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THE RITZ-CARLTON, HALF MOON BAY NAMED NORTH AMERICA'S GOLF RESORT OF THE YEAR for 2014 BY IAGTO



HALF MOON BAY, CALIF. – November 1, 2013 – The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay has earned the distinction of Golf Resort of the Year by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO).

“We are honored that IAGTO has recognized The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay as North America’s 2014 Golf Resort of the Year,” said George Munz, general manager. “The resort features two amazing oceanfront courses – The Old Course and The Ocean Course – as well as exceptionally priced golf packages. Couple that with the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of past champions including KJ Choi and Tiger Woods, makes the resort truly a one-of-a-kind golf destination for those with a passion for the game,” he added.

Resort guests can enjoy unlimited championship golf while relaxing on the Northern California coast with The Legends Golf Package. For nearly 40 years, avid golfers have been returning to this incomparable setting, enjoying the variety of play offered by the two courses, the Arnold Palmer’s classic American parkland-style The Old Course and the Scottish-links-style Ocean Course designed by Arthur Hills. Starting at \$684 per night, the package includes overnight deluxe accommodations, unlimited golf for one or two players, golf tag and resort fee.

More than 500 IAGTO golf tour operators from 61 countries casted their vote for this award. Each operator nominates what they considered to be the best performing golf resorts of the year enjoyed by their golf travelling clients from the more than 1,000 golf resorts in the United States and estimated 2,000 in total worldwide. The golf resort in each of the three regions with the most number of votes receives the Golf Resort of the Year accolade. Operators consider overall customer satisfaction, quality of the golf course and accommodations, value, accessibility to tee times, and speed of communication and levels of service.

To reserve any of these four packages, or for more information, visit ritzcarlton.com/hmb or call Ritz-Carlton worldwide reservations at (800) 241-3333. Visit experiencehalfmoonbay.com to learn more about the destination.

About IAGTO Golf Travel Awards

The IAGTO Golf Travel Awards, established in 2000, are the official annual awards for the golf tourism industry. The Awards Ceremony & Gala Dinner takes place during the International Golf Travel Market (IGTM) at the end of each year. The ultimate goal of our members is to deliver a great golfing experience to the golf traveler, and the IAGTO Awards serve to recognize and reward a few exceptional contributions to this world of golf travel, voted for by IAGTO operators and the IGTTWA's golf travel writers.

About The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay

Situated 23 miles southwest of the San Francisco International Airport, The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay is a 261-room destination spa and golf coastal hotel and the San Francisco Bay Area's only oceanfront resort. Set atop a rugged bluff overlooking 50 miles of pristine California coastline, the timeless oceanfront estate provides guests with a relaxed yet refined experience, whether for a romantic getaway, meeting or special event.

About Half Moon Bay Golf Links

Set against the dramatic cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Half Moon Bay Golf Links is located just minutes from San Francisco and San Jose, and only 20 miles from San Francisco International Airport. The golf resort features 36 holes of championship golf, a clubhouse with a full-service pro shop offering the latest equipment and fashionable apparel, and the popular ocean-view restaurant, Mullins Bar & Grill, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner in a casual fireside dining setting.

About The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, L.L.C.

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