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# **TripAdvisor Unveils Travelers' Choice Islands**

## Top Islands Worldwide Recognized Based on Opinions of Millions of Travelers Across the Globe

NEWTON, Mass., March 26, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>TripAdvisor®</u>, the world's largest travel site\*, today announced the winners of its inaugural Travelers' Choice Islands awards. Based on millions of valuable traveler reviews and opinions on the site, the awards recognize more than 100 islands across the globe, including dedicated lists for Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, South America, the South Pacific, and the U.S.

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"Whether you're looking for idyllic palm-lined islands, or islands that offer a more cultural experience, you'll find inspiration in these lists," said Barbara Messing, chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor. "From the world famous to the hidden gems, what unifies every award winner is the fantastic feedback from travelers across the globe."

### Top 10 Islands in the U.S.:

- 1. San Juan Island, Washington
- 2. Kauai, Hawaii
- 3. Marco Island, Florida
- 4. Anna Maria Island, Florida
- 5. Maui, Hawaii
- 6. Sanibel Island, Florida
- 7. Chincoteague Island, Virginia
- 8. Island of Hawaii, Hawaii
- 9. Amelia Island, Florida
- 10. Key West, Florida

#### Top 10 Islands in the World:

- 1. Ambergris Caye, Belize
- 2. St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands
- 3. Bora Bora, French Polynesia
- 4. San Juan Island, Washington
- 5. Santorini, Greece
- 6. Isla Mujeres, Mexico
- 7. Moorea, French Polynesia
- 8. Koh Tao, Thailand
- 9. Easter Island, Chile
- 10. Nosy Be, Madagascar

"We're delighted that San Juan Island is honored as both the top island in the U.S. and as a top four world pick in the TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Islands awards," said Deborah Hopkins, executive director for the San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau. "We'd like to thank the travelers who have made this win possible, simply by sharing their love of the sparkling waters, abundant wildlife, outdoor recreation and vibrant arts scene that San Juan Island offers on TripAdvisor."

For the complete list of winners from the 2013 Travelers' Choice Islands, as well as reviews and candid traveler photos, go to <a href="http://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Islands">http://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Islands</a>.

To see the best hotels for luxury, service and more, as honored in TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards for Hotels from January, go to <a href="http://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Hotels">http://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Hotels</a>.

#### **Note to Editors**

## **Awards selection:**

The Travelers' Choice Islands are based on the quality and quantity of the most highly-rated hotels, restaurants, and attractions listed for each island on TripAdvisor gathered during a 12-month period.

### **About TripAdvisor**

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