

Ja Resorts and Hotels Receive High Rankings On 2 Prestigious 2009 Lists

Jamaica once again appears on two prestigious annual travel lists; Condé Nast Traveler's 2009 Gold List and Travel + Leisure 500 World's Best Hotels. These awards come on the heels of Jamaica's multiple wins at the 2009 World Travel Awards in London.

Condé Nast Traveler's 2009 Gold List features a total of four properties in Jamaica. Hot off the press this month, the Gold List presents a selection of hotels voted by readers to have the best rooms, service, food, design, location and leisure activities. The Jamaica properties listed are: The Caves, Couples Swept Away, Jamaica Inn, and Jakes.

In its January issue, Travel + Leisure gives high accolades to Jamaica with its seventh annual T+L 500, the comprehensive guide to the 500 highest rated hotels from their World's Best survey. For this highly respected feature, the magazine's global team of reporters and editors identifies what distinguishes the most outstanding properties in the world, as chosen by Travel + Leisure's readers, who evaluated them based on best rooms, services, amenities and special features. The seven Jamaica properties listed are: Couples Negril, Couples Sans Souci, Couples Swept Away, Couples Tower Isle, Jamaica Inn, Rockhouse Hotel and Royal Plantation.

Continuing Momentum

These newly announced listings continue an ongoing appreciation for Jamaica as a top choice among visitors from North America. At the 2009 World Travel Awards, Jamaica was named Leading Caribbean Destination, World's Leading Cruise Destination, Caribbean's Leading Cruise Destination, Caribbean's Leading Airline – Air Jamaica and Caribbean's Leading Airport – Sangster International Airport.

Jamaica's Director of Tourism John Lynch commented, "Jamaica is thrilled to be honored again with some of the travel industries most coveted accolades. Some of the most unique properties in the world are in Jamaica. The Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List and Travel + Leisure 500 are special because they are voted upon by readers who have experienced first-hand the level of service and accommodations of our exceptional resorts, hotels and inns."