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Corpus Christi-Upper Padre Island
receives Two Awards for Best Family Vacations by
Top Rated TripAdvisor review site
“Top 10 Great Places to Discover” & “Top Hotel Picks”

Corpus Christi, Tx (March 10, 2011) – TripAdvisor, the world’s largest travel site, announced the winners of its inaugural 2011 Travelers Choice Family award-winning best family destinations and hotels. Top family-friendly spots were named in the U.S., Europe, Canada, Caribbean and Mexico. The news spread globally in USA Today on March 9, 2011 <http://travel.usatoday.com/gallery/Top+family-friendly+hotels+and+destinations+for+2011/G2084>.

Winning destinations were identified based on the greatest number of recommendations from reviewers who traveled with family. Top family-friendly hotels were determined by the highest review ratings from those who traveled with family. Unlike any other honors, TripAdvisor Travelers’s Choice winners are based on millions of real and unbiased reviews and opinions from travelers around the world. According to a recent survey by TripAdvisor, 83% of U.S. respondents plan to travel with family in 2011 with 90% of them planning domestic trips.

Corpus Christi CEO, Keith Arnold was excited to learn about the recognition, “we value TripAdvisor as a decision making device for family travelers through out the US. We are excited to have our beautiful coastal destination brought to the attention of the broad based TripAdvisor followers. We want to congratulate the hotels, attractions, and restaurants that helped our destination achieve these high rated recognitions. Nothing beats awards that are given based on review ratings from our target leisure travel market- families!”

Travelers’ Choice Family Award-Winning Great U.S. Destination to Discover:

1. Williamsburg, Virginia
2. Virginia Beach, Virginia
3. Lake George, New York
4. Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
5. Branson, Missouri
6. Gatlinburg, Tennessee
7. Corpus Christi, Texas-http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g60927-Corpus_Christi_Texas-Vacations.html
8. Port Aransas, Texas

9. Daytona Beach, Florida
10. Destin, Florida

In addition to the Top Destination recognition, local hotel, Staybridge Suites, was selected as "Top Hotel Pick" for Corpus Christi. Less than two years in operation, Staybridge Suites, Corpus Christi is located at 5201 Oakhurst Drive. According to Staybridge Suites, the distinction affirms the stellar customer service, unparalleled amenities and outright excellence of the hotel. The extended-stay hotel prides itself on delivering quality in every way possible. As Deven Bhakta, President of ZJZ Hospitality says, "we are beyond thrilled to receive this distinction on behalf of our beloved city. In our industry, guests are the units by which we measure our success. Simply put, it is all about the people who stay with us. So it is both humbling and gratifying to learn that these travelers have bestowed this honor upon us. We hope to continue being their home away from home for many years to come." The hotel is locally owned and managed by ZJZ Hospitality Inc. To learn more about the honor and reviews by TripAdvisor, visit http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g60927-d1382753-Reviews-Staybridge_Suites_Corpus_Christi-Corpus_Christi_Texas.html for detail.

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