

SALISH LODGE & SPA RECOGNIZED IN CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Condé Nast Traveler Readers Rank Iconic Pacific Northwest Lodge Among Top Hotels in the Nation

Snoqualmie, Wash. (October 20, 2009) – Salish Lodge & Spa has received distinctive recognition in *Condé Nast Traveler's* 22nd annual Readers' Choice Awards for the seventh consecutive year. Appearing in the November 2009 issue, Salish Lodge & Spa is ranked among the top 100 hotels in the United States.

"We are thrilled to maintain this distinguished honor as a testament to our ongoing commitment to deliver excellence in all aspects of the guest experience," said John Murphy, general manager of Salish Lodge & Spa. "With an exciting guestroom renovation underway, we hope to continue to delight our visitors for many years to come."

The awards are derived from the *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Survey, the largest independent poll of consumers' preferences. Over 25,000 readers voted this year on 10,000 properties and destinations.

Award winners are given a comprehensive rating based on the following criteria: rooms, service, food, location and design. Salish Lodge & Spa ranks number 59 with an overall score of 87.1.

Salish Lodge & Spa is currently undergoing a room renovation. Upon completion, each guestroom and suite will be updated with custom-built furniture, carpet, bedding and décor – all inspired by the Lodge's distinctive Northwest heritage. Guestroom bathrooms will be refreshed with new tiling, light fixtures, sinks and vanities.

Salish Lodge & Spa

Consistently ranked among the best small resorts in the world, the AAA Four Diamond Salish Lodge & Spa overlooks the 268-foot Snoqualmie Falls. This iconic Pacific Northwest lodge has a world-renowned spa offering regionally inspired treatments, Chef Jack Strong's indigenous Northwest cuisine, an award-winning wine list and a variety of nearby recreational activities. Nestled in Washington's picturesque Cascade Mountains, each of its 89 guest rooms has a wood-burning fireplace, two-person whirlpool tub, goose-down comforter, feather bed and balcony or window seat. The resort is located 30 minutes east of downtown Seattle and within 40 minutes from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Salish Lodge & Spa is managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information or reservations, please call 800-2-SALISH or visit salishlodge.com.

Columbia Hospitality, Inc.

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