



Australian Hotels are first in Location and Cleanliness!

SYDNEY 8 December 2004 – Online accommodation provider, HotelClub.com (<http://www.HotelClub.com>) has released its consumer hotel survey for 2004 this month. Over 245,050 customers have completed the customer survey after staying in hotels booked through HotelClub.com with cleanliness and location, rating the highest from their hotel stay over the past ten months.

Consumers are asked to rate the properties on a one to five scale based on cleanliness, facilities, service, location and price; they also have free text where they can comment on any aspect of their booking although this information does not influence the rating. These results are then published online at www.HotelClub.com on each hotel's page.

Cleanliness and location share the top ranking this year, in rating a hotel stay throughout three, four and five star hotels. 60% of customers also post comments about their stay. In the initial survey (conducted in 2002) of hotel guests, cleanliness received the highest rating for two to five star properties. Results in the second survey (conducted in 2003) found that guests gave location the highest mark for two, three and four star hotels.

In good news for the budget conscious traveller, the standard of Australian two and three star hotels has increased greatly according to these results. The average consumer rating for two star properties is 3.7* and for three star properties it is 3.85*. With an increased expectation in the four and five star categories consumer ratings are inline with industry expectations and ratings.

Average Rating of hotels as ranked by guests	
Star Rating	Average rating by customers
1.0	3.64
1.5	3.32
2.0	3.70
2.5	3.60
3.0	3.88
3.5	3.92
4.0	4.09
4.5	4.24
5.0	4.35

"Australian hotels have again reported strong results, and with consumers becoming increasingly savvy in regards to standards and their expectations of hotels, this is a great achievement.

"This survey is the largest one conducted in Australia and provides great feedback for properties in relation to all aspects of their services and facilities offered to guests" said Ms Chloe Lim.

All users who have booked and stayed in a property via HotelClub.com are emailed the 'Rate a Hotel' review form upon checkout. Alternatively HotelClub.com members can elect to review hotels through their Member Account. The results are then used to provide independent advice to assist future guests' purchasing decisions.

HotelClub.com offers over to 10,000 accommodation varieties (two to five star) in 1,300 cities and 47 countries worldwide.

Quality of hotels as ranked by guests	
2 Star hotels <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Location2. Cleanliness3. Pricing4. Service5. Facilities	3 Star hotels <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Location2. Cleanliness3. Pricing4. Service5. Facilities
4 Star Hotels <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cleanliness2. Location3. Service4. Facilities5. Pricing	5 Star Hotels <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cleanliness2. Location3. Facilities4. Service5. Pricing

Source: www.HotelClub.com Consumer Survey

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About Flairview Travel

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