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Share the Energy During Willow Stream Spa's Season of Giving

This is the season of giving at Willow Stream spas. Willow Stream shares the energy of the season with a special thank you and with special programs like Spa it Forward, Holiday Gift Cards, The Gratitude Circle and Willow Stream Gratitude Bowl.

Toronto, Canada (PRWEB) -- At the end of every treatment at a [Willow Stream or Fairmont Spa location](#), spa guests are presented with a sealed Gratitude Envelope containing a surprise spa offering that can be gifted to anyone, including themselves, and used when booking spa in the future. The Spa it Forward program started October 15 and ends December 31, 2009 (with redemptions allowed until January 31, 2010) these offers include \$25.00 spa credits towards the purchase of a spa experience or spa retail product as well as a Spa it Forward Gratitude envelope that includes a "Day of Spa" for two 90 minute treatments and a spa bento box lunch.

Willow Stream Spa Gift Cards

When guests purchase spa gift cards of \$250.00 or more this season, Willow Stream will include a special added gift. Gift cards for women will be presented in Willow Stream's beauty travel bag (a \$25.00 retail value). These beautiful and fashionable bags are great travelers and the element stone design is exclusive to Willow Stream spas. If purchasing spa gift cards for men, Willow Stream will include a Power Shower gift set for men, which includes Willow Stream's energizing shower products presented in a pre-wrapped gift bag presentation.

Willow Stream's Gratitude Circle

Available exclusively at [Willow Stream Spas](#), the Gratitude Circle is an initiative that allows spa goers the chance to make an impact in their communities with an attitude of gratitude while doing something healthy for themselves. The concept is quite simple; spa guests register their unofficial group of friends at their local Willow Stream Spa. They can register their book club, golf team or neighborhood gardening group, or just their group of girlfriends. They then select a registered charity or not-for-profit to receive a percentage of spa sales every time they spa. Willow Stream then issues a charitable donation of 10% of their total spa bill (including treatments, retail and meals, excluding taxes and gratuities) to the charity of their choice, each quarter.

The Gratitude Bowl

Willow Stream has created a new way to share the energy and excitement of the holiday season with their Gratitude Bowl. Willow Stream spa guests can participate by making sure to jot down what they are truly grateful for and place it in the Gratitude Bowl at all participating spas. Each month, the spa will draw one name from the bowl to give a \$100 gift card towards a Willow Stream spa experience.

"People feel good when they come out of the spa and receive a special surprise to pass along to a friend. Willow Stream would like to help celebrate and thank their guests and community with this program. The season of giving is a great time of year to feel and share the energy of the season." explains Anne McCall Wilson, Vice President Spas, Fairmont Raffles Hotels International.

Guests can stay connected through group threads on Facebook and Twitter pages, <http://twitter.com/willowstream>, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Willow-Stream-A-Fairmont-Spa/77288875008>.



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MPI Announces Canadian Economic Impact Study Update Completed

Data Shows Business Meetings and Events are a Significant Contributor to Canadian Economy

Dallas, TX (Vocus) November 10, 2009 -- Meeting Professionals International Foundation recently commissioned an update to its groundbreaking 2006 Canadian Economic Impact Study (CEIS). The [2007-2008 CEIS Update](#) study demonstrates that the meeting industry continues to provide and create jobs, generate billions in tax revenue and grow the Canadian economy. Business meetings and events impact virtually every industry while providing key contributions to the Canadian tax base.

The 2007-2008 CEIS Update utilized linkages between economic data, official tourism statistics and the benchmark CEIS (2006) results. The CEIS Update demonstrates that the economic contributions of meetings and events activity in Canada at the end of 2008 was slightly higher than the 2006 figures released in the original study in spite of the change in economic conditions over this period of time.

“Nearly double Canada’s population attends meetings annually,” said Joe Nishi, [MPI Foundation Canadian Council](#) Chairman. “The CEIS unequivocally proves that the meeting industry is paramount to the face-to-face interactions that drive business success throughout Canada.”

Highlights from the study reveal the overall effects (direct, indirect and induced impact) of Canadian meetings activity to the Canadian economy:

- Generated more than \$71 billion/year in industry output
- Produced more than 673,000 meetings/year with an average of 70 million annual participants
- Generated more than \$14 billion in annual tax revenues for all levels of government
- Created the equivalent of more than 550,000 full-year jobs/year

“The fact that we see relatively stable attendance figures, over a three-year period, speaks to the continuing importance of meetings activity, for both participants and the businesses that hold meetings,” said Ken Ross, senior research associate for Maritz Research.

The meeting industry was affected by the growing economic recession in the latter part of 2008. The data shows that the number of meetings shrank in 2008 by -3.4 percent versus 2007, but this still represented minor growth (+.3 percent) over 2006 activity. There were similar results when measuring the total Industry Output; 2008 was down 1.3 percent versus 2007, but 2008 was equal to 2006. The CEIS Update concludes that the meeting industry is not recession-proof but remains a vital industry that contributes greatly to the overall Canadian economy. For a copy of the full report, go to: www.mpiweb.org/research.

About the MPI Foundation:

The mission of the MPI Foundation is to power the vision of Meeting Professionals International (MPI), the meetings and events industry’s largest and most vibrant global community comprised of more than 24,000 members representing 84 countries worldwide. Contributions from MPI members, chapters, and organizations are invested in high-impact programs to support a rich, global meetings and events industry and shape the future of



the meetings and events profession. For more information, visit www.mpifoundation.org.

About MPI:

Meeting Professionals International (MPI), the meeting and event industry's most vibrant global community, helps its members thrive by providing human connections to knowledge and ideas, relationships, and marketplaces. MPI membership is comprised of more than 24,000 members belonging to 71 chapters and clubs worldwide. For additional information, visit www.mpiweb.org.

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Entropy Apparel, a Los Angeles Based Independent Clothing Company, Joins Forces with the OneVoice Movement, to End the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Entropy Apparel to donate \$10 from the purchase of every 'Nobody Wins' T-Shirt and Tote Bag to OneVoice.

Los Angeles, CA (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- Entropy Apparel is partnering with the OneVoice Movement in an effort to raise funding and awareness for the organization that is dedicated to amplifying the voice of Israeli and Palestinian moderates to demand that their leaders achieve a two-state solution.

Founder and designer of Entropy Apparel's clothing line, Mehrad Noori, designed the stirring Nobody Wins image as part of the overall mission for Entropy Apparel, which is to use clothing as a canvas to showcase thought-provoking designs. Noori says of the initiative 'when we introduced OneVoice to the Nobody Wins concept, we were thrilled that they understood our vision and how it relates to their cause. We're honored to team up with OneVoice and excited to use art and design as a new medium to broadcast this call for peace'.

Entropy Apparel is donating \$10 from the purchase of every Nobody Wins t-shirt and tote bag which will go directly toward events aimed at empowering Israelis and Palestinians to work in parallel and demand a lasting peace in the Middle East.

"We loved the meaning and visual impact of the Nobody Wins graphic and the statement that it makes. We are looking forward to people wearing the art as we start our town hall meetings across the country," said OneVoice Executive Director Darya Shaikh.

Nobody Wins t-shirts and tote bags can be purchased at www.nobodywins.org, www.onevoicemovement.org, and www.entropyapparel.com.

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MyAdventures.com Launches Video Contest to Win a Free Adventure for Two

Where in the world would you like to go? Take a moment to dream. Then take a moment to watch a 60 second video and enter the contest through a link on the home page of www.myadventures.com. Win an adventure for two in Africa, Asia, or South America by simply submitting your own one minute video titled “Why I need an Adventure”.

(PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- How To Enter: Travelers, outdoor enthusiasts and adrenaline junkies now have an opportunity to win an adventure for two on an African Safari, a trip up to the Mt. Everest Base Camp in Nepal or a mountain hike to Machu Picchu in South America by simply submitting their own 60 second video on “Why I need an Adventure.” The MyAdventures.com Getaway Giveaway “Why I Need An Adventure” video contest, closes December 31, 2009. Winners announced in January for travel anytime in 2010.

To watch the introductory 60 second video, visit www.myadventures.com.

The contest is sponsored by www.MyAdventures.com, a recently launched social network offering outdoor and adventure travel enthusiasts a chance to explore over 40 adventure categories while connecting with those who share their interests. The site provides a place to post video clips, pictures, stories, blogs, explore a wide range of adventure organizations worldwide, and search the globe by scanning thousands of worldwide news sources—plus more. Membership, which is free, is not required to participate in the contest.

Adventure prizes are delivered by www.iExplore.com “Come Back Different”. Founded in 1999, Chicago-based iExplore is the #1 ranked website for adventure and experiential travel, with over 1,000,000 visitors per month. They are Google's "authority site" in the adventure travel category, and power adventure tours behind many trusted brands like Expedia, Travelocity, Travel Channel, Fodors, Frommers and Lonely Planet, to name a few.

About MyAdventures.com:

Steeped in tradition and travel lore: MyAdventures is a groundbreaking members-focused online social network inspired by the private social clubs popularized in the early 1900s such as the Explorers Club, Royal Geographic Society, and The Adventurers Club of Chicago as well as the Adventurers Club of Los Angeles. It's not a travel industry web site. My Adventures is an online gathering place for world travelers and outdoor enthusiasts who like to push the limits – a social networking site where adventurous souls can indulge their passion, share their travel tips, swap tales of high-adventure, find new travel partners and so much more.

www.myadventures.com/about

About The Founder:

This site was inspired by founder Keith Bates' membership in the nearly 100 year old Adventurers Club of Chicago which “provides a hearth and home for those who have left the beaten path and made for adventure.” The Adventurers Club of Chicago is a private club for global thrill seekers established in 1911 by Major Robert Foran (an Associated Press correspondent attached to President Theodore Roosevelt's African big game expedition of 1909-1910). www.advclub.org

For contest entry rules visit the Contest Entry link on MyAdventures.com home page at www.myadventures.com.



Contest is open to residents of the United States, and is void where prohibited.

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American Red Cross Auctions Historical Artifacts Through OLS Trading, Inc

For the first time in many decades The American Red Cross is making available for sale to the public rare and unusual artifacts recently retrieved from their archives –historical records and bound journals, antique uniforms (1925 – 1941), flags, vintage posters, Red Cross dolls and pins from the 1800s, Middle Age icons, a model train, photographs (including those of the founder Clara Barton, past officials, and former Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole), and such unusual items as an antipersonnel land mine, portable blood drawing kit, and a sealed container reported to contain a death mask. This sale affords the public an opportunity to bid on TVs, AV, projectors, DVDs, VCRs, fitness equipment, plumbing shop equipment, carpentry shop equipment, fork lifts, pallets, jacks, hardware supplies, dock equipment, chairs, storage shelving, print shop equipment, shipping area equipment, portable generators, blankets, cots, loading dock equipment, cafeteria tables, chairs, antique furniture, artwork, frames, and ancillary equipment.

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Since its founding in 1881 by visionary leader Clara Barton, The American Red Cross has been the nation's premier emergency response organization. As part of a worldwide movement that historically has offered neutral humanitarian care to victims of war and devastating natural disasters, The American Red Cross is dedicated to the prevention and relief of suffering worldwide. Each year The American Red Cross responds immediately to more than 70,000 disasters, including wars, insurgencies, fires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, tidal waves, tornadoes, hazardous material spills, transportation accidents, explosions, and other natural and man-made disasters. An exploration of the Catalog of items to be auctioned chronicles the over 120 year history of this humanitarian organization governed by volunteers and supported by community donations.

OLS Trading and The American Red Cross have had a professional relationship for over 15 years. Not only have we had the privilege of liquidating their gently used assets, we have assisted in securing reasonably priced furniture for their National Chapters, provided complete furniture inventories for their Washington D.C. facilities, and consulted on fair market valuations and work station valuations for use with sub-tenant negotiations and decisions making. Partnering with OLS in the past has enabled The American Red Cross to optimize their outcomes and exceed their goals and we look forward to a successful upcoming auction.

Remarketing assets since 1962, OLS, an industry leader in the nationwide development and implementation of furniture, fixture, and equipment sales within a “green” model, has an infrastructure of affiliations, processes, and



sales models that gives clients the greatest range of sales venues and options. OLS customizes management of disposition projects and offers end to end solutions – from presale logistics to post sale clean up – and detailed reporting on every item and phase.

As a full service partner, OLS optimizes and completely manages projects for clients (Client Managed Option) busy with renovations, moves, closings, business mergers, and acquisitions, assisting companies in the green disposal of excess assets and the acquisition of green asset while reaching sustainable outcomes and acquiring LEED credits. Businesses are paying increasing attention to companies whose methods and services counter global warming, benefit the environment, and provide community support with a “green mindset.” Embracing this mindset is a priority and best practice for OLS Trading, Inc. not only when providing liquidation services for a humanitarian organization such as The American Red Cross but for every client – not matter how large or how small.

Product may be previewed at The Red Cross Warehouse on the Lorton, Virginia Campus on Thursday, November 12, 2009, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Live internet auction sale is in progress and closes Friday November 13, 2009 at 12:00 noon.

To view the auction catalog visit www.olstrading.com

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John Robert Powers Executive Director Natasha Chalenko from Monterey Fresno Featured in San Francisco Publication Seven X Seven

Natasha Chalenko Asked for Fashion and Modeling Advice in Top San Francisco Magazine

Los Angeles, CA (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 - Editors from one of San Francisco's most notable publications Seven X Seven, Insiders Guide To San Francisco recently selected Natasha Chalenko, Executive Director from John Robert Powers Monterey Fresno to do an editorial on San Francisco's fashion scene. Natasha Chalenko is widely considered to be one of the 'go to' style icons in the Bay Area. Anyone that follows her fashion sense will know why Seven X Seven sought her out to do a fashion piece for the magazine.

As Executive Director for John Robert Powers Monterey Fresno, Natasha Chalenko takes on the important role of teaching and training young people in the San Francisco Bay Area to dress for success in everyday life and for those important occasions such as college and job interviews and first days at work. John Robert Powers is a preparatory school system that for over eighty years has been in the business of personally developing children and teenagers into upstanding young adults. John Robert Powers teaches a curriculum rich in personal development skills, etiquette, modeling and acting.

In the Seven X Seven fashion article, Natasha Chalenko spoke of what makes San Francisco so intriguing for her as native of Siberia and Ukraine. "San Francisco combines a little bit of everything that I love in the world," Chalenko is quoted as saying in the article. "The climate of Northern Italy, the neighborhood feeling of old European cities -I love San Francisco."

When asked about her favorite designers for this season Chalenko raved about the Junya Watanabe collection. "It's one of those timeless collections that one has to stock up on: all black, head turning down jackets and gorgeous flowing skirts that will be conversation pieces for years to come," said Natasha. She also pointed out Bottega Veneta for accessories and well crafted, understated luxury and Rick Owens for beautiful, monochromatic draped pieces and Prada for great everyday wear.

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Luxury Living International Announces its "Best of Paradise" Series

Luxury Living International Magazine leads-off it's "Best of Paradise" series with The Best Spa Residences in the Caribbean, Latin and Central America.

(PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- In the past, the words "tropical" and "paradise" elicited visions of sea breezes rustling the palm trees along ivory white sand shorelines and pastel-blue waters, sailboats cruising by. Now, for most people, it still includes all of that...but may also include an amazing massage or exotic spa treatment on a pier over the azure blue water or herbal rainforest mud bath. Could hours of relaxation and self-indulgent quiet time spent in a tranquil spa environment while receiving soul-renewing treatments really be yours for a lifetime? For those who love to be pampered at a world-class spa there are now more choices of second and vacation home communities offering spa facilities than ever before. Luxury Living International magazine shortens the list for you with its Top 10 Spa Residences in Paradise, the finest places at which to own property—and indulge—in a piece of the pampered life in the Caribbean or Latin America; from Costa Rica to Grand Cayman and Mexico to Antigua. The feature story is currently online at www.luxurylivingint.com part of its new "Best of Paradise" series.

For many, on-property spas and spa access greatly enhance the allure of vacation or second home properties, and the increase in top-tier spa services in luxury resort communities reflects this growing development trend. Luxury Living Intentional magazine's Top 10 Spa Residences in Paradise is the first installment in a monthly series called "Best of Paradise"; an LLI exclusive, with features profiling the best of the best, the crème de la crème of vacation homes and second home communities and amenities in tropical destinations. Each month, the "Best of Paradise" delivers careful and thorough research on meaningful topics designed to help our readers find the best real estate and opportunities for the good life in the paradises of the Caribbean and Latin America. Rest assured that years of research, travel and investigation abroad go into every installment of the "Best of Paradise" series at www.luxurylivingint.com.

LLI magazine does the research and homework to offer you our selections, whether it's the best Caribbean island to own real estate, the finest vacation homes or the best luxury golf communities in the tropics of the Caribbean, Latin and Central America. LLI is the authority on paradise and the top resource for people making decisions on where, how and what to buy in the way of real estate. A vast array of factors are considered when choosing or buying a destination property for vacation or for retirement and close proximity to spa services can certainly influence those decisions. Owning in a community with a world-class spa provides unparalleled access to relaxation and rejuvenation: waking up to the waves crashing on the beach and walking barefoot to a stress-relieving massage in your favorite robe is the perfect way to clear the mind and renew the spirit. Below, are excerpts from the first installment of Luxury Living International's new series, "Best in Paradise" The Top Ten Spa Residences in Paradise: www.luxurylivingint.com.

"The awarding-winning Cabo Spa at Esperanza in Cabo San Lucas is a celebration of local beauty. Fresh fruits, minerals and herbs are prepared daily for rejuvenating treatments for the face and body: Papaya, mango, sea greens and hibiscus are some of the indigenous ingredients incorporated in treatments. Private yoga instructors



are on hand to suit individual needs.”.

“Four Seasons Punta Mita and the Apuane Spa at Punta Mita is perfect for couples looking to rejuvenate and relax. A private spa suite complete with a jacuzzi, champagne and chocolate service is ideal for an intimate getaway. A sun-drenched steam room and private outdoor terrace combine for absolute tranquility. Cactus pulp and tequila massages are popular choices...”.

Luxury Living International is considered by most to be the #1 resource for those who live or are looking to invest in real estate and the good life in the paradises of the Caribbean, Latin America and Central America. Covering the hottest real estate markets in places such as Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Bahamas, St.Lucia, St. Kitts or Antigua, Luxury Living International uses informative and engaging editorial with stunning photography to showcase real estate in these and other tropical destinations. Whether it’s golf communities, eco-friendly communities or just amazing luxury vacation homes sitting on white sand beaches LLI is the guide to the good life.

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Original 'New Moon' to have Twilight Screening on Jeanette MacDonald Nelson Eddy Valentines Week Bahamas Cruise, February 7-14, 2010, from Baltimore

Before Bella and Edward, there was Jeanette and Nelson, whose forbidden off-screen love affair while filming New Moon (1940) became Hollywood gossip. Maceddy.com hosts a 7-day Bahamas cruise celebrating Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, sailing from Baltimore. Highlights include the 'other' New Moon, lectures, a movie sing-along and talent show. If you sing their music, are a fan or love the classic MGM musicals, join us!

New York, NY (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- In 1940 there was only one "New Moon" - a hit movie starring "America's Singing Sweethearts," Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. They were at the top of their game, having teamed in blockbusters like "Naughty Marietta" (1935), "Rose Marie" (1936), "Maytime" (1937), and MGM's first Technicolor movie, "Sweethearts" (1938). But the following year found them separated professionally and MacDonald refused to re-sign her MGM contract for months, not wanting to ever have to work with Eddy again. Why did she change her mind and how did both stars finally land on the "New Moon" set, in late 1939?

That question will be discussed on the cruise during the Q&A session with guest lecturer Sharon Rich, author of the best selling book [Sweethearts: The Timeless Love Affair On-Screen and Off Between Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy](#) . Other speakers are planned along with filmed interviews of some of Rich's sources, who separate fact from fiction regarding the stars' personal lives. Washington, D.C. impresario Darryl Winston ("The Darryl Winston Show") hosts a talent night for all singers, with pianist Frank Conlon (Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, Robin Hood Dell, etc.) accompanying. It's a week filled with nostalgia, fabulous music, films, classic movie history and the inside skinny about one of Hollywood's greatest cover-ups!

The Jeanette MacDonald Nelson Eddy Valentines Week 2010 cruise is a private event; to be included in the activities you must purchase your cruise through the special website at www.maceddy.com/cruise. All-inclusive fares start at \$579.89 per person (double occupancy), and includes meals, film screenings and lectures, special Jeanette MacDonald & Nelson Eddy gift package, ship entertainment and activities, government taxes, cruise fees and gratuities. Not included: shore excursions, airfare, transfers and vacation protection plan.

If you are a fan... an opera buff...or a singer who performs the MacDonald-Eddy and operatic repertoire and want to be showcased on our talent show... bring your sheet music and we'll provide the accompanist. Additionally, we will film anyone that wants to tell their story or anecdote on camera for an upcoming Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy documentary.

"The film 'New Moon' was pivotal because it was the team's first after Nelson Eddy's marriage in January 1939," says Sharon Rich. "If you follow the timeline, you note that in the week following Eddy's elopement, MGM released candid photos of Jeanette MacDonald at home in her bed, too ill to work because she was recovering from 'a cold.' She did return to the studio briefly to finish her current, solo film and then left Hollywood on an extended concert tour. It was at this time that she refused to re-sign her studio contract."

What finally changed Jeanette MacDonald's mind was a diary entry written by Nelson Eddy that can be read -

unedited and uncensored - on pages 254-257 of the biography [Sweethearts](#).

Rich, a film historian who has lectured from London to Toronto to Los Angeles to AFI East Coast, adds: "Jeanette MacDonald previously outraged their fans by marrying Gene Raymond, a Nelson Eddy look-alike, in 1937. The public sensed correctly that there was more than just acting going on up on the silver screen, so did not understand either marriage. Rumors about affairs, sexual preferences, and stolen moments together subsequently followed them all the rest of their lives."

For the record, the current Twilight Saga's "New Moon" starring Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson is the third film bearing that title. In 1930, MGM co-starred opera greats Grace Moore and Lawrence Tibbett in an early musical version of Sigmund Romberg's operetta "New Moon." (The MacDonald-Eddy version ten years later was a remake of sorts.) But Moore and Tibbett lacked romantic chemistry and that elusive movie star quality. Nelson Eddy, on the other hand, marched singing onto the screen in his first starring role... women gasped and swooned...and just like that he was an overnight international sensation. Much like Robert Pattinson, Eddy was tall, brooding, and shyly handsome with an unruly shock of blond hair. The real surprise was that this reluctant sex symbol came from...opera. During his heyday, Nelson Eddy's concerts were mobbed by screaming bobby-soxers, with police and bodyguards necessary to keep over-enthusiastic fans from jumping the stage. He was the first and only opera singer ever to cross over to Hollywood super-stardom.

For more information or to book your cruise, fill in the [online registration form](#) or call 646-321-8504. To learn more about Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, [watch this YouTube video](#) or visit [maceddy.com](#). Read Chapter One of "Sweethearts" [here](#).

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Rydges Canberra Announces NGA Masterpieces Hotel Package

Masterpieces From Paris hits the National Gallery of Australia this December. Rydges Canberra Hotels are offering an NGA Masterpieces package that includes accommodations, breakfast and exhibition tickets for two - all starting at just \$155 per night.

(PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- Beginning 4 December 2009, Canberra will welcome the arrival of 12 incredibly famous works of art. The National Gallery of Australia will host Masterpieces from Paris: Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cézanne and Beyond - a group of legendary art pieces that include Van Gogh's Bedroom at Arles 1889, Gauguin's Tahitian women 1891, Cézanne's beloved Mount Saint-Victoire circa 1890, as well as many other great examples of Post-Impressionist art. [Rydges Canberra hotels](#) are offering special NGA Masterpieces hotel packages that include both accommodation and exhibition tickets for two guests from just \$155 per night. The packages will be available throughout the length of the exhibition - from 4 December to 5 April, 2010.

The Rydges NGA Masterpieces from Paris Package is available at Rydges Lakeside Canberra, Rydges Capital Hill Canberra and Rydges Eagle Hawk Resort Canberra. All three Rydges Canberra hotels will offer:

- Overnight accommodation for two people
- Full buffet breakfast for two people
- NGA Masterpieces from Paris exhibition tickets for two people

Rydges Hotels & Resorts appreciates that a groundbreaking event such as Masterpieces from Paris at the National Gallery of Australia will be of great interest to people from all over the country as never before have so many masterpieces been exhibited together outside of France. Rydges touts the event as "a once in a lifetime opportunity for art lovers and first-timers to experience renowned works that most people have only seen in art history books."

Additionally, Rydges Canberra hotels offer comfortable accommodations along with great amenities to those visiting the nation's Capital. Rydges Lakeside Canberra features close proximity to Canberra's CBD and The National Gallery as well as spectacular views. Comparatively, Rydges Eagle Hawk is set amongst 30 acres of natural landscaped native gardens and offers visitors to the ACT region the ideal Canberra accommodation solution. Rydges Capital Hill Canberra is just steps from Parliament House and features an indoor heated pool and fitness centre.

An event as historically and artistically important as Masterpieces from Paris visiting the National Gallery of Australia is certain to be a huge draw for Canberra visitors as well as locals. The [Rydges NGA Masterpieces hotel packages](#) will ensure that art lovers can get the most affordable and culturally exciting experience possible while enjoying the benefits of a great hotel stay.

About Rydges Hotels & Resorts

Established in 1988, Rydges Hotels & Resorts is a rapidly expanding Australian-owned hotel chain with more than 35 hotels in Australia, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. Rydges is proud to



deliver hotel experiences that are efficient, enjoyable and affordable.

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EarthCam Launches New Live Streaming High Definition Webcams Stunning St Louis, Rio de Janiero and Tokyo Views Premier in New Series

EarthCam , the premier international webcam site, brings HD to its international collection of hundreds of exclusive live Internnet cameras Virtual travel inlive high definition begins In St. Louis, Mo, Tokyo and Rio.

New York (Vocus) November 10, 2009 -- EarthCam (www.earthcam.com), the premier Internet webcam network, today announced the addition of new high definition live streaming locations to its growing list of exclusive cameras in famous places throughout the world.

The official premier today offers EarthCam's first high definition views with audio. The HD Cameras are focused on the historic Old St Louis Courthouse framed by the Gateway Arch; a skyline view of the Chuo City Ward of Tokyo, and an extraordinary view of Rio de Janiero Harbor, listed officially as one of the "Seven Natural Wonders of the World".

The introduction of the HD cameras is part of the EarthCam transition to full motion streaming video for its most popular cameras. In addition to the new HD cameras the expansion continues with the new flash streaming video at Place des Artistes in downtown Montreal and an added flash streaming in Times Square. The newest introductions bring the number of H.264 flash versions EarthCam's popular travel and educational destinations to 22. <http://www.earthcam.com/streaming.php>

The HD cameras takes full advantage of the new video compression technology' and expanded bandwidth providing the best available full motion, real-time webcam experience.

"The live high definition views usher in a new era for the millions who visit our continuously expanding EarthCam Network." said Brian Cury, CEO and Founder of EarthCam." Applying streaming high definition and H.264 technology to select locations raises the visual reality of travel, entertainment and educational webcams to a new standard." Cury said.

The streaming camera access components on EarthCam include map navigation, daily and annual time-lapse movies, plus viewer submitted "Hall of Fame" archiving.

EarthCam.com is the leading international network of live public access webcams from around the world. The company is recognized internationally as the leader in complete infrastructure services to manage, host and maintain live streaming public and private, password-protected network camera systems delivering millions of images daily for business, industry, federal, state and local government. EarthCam's more than 13 years of experience includes developing products and. software to maintain and manage thousands of applications Clients include: Paramount Pictures, New Line Cinema, Walt Disney Pictures, Clear Channel Communications, Public Broadcasting System (PBS.), ABC, FOX, CBS, NBC, Weather Channel, Discovery Channel, CNN, MTV, Major League Baseball, NFL, This Old House, Coca-Cola, Sprint, Volkswagen, GE, Yahoo! NASA and 28 state



departments of transportation including :Caltrans, Virginia DOT, New Jersey DOT and the Canadian Ministry of Transportation. Clients in more than 1,500 cities, in all 50 states and 46 countries rely on EarthCam webcam systems.

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HPL Hotels & Resorts Re-Launches 13 Websites

HPL Hotels & Resorts has seen an increase in online bookings of over 35% since switching to the FastBooking Internet booking engine in mid June 2009. In line with the switch-over to the new booking engine, HPL Hotels & Resorts is re-launching 13 brand and individual hotel websites.

Paris and Singapore (PRWeb UK) November 10, 2009 -- FastBooking's client HPL Hotels & Resorts has seen an increase in online bookings of over 35% since switching to its Internet booking engine in mid June 2009.

These online bookings are produced from the official hotel websites of HPL Hotels & Resorts' managed properties, including Concorde Hotels & Resorts in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Shah Alam and Kuala Lumpur International Airport; Hard Rock Hotels in Pattaya, Bali and Penang; as well as Casa del Mar (Langkawi), The Lakehouse (Cameron Highlands) and Rihiveli Beach Resort in Maldives.

In line with the switch-over to the FastBooking engine, HPL Hotels & Resorts has also re-launched 13 brand and individual hotel websites. These sites have been given a refreshing new look, and designed with user-friendly navigation functionalities to capture a larger share of the online traffic. Tactical search engine marketing (SEM) plans are in the process to increase the websites' visibility.

HPL Hotels & Resorts: www.hplhotels.com

Concorde Hotels & Resorts: www.concordehotelsresorts.com

Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur: kualalumpur.concordehotelsresorts.com

Concorde Hotel Singapore: singapore.concordehotelsresorts.com

Concorde Hotel Shah Alam: shahalam.concordehotelsresorts.com

Concorde Inn Kuala Lumpur International Airport: sepang.concordehotelsresorts.com

Hard Rock Hotels & Resorts: www.hardrockhotels.net

Hard Rock Hotel Pattaya: pattaya.hardrockhotels.net

Hard Rock Hotel Bali: bali.hardrockhotels.net

Hard Rock Hotel Penang: penang.hardrockhotels.net

Casa del Mar, Langkawi: www.casadelmar-langkawi.com

The Lakehouse, Cameron Highlands: www.lakehouse-cameron.com

Rihiveli Beach Resort, Maldives: www.rihiveli-maldives.com

“After many months of evaluation, we selected FastBooking to be our partner as we felt they have the technology and solutions that we were seeking to ensure our growth in online business. The people at FastBooking are passionate, and are available whenever we need their support. We are confident that the new booking engine and websites will further drive bookings and heighten the brand awareness of our hotels,” said Michael Chua, Vice President of Sales at HPL Hotels & Resorts.

“We are delighted to work with HPL Hotels & Resorts. Our ‘one-stop’ online solution converts web site visitors to customers by applying best practices, methodologies, and unique technologies developed from years of experience and millions of successful bookings. These capabilities have enabled HPL Hotels & Resorts to



improve its online performance significantly,” added Henry Teng, Managing Director of FastBooking Asia.

About FastBooking

Since 2000, FastBooking has been the preferred partner to hotelkeepers worldwide, driving more visitors to hotel websites and converting these visitors to direct bookings. FastBooking products and services optimize a hotel’s business by maximizing highly profitable direct website bookings, then rationalize inventory and pricing across all online sales channels. The company even optimizes business through legacy GDS/IDS with a cost effective service.

Headquartered in Paris with subsidiaries in Italy, USA, Asia and India, E. de Rothschild is the anchor investor. The company employs 160 persons worldwide and has gained the trust of more than 5,000 customers.

For more information, visit the FastBooking corporate website at www.fastbooking.net.

About HPL Hotels & Resorts:

Headquartered in Singapore, HPL Hotels & Resorts is a hospitality management company, operated and wholly-owned by a Singapore main-board listed, Hotel Properties Limited (HPL). HPL Hotels & Resorts currently manages the activities of 10 hotels and resorts in Asia Pacific and the Indian Ocean. These include Concorde Hotel Singapore, Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Concorde Hotel Shah Alam, Concorde Inn Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Hard Rock Hotel Bali, Hard Rock Hotel Pattaya, Hard Rock Hotel Penang, Casa del Mar, Langkawi, The Lakehouse, Cameron Highlands and Rihiveli Beach Resort, Maldives.

For more information, please visit www.hplhotels.com.

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Briggs & Riley Launches 2009 Holiday Sale

Road warriors and leisure travelers can secure significant savings on luggage

Hauppauge, NY (PRWEB) November 12, 2009 -- [Briggs & Riley Travelware](#), a leader in innovative, high-quality luggage and business cases, is launching a holiday sale on its Baseline and Transcend collections from November 12th through December 24th. On all items priced over \$349, consumers can save \$100. On items priced from \$249 to \$349, consumers can save \$50.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for our customers to start or add to their Baseline and Transcend luggage collections,” said Jim Lahren, Vice President of Marketing at Briggs & Riley. “This sale comes at an ideal time for people looking to purchase luggage for themselves or as a gift. All our products are covered by our [Simple as that](#) lifetime warranty that even covers damage caused by an airline.”

All products priced at \$249 or above in Briggs & Riley’s Baseline and Transcend collections will be included in the sale. The Baseline Collection provides proven performance to the most demanding business traveler under the toughest travel conditions and the Transcend Collection was created for leisure travelers leading active lives.

Products on sale range from carry-on luggage, large wheeled luggage, garment bags and duffles. A few highlights of the sale include:

Best carry-on for international travel:

- Baseline 18" Carry-On Expandable Upright (U418X, MSRP \$299.00/ SALE \$249.00) – Pack everything you need in this compact wheeled carry-on. Have the convenience of a zipper expansion system for more packing space when needed. Baseline wheeled luggage is the lightest, most durable luggage in its class.

Best carry-on for domestic or international travel:

- Baseline 20” Carry-On Expandable Wide-Body Upright (U420XW, MSRP \$369.00/ SALE \$269.00) - This expandable wheeled carry-on is ideal for those who want one bag for both domestic and international air travel. The shorter and wider configuration offers maximum packing capacity while still fitting in the overhead.

Signature Wheeled Carry-Ons:

- Baseline 21” One-Touch Carry-On Expandable Upright (U421LX, \$399.00/ SALE \$299.00) - This lightweight wheeled carry-on withstands the most demanding travel conditions. Framed construction and One-touch™ rigid expansion provides maximum protection of contents and 31% more packing space when expanded. Perfect for short or extended stays.

- Transcend 21" Carry-On Expandable Upright (TD-U521X, MSRP \$299.00/ SALE \$249.00) - Active travelers love this lightweight wheeled carry-on. It is top ranked by consumers and industry experts, having earned perfect scores on durability. The easy zip-around expansion increases the main compartment by three inches. The bag



meets most airline carry-on regulations.

Garment bags:

- Baseline Carry-On Wheeled Garment Bag (U374, MSRP \$479.00/ SALE \$379.00) - This carry-on garment bag conveniently accommodates two to three suits. Pack wrinkle-free with The Outsider® handle system - the bars are on the outside for flat packing inside. SmartLink™ system securely attaches a second bag for easy transport.

Large wheeled bags:

- Transcend 27" Expandable Upright (TD-U527X, MSRP \$359.00/ SALE \$259.00) - The largest Upright in the Transcend Collection - the zip expansion offers an additional three-inches for more packing capacity. The easy pack main compartment allows bag to be organized with incredible ease. The built-in, tri-fold garment sleeve holds 1-2 suits.

Innovation, performance and functional design are the cornerstones of Briggs & Riley. The company's understanding and attention to its customers' real life experiences have allowed them to apply valuable knowledge to their designs.

To purchase Briggs & Riley luggage during the sale, please visit www.briggs-riley.com/holiday-sale. Follow Briggs & Riley on Twitter at www.twitter.com/briggsandriley and become a fan on Facebook, www.facebook.com/briggsandriley.

About Briggs & Riley Travelware

Briggs & Riley Travelware is dedicated to building a lifelong relationship with its consumers by fulfilling their travel needs. The company's wide variety of innovative, high-quality luggage and business cases match smart design and exclusive features, with maximum durability and superb value. Briggs & Riley backs all of its products with the best-in-the-industry lifetime warranty that even covers damage caused by an airline. Let's remove this line as we do sell to department stores internationally. Please visit www.briggs-riley.com for a full list of the latest products and store locations.

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HeBS Wins Major Web 2.0 Design & Development Awards

The leading Internet marketing and strategies consulting firm for the hospitality and travel verticals garners prestigious awards for sweepstakes design and development for AmericInn Hotels, The City of Indian Wells and Daytona Hotels.

New York, NY (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- [Hospitality eBusiness Strategies](#) (HeBS), the industry's leading full-service Internet marketing services and strategies consulting firm for the hospitality and travel verticals, today announced receipt of three prestigious awards in the design and development of online interactive sweepstakes. The awards are as follows:

1.) Silver Davey Award for AmericInn Free Room Giveaway Sweepstakes

The Davey is sanctioned and judged by the International Academy of the Visual Arts, consisting of top-tier professionals from a "Who's Who" of acclaimed media, advertising, and marketing firms. Honoring the creative excellence of agencies and companies worldwide, the 2009 Davey Awards featured an incredible pool of over 4,000 entries. The Silver Davey Award for AmericInn Hotels, a collection of hotels located throughout 22 states, is based on HeBS' promotional/branding excellence of their "AmericInn Free Room Giveaway Sweepstakes".

2.) W3 Silver award for the City of Indian Wells Sweepstakes

The International Academy of Visual Arts and the W3 Awards recognizes outstanding web creativity for companies and agencies worldwide. The 2009 W3 Awards received nearly 3,000 entries and HeBS earned recognition for Indian Wells' 30 Day Free Room Giveaway online campaign.

3.) Gold Magellan Award for the Daytona Hotels Sweepstakes

The Travel Weekly Magellan Awards honors the best in travel and salutes the outstanding travel professionals behind the business. This year, the Magellan Awards received entries from top travel organizations and professionals worldwide. Winning Gold for Daytona Hotels proves the sweepstakes has delivered a product that is efficient on broad spectrums, from creative appeal to functionality.

"Winning these awards for HeBS' web 2.0 initiatives for its clients proves how integral a robust Web 2.0/Social Media strategy is for the hoteliers' success," remarked Max Starkov, Chief eBusiness Strategist at HeBS. "This web 2.0 initiative not only retains website visitors but acts as a unique way to promote the hotel product, generate buzz and most importantly generate incremental ROIs."

Entering an online sweepstakes is not only an engaging activity for website visitors; it is a unique way for hoteliers to gather information from these potential guests for future marketing and to encourage them to keep returning to the website to enter again and again. Additionally, to add a viral component, the interactive sweepstakes include supplementary contests, such as offering \$250 gift cards to the person who forwards the sweepstakes to the most friends. HeBS' latest interactive sweepstakes, the [BNP Paribas Open 35 Day FREE Ticket Giveaway Sweepstakes](#), has already generated over 4,500 entries as well as 928 additional forwards to



friends in less than a week.

About HeBS

[Hospitality eBusiness Strategies](#) (HeBS), the industry's leading Internet marketing strategy consulting firm for the hospitality vertical, is based in New York City. HeBS has pioneered many of the "best practices" in hotel Internet marketing and direct online distribution. The firm specializes in helping hoteliers build their direct Internet marketing and distribution strategy, boost the hotel Internet marketing presence, establish interactive relationships with their customers, and significantly increase direct online bookings and ROIs. A diverse client portfolio of over 500 top tier major hotel brands, luxury and boutique hotel companies, hotel management and representation companies, franchisees and independents, resorts and casinos and CVBs has sought and successfully taken advantage of the firm hospitality Internet marketing expertise. Contact HeBS consultants at (212)752-8186 or info@hospitalityebusiness.com.

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Ring In The New Year Texas-Style

Fredericksburg Inn & Suites, Texas Hill Country's favorite hotel, offers a New Year's Eve special conveniently situated near the renowned Luckenbach celebration to ring in the New Year.

Fredericksburg, TX (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- Looking to go hog-wild this New Year's Eve? Fredericksburg is the place to celebrate! With rooms starting from just \$149/night, [Fredericksburg Inn & Suites](#), offering first-rate accommodations and great amenities in Texas Hill Country, is the ideal place to kick off the New Year. Right down the road from the hotel, the Luckenbach Texas and Dance Hall is hosting a boot-stompin' party to get you in the mood. Live music will be provided by Mike Blakely y Los Whiskey Traders so you can dance the night away, and at midnight take part in the Balloon Drop, Champagne Toast, and Breakfast Tacos. Tickets for the event start at \$27 for General Admission and \$32 for Reserved Seating. Don't miss the last dance of 2009!

"We are so excited for the Luckenbach Texas and Dance Hall New Year's Eve party," said Jutea Ballard, General Manager of Fredericksburg Inn & Suites. "The Luckenbach always knows how to throw a good party, and guests and locals alike will be dancing until the wee hours of the morning. With our great room rates, we look forward to hosting travelers from miles around."

As always, guests at Fredericksburg Inn & Suites receive a complimentary deluxe Continental breakfast, as well as other amenities including a family-sized hot tub, complimentary wireless Internet access, outdoor stone gazebo with a fireplace and television, and much more. Fredericksburg Inn & Suites is also the only hotel in Fredericksburg that does not charge extra for additional guests in each room. Bring your sweetheart down to Fredericksburg for a knee-slappin' good time at a price that won't hurt your wallet.

For more information about Fredericksburg Inn & Suites rates please [visit their website](#).

[About Fredericksburg Inn & Suites:](#)

Located in historic Fredericksburg in the heart of Texas Hill Country, Fredericksburg Inn & Suites features first-rate accommodations that are perfect for both family travel and romantic getaways. The 103 room hotel offers tradition guestrooms and suites, with a deluxe Continental breakfast for all guests. Just steps from Main Street, our hotel offers comfortable amenities such as two resort-style swimming pools, a large hot tub, outdoor barbeque areas, a stone gazebo with fireplace and television, complimentary wireless internet access, and more. Perfectly equipped for leisure travel, corporate events, or weddings and special events, Fredericksburg Inn & Suites has it all!

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The Phantom of the Opera Premieres at DPAC, Durham Performing Arts Center November 26 – December 20, 2009

The Longest Running Broadway show in history Andrew Lloyd Webber's THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA finally arrives at DPAC, Durham Performing Arts Center, beginning Thursday, November 26th through December 20th, 2009. Tickets are on sale now and are available at the DPAC box office, online at DPACnc.com, by calling 919.680.2787, or all Ticketmaster outlets.

Durham, NC (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- The Cameron Mackintosh production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, directed by Harold Prince, premieres at [DPAC, Durham Performing Arts Center](#), beginning Thursday, November 26th through December 20th. The press opening night is Saturday, November 28th at 8:00pm. Tickets are on sale now and are available at the DPAC box office, online at DPACnc.com, by calling 919.680.2787, or all Ticketmaster outlets. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$82.

Groups save big! Bring a group of 15 or more to receive a 15 percent discount and complimentary tickets. Orchestra seating is available. Let DPAC entertain your family during Thanksgiving with 20% off and complimentary tickets for family groups of just 10 or more. Special pricing is also available for student, military and senior groups. The purchase of group tickets for THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA includes a free space rental for a pre-show party. Plan your holiday outing at DPAC! Space is booking quickly and availability is limited, so interested groups should contact [Group Services](#) as soon as possible. Group savings apply to all performances excluding Saturday nights. Groups save by calling 919-281-0587 for tickets to this amazing musical.

With worldwide grosses estimated at over \$5 billion, THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA is the most successful entertainment venture of the twentieth century, surpassing such blockbuster films as Titanic, Lord of the Rings, Jurassic Park and Star Wars. The winner of seven Tony® Awards, including Best Musical, THE

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA has been seen by over 80 million people in 124 cities in 25 countries. Worldwide, the show consistently plays to larger audiences and in longer engagements than any other musical in history. On January 9, 2006, THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA became the longest-running show in Broadway history surpassing Cats' record-holding run of 7,485 performances. The show celebrated an unprecedented milestone on January 26, 2008 when it reached its twentieth anniversary on Broadway.

Based on the classic novel *Le Fantôme de l'Opéra* by Gaston Leroux, THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA tells the story of a masked figure who lurks beneath the catacombs of the Paris Opera House, exercising a reign of terror over all who inhabit it. He falls madly in love with an innocent young soprano, Christine, and devotes himself to creating a new star by nurturing her extraordinary talents and by employing all of the devious methods at his command.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA had its world premiere on October 9, 1986 at Her Majesty's Theatre in London, winning every major British theatre award including the Olivier and Evening Standard Awards. The New York production opened on January 26, 1988 with a then-record advance of \$18 million. The musical went on to sweep the 1988 Tony Awards, winning seven, including Best Musical. THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA



also won seven Drama Desk Awards and three Outer Critics Circle Awards. The original London cast recording was the first in British musical history to enter the charts at number one. It has since gone both gold and platinum in Britain and the United States, selling over 25 million copies.

[The Phantom of the Opera](#) will play Thursday, November 26 through Sunday, December 20.

The Durham engagement of THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA is a subscription offering of the SunTrust Broadway Series. Visit the official THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA website at www.thephantomoftheopera.com.

About DPAC

Durham Performing Arts Center is a 2,800 capacity multi-use theatre that will feature the hottest Broadway and family shows, high-profile concerts and incredible special events. DPAC has become a beacon of energy in Durham and a cultural landmark for entertainment for the region to experience. DPAC presents the SunTrust Broadway Series in the first-class theatre with show stopping Broadway engagements of Wicked, Phantom of the Opera, Spring Awakening, and much more during DPAC's second Broadway season. Music legend Jackson Browne, superstar Vince Gill and numerous electrifying performances are set to take the stage during the upcoming DPAC season.

About SunTrust Broadway Series

SunTrust Broadway Series tickets are still on sale at www.DPACnc.com. Lock in the best seats at DPAC to be first in line for the biggest Broadway shows in the Durham, Raleigh, and Chapel Hill region for years to come. Season subscribers get the best benefits including the best seats, complimentary parking, free exchanges, guaranteed renewal privileges and much more.

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The Capital Grille Invites All to Design a Stunning Label for an Exclusive, World-Class Wine

The Capital Grille announces a new competition to design a unique, original label for an exclusive wine produced specifically for The Capital Grille.

Orlando, FL (Vocus) November 11, 2009 -- The [Capital Grille](#) announces a new competition to design a unique, original label for an exclusive wine produced specifically for The Capital Grille. Wine lovers, label enthusiasts and anyone with an inner artist begging to be released are all being called upon for The Capital Grille wine competition to create an original label to appear on this soon-to-be-debuted wine.

On a world-wide search for a new wine to offer guests, The Capital Grille Master Sommelier George Miliotes came upon a very special bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon produced at the renowned Atalon Winery in Napa Valley. Each bottle of this highly allocated wine will be hand-numbered and only 7,000 bottles of this much-anticipated wine will be produced. The Capital Grille wine will have no name; the winning original label art and the artistic wine inside the bottle will be all the identification it requires.

The winning label will be featured on every bottle of this exclusive wine only at The Capital Grille from March 15 to April 25, 2010. Additionally, the winner of The Capital Grille wine label competition will receive a case of this special wine and an all-expense paid trip to Napa Valley, for an insider's tour of some of the world's top wineries.

Be Part of an Incredible Wine Program at The Capital Grille:

This spectacular wine will complement The Capital Grille's award-winning wine program, which is routinely recognized by Wine Spectator, and features over 3,000 bottles of more than 325 Old and New World selections housed in floor-to-ceiling, temperature-controlled wine kiosks.

Entries should be original artwork for The Capital Grille wine label competition and will be accepted until November 30, 2009. Entries will be accepted via mail or email. To enter, visit <http://www.thecapitalgrille.com/call-for-entries/main.asp> for contest rules and details.

About The Capital Grille:

The [Capital Grille](#) owns and operates 39 locations nationwide. It is known for its dry aged steaks, award-winning wine list, and professional service in an atmosphere of relaxed elegance. Routinely recognized by Wine Spectator magazine, the restaurant recently received the American Culinary Federation's "Achievement of Excellence Award." The Capital Grille offers more than 325 New and Old World wine selections, including a Captain's List of some of the world's most highly allocated and sought-after wines. The restaurant also offers a variety of elegant private dining spaces for meetings and group events. Visit <http://www.thecapitalgrille.com>.

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Hotel Marketing: The Key for Properties in a Tough Travel Industry

Through OpenBook's innovative hotel marketing techniques, client hotels are seeing a 30 percent average increase in hotel bookings since last year.

(PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- OpenBook, an industry leading [hotel reservation management](#) company, has overseen 30 percent average increase in client hotel bookings over the past year. Increased hotel revenue is not a surprise to OpenBook and its clients -- even in a challenging economy. Why? Hotels enlisting OpenBook's powerful combination of savvy [hotel marketing](#), world-class [property websites](#), and intuitive [hotel reservation software](#) have regularly seen remarkable returns on their efforts.

Brenna, owner of Moose Creek Cabins near Yellowstone Park had this to say about their experience with OpenBook's marketing services, "We implemented online search engine marketing with OpenBook and the bookings started immediately. Our business began to soar. We were amazed at how quickly things changed. The first summer was great, we've raised prices, and revenue continues to grow each season."

OpenBook CEO Zack Paul said of the positive client results, "The key for hotels to be successful in the today's travel market is to get their site at the top of every search engine results page. And the only way to get there is through hotel marketing online. Because 60 percent of leisure and 40 percent of business travel will be completely booked online in the US in 2009, a strong internet marketing presence is absolutely mandatory to succeed or even survive today."

The [hotel marketing services](#) of OpenBook range from Search Engine Marketing to Social Media. "The strategies employed have proven effective, with returns on advertising spending as high as 1000% for many clients. Web marketing strategies are only effective with a correctly designed and coded hotel website, according to Kelly Horner, OpenBook Revenue Manager.

"Many hotel owners seem satisfied that a website developed by a friend or family member will work just fine; they don't feel the need to invest in one designed and coded by professional website developers. Unfortunately, falling revenue will tell them otherwise," said Horner.

OpenBook's property websites are comprehensive. Clients can choose from a successful design in a template gallery, or they can combine a number of design combinations to create their own. The difference though, is what is behind the graphics and text -- website code. Search engines like Google, Yahoo, and Bing have a hard time finding web sites that don't include search engine optimized code. Correct code allows carefully crafted Search Engine Marketing or pay-per-click advertising efforts to elevate a property's visibility on the internet and thereby generate more bookings.

Clients also credit Openbook's intuitive hotel reservation software as having a substantial impact on profits. The software automates the responsibilities of front desk personnel and property managers by offering 30 property reporting features, real-time reservation management integrated with GDS based travel agencies and IDS



powerhouses like Expedia, as well as OpenBook's online booking tool. The software also makes reservation management at the front desk very simple.

"Keeping our services software simple and user-friendly is our primary goal. We aim to be a marketing and technology partner with hotels. After all, when key activities are automated, personnel can spend more time helping guests and creating lasting, loyal relationships," said Paul.

About OpenBook:

OpenBook elevates a hotel's profit by generating more bookings via the following success-based fee services:

- [Website design](#) -- property websites search engine optimized for Google searchers
- [Hotel marketing](#) -- pay-per-click advertising and strategic linking campaigns
- [Online booking tools](#) -- hotel bookings from website, Expedia, and GDS

OpenBook has delivered these services to independent hotels based on a unique success-only fee, assuring deep alignment with client needs. The company has grown to serve hundreds of hotels since its founding in 2003 by hotel owner and software executive Zack Paul and vertical industry technology expert Dudley Chapman.

To accommodate increasing demand for its services, OpenBook is currently seeking experienced sales people. If interested, please email resume to humanresources@yellowstonehs.com.

To learn more about the hotel reservation software, hotel marketing, or property websites OpenBook offers, visit www.openbookit.com. For more information, please contact:

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Exceptional Entertainers Compete to Perform on the High Seas at First Ever Princess Cruises Talent Showcase

Top performers will soon be entertaining passengers at sea

Santa Clarita, CA (Vocus) November 11, 2009 -- The [Princess Cruises](#) entertainment studio in Santa Clarita was filled with exceptional performances last week as the cruise line hosted its first ever talent showcase. From Beatles and Abba tribute bands to variety acts and comics, the showcase featured nine finalist performers, each of whom had been chosen from thousands of applicants.

The finalist acts put on their best show for Princess executives as they competed for the chance to be part of the entertainment offerings on board one of the line's 17 ships. Once Princess selects the winning acts in the coming weeks, the top performers will soon be entertaining passengers at sea.

“With more than 8,000 guest entertainer performances annually on our ships, Princess is one of the largest entertainment procurers in the country,” said Martin Hall, Princess’ vice president of entertainment and passenger programs. “Our goal is to ensure that our passengers have the best experience on board. To help achieve this, we’re always looking for new, fresh talent to enhance our entertainment offerings.”

The inaugural talent showcase is one of the many ways Princess Cruises seeks out new talent. Interested entertainers are encouraged to submit resumes and performance videos to [Princess' entertainment recruitment site](#) for ongoing consideration, as well as for the chance to be featured in next year's showcase.

Additional information about Princess Cruises is available through a professional travel agent, by calling 1-800-PRINCESS, or by visiting the company's website at www.princess.com.

Note: The full URL for the Princess Cruises entertainment recruitment website is:
www.princess.com/employment/onboard_employment/information/entertainment/index.html

Princess can also be found on:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/PrincessCruises>

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Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/princesscruises/>

About Princess Cruises:

One of the best-known names in cruising, Princess Cruises is a global cruise and tour company operating a fleet of 17 modern ships renowned for their innovative design and wide array of choices in dining, entertainment and amenities, all provided in an environment of exceptional customer service. A recognized leader in worldwide cruising, Princess offers its passengers the opportunity to escape to the top destinations around the globe, with sailings to all seven continents, ranging in length from seven to 107 days. The company is part of Carnival Corporation & plc (NYSE/LSE:CCL; NYSE:CUK).

Princess Cruises is a proud member of World's Leading Cruise Lines. Our exclusive alliance also includes



Carnival Cruise Lines, Holland America, Cunard Line, Costa Cruises and The Yachts of Seabourn. Sharing a passion to please each guest, and a commitment to quality and value, our member lines appeal to a wide range of lifestyles and budgets. Together we offer exciting and enriching cruise vacations to the world's most desirable destinations.

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Corpus Christi named No. 1 for "Best Places to Retire for \$150,000 or Less"

Criteria includes safety from crime, scenery & diverse housing options

Corpus Christi (Vocus) November 11, 2009 -- Corpus Christi has been voted No. 1 for "Best Places to Retire for \$150,000 or Less" by WalletPop.com's "[Road to Retirement 2009 Guide](#)."

WalletPop.com is AOL's consumer and money news website and is owned by AOL. WalletPop.com posts news stories, blogs and advice on retirement, investments and other money matters. WalletPop.com was formerly known as AOL Money & Finance, according to David Rogowski, who works for AOL and was involved in the "Best Places to Retire for \$150,000 or Less" story.

The article chose Corpus Christi because it offered a combination of safety from crime, a peaceful living environment, an educated blend of seniors and other age groups, its striking scenery and diverse housing options - all for \$150,000 or less.

Based on their research, WalletPop.com gave Corpus Christi a score of 9 out of 10 for its educational rating, an 86 out of 100 for its crime rating and an 87 out of 100 for its overall Scout's Retirement Score.

The other winners included Cando, North Dakota at No. 2, Webster, South Dakota at No. 3, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania at No. 4 and Negaunee, Michigan at No. 5. The article listed 20 different cities. The only other Texas city ranked is Point Comfort, Texas at No. 17.

[Read the full article by clicking here.](#)

The Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau's mission is "to drive overnight visitor\$ to the Corpus Christi Area". For more information about the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau or to plan your next trip to Corpus Christi, visit www.VisitCorpusChristiTX.org or call 1-800-678-6232.

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Getaroom.com Launches Mobile Phone Application Available Via Virtually All Mobile Phones

Simplicity and ease of use are key factors in new application.

(Vocus) November 11, 2009 -- Getaroom.com (getaroom.com's guaranteed low rates.

“Our new mobile phone application is a convenient, simple and basic solution to support the needs of travelers on the go who don't have access to a computer,” said getaroom.com President and co-founder Bob Diener. “We wanted to provide a service to a broad range of mobile phone users. We kept the application simple so it can be supported by most mobile phone devices,” continued Diener.

Travelers will be able to easily find information on hotel availability and rates. Once the city and date information is inputted available properties are displayed on the screen. Listings include color photos of the property, the average nightly rate, guest satisfaction ratings, and location descriptions.

By clicking the” getaroom” button the desired hotel booking information is immediately sent to the getaroom.com call center and the mobile phone user receives a special phone number to click, which connects them directly with a booking agent who has simultaneously received the travelers desired itinerary to complete the booking. Travelers then also have access to getaroom.com's low unpublished rates as well, for savings of as much as 50 percent off Internet rates.

“Providing simple, low-cost travel solutions is key to the getaroom.com philosophy. This new mobile phone app is another example of how we strive to offer consumers the best tools to satisfy their travel needs,” said Diener.

About Getaroom.com

Getaroom.com provides travelers a state-of-the-art lodging website (800-HOTELS-8 (800-468-3578) can also receive the benefits of unpublished pricing, with rates typically 10 to 25 percent less than published rates on its site and other internet sites and as much as 50 percent less. There is full disclosure about the property at time of booking including the hotel name and exact location. Getaroom.com offers accommodations at hundreds of national chain and independent boutique properties in the U.S. including New York, Orlando, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Washington DC, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, Anaheim, San Diego and Reno.

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Knott's Merry Farm Invites Everyone To "A Charlie Brown Christmas"

Knott's Berry Farm will magically transform into Knott's Merry Farm this holiday season as they present "A Charlie Brown Christmas" with seasonal entertainment, spectacular decorations including a 65 foot tall Christmas tree, and a colorful Christmas parade starting Thanksgiving day and running through December 30, 2009.

Buena Park, Calif. (Vocus) November 12, 2009 -- Knott's Berry Farm will magically transform into [Knott's Merry Farm](#) this holiday season as they present "A Charlie Brown Christmas" with seasonal entertainment, spectacular decorations including a 65 foot tall Christmas tree, and a colorful Christmas parade starting Thanksgiving day and running through December 30, 2009.

"A Peanuts' Holiday Parade" offers seven elaborately themed floats featuring the Peanuts Gang and accompanied by students from Orange County Song and Dance Company. Children and adults alike will be able to get into the holiday spirit along with CHARLIE BROWN, LUCY, LINUS, SALLY, SCHROEDER and of course SNOOPY, as they ready for the holidays. Join them as they partake in all the holiday festivities including candy making, tree trimming, and even toy building! "A Peanuts' Holiday Parade" will run November 26-29; December 5-6, 12-13, 19-23, 25-30, 2009 and January 1 - 2, 2010.

Also in the spirit of the season, [Knott's Merry Farm](#) is proud to present the ice spectacular, "Snoopy's Cool Christmas." The show, performed in the 2,100-seat Charles M. Schulz Theatre, is hosted by the famous skating Beagle and features Knott's ensemble skaters, dazzling sets, colorful costumes and plenty of surprises. "Snoopy's Cool Christmas" will be presented November 26-29; December 4-5, 11-12, 18-24 and 26-31, 2009. The show and parade are included with regular Park admission and available to Christmas Crafts Village guests for a nominal additional charge.

Knott's 1880s Ghost Town will again be transformed into Knott's Christmas Crafts Village, inviting mall-weary guests to explore one-of-a-kind treasures created by more than 100 artisans in a Victorian holiday wonderland of strolling carolers, musical groups, community choirs and lavish holiday decorations.

Adding to the unique Village atmosphere are live performances of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and O'Henry's "A Gift of the Magi" in the Bird Cage Theatre.

Elf Mountain Christmas is also back. The world famous Timber Mountain Log Ride has once again been transformed this holiday season giving guests an up-close and-personal view into the world of Santa's Elves. Sneak a peak as Santa's helpers get ready for Santa's busiest day of the year. Rich with lights, music and the merriest of times, this attraction will remain open until Jan. 2, 2010.

Experience the wonder of "Berry Merry Lights," as hundreds of thousands of twinkling white and multicolored lights, adorning Knott's historic Ghost Town and Camp Snoopy, merrily light up the nighttime sky from dusk to Park closing.



A trip to Knott's Merry Farm would not be complete without a visit with the man of the hour - Santa! Stop by Santa's Headquarters for a little one-on-one with the big guy. Here, in Santa's cozy hideaway, kids can share their wish lists with St. Nick, and Mom and Dad can take home a picture of the occasion (photo requires additional fee).

Village guests can also indulge in the ultimate comfort foods with Knott's world-famous holiday treats, including fresh-baked pies, cakes, cookies, muffins and gingerbread men, as well as daily specials and the legendary cooking at Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restaurant. For an all you can eat buffet, try Joe Cool's Backyard BBQ Holiday Style starting November 28 and running Saturdays and Sundays through December 27. For only \$21.95 for adults and \$19.95 for seniors (62+) and \$12.95 for kids (3-11), you can partake of a holiday feast that includes Mrs. Knott's famous fried chicken, roast turkey, vegetarian lasagna, roast beef, mashed potatoes, boysenberry pie and much more! For reservations, call 1-800- PICNICS.

Another holiday treat is "Snoopy's Calico Christmas Tree Lighting" each evening in Calico Square. Join SNOOPY, LUCY, LINUS, SALLY and CHARLIE BROWN as they host a song-and-dance show complete with carolers and a Christmas sing-along then light a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. The Peanuts gang is also featured in their very own live musical show, "Winter Wonderland" shown daily in Camp Snoopy.

Merry Farm guests can combine their holiday treats with Knott's blockbuster rides. The legendary GhostRider®, the ultimate wooden sleigh ride; 30-story Supreme Scream®, the world's tallest descending thrill ride; Silver Bullet, the longest and tallest suspended coaster in the West and Knott's newest addition, Pony Express, all deliver a thrill this holiday season.

[Knott's Merry Farm](#) admission covers all Christmas Crafts Village and in-park shows and activities, including the ice show, "Snoopy's Cool Christmas," and all regular rides, shows and attractions including Silver Bullet, GhostRider®, Supreme Scream® and XceleratorSM. Adult residents of Southern California zip codes 90000 through 93599 pay just \$42.99 and Juniors (under 48", 3yrs+) and seniors (62+) are just \$23.99.

Knott's Christmas Crafts Village is included with regular Knott's Berry Farm admission daily. Monday through Friday guests may purchase Crafts Village only tickets; \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors (62+) and \$5 for kids (3-11). Village guests can enjoy the ice show, "Snoopy's Cool Christmas," or take a spin on GhostRider for nominal fees.

Knott's opens daily at 10 a.m. The park closes Dec. 25 to allow its employees to spend Christmas with their families. For information about the day you plan to visit and available discounts, call (714) 220-5200 or click on www.knotts.com.

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KAYAK Launches Free Itinerary Management Tool - KAYAK Trips

Free Service Helps People Manage Their Travel Plans After Booking

Norwalk, CT (Vocus) November 11, 2009 -- KAYAK (kayak.com), the world's leading travel search engine, launched KAYAK Trips, a free itinerary management tool that easily consolidates travel plans from multiple travel sites into one web-based itinerary. To use the service, people simply forward booking confirmation e-mails from travel suppliers and online travel agencies to their KAYAK user account.

Paul English, KAYAK CTO and co-founder said, "We've already made it simple to compare hundreds of travel sites at once. Now we're making it easier to track the bookings you make across any of those sites including one-click sharing of your trip details with your friends," said Paul English, KAYAK CTO and co-founder.

KAYAK Trips makes it simple to consolidate flight, hotel, car rental, maps and other events into a single itinerary at kayak.com/trips, by forwarding booking confirmation e-mails from different travel sites to trips@kayak.com. The service is free, secure, and only requires a KAYAK user account. Features include travel alerts, one-click itinerary sharing, calendar integration and other customization options, and will include integration with the KAYAK iPhone and other mobile apps in the next few weeks.

The travel search engine had previously released the service as a beta test in October.

KAYAK Overview

The company's mission is to help people find the best travel choices easily by enabling them to compare hundreds of travel sites at once. KAYAK (www.kayak.com) provides powerful flight, hotel, car rental and vacation search, as well as travel search applications for mobile devices. The company has local sites in the US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, India, Spain, and several other countries, and also operates travel search site SideStep and hotel reviews and information site TravelPost.

Visit kayak.com, kayak.com/trips and kayak.com/mobile to learn more.

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Nassau County, NY Offers A Biker's Paradise 17 miles from Times Square

Just 17 miles from Times Square, Nassau County offers varied experiences for mountain bikers, roadies and casual cyclists with trails along the ocean, through rolling hills and past Gold Coast estates

Mineola, NY (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- With the air turning crisp and the trees shifting hues, the cooling days of autumn are a perfect time to travel along many of Nassau County's bicycle trails and streets and provide an opportunity to marvel at nature, historic sites and sprawling estates.

On the "Island Next Door" cycling enthusiasts of all types will find a variety of mountain bike trails, paved paths and road routes throughout the county, all easily accessible, that provide a variety of scenery along with exercise.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

Stillwell Woods Mountain Bike Trail, South Woods Road, Syosset

This 270-acre preserve in eastern Nassau offers vistas, flora and fauna more typical of areas much further east. Enthusiasts say there are some tricky places along the marked, narrow, twisting trail with short, but steep climbs over sandy-gravelly earth. There's also an easy main loop. The trail runs about 5 miles. Take 495 to Exit 46 North, Sunnyside Blvd. Take Sunnyside Blvd north to Woodbury Road. Turn right onto Woodbury Road. Take Woodbury Road to Jericho Turnpike (25). Turn left onto Jericho Turnpike. Turn right onto South Woods Road. Just after Syosset High School turn right into the soccer field. Bear right and go to the end of the field; the trailhead is in the southeastern corner.

Bethpage State Park, Powell Avenue, Bethpage

A 12-mile jaunt over mixed single track and fire roads, the trail through this greenery is not marked. Take 495 to Rte 135 south. Exit at Powell Avenue, turning left at end of ramp and make a quick left into the Bethpage State Park picnic grounds. A parking lot is at end of road.

Trail View State Park, Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury

This 7.4-mile stretch of terrain, also known as the Nassau-Suffolk Greenbelt, is a hiking-biking trail covering 400 scenic acres so cyclists will have to keep their eyes open for hikers. Originally destined to be part of Bethpage State Parkway, it's considered an intermediate trail in terms of difficulty and passes through a variety of habitats. The trail connects to Stillwell Woods to the north and Bethpage to the south. Take 495 to Exit 46 North, Sunnyside Boulevard. Take Sunnyside Blvd north to Woodbury Road. Turn right onto Woodbury Road. Take Woodbury Road to Jericho Turnpike (Rte 25). Turn left onto Jericho Turnpike. Turn right into the dirt lot next to the Stop and Shop supermarket.

PAVED PATHS

Atlantic Beach Boardwalk

You can access this 1-mile, shorefront ride year-round from Putnam, Genesee and Plaza Boulevards.

Bethpage Bicycle Path, Bethpage to Massapequa

Once the right-of-way for an extension of Bethpage State Parkway, south of the Southern State Parkway, this long flat, bucolic path runs from Bethpage State Park to Massapequa. Bounded by trees and foliage and marked every quarter mile, it runs about 8 miles end to end and passes through the tranquil Massapequa Preserve where wildlife abound near the ponds and streams. Caution, there are some road crossings. Entry to the path is also possible from a spot a few hundred yards from Lakeshore Drive, south of Sunrise Highway in Massapequa.

Hempstead Lake State Park

Circle Hempstead Lake and cycle through the woods on 4 miles of flat path. Exit 18 of Southern State Parkway will get you there.

Jones Beach Bike Path, Cedar Creek Park in Seaford to Jones Beach,

This 4.5-mile scenic trail is one of the most well known bike trails on Long Island. It runs parallel to the Wantagh State Parkway from Cedar Creek Park, off Merrick Road in Seaford, to the Jones Beach Theater at Jones Beach State Park. From October to March, you can also bicycle the boardwalk.

Long Beach Boardwalk

There's nothing like a leisurely ride with ocean vistas along the beach. The boardwalk runs for about 2 miles and entry is possible from any street between Neptune Boulevard and New York Avenues.

Valley Stream State Park

Here, close to New York City, you'll find 2 miles of heavily treed flat paths and another 2 miles just to the south in Arthur A. Hendrickson Park. Take the Southern State Parkway to Exit 14 or Exits 15S (westbound) or 15A (eastbound).

Wantagh Park, 1 King Rd., Wantagh

This is a 5-mile trek over an extensive network of paths and walks through the waterfront park's 111 acres. Take Southern State Parkway to Exit 27 South (Wantagh Parkway). Exit off the Wantagh Parkway at Sunrise Highway East. Make a right onto Wantagh Avenue. Take to the end and make right onto Merrick Road. At first light make a left into park.

FOR ROADIES

Club Cycling

Riding with a club is a great way to get to know the ins and outs of Nassau County's less traveled roads and provides cyclists with opportunities to challenge themselves on the region's varied terrains.

The Long Island Bicycle Club, for example, offers a standard ride every Saturday, Sunday and holiday (weather permitting), starting promptly at 9 a.m. from Westbury High School. The trips vary by endurance levels. The shortest trips runs 34 miles, meandering through Syosset, Oyster Bay and Mill Neck to Bayville for lunch and then back through Locust Valley and Old Brookville. Take the Northern State Parkway to Exit 32 North. Go north on Post Avenue. The school is on the right just after Jericho Turnpike. Park by the tennis courts. Riders generally pause at the Syosset Fire House at about 9:45 a.m. For more information visit www.bicyclelongisland.org/libc.



The Massapequa Bicycle Club offers group rides, too, on Saturdays and weekdays, generally starting at the Bethpage Library (47 Powell Ave., Bethpage), Borella Field (Plainview Road, Plainview), or the Massapequa Park Village Hall (151 Front St., Massapequa Park). For details and more information go the club's web site www.bicyclelongisland.org/mpbcfram.htm

The Huntington Bicycle Club includes tours of Nassau County, departing from the Greenlawn Public parking lot, on various Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. For details visit www.huntingtonbicycleclub.org/
Gold Coast Villages

If you don't mind riding sometimes narrow, winding, oft-hilly roads, you can drive in and around the North Shore's Great Neck Peninsula, Manhasset, the Port Washington Peninsula, Roslyn, Oyster Bay, Brookville and more. . Traffic is generally lightest on Sunday mornings. Plan your own route or check out a copy of Phil Angelillo's "Short Bike Rides Long Island." Also, the Long Island Bicycle Club's web site has directions for various routes

Getting to and around Nassau County

You can drive you car and park or take the Long Island Railroad and bike the streets to these paths. Bicyclists taking the Long Island Railroad will need a bike permit from the MTA for \$5. Go to www.mta.info/lirr/pubs/bicyclep.htm for more information.

Additional information:

"Short Bike Rides Long Island," by Phil Angelillo (Globe Pequot Press)

www.climbonline.org.

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Cheeca Lodge, "Queen of the Florida Keys," Celebrates Its Reopening Dec. 15th With Special Introductory Rates this Winter

Book by Nov. 30th and Save Up to \$270/Night from January 1st through April 30th at Cheeca Lodge & Spa

Islamorada, Fla. (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- The "Queen of the Florida Keys", Cheeca Lodge & Spa, an exclusive hideaway for generations of celebrities, business leaders and U.S. Presidents, is offering guests special introductory rates of up to 30% off to celebrate its reopening this winter.

Set on 27 private oceanfront acres in Islamorada, Cheeca - reopening Dec. 15 - is being constructed with its original porte-cochere entrance, traditional Florida Keys architecture, chic West Indies décor, and spirited tradition of "barefoot elegance" -- a term coined at Cheeca - all intact.

Thirty percent savings are on the new Premier Suites, among the largest guest rooms in the Florida Keys at 840 square feet, which include 24 foot wide balconies, floor-to-ceiling glass walls opening to panoramic ocean or island views, open-air round spa tubs for two with dramatic overhead tub fillers and marble and glass rain showers.

The re-opening promotion is available for guests who book by November 30, 2009 to travel from January 1 through April 30, 2010. With rates starting at \$449 per night, the 30% discount on Premier Suites is available Sunday through Thursday. Friday and Saturday, nightly rates start at \$479 for the Premier Suites, a 20% savings. A 15% (Sun.-Thurs.) and 10% (Fri. & Sat.) discount is also available when staying in any of Cheeca's other 150 beautifully appointed guestrooms, suites and bungalows - rates start at \$211 per night. For reservations, please call 1.800.327.2888 or book online at <http://www.cheeca.com>.

Along with a new Lobby Bar, Cheeca will boast two distinctive restaurants - Nikai Sushi Bar offering the Florida Keys' freshest sushi, Asian-inspired fare and a unique selection of Japanese sake and wine, and Atlantic's Edge with a seasonal fine-dining menu of fresh local seafood, prime steaks and organic local produce.

The new Cheeca Lodge & Spa will also feature 2,400 square-feet of new retail shops with a Cheeca Signature store featuring Tommy Bahama products. An expanded roster of activities will include on-property flats boats with seasoned local guides for backcountry fishing, sightseeing, eco-tours, kiteboarding, and a junior angler program for teens.

The resort's signature features - classic 525' wooden fishing pier, tropical gardens, crossing palms archway, saltwater snorkeling lagoon, nature trails, Tahitian-style Spa Lagoon, spectacular purple sunsets, secluded white sand beaches, Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course, Camp Cheeca children's environmental activity program, and access to world-class sportfishing - will remain intact.

Located just 90 minutes south of Miami International Airport in the Florida Keys, Cheeca Lodge & Spa is just a few hours by air or drive from major East Coast U.S. and Canadian cities.



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3 Ways to More Fundraising Dollars: Risk-free Auction Prizes, Travel and Rewards" Teleseminar sponsored by the NonProfit National Resource Directory

The NonProfit National Resource Directory is sponsoring the following final fall teleseminar: Thursday, November 19, 2009, Noon (eastern): "3 Ways to More Fundraising Dollars: Risk-free Auction Prizes, Travel & Rewards" with Dave Proudfit of FundraisingCruises.org.

Greenfield, MA (PRWEB) November 11, 2009 -- The NonProfit National Resource Directory is sponsoring the following final fall teleseminar:

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In addition to more traditional fundraising vehicles such as direct mail, phoneathons and face-to-face solicitations, there are several more recent fundraising concepts to consider that include auctions with expensive items donated and/or on consignment, and group travel and rewards that can be offered at a special event. Dave Proudfit has helped nonprofit organizations raise money without risk with specially designed travel packages, group cruises that qualify for donations from the cruise lines and incentives for raffles, walkathons, blood drives and other events.

Dave has over 30 years experience in the travel industry, and started Fundraisingcruises.org six years ago to help charities with their fundraising. He recently presented to the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) at their International conference in New Orleans.

To register for the November 19th teleseminar for just \$10 per organization (up to five of your trustees or colleagues may participate for this fee), please go to <http://bit.ly/40Hw4e>.

Once you have registered you will receive the call-in information and materials prepared by the presenter. (Please register just one individual from your organization, although up to five may participate.)

FundraisingCruises.org customizes no-risk travel packages for fundraising events. Packages can include private jets, limousine service, personal chefs, cooking classes, wine tours, and other upscale amenities. They can provide a Free "Cruise Auction Fundraiser" web site for a nonprofit organization.

In addition, FundraisingCruises.org can put together group cruises of 16 to 1600 on any cruise line to any cruise destination. Although all of the cruise line programs are different, typically they will make a donation to an organization for each cabin sold. If you have at least 30 guests (15 cabins) they will provide a Free cabin you can raffle, auction, or use some other way to increase fundraising dollars. Finally they can offer cruises as an incentive for a raffle, a walk, run or other event. A cruise is often perceived as a much better "prize" than cash, gift certificates or almost any retail item. FundraisingCruises.org is the philanthropic arm of Milestonecruises.com and Cruises Inc.

FundraisingCruises.org serves nonprofit organizations throughout the United States and Canada.



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Luxury Link's Bob Bennett Promoted to Chief Operating Officer

Luxury Link continues record-breaking year with promotion of Bob Bennett to the position of Chief Operating Officer.

Los Angeles, CA (PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- Luxury Link (www.luxurylink.com), a leading luxury travel site, has announced the promotion of Bob Bennett to the newly created role of Chief Operating Officer.

Bob joined Luxury Link in 2008 as Chief Product Officer overseeing product management and development, technology, marketing and customer support. He has been instrumental in making numerous site upgrades over the past year, including streamlining the purchase process, perfecting merchandising practices and enhancing Luxury Link's already outstanding customer service. These changes and Bob's leadership over improvements in the Company's marketing efforts have led to a record number of buyers and room nights booked for hotel clients this year, with two months left to go.

In his expanded leadership role, Bob will be focusing on increasing consumer awareness of Luxury Link among online travel buyers while continuing to enhance the site to better serve Luxury Link customers and add even more marketing value for luxury hoteliers and advertisers.

"Bob has done an outstanding job since joining Luxury Link," said Drew Marich, CEO of Luxury Link. "This well deserved promotion reflects not only the managerial responsibilities he has taken on over the past year, but also the success he has had in making improvements in every area that he has managed. Given his impact it's no surprise that we're having the best year in our 13 year history and we expect even better results in 2010. But more than making Luxury Link a higher performing company, I'm proud to say that he's also made Luxury Link a better company to work for."

Founded in 1997, Luxury Link is where sophisticated travelers go for inspiration, to indulge their passion for discovering the world's best places to stay and exceptional values. Showcasing over 500 extraordinary hotels and resorts, cruises, tours and villas in more than 60 countries, LuxuryLink.com provides unparalleled access to exclusive offers. For more information, please visit www.luxurylink.com or call 1-888-297-3299.

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FundraisingCruises.org and Royal Caribbean Cruise Line Announce a Group Fundraising Cruise for Animal Welfare Charities; \$100 Donation for Each Cabin Booked

Visitors to FundraisingCruises.org, who reserve a space on Royal Caribbean's Voyager of the Seas, 7-night sailing package to the Western Caribbean on March 7, 2010, will have a \$100 donation sent to their Animal Welfare Organization. Cabins start for as little as \$547.00/person. Other dates and ship itineraries also available.

Houston, Texas (PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- Call FundraisingCruises.org and reserve space on Royal Caribbean's Voyager of the Seas sailing 7-nights to the Western Caribbean on March 7, 2010, and a \$100.00 donation will be sent to the Animal Welfare organization you choose. Cabins start for as little as \$547.00/person. Other dates and ship itineraries also available. Go to cruisinforcritters.com, for information and call 866-354-0288 to book your cruise to help an Animal Welfare organization with their fundraising.

"It is great helping charities with their fundraising needs. Participants can enjoy an exciting vacation while supporting a worthwhile cause," said Dave Proudfit, President of Fundraisingcruises.org.

What is included?

- Three main meals per day in a "Sit-down Dining" room (breakfast, lunch and dinner).
- Three buffet meals per day (casual - breakfast, lunch and late-night). 24-hour free room service.
- All shipboard facilities, including casino, pools, Jacuzzi's, sauna, gym, on-board lectures, card rooms, an unending variety of organized games and contests and more.
- Free Supervised children's activities offered on a daily basis.
- All entertainment, including: Broadway and Las Vegas-style shows, lounges, nightclubs, movies, dancing, karaoke, piano bars, discos, comedians and more...
- Visits to exciting ports of call - Voyager of the Seas will visit Costa Maya and Cozumel in Mexico and Roatan/Bay Islands in Honduras on this cruise.

Fundraisingcruises.org can set up group cruises of 16 to 1600 on any cruise line to any cruise destination. Although all of the cruise line programs are different, typically a donation will be made to your organization for each cabin sold. For 30 guests (15 cabins) you receive a free cabin you can raffle, auction, or use some other way to increase fundraising dollars.

Fundraisingcruises.org has three main ways to help with Fundraising:

- 1) Fundraisingcruises.org creates customized no-risk travel packages which will earn top \$\$ at fundraising events. The charity never pays for a trip unless it sells. Packages can include private jets, limousine service, personal chefs, cooking classes, wine tours, and other upscale amenities.
- 2) Fundraisingcruises.org provides trips as an incentive for a raffle or as an incentive for a walk, run, blood drive or other event. A cruise is perceived as a much better "prize" than cash, gift certificates or almost any retail item.

3) Group Fundraising cruises such as Cruisinforcritters.com

For additional information, attend their Fundraising Teleseminar through the Non Profit National Resource Directory

Thursday, November 19, 2009, Noon (eastern): "3 Ways to More Fundraising Dollars: Risk-free Auction Prizes, Travel & Rewards" with Dave Proudfit of FundraisingCruises.org.

To register for the teleseminar, please [click here](#).

"We've provided trips for charities such as the American Lung Association, March of Dimes, Children's Miracle network, Dentistry Canada Fund and many, many more," said Proudfit. "We're just happy to be able to help these charities and benefits reach their fundraising goals. Any group that holds an auction, be it live or silent, can benefit."

"It's a new Beaujolais Nouveau auction record," said Jamey Morrisett, chair of the last American Lung Association annual Fundraiser Beaujolais Nouveau. "The auctions were just outstanding! I cannot tell you how thrilled I am with the success of this event. There was never a doubt that it was going to be great and grand, but my expectations were far surpassed."

"Dave has been very proactive with suggestions for my fundraisers. He has been extremely helpful & knowledgeable with ideas for which trips & villas would be most successful for each event. Rather than trying to get me to auction off the most expensive packages, he listens to my needs for each event & has always steered me in the right direction for packages that will appeal to my demographic. He always follows through on his commitments. And if the exact package is not available for the desired date, he's very diligent about finding a comparable package for the desired time. I've enjoyed working with Dave & certainly plan to continue using his services" Amy Kolligan - Independent Events Services Professional, New York

"Dave approached me with a great fund raising idea for my Kiwanis/Special Olympics Charity Golf Tournament. We put two of his trip packages up for bid in our silent auction. Both trips sold and as a result we boosted our revenue by 20% over last year's auction. I recommend his services for fund raising events. It's a simple process, with no downside. We'll be sure to include some of his trips in next year's auction!" - Mike Christiansen - Kiwanis

" I have worked with Dave for the past two consecutive years to help our organization with our fundraising silent auctions. Each and every time he has gone above and beyond my requests (and my expectations) by offering high-quality cruise packages, villa suites, golf vacations and Disney packages for us to auction to a variety of enviable destinations! These are "enviable" vacation packages that any organization would be proud to extend to its stakeholders. If you're looking for the pinnacle of service and attractive offerings (with a smile, exemplary service and a great personality to go with it), I highly recommend Dave!" Tracy Alexis, Development Director, St. Martin's Hospitality Center

"Dave helped out United Blood Services by lying out the best options of a cruise to giveaway that would entice the blood donors. It was a pleasure doing business with Dave because he explained everything from top to bottom to make sure there were no surprises along the way." Danny Cervantes - Donor Recruitment Director, United



Blood Services.

"Dave is GREAT! In the past few years, he has voluntarily offered himself and his business to help many different not-for-profit organizations to grow. His help and support has turned us all into winners!" Toni McGee, Director of Community Preparedness, American Red Cross

Fundraisingcruises.org / Fundraisingtrips.org is the philanthropic arm of Milestonecruises.com and Cruises Inc. Since 1981 they have sold cruise vacations from all of the major cruise lines and many small specialty cruise lines to clients. Fundraisingtrips.org now also provides weekly Luxury Villa rentals from their partner, Villas of Distinction. Luxury Villas are available in the Caribbean, Mexico, Europe, Tahiti, and Napa Valley.

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FREE BAC Calculator - Help Raise Awareness and Prevent DUI Injuries & Deaths

According to a national survey commissioned by the [Century Council](#) a shocking 70% of American adults do not know the legal BAC limit for driving in their state and an alarming 78% do not know how many drinks they would need to consume in order for their BAC level to reach and surpass the legal prescribed BAC limit. American citizens need to be educated about their states drunk driving laws, BAC limits and how much alcohol is needed in order to reach and surpass the legal limits.

(PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- Each year more than 17,000 people are killed and over half a million people are injured by drunk drivers. 3 in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol related crash at some point in their lives. Statistics released by the [FBI \(Federal Bureau of Investigation\) Uniform Crime Reports](#) show that approximately 1.5 million Americans are arrested for drunk driving every year.

In a bid to raise awareness and help prevent drunk driving, [DUI-USA.Drinkdriving.org](#) have released a [FREE BAC Calculator](#) in order to educate American citizens on just how much (or rather, how little) alcohol is needed in order to impair a person's driving ability and increase their BAC levels.

The BAC calculator is completely free to use and unlike other online BAC calculators that are available, this one can be added to any website or webpage on the Internet in order to reach the widest possible audience and educate as many people as possible.

A [DUI-USA.Drinkdriving.org](#) spokesperson stated "Many people are under the false impression that after consuming only a couple of alcoholic drinks, they will be ok to drive. It can take less than many people may think in order for their driving ability to become impaired and for their BAC (blood alcohol content) to reach and surpass the legal prescribed limit".

They went on to say "care should be taken when using online BAC calculators and they should never be relied upon to determine exactly how many alcoholic drinks a person can consume before they can safely and legally drive. They provide general results based on scientific research and average biological values. They are intended to be used as a rough guide for educational and preventative purposes. The only precise and failsafe way to determine an individual's BAC level at any given time is to use a reliable breathalyzer approved by the DOT, NHTSA or FDA."

Most countries and jurisdictions worldwide have maximum prescribed legal BAC (blood alcohol content) limits and driving above those limits is illegal. Penalties for doing so include imprisonment, large fines, lengthy driver's license revocation or suspension, house arrest, community service, ignition interlock restrictions, DUI schools, alcohol treatment programs and vehicle forfeiture.

These penalties will pale in comparison to the guilt, shame and remorse a person will have to live with if they cause an accident seriously injuring someone or causing a fatality as a result of drunk driving. In 2008, the [Fatality Analysis Reporting System by the NHTSA](#) reveals that 11,773 persons were killed by drivers with a BAC



of 0.8% or above.

All states in the U.S have 'per se' laws that make it illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content of 0.08% or above. Many states also have lower legal BAC limits for inexperienced young drivers, professional drivers and commercial drivers. In most states drivers can still be prosecuted, regardless of their BAC levels, if their driving ability is visibly impaired.

American citizens need to know their [states DUI laws and BAC limits](#) and ensure they uphold the law by not driving while impaired or above the legal prescribed limit. Citizens travelling abroad are strongly urged to keep up to date with [worldwide BAC limits](#). If in doubt, the safest and most sensible decision is not to consume any alcohol at all before driving.

DUI-USA.Drinkdriving.org is committed to raising public awareness about the dangers and possible consequences of drunk driving for all those involved. Their main aim is to provide a comprehensive source of information and an [online community](#) where any person who has been affected by drunk driving in any way, can come to share ideas and help and support one another. This not only includes innocent victims of drunk drivers and their families but actual drunk drivers themselves.

In a closing statement their spokesperson stated "In a large number of drunk driving cases, the only people seriously affected, thankfully, are the drunk drivers themselves. Everyone deserves a second chance. We do not seek to punish and alienate people. We endeavour to inform, empower, help, support and educate people in the hope that they will make wise choices regarding the consumption of alcohol and driving, both now and in the future. This will ultimately contribute to reducing DUI recidivism and help make the nation's roads a safer place".

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Europe's Five Capitals of "Cool" Celebrate Relunched Travel Website

Amsterdam, Antwerp, Valencia, Vienna and Zürich to give away five free trips through new site

New York, NY (PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- Cool's never been this hot. Coolcapitals, a joint initiative of tourism offices dedicated to providing free advice and resources on travel to five metropolis destinations in Europe, announced today the relaunch of coolcapitals.com. To celebrate the new site, coolcapitals will make travelers' escape fantasies a reality - by giving away five trips to five cool cities. Five winners will be randomly selected for a trip for two to one of the coolcapitals destinations for three nights.

Established in 2003, coolcapitals is a joint initiative of tourism offices to promote the five cool cities of Amsterdam, Antwerp, Valencia, Vienna and Zürich. The old converges with the new at the cultural heart of each city, as history and tradition coexist with modern contemporary culture in perfect harmony.

The new coolcapitals.com website provides travel-savvy users with striking images and regularly updated content on the cities, all with an insider's point of view. Seasoned, stylish travelers who are searching for the best kept secrets of their desired destination will be served with a well-edited selection of information. Visitors can choose from categories like 'to do', 'best of', 'entertainment', and 'events' for recommendations, tips, travel deals and news.

Along with a new website, visitors can now follow coolcapitals on Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/coolcapitals>) or become a fan of coolcapitals on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/coolcapitals>) to get the latest updates on events, happenings in each city, insider tips and much more.

To enter the coolcapitals travel sweepstakes, visit: <http://www.coolcapitals.com/sweepstakes>

About coolcapitals:

coolcapitals is a joint initiative of tourism offices to promote art, architecture, food, fashion and design in the five cool cities of Amsterdam, Antwerp, Valencia, Vienna and Zürich through innovative marketing and PR. For more information, please visit <http://www.coolcapitals.com>. For media inquiries, please contact:

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An Encouraging Sign for a Caribbean Developer Despite a Worldwide Slowdown

Juan Dolio area of Dominican Republic, Through the Efforts of its Most Important Developer, Group Metro, Continues on its Path to Becoming a World Class Destination for Second Homes

(PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- While many real estate developers from around the world are postponing or canceling projects due to lackluster sales and inadequate funding, [Group Metro](#), one of the leading real estate and transportation companies in the Dominican Republic has bucked this trend. Group Metro today announced that it closed a US\$35 million growth capital investment with Portland Private Equity. The funds, earmarked for Las Olas, an oceanfront condominium complex in Juan Dolio, will enable the company to continue its expansion plans for the up-and-coming region of the Dominican Republic. www.metrocountry.com.

“[Las Olas](#) construction is scheduled to reach the halfway mark before the holidays, so the timing of this capital injection coincides perfectly with our need to purchase important components such as fixtures and finishing elements,” stated Luis Jose Asilis, CEO of Group Metro. “This will allow us to capitalize on cost saving opportunities through bulk advance purchasing of materials, which will be passed on to our clients in the form of a higher quality end product,” he added.

Located in Juan Dolio, 35 km from Santo Domingo, the capital city of the [Dominican Republic](#), and 15 km from the Las Americas International Airport, Las Olas is a sixteen level Art Deco style beachfront condominium that features 227 apartments showcasing open spaces and panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea. Residents will also have exclusive memberships to the nearby Metro Country Club, which features an expansive Clubhouse, the Las Marlins 18-hole golf course, mini golf, tennis courts, swimming pools, restaurants, preferential access to the in-resort Embassy Suites Hotel, and much more.

Portland Private Equity, the private equity manager of the AIC Caribbean Fund, stated, “We are pleased to partner with a fast growing and successful company like Group Metro, the market share leader for [beach front condominium](#) in the southern coast of the Dominican Republic,” said Managing Partner Kip Thompson. “We are bullish on this development as it offers many advantages compared to the other tourism dependent real estate projects in the region that we look at. The Juan Dolio area is fast becoming a suburb to Santo Domingo and the affordable luxury emphasis of Las Olas opens up the opportunity to local and ex-pat Dominicans to buy a condo as a second home.”

Portland Private Equity will also participate on Metro Country Club’s board of directors and will provide the board with global industry insight and international investment banking experience. “In addition to being a strong financial supporter,” continues Asilis, “Portland Private Equity’s participation on Metro Country Club’s board will play a key role in guiding our expansion strategy.”

About Group Metro

Group Metro has established a formidable international reputation throughout its four decades of experience in transportation, tourism and real estate. From its landmark property, Metro Country Club, to the [oceanfront condominium developments](#) of Costa del Sol, Marbella, Costa Blanca and Las Olas, Group Metro has become the



definitive company for real estate and tourism in the Dominican Republic. Led by its visionary CEO, Dr. Luis Jose Asilis, the company has played an integral role in putting the Dominican Republic on the map as a top Caribbean destination. Further, Group Metro will be one of the first developers in the Dominican Republic to provide flexible financing to buyers. For more information, visit www.groupmetro.com, www.metrocountry.com or www.costablanca.com.do.

About Portland Private Equity

Based in Barbados, Portland Private Equity is a private equity fund management company currently focused on opportunities in the Caribbean region through its management of the AIC Caribbean Fund (ACF). Building on Portland's track record of successful investments throughout the Caribbean region, ACF is a \$230 million fund focused on medium-sized businesses. Companies in its portfolio do business in over 21 countries throughout the Caribbean, Central America, and Latin America. For more information please contact Douglas Hewson at [dhewson\(at\)aicgh\(dot\)com](mailto:dhewson(at)aicgh(dot)com).

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Sale on Sailing Lessons Available Through the End of the Year

Learn to Sail and Fast Track to Sailing® sailing vacation packages available at up to 25% off for the rest of 2009 at select Florida locations

Ft. Myers, FL (PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- Offshore Sailing School announced today it is making its popular Learn to Sail and Fast Track to Sailing® sailing vacation packages available at up to 25% off for the rest of 2009 at select Florida locations.

The total package for two people taking the three-day [Learn to Sail](#) course together at either of the school's St. Petersburg or Ft. Myers Beach, Florida locations is \$995. Single rates are just slightly higher. The all-inclusive package includes the Learn to Sail certification course (normally \$995 for just the tuition), all textbooks, diploma, certification and logbook; and three nights at the Mansion House B&B in St. Petersburg or the Pink Shell Beach Resort and Spa on Ft. Myers Beach. The Mansion House also includes full breakfast daily.

“This is a great way to finish off 2009, learning and sailing in warm sunshine while storm clouds brew in the north,” states CEO/President Doris Colgate. The only conditions are that the course be finished prior to the start of 2010.

Offshore's St. Petersburg campus is in a tropical urban setting, walking distance to the harbor, a multitude of restaurants and shops, museums and water attractions. “This is a terrific location for couples to get away and really learn,” says Colgate. The Ft. Myers Beach campus is on the Gulf of Mexico with sunset views that go on forever, all the water sports one can imagine, and a variety of island eateries. “The Pink Shell Beach Resort is particularly attractive to families, singles and couples as there is so much to do and the beaches are magnificent,” continues Colgate.

The school encourages those with friends and family who'd rather just relax in the sun to bring them along. “There is more than enough activities and attractions to fill one's day in these two Florida retreats,” Colgate explains.

Offshore Sailing School is celebrating its 46th year with seven locations in Florida, the British Virgin Islands, Chesapeake Bay, New York City and New Jersey. Courses available cover beginning [sailing courses](#) to advanced cruising courses and racing instruction. Offshore is the only sailing school that sends participants out on the last day of their course without the instructor aboard. “This is real validation of how much you learn in our sailing courses,” says Colgate.

For more information call 800-221-4326 or visit www.offshoresailing.com.

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YouTube Magician Deserts Family on Thanksgiving and Travels to Baltic Sea to Mystify Fans for Free

This Thanksgiving, NYC based Children's Magician, Marco Frezza will abandon his family to award his biggest YouTube fan, 12 year old Estonian boy, Jako Jogi, with a free all expense paid magic show.

New York, NY (PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- This Thanksgiving, NYC based Children's Magician, Marco Frezza will leave his wife and two boys, ages 2 and 5, to award his biggest YouTube fan, 12 year old Estonian boy, Jako Jogi, with a free all expense paid magic show.

Earlier this year, 12 year old Estonian boy, Jako Jogi was one of three lucky children, who won a free Magic Show from Marco. The contest was held on Marco's YouTube web series "52 Weeks of Magic". For 52 weeks, hundreds of thousands of children around the World competed to recall the secret order of a deck of cards.

Upon learning he was the Grand Prize Winner, Jako immediately posted on Marco's Blog: "YAY!! You can't believe how happy I am. Oh my god. I won!!! I'm the gentlemen. No way. Yayyyy!!!"

The magic show will be performed on the remote island town Kuressaare, in the South Eastern region of the Baltic Sea.

When asked about the holiday timing, Marco said "The decision to go now was purely a financial one for my family. The holiday break is the only opening I have in my calendar without having to cancel other paying gigs. It's going to be really tough spending Thanksgiving away from those I love this year. But at the same time, I'm very grateful to have fans around the World like Jako that want to see my live show."

With fans on virtually every continent, and close to 2 million hits on YouTube, Marco has already traveled this year to both Toronto, Canada and Everman, Texas this year, to perform for 2nd and 3rd place winners Sania Mirza (age 12) and brothers Jonathan (age 8) & Alexander Hart (age 11). Now Jako, his friends, and family eagerly await Marco's magical arrival to Estonia.

About Marco:

Marco Frezza is the Founder and Producer of Marco Frezza Productions Inc., a NYC based entertainment company that caters exclusively to children's events. In 2004, Marco blew the minds of millions when he drove across America blindfolded in 7 days to help raise awareness for National Foster Care Month. This publicity stunt alone generated over a \$1,000,000 of publicity for children in Foster Care.

When he's not driving blindfolded or broadcasting Magic webisodes on YouTube, Marco teaches and performs magic for children at corporate events and private parties around the World.



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The Broadmoor Honored With The Five Star Award for Record 50th Consecutive Year

Broadmoor's Penrose Room restaurant and The Spa at The Broadmoor also receive Five Stars in a 2010 awards sweep

Colorado Springs, Colo. (Vocus) November 9, 2009 -- Forbes Travel Guide Five Star Awards (formerly Mobil Five-Star Award by Mobil Travel Guide) announced its list of Five Star winners for 2010 and honored The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for a record 50th consecutive year. The Broadmoor is the only property to ever achieve this status. Additionally, the historic resort has the distinction in 2010 of becoming a triple Five Star winner with the addition of both Penrose Room restaurant and The Spa at Broadmoor.

"The Five Star designation for The Broadmoor for an unprecedented 50 consecutive years is a phenomenal achievement by our staff and those staff members that preceded them," says Stephen Bartolin, Jr., President and CEO of The Broadmoor. "What an honor it is to work with a group of people that can realize this record of success. I have been here 18 of those years and not a day goes by that our staff doesn't amaze me in some way. I am so immensely proud of them. Having our Penrose Room restaurant and our Spa also receiving a Five Star rating absolutely knocks it out of the park."

Mobil Travel Guide, the originators of the prestigious star rating system and providers of one of the most comprehensive evaluation systems of hotels, restaurants and spas in the world has become the Forbes Travel Guide Awards as part of a licensing agreement. Since 1958, the Mobil Travel Guide's ratings process has been based on more than 750 standardized criteria for hotels, making it the most rigorous and comprehensive in the industry. The process begins with a facility inspection that considers every aspect of the property, including its overall cleanliness, condition, and location. To achieve Four- and Five-Star Status, properties must meet or exceed bar-setting service standards, which are determined through an unannounced, undercover service evaluation conducted by the Travel Guide's expert inspectors.

"I would like to offer our thanks for this recognition to the Five Star Award staff and also congratulate them on their affiliation with Forbes. I have the highest regard for the Forbes publications and I know that they will only enhance the significance of our industry's longest-standing rating system," continues Mr. Bartolin.

Video:

[History of The Broadmoor](#)

ABOUT THE BROADMOOR:

[The Broadmoor](#) opened its illustrious doors in 1918. The venerable resort boasts 744 rooms and suites including 44 cottage bedrooms; 185,000 square feet of flexible event space; a world class spa; three championship golf courses; a tennis club; 25 retail shops; 18 on property eateries, restaurants and lounges; a full children's program, and more. The BROADMOOR is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. For more information, visit www.broadmoor.com.



ABOUT PENROSE ROOM

[Penrose Room](#), Colorado's only Forbes Travel Guide Five Star/AAA Five-Diamond Restaurant, is the most celebrated restaurant in Colorado history. Since 1961, Penrose Room has been cherished as one of the Rocky Mountain region's top destinations for classic fine dining with an extensive European wine list and live entertainment and dancing in a stylish atmosphere. Under the direction of Chef Bertrand Bouquin and manager Duane Thompson, the dining room, menu, service and the amenities are as well-rooted in classic hospitality and charm as they are in contemporary vitality.

ABOUT THE SPA AT THE BROADMOOR

Created by Resort Master Design™ specialist TAG Galyean, this 43,000 square foot spa, salon and fitness center features luxurious, exotic and essential experiences for the body, mind and spirit. The Spa offers cutting-edge products and treatments in a delightful and harmonious contrast to its backdrop of old-world charm and European elegance.

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Dynamic Duo -- IsABelt Offers a Festively-Fabulous, Limited Edition Gift 2-Pack

What's better than one isABelt™? How about two isABelts™? isABelt™, the creators of the innovative original fashion fix-it belt and related products, bring you a limited edition gift set that is twice as nice! Introducing... the isABelt™ 2-Pack Holiday Special.

(PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- A fashion diva must-have, the [isABelt™ 2-Pack](#) is a stylishly-savvy duo that includes the Original IsABelt™, the MUST HAVE Fashion "fix-it" accessory for preventing back gap, slippage, belt bulk and belt bulge; and the isABeltWIDE™, the UNISEX "must have" fashion accessory that keeps your pants in place without all the hardware. Made from strong TPU with a plastic closure, the isABelt™ 2-Pack Holiday Special is sure to solve all of your fashion issues.

A genius gift for the fashionably elite or even couples, the isABelt™ 2-Pack Holiday Special is beautifully-packaged in a glamorous gold gift bag. Available exclusively on the isABelt website, stock up on this limited-edition offering and ultra fabulous fashion fixer.

The [isABelt Duo](#) has a retail price of \$29.50 and is available from November 1, 2009 to January 1, 2010 at www.isabelt.com only or call us at 1-866-793-2793.

For more information or to make an online purchase, please visit www.isabelt.com.

isABelt has been featured in Real Simple, Essence, People, Glamour, Sheknows.com, the Big Idea and on the Today Show, among others

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Montage Beverly Hills Receives Forbes Five Star Award

Opened less than one year ago, Montage Beverly Hills is the only new California hotel to receive the 2010 Forbes Five Star Award and credits the accelerated receipt of this distinction to the introduction of cutting edge, innovative services and amenities in a time when competing hotels are showing signs of cutting back.

Beverly Hills, CA (PRWEB) November 9, 2009 -- Montage Beverly Hills is the only new California hotel to receive the 2010 Forbes Five Star Award. The Spanish Colonial Revival-style hotel, opened in November 2008 in the heart of the Beverly Hills golden triangle, remarkably received this award less than one year from opening.

“It’s gratifying to have Forbes recognize Montage Beverly Hills with this prestigious award,” said Alan Fuerstman, Founder and CEO of Montage Hotels & Resorts. “I am especially proud that Managing Director Ali Kasikci and his team achieved this recognition before we have celebrated the property’s first anniversary. It is a tremendous tribute to our associates and their ability to deliver a standard of service that is truly extraordinary.”

“Earning Five Star recognition requires relentless commitment to the pursuit of excellence,” said Kasikci, who is a 35-year veteran in the luxury hospitality industry. “Hotels must consistently and flawlessly deliver a standard of unparalleled service that exceeds the guests’ expectations.”

Montage Beverly Hills was the first new luxury property to be built in Beverly Hills in 17 years. In the highly competitive Beverly Hills luxury market, Kasikci was able to successfully launch the hotel and accelerate the process of earning the Forbes Five Star Award by introducing cutting edge, innovative services and amenities in a time when many in the hospitality industry were showing signs of cutting back. Dialed into the acute needs of the 21st century traveler, Montage Beverly Hills offers its guests consistent service practices as well as complimentary access to a fleet of Mercedes-Benz automobiles, 24-hour flexible check-in/check-out, airport luggage valet service and John Lobb Certified Shoe Butlers.

In addition to the prestigious Forbes Five Star Award, Montage Beverly Hills was recognized earlier this year as the first hotel and residences to receive Gold LEED certification in Southern California under the U.S. Green Building Council’s (USGBC) LEED for New Construction rating system. “The Forbes Five Star award, coupled with the Gold LEED certification, really distinguishes Montage Beverly Hills and highlights the careful integration of social responsibility, architecture, operations and ultra-luxury service,” said Fuerstman.”

The Forbes Five Star Award, formerly the Mobil Five Star, rates the best hotel, restaurant and spa experiences. According to the Forbes Five Star criteria, hotels must provide a distinctive luxury environment with consistently superlative, personalized service and the ultimate in amenities.

About Montage Beverly Hills

Montage Beverly Hills, featuring 201 well-appointed guestrooms, including 55 suites, pays tribute to both old-style Hollywood and modern day luxury. The exterior, designed in the Spanish Colonial Revival style complements the rich history and tradition of Southern California’s most celebrated neighborhood. Located steps from Rodeo Drive, in the heart of the Golden Triangle, guests and residents find convenient access to luxurious



retailers and exquisite dining. Through every facet, Montage Beverly Hills embodies the essence of Hollywood's Golden Age. With our commitment to sustainability, Montage Beverly Hills is the first hotel and residences to receive LEED Gold certification in Southern California. For information and reservations, please contact Montage Beverly Hills at 310-860-7800 or visit the Web site, www.montagebeverlyhills.com.

About Montage Hotels & Resorts

Montage Hotels & Resorts is a hotel and resort management company founded in 2002 by Alan Fuerstman. Designed to serve affluent travelers and homeowners, the company features an artistic collection of distinctive hotels, resorts and residences in stunning settings that offer comfortable elegance, a unique sense of place and spirit, impeccable hospitality and memorable culinary, spa and lifestyle experiences. Montage Laguna Beach, the company's flagship oceanfront resort, opened in the vibrant arts community of Laguna Beach, California, in 2003. Montage Beverly Hills, the company's second hotel, opened in Beverly Hills in 2008 and is the first LEED Gold certified hotel and residences in Southern California. Other properties under development include Montage Deer Valley in Park City, Utah, scheduled to open in 2010, and an oceanfront resort and residences with championship golf course coming soon in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. www.montagehotels.com.

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Capital Region USA Targets International Travelers with Help from TIG Global

New Website and Online Marketing Campaign Support CRUSA's 5 Year Strategic Plan

Chevy Chase, MD (PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- In an effort to promote the Capital Region USA Inc. (CRUSA) brand and attract new, incremental visitors from abroad, the not-for-profit tourism coalition, comprised of the Virginia Tourism Corporation, Destination DC and the Maryland Office of Tourism Development, selected TIG Global, an Internet marketing company specializing in destinations, as their strategic partner on the project. TIG Global designed and developed a new website (www.CapitalRegionUSA.org) for the organization and will be managing its online marketing strategy on an ongoing basis.

Prior to designing the website, TIG Global compiled secondary research on international online usage and travel trends to gain a better understanding of how to attract CRUSA's target international markets. Additionally, CRUSA conducted a custom survey to identify other key opportunities and trends. This combined research was incorporated into the main goals for the new website: 1) to increase website visitors, 2) to grow the opt-in email database, and 3) to generate revenue via the website.

With CRUSA's long-term strategic objectives in mind, TIG Global designed the CRUSA website to promote the region as a whole, as well as highlight the unique aspects of each of the destination's partners. To create a user-friendly online experience, visitors have the ability to explore the website based on interests (national parks, wine country, water, mountains, thrill seeking, etc.) as well as location (Washington, DC, Maryland, or Virginia). TIG Global incorporated engaging flash animation to showcase each destination and utilized embedded video to provide visitors with a sneak preview of what they will see and experience during a trip to the Capital Region. Travel itineraries are also available, organized by subject and interest, and can easily be emailed or printed to help make planning a trip to the area simple and enjoyable. To help increase CRUSA's opt-in email list, TIG Global integrated prominently placed email collection tools through the website. Visitor guides are also offered in five different languages (English, Spanish, German, French, and Portuguese) to attract a broad base of international travelers and additional translated versions of the website will be rolling out in the near future.

"We could not be more impressed with the interactive work that TIG Global has provided for our organization so far," said Matt Gaffney, President and CEO of Capital Region USA. "We are confident that our partnership with TIG Global and the web marketing plan that they have developed for our region will allow us to easily meet, if not exceed, our aggressive five-year strategic marketing plan."

To help drive qualified traffic to the newly designed destination website, TIG Global will be launching an [international online marketing plan](#) for CRUSA within the next few months. To capture incremental international travelers, TIG Global will execute a translated paid search and strategic linking campaign to gain maximum exposure in the target markets of the United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, France, Ireland, and Latin America (Brazil, Mexico). TIG Global will also leverage its partnerships with both local and international travel-related media partners to drive additional traffic and maximize CRUSA's global online exposure.



"As most of our TIG Global employees live and thrive in the Capital Region area, there was no question in our mind that forming a partnership with Capital Region USA was a smart decision," said Fred Malek, CEO of TIG Global. "Our international expertise and insight about how travelers think when selecting a destination will help us to position CRUSA ahead of its competition and drive visitors from around the world to the capital region."

About TIG Global

[TIG Global](#), headquartered in the Washington, DC metro area, is dedicated to assisting the travel industry with exceeding their online marketing goals and specializes in hotel Internet marketing and [destination Internet marketing](#). Serving an extensive portfolio of clients worldwide, TIG Global combines its industry knowledge and e-business expertise to help clients maximize the online channel. TIG Global offers multi-language websites, a vast network of internationally based strategic linking partners, email and pay-per-click marketing campaigns tailored to all international markets, custom social media solutions, and websites optimized for major search engines around the world.

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About the Capital Region USA:

The Capital Region USA is a non-profit tourism marketing coalition funded by Destination DC, the Virginia Tourism Corporation, the Maryland Office of Tourism and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. CRUSA works to maximize visitor arrivals and economic impact to the region from international markets by implementing innovative marketing programs and public/private sector partnerships.

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The Top Downtown Denver hotel, Hyatt Regency Denver, Offers Exclusive New Year's Eve Celebration in Peaks Lounge

The downtown Denver Colorado hotel's unique "All-Inclusive Party Package" lets you ring in the new year with a private party for up to 150 friends.

Denver, CO (PRWEB) November 5, 2009 -- The staff of the Hyatt Regency Denver invites New Year's Eve revelers to let their imaginations create a tailor-made private party for up to 150 of their closest friends at our [downtown Denver hotel](#) bar, the luxurious Peaks Lounge.

Our [downtown Denver Colorado hotel lounge](#) features some of the area's best views as well as a prime indoor location for the 16th Street Mall fireworks at both 9 pm and midnight.

This event comes packaged with some very unique perks that include exclusive and private use of the renowned Peaks Lounge, a full buffet of buffet of hors d'oeuvres, antipasto and desserts, an open bar of beer, wine and champagne, party hats and favors, and of course, a DJ to keep the party hopping.

"If you are looking for a location to host an exclusive New Year's Eve Party, quite simply, there is no place like Peaks Lounge. The package price, which is just \$100 per person for all of these inclusions, makes it ideal for a wedding, anniversary party or an extraordinary get together with friends," commented Ed Bucholtz, general manager of the [downtown Denver hotel](#). "We promise it will be an unforgettable evening for all who are a part of it."

The price for this [downtown Denver Colorado hotel celebration](#), which runs from 8 pm to 2 am is \$15,000 (plus tax and service charge). Additionally, party-goers attending the Peaks Lounge private party are invited to spend the night at a special rate of \$99 per room including breakfast buffet for two in Altitude Restaurant.

For more information on the Hyatt Regency Denver, its accommodations and packages, visit [DenverRegency.Hyatt.com](#). The party at the Hyatt Regency Denver's Peaks Lounge may be booked by calling 303-486-4422.

Terms & Conditions: Offer valid for December 31, 2009 at Hyatt Regency Denver. Promotion price is valid for up to 150 guests in Peaks Lounge. Promotion is subject to availability and must be contracted and prepaid by November 26, 2009. Package price does not include tax and service charge. Prix-fixe menu selections for buffet and bar may be upgraded in advance of event at an additional charge. Maximum occupancy for Peaks Lounge is 180 guests. Additional guests at event over 150 will be at an additional charge. A \$99 guest room rate is based upon double occupancy, standard room accommodations, and includes breakfast buffet for two adults in Altitude Restaurant valid on 1/1/2010. Additional guests may be subject to additional hotel charges. Additional charges apply to room-type upgrades. A limited number of rooms are allocated to this promotion. Hyatt reserves the right to alter or withdraw this program at any time without notice.

About Hyatt Hotels Corporation

Hyatt Hotels Corporation, headquartered in Chicago, is a leading global hospitality company with a proud



heritage of making guests feel more than welcome. Thousands of members of the Hyatt family in 45 countries strive to make a difference in the lives of the guests they encounter every day by providing authentic hospitality. The company's subsidiaries manage, franchise, own and develop hotels and resorts under the Hyatt®, Park Hyatt®, Andaz™, Grand Hyatt®, Hyatt Regency®, Hyatt Place® and Hyatt Summerfield Suites™ brand names and have locations under development on five continents. Hyatt Vacation Ownership, Inc., a Hyatt Hotels Corporation subsidiary, develops and operates vacation ownership properties under the Hyatt Vacation Club® brand. As of September 30, 2009, the company's worldwide portfolio consisted of 415 properties. For more information, please visit www.hyatt.com.

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New Zealand Backpacker Tours Company Wins "Best Tour Operator" Award for Third Year Running

Kiwi Experience has won the Golden Backpack Award for the third consecutive year. The [New Zealand backpacker tours](#) company has taken the prize after more than 40,000 travellers voted across a number of backpacker tourism categories.

Auckland, New Zealand (PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- Kiwi Experience, New Zealand's renowned hop-on, hop-off backpacker tours network has won its third consecutive Golden Backpack Award in the Best Tour Operator New Zealand category.

The Golden Backpack Awards is the only Australasian awards programme for the independent travel sector and winners were determined by more than 40,000 travellers who lodged their votes across a number of backpacker tourism categories on www.tntdownunder.com. The category winners were announced on Thursday evening at a gala dinner in Sydney.

Kiwi Experience Marketing Manager Tara Baskerville says the Kiwi Experience team is immensely proud to take out the award for best backpacker tours operator in the company's 20th anniversary year.

She says, "This award is particularly meaningful to Kiwi Experience as it's voted for entirely by our customers - it's a reflection of our team's commitment to making each and every passenger's trip the trip of a lifetime."

The backpacker tours network estimates more than 400,000 people have experienced New Zealand the Kiwi Experience way since the first bus set off in 1989.

"We know the independent traveller sector is dynamic, so we're continually looking at ways to evolve the Kiwi Experience product, tour routes and activities to ensure we provide travellers with the most authentic and exciting New Zealand experience. This is what gives us the winning edge with our customers in the Golden Backpack Awards," says Ms Baskerville.

To celebrate its 20th anniversary, Kiwi Experience has relaunched its website with a community section and interactive map so backpackers planning their [New Zealand tours](#) can jump online and get helpful real-time tips from the Kiwi Experience team and the travellers that have gone before them. More details are available at www.kiwiexperience.com

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Those Who Wish to Become English Teachers Can Soon Gain TESOL/TEFL Certification at The Language House's Newest Location in Nice, France

Beginning January 2010, future English teachers looking for TESOL/TEFL certification and "Teaching Business English" training courses will be able to attend The Language House's newest location in Nice, France. In addition to providing training to become an English instructor certified to teach ESL in France, The Language House helps clients set up a new life in abroad.

Nice, France (PRWEB) November 10, 2009 -- Leading [TESOL/TEFL](#) certification program and English teaching training company The Language House recently announced the opening of their newest branch in Nice, France. Beginning January 2010, English teachers and prospective instructors alike will be able to gain TESOL/ TEFL certification at the new area office before establishing themselves abroad.

Founded in 2004, The Language House started in Montpellier, France as a provider of a TESOL program (Teachers of English to Students of Other Languages) a one month program that allows its graduates to teach English and travel abroad. Upon completion of the course, successful candidates receive a TESOL/TEFL (Teachers of English as a Foreign Language) Certificate. The Language House also offers a "[Teaching Business English](#)" program which allows holders of a CELTA or TESOL Certificate to hone their teaching skills in the fastest growing ESL field of Business English.

"Now more than ever the push is on in France and Europe to embrace Business English" says Gyl Golden, Regional Director. "Because the European Union must now work together in various sectors, there is an increasing acceptance for English as the language of business," she adds

The TESOL/ TEFL certificate course is designed to teach native or near native English speakers how to teach English to students of other languages. Along with the certificate, [English teachers](#) who graduate from this program receive The Language House's signature job coaching services. "Job Coaching Services" entail cv/resume assistance, interviewing techniques, a graduate- only website, which provides all English language schools and housing support for the Mediterranean region, as well as expert advice from The Language House's international staff.

Along with the TESOL/TEFL Course and job coaching packages, The Language House aims to be a full service provider for hopeful expatriates by providing [language lessons](#) in the country where they wish to live and work. In focusing uniquely in Mediterranean countries and partnering with the best schools available, The Language House is able to offer a wide variety of language immersion options. This intense language study program complements the plan of long-term world travel.

"Nice represents the quintessential Mediterranean lifestyle located along the Cote d'Azur. Nice is The South of France" mentions Gyl Golden. This vibrant cosmopolitan city offers unlimited options for English teachers in both universities and the "French Silicon Valley", Sofia Antipolis. Nice is not just a city, it exudes the Riviera



style of living and represents one of the most beautiful regions in France. Nice is just a stone's throw away from Cannes, Grasse, St Tropez, Monaco and of course just across the border is the Italian Riviera.

About The Language House

The Language House, an American corporation, operates by creating a network of alliances with existing language schools, businesses and organizations in the Mediterranean. By using only existing businesses and resources, The Language House is not only a full service gateway to Mediterranean countries for its clients but also contributes to the local communities where their sites are located.

Prospective English teachers who wish to complete a TESOL/TEFL certification can find more information on all the services that The Language House team provides at,

[The Language House TEFL Language Holiday Abroad](#)

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Beat the Winter Blues with New All-Inclusive Savings at Cabo's Beachfront Resorts

From great savings to added values, Earth, Sea & Sky Vacations (Cabovillas.com) is offering great winter deals on the hottest all-inclusive resorts in Los Cabos, Mexico. Cabo's all-inclusive resorts offer hassle-free vacation convenience and beautiful beachfront settings on the Sea of Cortez.

Watsonville, CA (Vocus) November 10, 2009 -- This winter, Earth, Sea & Sky Vacations (Cabovillas.com), the top provider of luxury Cabo San Lucas vacations, is sweetening the prospect of a sun-drenched tropical getaway with some hot new savings on the destination's best all-inclusive beachfront resorts.

Specializing in Los Cabos for over 20 years, Earth, Sea & Sky Vacations consistently offers unbeatable travel deals for over 50 beachfront resorts and 140 private villa rentals in the region.

Located at the tip of Mexico's Baja Peninsula, Los Cabos is home to the sizzling nightlife of Cabo San Lucas and the traditional Mexican charm of sister city, San José del Cabo. Surrounded by the pristine waters of the Sea of Cortez, the Pacific Ocean and miles of breathtaking desert scenery, the region enjoys island-like isolation from mainland Mexico. With easy access from many major U.S. gateways, legendary marlin fishing, championship golf and gorgeous beaches, Cabo San Lucas has long been a favorite with celebrities, families and honeymooners alike.

Nestled along spectacular beaches overlooking the turquoise waters of the Sea of Cortez, Cabo's [all-inclusive resorts](#) offer hassle-free vacation convenience, with most food, beverages, snacks and gratuities already included in the room rate. This year, enticing winter specials available through Earth, Sea & Sky Vacations are adding to an already fantastic getaway value.

At the [Riu Palace Cabo San Lucas](#), situated on Cabo's famous Médano beach, Earth, Sea & Sky Vacations is offering winter deals starting at \$128/night per person, double occupancy in a junior suite. This beautiful resort features multiple pools, views of Land's End, a fitness center and spa. Sister property Riu Santa Fe boasts specialty restaurants, bars, a discotheque, and a mini-club with daily activities, all perched at the edge of one of Cabo's most beautiful beaches. Winter sale prices at the Riu Santa Fe begin at \$85/night per person, double occupancy. At both properties, all-inclusive features include in-room minibars and liquor dispensers replenished daily, all meals and 24-hour snacks, nightly entertainment and more.

At the [Dreams Los Cabos Suites Golf Resort & Spa](#), Earth, Sea & Sky Vacations' winter specials begin at \$156/nt per person for double occupancy, with an added bonus of a \$200 resort credit applicable toward spa services, a personalized romantic dinner and a bottle of wine. One of the destination's favorite all-inclusive resorts, Dreams Los Cabos is an oasis of Mexican-style hospitality situated adjacent to the championship Cabo Real Golf Course, designed by Robert Trent Jones II. Overlooking sparkling vistas of the Sea of Cortez and fronting a pristine white sand beach, Dreams offers Unlimited-Luxury® service including meals at gourmet à la



carte and buffet restaurants, theme nights, 24-hour room service and more.

Opening December 1st, [Zöetry Casa del Mar Los Cabos](#) promises to quickly become one of Cabo's hottest luxury retreats. Earth, Sea & Sky Vacations is offering an inaugural "1-2-Free" promotion with every third night, spa treatment and bottle of wine free in addition to reduced rates at Zöetry Casa del Mar. At the heart of the Zoëtry experience are the Endless Privileges™ available, providing guests with limitless access to almost all the services and amenities at Zoëtry Casa del Mar. Guests enjoy 24-hour in-suite private dining, a mini bar refreshed daily, evening meals at the gourmet organic restaurants on site, and snacks throughout the day. In addition, Zöetry provides a fresh bottle of champagne and fruit basket daily, a welcome bottle of tequila and a 20-minute massage per guest at no extra cost.

To book your all-inclusive getaway, contact Earth, Sea & Sky Vacations at 1-800-745-2226 or browse the company's latest Cabo San Lucas specials online at <http://www.cabovillas.com/specials.asp>

About Earth, Sea & Sky Vacations (ESSV)

Specializing in high-end Cabo vacations for over 20 years, ESSV represents over 140 luxury private villa properties and 50 beachfront resorts throughout Los Cabos. The company's knowledgeable staff offers an unparalleled level of personalized guest service, customizing a complete vacation experience for each guest. Every property is rigorously inspected to ensure it meets ESSV's exacting standards of quality. ESSV also offers in-villa spa and chef services, private jet and yacht charters, tours, golf reservations, fishing charters, ground transportation, a 24-hour Cabo San Lucas service team and full event coordination, including destination wedding planning.

For more information about ESSV, visit <http://www.cabovillas.com>.

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