Hotel des Trois Couronnes, 63 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (41)(21) 921-3005. 1995 Annual.

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Baur au Lac, 155 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (41)(1) 220-5020. This issue, page 86.

Dolder Grand Hotel, 194 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (41)(1) 251-6231.

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Kenya

Masai Mara

Main Governor's Camp, 38 rooms. (254)(2) 331-871.

Mombasa

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Nairobi

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Nanyuki

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Mauritius

Grand Baie Royal Palm Hotel, 84 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (230) 263-8353.

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Le Touessrok Sun Hotel, 200 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (230) 419-2451.

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Palmeraie Golf Palace, 314 rooms. (212)(4) 301-010.

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Maputo

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Randburg

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Bahamas

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Barbados

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Lantana Colony Club, 60 rooms. (800) 468-3733; (441) 234-0141. Winter 1988.

Marriott's Castle Harbour Resort, 405 rooms. (800) 223-6388; (441) 293-2040. **1991 Annual.**

Newstead, 50 rooms. (800) 468-4111; (441) 236-6060. Winter 1988.

Pink Beach Club & Cottages, 91 rooms. (800) 355-6161; (441) 293-1666. 1998 Annual.

Pompano Beach Club, 52 rooms. (800) 343-4155; (441) 234-0222. Winter 1988.

The Reefs, 65 rooms. (800) 742-2008; (441) 238-0222. Winter 1988.

Surf Side Beach Club, 37 rooms. (800) 553-9990; (441) 236-9765. 1997 Annual.

Waterloo House, 30 rooms. (800) 468-4100; (441) 295-4480.

Bonaire

Harbour Village Beach Resort, 72 rooms. (800) 424-0004; (599)(7) 7500. 1995 Annual. This issue, page 61.

Plaza Resort Bonaire, 199 rooms. (800) 766-6016; (599)(7) 2500.

Cayman Islands

Grand Pavillion Hotel, 93 rooms. (800) CLARION; (345) 945-5656.

Hyatt Regency Grand Cayman, 235 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (345) 949-1234. 1994 Annual.

The Westin Casaurina, 343 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (345) 945-3800.

Curaçao

Sonesta Beach Hotel & Casino Curaçao, 248 rooms. (800) 766-3782; (599)(9) 368-800. **1995 Annual.**

Dominican Republic

Casa de Campo, 750 rooms. (800) 877-3643; (809) 523-3333.

Renaissance Capella Beach Resort, 271 rooms. (800) 228-9898; (809) 526-1080.

Jamaica

Ciboney, 300 rooms. (800) 777-7800; (876) 974-1027.

Grand Lido, 200 rooms. (800) 423-4095; (876) 957-4013.

Half Moon Golf, Tennis & Beach Club, 240 rooms. (800) 626-0592; (876) 953-2211. **1991**, **1995 Annuals**.

Plantation Inn, 76 rooms. (800) 237-3237; (876) 974-5601. 1991 Annual.

Round Hill Hotel & Villas, 108 rooms. (800) 237-3237; (876) 952-5150. 1991 Annual.

Sans Souci Lido, 111 rooms. (800) 423-4095; (876) 974-2353. 1991 Annual.

Trident Villas & Hotel, 27 rooms. (800) 237-3237; (876) 993-2602. 1991 Annual.

Tryall Golf, Tennis and Beach Club, 100 rooms. (800) 336-4571; (876) 956-5660. 1991 Annual. Wyndham Rose Hall Golf & Beach Resort, 500 rooms. (800) 822-4200; (876) 953-2650.

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Bakoua Sofitel, 139 rooms. (800) 221-4542; (596) 660-202. Hotel La Bateliere, 197 rooms. (596) 614-949.

Necker Island

Necker Island, 12 rooms. (800) 225-4255; (284) 494-4492.

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Peter Island Resort & Yacht Harbour, 50 rooms. (800) 346-4451; (284) 494-2561. Fall 1988.

Puerto Rico

El Conquistador Resort & Country Club, 918 rooms. (800) 468-8365; (787) 863-1000.

Hyatt Dorado Beach Resort, 298 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (787) 796-1234.

Hyatt Regency Cerromar Beach, 508 rooms. (800) 233-1234; (787) 796-1234.

Palmas del Mar Resort, 240 rooms. (800) PALMAS-3; (787) 852-6000. **1993 Annual.**

The Ritz-Carlton, San Juan, 419 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (787) 253-1700.

El San Juan Hotel & Casino, 389 rooms. (800) 468-2818; (787) 791-1000. 1998 Annual. This issue, page 48.

The Westin Rio Mar Beach Resort & Country Club, 668 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (787) 888-6000.

Wyndham Old San Juan Hotel & Casino, 240 rooms. (800) WYNDHAM; (787) 721-5100.

St.-Barthélemy

Hotel Carl Gustaf, 14 rooms. (800) 948-7823; (590) 278-283.

Hotel Christopher, 40 rooms. (800) 221-4542; (590) 276-363.

Hotel Guanahani, 80 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (590) 276-660.

Manapay Cottages, 52 rooms. (800) 847-4249; (590) 276-655.

Le Toiny Hotel, 12 rooms. (800) 27-TOINY; (590) 278-888.

St. Kitts/Nevis

Four Seasons Nevis Resort, 196 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (869) 469-1111.

The Golden Lemon Inn & Villas, 24 rooms. (800) 633-4711; (869) 465-7260.

St. Lucia

Jalousie Hilton Resort and Spa, 114 rooms. (800) 744-5256; (758) 459-7666. **1998 Annual.** Royal St. Lucian, 96 rooms. (800) 255-5859;

(758) 471-6170. 1997 Annual.

St. Maarten/St. Martin

Grand Case Beach Club, 72 rooms. (800) 447-7462; (590) 875-187. Fall 1988.

Le Méridien L'Habitation & Le Domaine, 396 rooms. (800) 543-4300; (590) 876-700.

Oyster Pond Beach Hotel, 40 rooms. (800) 777-1700; (599)(5) 23206. **Spring 1988.**

Privilege Resort & Spa, 38 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (590) 873-838.

La Samanna, 80 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (590) 876-400. Spring 1988.

Sheraton Port de Plaisance, 88 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (599)(5) 45222.

St. Vincent & The Grenadines

The Cotton House, 19 rooms. (800) 826-2809; (784) 456-7777.

Petit St. Vincent Resort, 22 rooms. (800) 654-9326; (784) 458-8801.

Young Island Resort Hotel, 29 rooms. (800) 223-1108; (784) 458-4826.

Tortola

Long Bay Beach Resort & Villas, 82 rooms. (800) 729-9599; (914) 833-3300.

Prospect Reef Resort, 131 rooms. (800) 356-8937; (284) 494-3311.

Trinidad & Tobago

Coco Reef Resort & Spa, 135 rooms. (800) 221-1294; (868) 639-8571.

Grafton Beach, 112 rooms. (800) 223-6510; (868) 639-0191.

Le Grand Courlan, 78 rooms. (800) 223-6510; (868) 639-9667.

Mount Irvine Bay Hotel & Golf Club, 104 rooms. (800) 221-1294; (868) 639-8871.

Turks & Caicos

Grace Bay Club, 22 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (649) 946-5050.

The Meridien Club, 19 rooms. (800) 331-9154; (212) 696-4566.

Ocean Club, 83 rooms. (800) 457-8787; (649) 946-5880.

U.S. Virgin Islands

The Buccaneer, 150 rooms. (800) 255-3881; (340) 773-2100.

Caneel Bay, 171 rooms. (800) 928-8889; (340) 776-6111.

Marriott's Frenchman's Reef Beach Resort, 425 rooms. (800) 524-2000; (340) 776-8500. Spring 1988.

Marriott's Morning Star Beach Resort, 96 rooms.

(800) 524-2000; (340) 776-8500. Spring 1988.
 Renaissance Grand Beach Resort, 329 rooms.
 (800) HOTELS-1; (340) 775-1510.

The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas, 150 rooms. (800) 545-0509; (340) 775-3333. **1993 Annual** (as Grand Palazzo Hotel).

The Westin Carambola Beach Resort, 151 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (340) 778-3800.

The Westin Resort St. John, 306 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (340) 693-8000.

Virgin Gorda

Biras Creek, 32 rooms. (800) 608-9661; (284) 494-3555.

Bitter End Yacht Club, 100 rooms. (800) 872-2392; (284) 494-2746.

Little Dix Bay, 98 rooms. (800) 928-3000; (284) 495-5555.

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Argentina Bariloche

La Cascada Hotel, 25 rooms. (54)(944) 41046.

Llao Llao Hotel & Resort, Golf-Spa, 162 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (54)(944) 48530. 1994, 1998 Annuals.

Panamericano Bariloche, 300 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (54)(944) 85846.

Buenos Aires

Alvear Palace Hotel, 200 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (54)(1) 808-2100.

Caesar Park Hotel, 170 rooms. (800) 819-1100; (54)(1) 814-5150.

Hotel Inter-Continental Buenos Aires, 315 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (54)(11) 4340-7100. This issue, page 64.

Marriott Plaza Hotel, 315 rooms. (800) 228-9290; (54)(1) 318-3000. 1995 Annual.

Iguazú

Hotel Internacional Iguazú, Argentina, 180 rooms. (800) INSIGNIA; (54)(1) 311-4259. 1998 Annual.

Belize

Jaguar Reef Lodge, 14 rooms. (501)(21) 204.

Brazil

Angra do Reis Hotel do Frade & Golf, 138 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (55)(243) 692-244.

Buzios

Nas Rocas Hotel, 70 rooms. (800) 544-5503; (55)(246) 291-333.

Comandatuba

Hotel Transamérica Ilha de Comandatuba, 370 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (55)(11) 523-4511. 1995, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 62.

Fortaleza

Caesar Park Hotel Fortaleza, 230 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (55)(85) 263-1133.

Green Coast

Hotel Portobello, 86 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (55)(21) 789-2123. 1995 Annual.

Iguaçu Falls

Tropical Hotel das Cataratas, 200 rooms. (800) GO-VARIG; (55)(455) 232-266. 1995 Annual.

Manaus

Tropical Hotel Manaus, 606 rooms. (800) GO-VARIG; (55)(92) 658-5000. 1995 Annual.

Paraty

Pousada Porto Parati, 48 rooms. (800) 544-5503; (55)(243) 711-205.

Rio de Janeiro

Caesar Park Hotel Ipanema, 221 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (55)(21) 525-2525. 1995 Annual.

Copacabana Palace, 226 rooms. (800) 237-1236; (55)(21) 548-7070. 1994, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 30. Hotel Inter-Continental Rio, 450 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (55)(21) 322-2200.

Rio Palace, 412 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (55)(21) 521-3232.

Sheraton Rio Hotel & Towers, 617 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (55)(21) 274-1122.

Salvador

Hotel Transamérica Salvador Morro do Conselho, 200 rooms. (800) 544-5503; (55)(71) 330-2233. **1998 Annual.**

São Paulo

Caesar Park Hotel, 177 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (55)(11) 253 6622.

The Maksoud Plaza, 409 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (55)(11) 253-4411. 1997 Annual.

Sheraton Mofarrej, 244 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (55)(11) 253-5544.

Hotel Transamérica São Paulo, 400 rooms. (800) 544-5503; (55)(11) 523-4511. 1995, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 56.

Chile

Santiago

Hotel Carrera, 325 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (56)(2) 698-2011.

Hyatt Regency Santiago, 310 rooms. (800) 223-1234; (56)(2) 218-1234.

Sheraton San Cristobal, 383 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (56)(2) 233-5000.

Torres del Paine National Park Hotel Explora en Patagonia, 30 rooms. (800) 858-0855; (56)(2) 206-6060.

Colombia Bogotá

Hotel Bogotá Royal, 143 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (57)(1) 218-9911.

Charleston Hotel, 63 rooms. (57)(1) 257-1100. 1993 Annual.

Hotel La Fontana, 166 rooms. (800) 223-5652; (57)(1) 274-7868. 1993 Annual.

Victoria Regia Hotel, 99 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (57)(1) 616-0202. 1995, 1997 Annuals.

Costa Rica

San Jose Camino Real, 261 rooms. (800) 521-5753; (506) 289-7000.

Ecuador

Guayaquil

Hotel Oro Verde, 254 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (593)(4) 327-999.

Quito Hotel Oro Verde, 240 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (593)(2) 566-497.

Mexico Baja California Sur Los Cabos

Casa del Mar Golf Resort & Spa, 56 rooms. (800) 221-8808; (52)(114) 40030. This issue, page 32. Meliá Cabo Real Beach & Golf Resort, 314 rooms. (800) 33-MELIA; (52)(114) 40000. 1997 Annual.

Meliá San Lucas, 150 rooms. (800) 336-3542; (52)(114) 34444. 1997, 1998 Annuals.

Palmilla, 114 rooms. (800) 637-2226; (714) 935-2000. This issue, page 54.

Hotel Twin Dolphin, 50 rooms. (800) 421-8925; (52)(114) 58190. 1993, 1997 Annuals.

Las Ventanas Al Paraiso, 61 rooms. (888) ROSEWOOD; (310) 824-7781.

The Westin Regina Resort Los Cabos, 305 rooms. (800) WESTIN-1; (52)(114) 29000. 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 26.

Colima

Isla Navidad

Grand Bay Hotel Puerto de la Navidad, 191 rooms. (888) 80-GRAND; (52)(335) 555-050. **1998 Annual.**

Manzanillo

Camino Real Las Hadas, 220 rooms. (800) 722-6466; (52)(33) 342-000. 1990 Annual.

Federal District

Mexico City

Camino Real Mexico, 713 rooms. (800) 722-6466; (52)(5) 203-2121. This issue, page 36.



Presidente Inter-Continental Mexico City Just steps from Chapultepec Park in the fashionable Polanco District, travelers find world-class comfort at the 659-room, AAA four-diamond Presidente Inter-Continental Mexico City. The hotel pleases both leisure and business travelers, the latter enjoying 17,000 square feet of meeting space, expert catering, and a business center complete with secretarial services, personal computers, and Internet access. Seven delightful restaurants include two of the world's most famous dining establishments, Maxim's de Paris and Alfredo di Roma. Campos Eliseos 218, 11560 Mexico City, Mexico; U.S. (800) 327-0200; (52)(5) 327-7730.

Four Seasons Hotel, 240 rooms. (800) 332-3442; (52)(5) 230-1818.

JW Marriott Hotel Mexico City, 312 rooms. (800) 228-9290; (52)(5) 282-888. This issue, page 22.

Hotel Marquis Reforma, 209 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (52)(5) 211-3600.

Hotel Nikko Mexico, 750 rooms. (800) NIKKO-US; (52)(5) 280-1111. 1990 Annual.

Presidente Inter-Continental Mexico City, 659 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (52)(5) 327-7730. 1998 Annual.

Guerrero

Acapulco

Acapulco Princess, 1,019 rooms. (800) 223-1818; (52)(74) 691-000.

Las Brisas Hotel, 300 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (52)(74) 841-580. This issue, page 72.

Camino Real Acapulco Diamante, 156 rooms. (800) 722-6466; (52)(74) 661-010.

Hyatt Regency Acapulco, 690 rooms. (800) 400-3319; (52)(74) 691-234.

Pierre Marques—A Princess Hotel, 344 rooms. (800) 223-1818; (52)(74) 42000.

Villa Vera Hotel & Racquet Club, 80 rooms. (800) 223-6510; (52)(74) 840-333. 1993 Annual. This issue, page 44.

Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo

La Casa Que Canta, 23 rooms. (800) 525-4800; (52)(75) 347-030.

Hotel Villa del Sol, 36 rooms. (800) 223-6510; (52)(75) 542-239.

The Westin Las Brisas Resort, 428 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (52)(75) 532-121. 1997 Annual.

Jalisco

Guadalajara

El Tapatio Spa & Resort, 114 rooms. (800) 424-2440; (52)(36) 356-050.

Puerto Vallarta

Fiesta Americana Puerto Vallarta, 291 rooms. (800) FIESTA-1; (52)(322) 42010.

La Jolla de Mismaloya, 303 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (52)(322) 80660. This issue, page 66.

Marriott CasaMagna Puerto Vallarta, 433 rooms. (800) 228-9290; (52)(322) 10004.

Presidente Inter-Continental Puerto Vallarta, 120 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (52)(322) 80507. **1998 Annual.**

The Westin Regina Resort, 280 rooms. (800) WESTIN-1; (52)(322) 11100. 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 38.



Presidente Inter-Continental Puerto Vallarta All-inclusive Presidente Inter-Continental Puerto Vallarta mixes luxury and a carefree atmosphere at the heart of the Mexican Riviera. Just 12 miles south of Puerto Vallarta's international airport, guests select from 120 rooms measuring twice the size of the industry's standard, including 19 honeymoon suites complete with Jacuzzis and balconies on Banderas Bay. Guests unwind at the pool, on the beach, with fishing, sailing, scuba diving, tennis, a fitness center, and nearby golf. Km. 8.5 Carretera Barra de Navidad, P.O. Box 448, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco 48300, Mexico; U.S. (800) 327-0200; (52)(322) 80507.

Quemaro

Las Alamandas, 6 rooms. (888) 882-9616; (52)(32) 855-000. This issue, page 47.

Quintana Roo

Caesar Park Cancún Beach & Golf Resort, 426 rooms. (800) 228-3000; (52)(98) 818-000. 1995, 1997 Annuals. This issue, page 68.

Casa Turquesa, 31 rooms. (800) 634-4644; (52)(98) 852-924. **1995 Annual.**

Fiesta Americana Cancún, 281 rooms. (800) FIESTA-1; (52)(98) 831-400. This issue, page 58.

Fiesta Americana Condesa Cancún, 502 rooms. (800) FIESTA-1; (52)(98) 851-000. This issue, page 34.



Presidente Inter-Continental Cancún Guests find the perfect blend of relaxation and recreation at Presidente Inter-Continental Cancún. The 300-room, AAA four-diamond resort offers first-rate dining and a range of activities from tennis to snorkeling, scuba diving, windsurfing, sailing, and lounging on one of Cancún's most coveted white-sand beaches. Standard, superior, and deluxe guest room categories provide hideaways to suit every requirement and taste. Blvd. Kukulcán, Km. 7.5, 77500 Cancún, Q. Roo, Mexico; U.S. (800) 327-0200; (52)(98) 820-200.

Fiesta Americana Coral Beach Cancún, 602 rooms. (800) FIESTA-1; (52)(98) 832-900. 1994, 1997 Annuals. This issue, page 19.

Marriott's CasaMagna Cancún Resort, 452 rooms. (800) 223-6388; (52)(98) 852-000. 1996, 1997 Annuals. This issue, page 42.

Meliá Cancún Beach & Spa Resort, 450 rooms. (800) 33-MELIA; (52)(98) 851-160. 1996, 1997, 1998 Annuals. This issue, page 50.

Le Meridien Cancún, 390 rooms. (800) 543-4300; (52)(98) 812-220.

Presidente Inter-Continental Cancún, 300 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (52)(98) 820-200.

The Ritz-Carlton, Cancún, 369 rooms. (800) 241-3333; (52)(98) 850-808. 1996 Annual.

The Westin Regina Resort, 385 rooms. (800) 524-5405; (52)(98) 850-086. **1993, 1996, 1997 Annuals.**

Cozumel

Presidente Inter-Continental Cozumel, 253 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (52)(98) 720-322. 1997, 1998 Annuals.

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Sinaloa

Mazatlán Camino Real, 169 rooms. (800) 722-6466; (52)(69) 131-111.

Pueblo Bonito Resort, 247 rooms. (800) 937-9567; (52)(69) 143-700.

Yucatán

Mérida

Fiesta Americana Mérida, 350 rooms. (800) FIESTA-1; (52)(99) 421-111.

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Bellavista

The Bristol, 57 rooms. (800) 323-7500; (507) 265-7844.

Peru

Lima Hotel Oro Verde, 244 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (51)(1) 421-4400.

Uruguay

Punta del Este

La Posta del Cangrejo, 27 rooms. (598)(42) 70021.

Venezuela

Caracas

Eurobuilding Hotel & Suites, 636 rooms. (800) 448-8355; (58)(2) 902-1111.

Sheraton Macuto Resort, 493 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (58)(31) 944-300.

Tamanaco Inter-Continental, 578 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (58)(2) 909-7111.

Middle East

Bahrain Manama

Le Royal Meridien Bahrain, 267 rooms. (800) 543-4300; (973) 580-000. This issue, page 104. Sheraton Bahrain, 264 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (973) 533-533.

Israel

Eilat Eilat Princess, 418 rooms. (972)(7) 365-500.

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Jerusalem

King David Hotel, 237 rooms. (800) 223-7773/4; (972)(2) 620-8888.

Tel Aviv

Dan Tel Aviv, 285 rooms. (800) 223-7773/4; (972)(3) 520-2525. **1996 Annual.**

Oman

Muscat Hyatt Regency Muscat, 280 rooms. (800) 228-9548; (968) 602-888.

Muttrah

Al Bustan Palace Inter-Continental, 247 rooms. (800) 327-0200; (968) 799-666.

Saudi Arabia

Jeddah

Red Sea Palace Hotel, 270 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (966)(2) 642-8555.

Sheraton Jeddah, 139 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (966)(2) 699-2212.

Syria

Aleppo

Chahba Cham Palace, 250 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (963)(21) 248-572.

Damascus

Cham Palace, 380 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (963)(11) 223-2300.

United Arab Emirates

Abu Dhabi

Sheraton Abu Dhabi, 285 rooms. (800) 325-3535; (971)(2) 772-333.

Dubai

Forte Grand Dubai, 367 rooms. (800) 225-5843; (971)(4) 824-040.

Jebel Ali Hotel & Golf Resort, 390 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (971)(4) 836-000. This issue, page 96.

The Jumeirah Beach Hotel, 600 rooms. (971)(4) 480-000.

Le Meridien Jumeira Beach, 349 rooms. (800) 543-4300; (971)(4) 845-555.

The Royal Abjar Hotel, 281 rooms. (800) 223-6800; (971)(4) 625-555.

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- 582. The Hermosa Inn; Paradise Valley, AZ
- 583. Hilton Milwaukee City Center; Milwaukee, WI
- 584. The Hotel Hershey; Hershey, PA
- 585. The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa; Houston, TX
- 586. The Inn at Lost Creek; Telluride, CO
- 587. Inn at the Market; Seattle, WA
- Inn of the Mountain Gods; Mescalero, NM
 Inter-Continental Los Angeles at California Plaza; Los Angeles, CA
- 590. Kandahar Lodge; Whitefish, MT
- 591. Kingsmill Resort; Williamsburg, VA
- 592. Lago Mar Resort Hotel & Club; Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 593. Lake Austin Spa Resort; Austin, TX
- 594. LaPlaya Beach Resort; Naples, FL
- 595. LeMerigot Beach Hotel; Santa Monica, CA
- 596. Little Palm Island; Little Torch Key, FL
- 597. Litchfield Plantation; Pawleys Island, SC

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602. Hotel Loretto; Santa Fe, NM

603. Lost Creek Ranch; Jackson Hole, WY

604. The Majestic; San Francisco, CA

606. The Melrose Hotel; Dallas, TX

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608. Miramonte Resort: Indian Wells, CA

610. Hotel Monaco Denver; Denver, CO

611. Morrison House; Alexandria, VA

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616. The Park Hotel; Charlotte, NC

618. The Pfister; Milwaukee, WI

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- 598. The Lodge & Club; Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
- 599. The Lodge & Spa at Cordillera; Vail Valley, CO 600. The Lodge at Vail; Vail, CO 601. The Lodge on Little St. Simons Islands; Little St.

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612. The Mount Washington Hotel; Bretton Woods, NH

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