

HotelClub Hotel Awards 2006 – Nominees Released

Global survey conducted with HotelClub, Getaway and ninemsn to find the best hotels in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

SYDNEY 12 April 2006 – Leading online accommodation provider, HotelClub (www.HotelClub.com.au) in conjunction with Getaway and ninemsn, have announced today the nominees for the Inaugural HotelClub Australia and New Zealand (including Pacific Islands) Hotel Awards. Over 300 hotels from Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands have been nominated through a global consumer survey, undertaken throughout November 2005 through till January 2006.

Nominated hotels are in the running for 32 Awards including:

Hotel Winners

- ⊕ Top 3 Hotels in New South Wales
- ⊕ Top 2 Hotels in Australia Capital Territory
- ⊕ Top 3 Hotels in Western Australia
- ⊕ Top 3 Hotels in Victoria
- ⊕ Top 3 Hotels in Northern Territory
- ⊕ Top 3 Hotels in Tasmania
- ⊕ Top 3 Hotels in Queensland
- ⊕ Top 3 Hotels in South Australia
- ⊕ Top 3 Hotels in New Zealand
- ⊕ Top 3 Hotels in the Pacific Islands
(Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Samoa, French Polynesia, Cook Islands and Norfolk Island)

Special Categories

- ⊕ Top 3 Hotels Overall
- ⊕ Best Airline
- ⊕ Best Destination
- ⊕ Best Hotel Chain

The nominees were compiled from over 74,000 nominations gathered from consumers worldwide through an online survey conducted on www.HotelClub.com.au, in association with key partners Getaway and ninemsn and sponsors including Insight Guides, Australian Traveller, Budget, Dymocks, Gregory's, Harvey World Travel, Optus, RCI and RosesOnly. To nominate a favourite hotel, consumers were asked to name their favourite hotel (or resort) and rank them based on the following criteria out of a maximum score of 10: ambience, family friendliness, rooms, restaurant facilities, cleanliness, business facilities, location, leisure facilities, staff attitude and value for money. For a full list of nominees please go to www.HotelClub.com.au/HotelAwards.

The HotelClub Hotel Awards 2006 will be presented at a gala award ceremony on Wednesday 10 May 2006. The ceremony will be hosted by Natalie Gruzlewski from Getaway, and take place at Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, Pyrmont. Tickets are available at a cost of \$90 and can be purchased through HotelClub via www.HotelClub.com.au/HotelAwards or +61 2 8263 5117.

All hotels nominated are eligible for inclusion in 'Australia and New Zealand's Best Hotels and Resorts Guidebook to be released in October 2006 in association with Insight Publications. HotelClub offers over 20,000 hotel accommodation choices in 2,200 cities and 97 countries worldwide. HotelClub has over 500,000 consumer reviews that provide independent advice on each hotel.

The HotelClub Hotel Awards 2006 are proudly presented by HotelClub, Getaway and ninemsn. Partners involved in the global online consumer survey include: Insight Guides, Australian Traveller, Budget, Dymocks, Gregory's, Harvey World Travel, Optus, RCI and RosesOnly.

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About HotelClub.com

HotelClub (www.HotelClub.com.au) is a global accommodation specialist website offering hotel bookings for up to 12 months in advance. It offers users the choice of over 20,000 hotels – at savings of up to 60% – in 97 countries and 2,200 cities worldwide. HotelClub is available in nine languages – Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish. HotelClub is a truly global website offering its customers access through country specific sites in 10 countries including HotelClub.com, HotelClub.com.au, HotelClub.de, HotelClub.fr, HotelClub.it, HotelClub.es and HotelClub.co.uk. HotelClub is operated by Flairview Travel, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cendant Corporation's (NYSE: CD) Travel Distribution Services Division, that is one of the world's largest and most geographically diverse collections of travel brands and distribution businesses.

About Getaway

Getaway is Australia's longest running and most popular TV travel show with around 1.5 million viewers every week. It screens on the Nine Network every Thursday night at 7.30pm.

About ninemsn

ninemsn is Australia's number-one online publisher capturing the largest online audience in Australia, with over 7.2 million people visiting each month. Formed in 1997, it is a 50:50 joint venture between the Microsoft Corporation and PBL. ninemsn is currently ranked as Australia's leading online publisher with over 74 percent reach to all Australian Internet users.

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