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Condé Nast Traveler's 13th Annual Ski Poll

New York (November 17, 2008) – Condé Nast Traveler today announced the results of its 13th Annual Ski Poll, ranking the best places to ski and stay in North America. In these economically challenged times, let the readers of Condé Nast Traveler point you toward the best value on and off the slopes—from virgin powder begging to be carved to the hotels that elevate après-ski to new heights. With 31 hotels starting at less than \$250/night and packages priced more competitively than ever before, prepared to be dazzled!

The thirteenth annual poll lists the top 20 ski resort destinations and top 50 ski hotels in North America. Readers were asked to evaluate resort towns on the following criteria: Terrain and Conditions; Lifts and Lines; Town Ambience; Dining; and Après-ski/Activities. The ski hotels were rated based on: Location; Rooms; Service; Dining and Food; and Design. The awards appear in the December issue (on newsstands November 25) and are derived from the Condé Nast Traveler Readers Choice Survey. This year, an unprecedented 32,633 readers voted.

Whistler Blackcomb, British Columbia was voted best Ski Resort town, with an overall score of 90.7 and top scores in Après-Ski/Activities and Local Dining. Other top scoring towns include:

Top Terrain: Big White, B.C. (95.3)
Top Lifts and Lines: Deer Valley, UT (92.1)
Top Après-ski/Activities: Whistler Blackcomb, B.C. (93.2)
Top Local Dining: Whistler Blackcomb, B.C (90.3)
Top Local Ambience: Jackson Hole, WY (94.0)

The Top 10 Ski Resorts are:

- #1. Whistler Blackcomb, B.C.
- #2. Telluride, CO
- #3. Deer Valley, UT
- #4. Aspen, CO
- #5. Jackson Hole, WY
- #6. Sun Valley, Idaho
- #7. Vail, CO
- #8. Beaver Creek, CO
- #9. Park City, UT
- #10. Sun Peaks, B.C.



The best Ski Hotel for 2008 is the Post Hotel & Spa in Lake Louise, Alberta receiving an overall score of 93.3 and the top score for Food (94.9).

Top Location: Pan Pacific Whistler Mountainside, Whistler Blackcomb, B.C. (100)

Top Rooms: Pan Pacific Whistler Mountainside, Whistler Blackcomb, B.C. (96.1)

Top Service: Four Seasons Resort, Jackson Hole (95.1)

Top Food: Post Hotel & Spa, Lake Louise, Alberta (94.9)

Top Design: Pan Pacific Whistler Mountainside, Whistler Blackcomb, B.C. (96.1)

The Top Ten Ski Hotels overall are as follows:

- #1. Post Hotel & Spa, Lake Louise Alberta
- #2. Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre, Whistler, B.C.
- #3. Four Seasons Resort, Jackson Hole, WY
- #4. Stein Eriksen Lodge, Park City, UT
- #5. Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch, Avon, CO
- #6. Four Seasons Resort, Whistler, B.C.
- #7. Little Nell, Aspen, CO
- #8. Lodge & Spa at Cordillera, Vail Valley, CO
- #9. Sundance Resort, Sundance, UT
- #10. St. Regis Resort, Aspen, CO

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