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***Global Traveler Announces 8th Annual Reader Survey Award Winners***  
*The GT Tested Reader Survey names the top in the travel industry*

Yardley, Pa., Dec. 1, 2011 - The results are in! For the eighth consecutive year, *Global Traveler* conducted its GT Tested Reader Survey, asking frequent business and luxury travelers to name the best in a variety of travel-related categories. More than 36,000 people responded.

This year, *Global Traveler's* distinguished readers recognized airlines, hotels, loyalty programs and travel-related products in 66 categories. The results of the survey are announced in the December 2011 issue, available today.

*GT* readers are frequent premium travelers averaging 16 international and 16 domestic round-trip flights a year, with an average household income of \$340,000 per year. *Global Traveler's* elite readers spend an average 80 nights per year away on foreign travel and 40 nights on domestic travel. A whopping 78 percent regularly travel in first or business class.

This year's roster of highly regarded winners includes Singapore Airlines (Best Airline in the World), Emirates (Best Airline for First Class), Swiss International Air Lines (Best First-Class Seat Design) and Air Tahiti Nui (Best Airline in the South Pacific). Other top winners are South African Airways (Best Airline in Africa), Hainan Airlines (Best Airline in China), Incheon International Airport (Best Airport in the World), The Ritz-Carlton (Best Domestic Hotel Chain), The Peninsula Beverly Hills (Best Hotel in the United States), Boingo Wireless (Best WiFi Service) and Dubai Duty Free (Best Duty-Free Shops).

Over the past eight years, *Global Traveler's* consistent, unbiased reporting has placed the GT Tested Reader Survey among the most highly regarded in the industry.

This year marks the first year for the following GT Tested categories: Best Private Jet Company in Asia (Deer Jet), Best Private Jet Company in the Americas (Delta Private Jets), Best Private Jet Company in Europe (Air Partner), Best Private Jet Company in the Middle East (Royal Jet), Best Hotel in the World (The Address Hotel Downtown Dubai),

Best Overseas Delivery Program (Audi) and Best Noise-Canceling Headset (Sony Noise-Canceling Headsets).

“We are excited to announce the eighth annual GT Tested Reader Survey award results,” said Francis X. Gallagher, publisher and CEO of *Global Traveler*. “We received more than 36,000 responses this year, which is staggering. And, our readers know the best; the 2011 winners were truly chosen by the cream of the crop. Congratulations to all the winners. The companies topping our list this year are the very best of the best.”

This year's winners will be feted at a cocktail reception this evening at award-winning The Peninsula Beverly Hills in Beverly Hills, Calif. For more information, check out the December 2011 issue of *Global Traveler* or visit our website at [www.globaltravelerusa.com](http://www.globaltravelerusa.com). A complete recap of tonight's festivities will be featured in the March 2012 issue.

A complete list of winners is as follows:

Best Airline in the World Singapore Airlines	Best Airline in Central/South America LAN Airlines
Best Airline for First Class Emirates	Best Airline in Mexico Aeromexico
Best Airline for Business Class British Airways	Best Trans-Atlantic Airline Lufthansa
Best Business-Class Seat Design Virgin Atlantic Airways	Best Trans-Pacific Airline Asiana Airlines
Best First-Class Seat Design Swiss International Air Lines	Best Airline to Australia and New Zealand V Australia
Best Airline in North America Air Canada	Best Airline in the South Pacific Air Tahiti Nui
Best Airline for Domestic First Class American Airlines	Best Airline in Europe TAP Portugal
Best Airline for Premium-Economy Scandinavian Airlines	Best Airline in Africa South African Airways
Best Airline for Onboard Service and Flight Attendants Asiana Airlines	Best Airline in the Middle East Emirates

Best Airline in North Asia  
Korean Air

Best Airline in Southeast Asia  
Thai Airways

Best Airline in China  
Hainan Airlines

Best Airline in Central/South Asia and  
India  
Jet Airways

Best Airline to Japan  
All Nippon Airways

Best Airline for Security  
EL AL Israel Airlines

Best Airline Cuisine  
Alitalia

Best Airport Lounges  
United Club

Best Airport in the World  
Incheon International Airport

Best Airport in North America  
Chicago O'Hare International Airport

Best Aircraft Type  
Boeing 747

Best Frequent-Flyer Program  
United MileagePlus

Best Airport Dining  
Changi International Airport

Best Airport Staff/Gate Agents  
Korean Air

Best Airline Alliance  
oneworld

Best Private Jet Company in Asia  
Deer Jet

Best Private Jet Company in the  
Americas  
Delta Private Jets

Best Private Jet Company in Europe  
Air Partner

Best Private Jet Company in the Middle  
East  
Royal Jet

Best Hotel in the World  
The Address Hotel Downtown Dubai

Best International Hotel Chain  
The Peninsula Hotels

Best Domestic Hotel Chain  
The Ritz-Carlton

Best Lifestyle Hotel  
Andaz

Best Hotel in the United States  
The Peninsula Beverly Hills

Best Hotel in the Eastern United States  
Jumeirah Essex House, New York City

Best Hotel in the Western United States  
The Peninsula Beverly Hills

Best European Hotel Chain  
St. Regis Hotels and Resorts

Best Hotel Chain in Asia  
Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts

Best Hotel Chain in Latin America  
Sheraton Hotels and Resorts

Best Hotel Chain in Mexico  
FiestAmericana Hotels and Resorts

Best Hotel Rewards Program  
IHG Priority Club Rewards

Best Hotel Chain in the Middle East  
Jumeirah Hotels and Resorts

Best Wireless Service in the World  
Verizon

Best Hotel Club Floor  
Grand Hyatt Grand Club

Best WiFi Service  
Boingo Wireless

Best Domestic Tourism Destination  
Oregon

Best Luggage Brand  
Briggs & Riley

Best International Tourism Destination  
South Africa

Best Overseas Delivery Program  
Audi

Best Domestic Business City  
Philadelphia

Best Credit Card Rewards Program  
American Express Membership Rewards

Best International Business City  
Barcelona

Best Travel Gadget  
iPad

Best Spa  
Rome Cavalieri, A Waldorf Astoria  
Hotel

Best Tour Operator  
Lindblad Expeditions

Best Golf Resort  
Bandon Dunes, Bandon, Ore.

Best Duty-Free Shops  
Dubai Duty Free

Best Noise-Canceling Headset  
Sony Noise-Canceling Headset

*Global Traveler* will also recognize the following Wines on the Wing award winners at tonight's reception: OpenSkies (Best Business-Class Wines on the Wing), Asiana Airlines (Best First-Class Wines on the Wing, Best First-Class Champagne, Best First-Class Red Wine), Etihad Airways (Best Business-Class White Wine), EL AL Israel Airlines (Best First-Class White Wine), South African Airways (Best Business-Class Sparkling Wine), V Australia (Best Business-Class Champagne), TAP Portugal (Best Business-Class Red Wine), Lufthansa (Best First-Class Red Wine), SkyTeam (Best Alliance Wines on the Wing), American Airlines (Best North American Wines on the Wing, Best North American Sparkling Wine, Best North American Red Wine) and US Airways (Best North American White Wine). The results of the Wines on the Wing airline wine survey were announced in the August 2011 issue.

### ***About the Survey***

*Global Traveler* conducted an open-ended survey of its readers to determine the best in 66 travel-related categories. The survey was conducted from Jan. 1, 2011, to Aug. 31,

2011. Questionnaires were available in subscriber copies of the magazine, online at [www.globaltravelerusa.com/survey](http://www.globaltravelerusa.com/survey) and through direct mail and email. Only questionnaires with more than 50 percent of the questions answered were considered. An outside accounting firm, Citrin Cooperman LLP, tabulated the results. Employees of the magazine and members of the travel industry were barred from participation.

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