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Nashville Hotel Ranked Among Top 10 Hotels in the U.S.

U.S. News Awards The Hermitage Hotel, Best U.S. Hotel

Nashville, Tenn., Jun. 14, 2011 - Today, U.S. News named The Hermitage Hotel number six on its Best Hotels in the U.S. list, making it the only hotel located in the Southeast in the top 10. After reviewing over 850 hotels in various destinations throughout the United States, U.S. News released this list of the top 10 percent, which has a total of 86 Best U.S. Hotels.

With the "Best Hotels" list in its inaugural year, the U.S. News team used a variety of criteria to review the hotels that made the list. According to U.S. News, "With an unbiased methodology, U.S. News evaluated close to 1,000 luxury hotels across 49 major U.S. destinations, analyzing ratings and awards from travel experts as well as user ratings. The result: rankings of the best hotels in each of those destinations." The "Best Hotels" list will be updated annually. Additional information about The Hermitage Hotel's ranking can be found on the U.S. News Travel Guide website here: http://tinyurl.com/3bppmfp

"It is a credit to the efforts of our tremendous staff that we continue to receive such distinctions as the U.S. News Best U.S. Hotels ranking," said Greg Sligh, The Hermitage Hotel's managing director. "Our guests consistently tell us that what separates and elevates their experience here is the genuinely friendly treatment they receive from our team members. They each feel like a valued family member."

Other hotels on the Top 10 list include: The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples, Trump International Hotel & Tower, New York, Four Seasons Hotel, Las Vegas, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Central Park, New York, The Fairmont Olympic Hotel, Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco, Trump International Hotel & Tower, Chicago, Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea, and Elysian Hotel, Chicago.

In addition to the U.S. News Ranking, The Hermitage Hotel remains the only Forbes Five Star and AAA Five Diamond Award winning hotel in the state of Tennessee and in five of the eight contiguous states.

About The Hermitage Hotel and the Capitol Grille

Opened in 1910, The Hermitage Hotel has been woven into the history and memories of Nashville and her residents for over 100 years. In keeping with a deep respect for Nashville and the state of Tennessee, The Hermitage Hotel is committed to preserving the region's heritage by putting into practice the traditions that make hospitality synonymous with The South. This commitment extends to protecting the state's historic and scenic landscapes through a relationship with The Land Trust for Tennessee. This relationship began in 2008 when a program was created in which guests may donate $2.00 for every night they stay in the hotel. To date guests have donated over $150,000. The relationship was furthered in 2010 when the Trust graciously allowed the Capitol Grille to create a substantial period garden using sustainable practices on the property at Glen Leven. Glen Leven is an historic 66 acre farm located just 5 miles from The Hermitage Hotel and owned by the Land Trust for Tennessee. The Hermitage Hotel is the only Forbes Five Star and AAA Five Diamond hotel in Tennessee and five contiguous states.

The commitment to preservation continues in the hotel's Capitol Grille and Oak Bar. Relaxed, low key, and known as the place for Nashvillians "in the know", the Capitol Grille is the best example of a regionally inspired southern steakhouse in Nashville. Chef Tyler Brown has found the best source for heritage breed beef which now graze on the grasses at Glen Leven. The farm at Glen Leven also provides the vegetables that are used in all seasonally planned dishes. Chef Brown is actively involved with Share Our Strength, an organization whose mission is to end childhood hunger by 2015, and the Chef's Move to Schools program, an offshoot of the Let's Move program. Also, by supporting the Southern Foodways Alliance, the team at the Capitol Grille works to assure that the recipes and methods passed from generation to generation are not lost. The Capitol Grille is Nashville's only Forbes Four Star and AAA Four Diamond restaurant.

The Hermitage Hotel is the most likely location in Nashville to find a Who's Who of the entertainment world. Guests have included Tom Cruise, Jon Bon Jovi, Scarlett Johansson and the Jonas Brothers, among many others.
More information about the hotel can be found at:

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