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TripAdvisor Names First Travelers' Choice awards for Rentals winners--and celebrates with a bucket-list trip giveaway

NEEDHAM, Mass., June 27, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>TripAdvisor®</u>, the travel planning and booking site, announced the winners of its first ever <u>Travelers' Choice awards for Rentals</u> today. The inaugural awards recognize 30 of the top rental homes in the world, ranging from a <u>chic Parisian apartment</u> and a <u>serene Balinese villa</u>, to an <u>unforgettable houseboat in Amsterdam</u>, a <u>cozy studio nestled in Yosemite National Park</u>, and <u>a luxury home set amidst an island vineyard</u>.



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With features like private pools, lakefront views, and mountain access, these award-winning properties highlight everything travelers love about TripAdvisor Rentals' unique collection of rental homes around the world.

Travelers' Choice award winners are based on traveler reviews and opinions, as well as customer service provided during the booking process. The awards recognize travelers' favorite properties in three categories: **high-end**, **mid-range** and **affordable**.

This <u>gleaming modern apartment</u> in the heart of Manchester won the affordable category, which features homes starting from under \$50 per person per night. The **mid-range** category winner, a <u>design-led Paris apartment</u> walking distance to the Eiffel tower, was described by one guest as "...welcoming, spacious, colorful, beautifully equipped, AND in a fabulously convenient location". <u>Villa La Ruga</u>, a beautiful home perched on the edge of Lake Como, took the top spot in the high-end category.

"Traveler reviews and opinions are at the heart of everything we do at TripAdvisor, and we rely on the traveler community to determine the winners of the Travelers' Choice awards for Rentals," said Dermot Halpin, president of TripAdvisor Attractions and Rentals. "These homes—and their owners—are travelers' top picks and a wonderful representation of the hundreds of thousands of amazing properties we list all over the world."

To celebrate the launch of the awards, TripAdvisor Rentals is giving away a bucket list experience to one lucky winner + guest to stay in one of the award-winning homes in Bali, which was named the world's best destination this year in the <u>Travelers' Choice awards for Destinations</u>. The lucky winners get a 10-night stay in the high-end category's <u>Villa Ziba</u>, along with return flights and airport transfers for two. <u>Enter here</u> to win a stay in this top rental, which according to travelers is "pure bliss," "absolutely perfect," and "our little piece of heaven."

TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice selections are announced annually in categories including destinations, beaches, flights and hotels, but this is the first ever iteration for rentals.

The awards were open globally, and winners were located in the following countries: Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Greece, Italy, India, Indonesia, the Netherlands, Spain, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom and the United States.

All 30 winners of the 2017 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Rentals awards are below, or visit: <u>www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-VacationRentals</u>. Travelers can also follow the conversation on Twitter at #TravelersChoice.

Travelers' Choice® for Rentals Winners

Full List

Top 10 Travelers' Choice for Rentals - Affordable:

- 1. The Bridge Manchester Manchester, United Kingdom
 - 1 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sleeps 6.
- 2. Unique Country Haven Berkshires, Massachusetts, United States
 - 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, sleeps 4.
- 3. Wolf Branch Cabin Asheville, North Carolina, United States
 - 1 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom, sleeps 4.
- 4. Tara Lodge Castlerock Castlerock, Northern Ireland
 - 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, sleeps 8.
- 5. Spacious Apartment in Vatican area Rome, Italy
 - 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sleeps 6.
- 6. Art Cabin in the Woods Pocono Mountains Region, Pennsylvania, United States
 - 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, sleeps 2.
- 7. The Hoblet Niagara Falls, Canada
 - 1 bedroom, 1 bathrooms, sleeps 4.
- 8. Gillygate Central York, England
 - 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, sleeps 4.
- 9. Studio by the Sea Lymington, England
 - Private room, 1 bathroom, sleeps 2.
 - 10. The Servants Quarters Buxton, England
 - 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sleeps 4.

Top 10 Travelers' Choice for Rentals - Mid-range:

- 1. Charming Artsy Apartment Paris, France
 - 1 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, sleeps 3.
- 2. Houseboat Tante Piet Amsterdam, the Netherlands
 - 1 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, sleeps 4.
- 3. Swallow's Nest Holiday Cottage East Sussex, England
 - 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, sleeps 4.
- 4. Acorns Garden Apartment Dorset, England

- 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, sleeps 2.
- 5. Yosemite Mountain Retreat Yosemite National Park, California
 - Studio, 1 bathroom, sleeps 4.
- 6. Senani Colonial Holiday Bungalow Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka
 - 1 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, sleeps 10.
- 7. Trevi-Spagna Charm Apartment Rome, Italy
 - 1 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sleeps 9.
- 8. Port Douglas on Macrossan Queensland, Australia
 - 1 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sleeps 4.
- 9. Tiber Nicosia Rome, Italy
 - 1 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sleeps 6.
 - 10. Red Guitar Inn Nashville, Tennessee
 - 1 3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, sleeps 9.

Top 10 Travelers' Choice for Rentals - High-end:

- 1. Villa La Ruga Lake Como, Italy
 - 1 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, sleeps 8.
- 2. St. Michael's Kent, England
 - 1 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, sleeps 21.
- 3. Miner's Clubhouse Breckenridge, Colorado
 - 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, sleeps 14.

4. Casa Cielo

Volcano View Retreat - Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica

- 1 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, sleeps 8.
- 5. Palazzo Di P Zakynthos, Greece
 - 1 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, sleeps 10.
- 6. VillaCasa 7 Marbella Costa del Sol, Spain
 - 1 7 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, sleeps 23.
- 7. Villa Ziba Seminyak, Bali
 - 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, sleeps 11.

8. Villa Mawar Bali - Canggu, Bali

6 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms, sleeps 12.

- 9. Parliament Square 5, Royal Mile Edinburgh, Scotland
 - 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sleeps 4.
- 10. Villa Padawan Seminyak, Bali
 - 4 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, Sleeps 10

Notes to editors:

Average nightly rates of properties are based on TripAdvisor Rentals pricing data between June 2016 - June 2017.

About TripAdvisor Rentals

TripAdvisor Rentals is the vacation rentals branch of TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel site*. Travelers can search, compare, and book hundreds of thousands of rental properties worldwide on <u>TripAdvisorRentals.com</u>, including beach houses, ski cabins, private islands, treehouses, and downtown apartments. Feel confident in your decision with our Payment Protection. For more information, please visit: <u>TripAdvisorRentals.com</u>.

About TripAdvisor

TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel site*, enables travelers to unleash the full potential of every trip. With more than 500 million reviews and opinions covering the world's largest selection of travel listings worldwide -- over 7 million accommodations, airlines, attractions, and restaurants -- TripAdvisor provides travelers with the wisdom of the crowds to help them decide where to stay, how to fly, what to do and where to eat. TripAdvisor also compares prices from more than 200 hotel booking sites so travelers can find the lowest price on the hotel that's right for them. TripAdvisor-branded sites are available in 49 markets, and are home to the world's largest travel community of 390 million average unique monthly visitors,** all looking to get the most out of every trip. TripAdvisor: Know better. Book better.

*Source: comScore Media Metrix for TripAdvisor Sites, worldwide, December 2016 **Source: TripAdvisor log files, Q1 2017

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