

AUBERGE DU SOLEIL RECEIVES FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE'S FIVE STAR AWARD FOR SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Acclaimed Napa Valley Resort Once Again Recognized for Exceptional Service and Luxurious Accommodations

RUTHERFORD, Calif. (February 12, 2020) — <u>Auberge du Soleil</u>, Napa Valley's quintessential adult getaway, has received Forbes Travel Guide's highest rating – Five Stars – for a seventh consecutive year. Announced today in the 2020 edition of the Guide, Wine Country's most luxurious resort continues its reign as the first and longest-standing hotel in Napa Valley to receive successive Five Star ratings.

As an independent global authority on luxury travel, Forbes Travel Guide releases annual Star Ratings recognizing the top luxury hotels, restaurants and spas across the world as determined by anonymous professional inspectors who independently visit and rate each property based on up to 900 objective standards. Five-Star hotels are defined by Forbes Travel Guide as "outstanding, often iconic properties with virtually flawless service and amazing facilities."

In addition, to the hotel's Five-Star rating, The Restaurant and the Auberge du Soleil Spa both retained Forbes Four-Star ratings in the 2020 Guide.

"It is truly an honor to once again achieve the prestigious Five Star recognition from the Forbes Travel Guide," said Bradley Reynolds, Managing Director, Auberge du Soleil. "This accolade represents our team's commitment to providing exceptional service and unrivaled guest experiences."

Auberge du Soleil is showcased among the 2020 Forbes Star recipients on ForbesTravelGuide.com.

Inspired by the relaxed sophistication of the South of France and infused with California soul, Auberge du Soleil features wine country's most luxurious accommodations, spectacular valley views, a 13-time Michelin Star award-winning Restaurant, and exclusive Auberge du Soleil Spa. Known for passionate, intuitive service that sets the standard for gracious hospitality, the property is a long-standing member of Relais & Châteaux, an international association of outstanding boutique properties known for their excellence in hospitality and the culinary arts. Auberge du Soleil consistently receives the highest accolades from the hospitality industry, discerning guests and the media, and is perennially ranked among the best and most romantic hotels in the world by influential publications.

For more information please visit <u>www.aubergedusoleil.com</u> and follow at <u>facebook.com/AubergeduSoleil</u> and on Twitter and Instagram at <u>@AubergeduSoleil</u>. For reservations and availability contact the hotel directly at 800.348.5406 or email <u>ads.reservations@aubergeresorts.com</u>.

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About Relais & Châteaux

Created in 1954, Relais & Châteaux is an organization of more than 560 exceptional hotels and restaurants run by independent men and women, all driven by a passion for their profession and dedicated to the authenticity of the relationships they build with their customers. With operations on all five continents, from the vineyards of Napa Valley to Provence and the beaches of the Indian Ocean, Relais & Châteaux members invite all to discover the art of living enshrined in the location's culture, and share a unique, human story. Relais & Châteaux members have a profound desire to protect and showcase the richness and diversity of the cuisine and inviting cultures of the world. They worked towards this goal, along with the goal to preserve local heritages and the environment, through a UNESCO Manifesto in November 2014. For more information please visit www.relaischateaux.com.

About Auberge Resorts Collection

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