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TripAdvisor Announces World's Best Hotels for Families With 2016 Travelers' Choice Awards

Top Family-Friendly Properties Revealed Based on Millions of Traveler Reviews and Opinions from the TripAdvisor Community

Disney-Area Accommodations Dominate U.S. Top 10

NEEDHAM, Mass., March 01, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>TripAdvisor</u>, the travel planning and booking site, today announced its Travelers' Choice™ awards for Family Hotels. Unlike any other hotel honors, TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice winners are based on millions of valuable reviews and opinions from travelers around the world.

Award winners were determined using an algorithm that took into account the quantity and quality of reviews from travelers on TripAdvisor gathered over a 12-month period with emphasis placed on reviews marked as a family stay.

"These Travelers' Choice award-winners make it easier for parents to find that perfect hotel for their next family trip," said Barbara Messing, chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor. "Travelers can enjoy a host of family-friendly amenities and activities that will keep everyone entertained, and without breaking the bank as these properties are bookable for an average of \$219 per night on TripAdvisor."

Top 10 Travelers' Choice Hotels for Families in the U.S:

1. <u>Floridays Resort Orlando</u> — Orlando, Florida — Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate¹ of \$214 per night. Most affordable month² to visit: September (\$184)

Located in the "Theme Park Capital of the World," this Orlando hotel offers two and three-bedroom suites that are great for large families and come with a fully-equipped kitchen and spacious living area. Children will be delighted by the expansive swimming pool with a shallow area featuring numerous water fountains, and can also participate in poolside activities and games. A TripAdvisor reviewer commented, "Beautiful place; the main pool is perfect for kids and adults, and has a very nice cafe and pool bar nearby. We'll definitely book here again."

2. <u>Staybridge Suites Lake Buena Vista</u> — Orlando, Florida — Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$170 per night. Most affordable month to visit: April (\$160)

This family-friendly hotel boasts many of the creature comforts of home including a full kitchen and laundry room. Guests will receive complimentary breakfast and have access to a game room and heated outdoor pool with a wading area that's ideal for children. A TripAdvisor reviewer shared, "This property was recently remodeled so it looks and feels great. The staff is over-the-top friendly and accommodating. You won't be disappointed with the value, location, rooms or facilities."

- 3. <u>Woodloch Pines Resort</u> Hawley, Pennsylvania *This all-inclusive resort is bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$642 per night. Most affordable month to visit: December (\$473)*
- Nestled in the Poconos Mountains, this resort can accommodate families of all sizes with guestrooms ranging from the "Classic Standard" offering two queen beds, to the private "Woodloch Springs Guest Homes". Travelers will enjoy a variety of fun-filled activities including scavenger hunts, archery and "Cake Wars" where families compete to decorate the most beautiful edible masterpiece. "Highly recommend for anyone looking for an amazing family vacation. The food and entertainment are great, and the staff is really what makes it all come together," wrote a TripAdvisor reviewer.
- 4. <u>Howard Johnson Anaheim Hotel and Water Playground</u> Anaheim, California -- Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$213 per night. Most affordable month to visit: May (\$201)

Featuring retro-style guestrooms decorated with classic Disney art, this hotel offers more than a place to rest. Travelers with children in tow can experience the outdoor aquatic playground complete with slides, water cannons and a pirate ship. Indoors, guests will have access to complimentary Wi-Fi, cable TV and bunk beds for children under 10. A TripAdvisor reviewer noted, "Staff goes out of their way to ensure a perfect stay. Rooms are very large with the most comfortable beds. Plus, the pool and water splash areas are fantastic."

5. <u>Disney's Art of Animation Resort</u> — Kissimmee, Florida — Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$339 per night. Most affordable month to visit: November (\$299)

Travelers who stay at this enchanting resort will have the opportunity to explore "storybook landscapes" seen in classic Disney films. Guests can choose from a "Little Mermaid Standard Room" with double beds or opt for the "Lion King" or "Finding Nemo" family suites that offer a kitchenette and living space. A TripAdvisor reviewer commented, "Everything about this resort is amazing! The pools were top-notch, the cafeteria was so good and of course the Disney magic was everywhere!"

6. <u>Disney's Wilderness Lodge</u> — Orlando, Florida — Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$406 per night. Most affordable month to visit: August (\$348)

With its architecture channeling turn-of-the-century national park lodges, this unique property allows its guests to immerse themselves in the cozy surroundings. Parents are encouraged to kick back in leather armchairs by the indoor fireplace while their children enjoy arts and crafts at the supervised activity center. "This hotel has it all. We loved the beauty of the setting—the soaring lobby, great restaurant, beautiful pool and grounds," shared a TripAdvisor reviewer.

7. <u>Marriott's Cypress Harbour</u> — Orlando, Florida — Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$297 per night. Most affordable month to visit: September (\$246)

After spending the day at nearby theme parks, travelers to the Sunshine State are invited to experience the tranquil grounds at this resort that offers comfortable cottage-style villas. On-site amenities include three outdoor pools, a nine-hole mini golf course and a play area for children. A TripAdvisor reviewer shared, "This is a great property with awesome rooms, the best staff I've encountered anywhere, and lots to do...a family favorite that we'll continue visiting."

8. <u>Candy Cane Inn</u> — Anaheim, California — Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$181 per night. Most affordable month to visit: March (\$165)

For more than 50 years, this boutique hotel located minutes from Disneyland, has welcomed guests to California with its gracious service and amenities. Travelers are offered complimentary breakfast and coffee that can be enjoyed by the pool terrace, and then they can take a dip in the inviting pool. One TripAdvisor reviewer commented, "This hotel is a hidden treasure. From the quick check-in, to the beautifully appointed room, to all of the free amenities including breakfast, Wi-Fi and parking, this place was perfect!"

9. <u>Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa</u> — Kapolei, Oahu, Hawaii — *This resort is bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$576 per night. Most affordable month to visit: May (\$463)*

Set on 21 lush acres just steps from the shores of Oahu, the Aulani offers 350 luxurious rooms, as well as 480 spacious villas ideal for families. Guests will enjoy the pool, waterslides and lazy river, while those in need of downtime can visit the "Laniwai" spa or head to one of the magnificent beaches. A TripAdvisor reviewer gushed, "Yes! That's all I can say if you have little kids. Our children loved 'Aunty's Beach House' kids club and we loved it because it gave us time to relax at the pool."

10. Rocking Horse Ranch Resort — Highland, New York — This all-inclusive resort is bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$625 per night. Most affordable month to visit: May (\$507)

Located in the Hudson Valley, the 120-room Rocking Horse Ranch is set on 500 sprawling acres and boasts a private lake where guests can kayak or cruise around in paddle boats. Other activities include horseback riding, an indoor waterpark and outdoor wildlife exhibit with zebras, donkeys and cows. A TripAdvisor reviewer shared, "All staff members were so friendly and accommodating; we felt right at home. We loved it so much we are going back next year with our extended family!"

Top 10 Travelers' Choice Hotels for Families in the World:

- 1. <u>Cavallino Bianco Family Spa Grand Hotel</u> **Ortisei, Italy** *This all-inclusive resort is bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$657 per night. Most affordable month to visit: December (\$641)*
- 2. <u>Salinas do Maragogi All-Inclusive Resort</u> **Maragogi, Brazil** Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$254 per night. Most affordable month to visit: July (\$223)
- 3. The Reserve at Paradisus Palma Real Punta Cana, Dominican Republic This all-inclusive resort is bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$497 per night. Most affordable month to visit: September (\$365)
- 4. <u>Tulemar Bungalows & Villas</u> **Manuel Antonio National Park, Costa Rica** Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$355 per night. Most affordable month to visit: September (\$238)
- 5. <u>Floridays Resort Orlando</u> **Orlando**, **Florida** Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$214 per night. Most affordable month to visit: September (\$184)
- 6. <u>Beaches Negril Resort & Spa</u> **Negril, Jamaica** *This all-inclusive resort is bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$864 per night. Most affordable month to visit: October (\$692)*

- 7. <u>Beaches Turks and Caicos Resort Villages and Spa</u> **Providenciales, Turks and Caicos** *This all-inclusive resort is bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$1,135 per night. Most affordable month to visit: October (\$837)*
- 8. <u>Paradisus Playa Del Carmen La Esmeralda</u> **Playa del Carmen, Mexico** This all-inclusive resort is bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$500 per night. Most affordable month to visit: September (\$395)
- 9. <u>Club Med Palmiye</u> **Kemer**, **Turkey** This all-inclusive resort is bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$394 per night. Most affordable month to visit: October (\$281)
- 10. <u>Sani Beach Club</u> **Sani, Greece** Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$419 per night. Most affordable month to visit: October (\$145)

For the complete list of winners from the 2016 Travelers' Choice Awards for Family Hotels, more reviews and candid traveler photos, go to: www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Hotels-cFamily.

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Notes to editors:

¹Average nightly rates of properties are based on TripAdvisor pricing data for March 1 through August 31, 2016, aggregated from booking partners including online travel agencies and direct hotel suppliers.

²Most affordable month to book each property is based on TripAdvisor pricing data for March 1 through December 31, 2016, aggregated from booking partners including online travel agencies and direct hotel suppliers.

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*Source: comScore Media Metrix for TripAdvisor Sites, worldwide, November 2015

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