



MEDIA ALERT

TURNBERRY NAMED IN US TRAVEL + LEISURE MAGAZINE'S 'TOP 500'



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Turnberry, a Luxury Collection Resort, has been named as Scotland's leading hotel in the 10th annual *Travel + Leisure* listing of the 500 best hotels and resorts in the world. Readers of the international tourism publication voted the Ayrshire resort on to the prestigious list for the first time since the annual list has been compiled.

The listing is based on data collected in the most recent World's Best Awards readers' survey late last year in which Turnberry was named as one of the top international hotels, one of only two UK establishments to make the grade.

For more details on the T+L 500 visit: www.TravelandLeisure.com/tl500

Turnberry General Manager Jordi Tarrida said: "This is another fantastic accolade for Turnberry. Our appearance in this year's Top 500 list follows on from the prestigious honour we received last year when the readers of Travel + Leisure named us as one of Europe's top 30 hotels. Such recognition is testament to the committed people we have at Turnberry and the great Scottish customer experience we provide for our guests."

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Turnberry, A Luxury Collection Resort, Scotland

Turnberry is located on the stunning Ayrshire coast, offering elevated views over the Irish Sea, Ailsa Craig and mountains of Arran and Kintyre. First opened in 1906 as the world's first golf resort, Turnberry quickly established itself as the premier destination for social and sporting events. The five red star resort underwent a multi-million pound restoration programme prior to hosting the 2009 Open on its legendary Ailsa golf course and joining Starwood Hotels & Resorts much acclaimed Luxury Collection. The 150 luxuriously appointed guest rooms offer a perfect blend of Edwardian tradition and timeless design. For longer stays, The Lands of Turnberry boasts 8 luxurious holiday apartments. The iconic Ailsa Course is currently ranked as Britain's number one golf course by leading golf publications and consistently rated within the world's best. There is also the Championship Kintyre Course and the Arran Course, as well as The Colin Montgomerie Links Golf Academy and Scotland's first and only TaylorMade Performance Lab. Turnberry is the perfect setting for food lovers, with a choice of unique dining experiences, including the signature restaurant 1906, led by Head Chef Justin Galea, which offers classic dishes with a modern twist and a unique Chef's Table experience. In addition there is The Grand Tea Lounge, Ailsa Bar & Lounge, Duel in the Sun and Tappie Toorie restaurant overlooking the links golf courses and sea beyond. Turnberry has a well-established reputation for top class meeting and events facilities, specialising in bespoke boardroom experiences. There is also a luxurious spa offering a range of ESPA treatments. The onsite Outdoor Activity Centre offers guests a variety of distinguished outdoor activities including quad biking, archery, fishing and off-road driving. www.turnberryresort.co.uk

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