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INN OF THE SPANISH GARDEN RECEIVES TOP HONORS FROM TRAVELERS
2009 Travelers' Choice Awards Name Santa Barbara's Gem Among Best Luxury Hotels

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Feb. 19, 2009 – Santa Barbara's Inn of the Spanish Garden, managed by Broughton Hospitality Group, was awarded the TripAdvisor® 2009 Travelers' Choice® award in the Best Luxury Hotel category. According to TripAdvisor®, the world's largest travel community, the boutique hotel ranked number 81 in the world and number eight in the U.S. It was the only Santa Barbara hotel to land on the coveted list for Best Luxury Hotels. Unlike any other hotel awards programs in the world, TripAdvisor® Travelers' Choice® winners are based on the millions of real and unbiased reviews and opinions about hotels on tripadvisor.com and content from across the web.

"This award speaks to our dedicated team and their passion to provide guests with an extraordinary experience," said Larry Broughton, founder and president of Broughton Hospitality Group. "It is an honor to be recognized by our guests, and the true mark of success."

Santa Barbara's finest luxury boutique hotel, the Inn of the Spanish Garden offers an unparalleled experience in the heart of the California coastline. The Spanish-Mediterranean style collection of buildings is ensconced in gardens of climbing bougainvillea, palms and ever-blooming flowers. Ideally located on a quiet side street, the property blends softly into the lively downtown. All 23 guest rooms feature Anichini linens, Molten Brown bath amenities and a private garden or balcony. The service is equally impeccable. Led by General Manager Rebecca Johnson, the staff share a deep pride in the hotel and a dedication to providing exceptional, personalized service.

"Today's travelers are looking for luxury in the true meaning of the word – a condition of great ease and comfort," said Rebecca Johnson, General Manager. "From our convenient location, to our serene surroundings and sincere service, we infuse luxury in every aspect of our guest experience."

The Inn of the Spanish Garden is located at 915 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Call (805) 564-4700, toll-free (866) 564-4700 or visit www.spanishgardeninn.com.

For more information about the TripAdvisor® Travelers' Choice® awards, go to <http://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice>

About Broughton Hospitality Group

Broughton Hospitality Group (BHG), founded by Larry Broughton in January 2001, has been named among the top 100 hospitality management companies in the U.S. by industry publications. Larry Broughton was awarded Ernst & Young's prestigious Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2006. A former U.S. Army Green Beret, Broughton was also named Vetpreneur of the Year in 2007 by the National Veteran-Owned Business Association (NaVOBA). BHG owns and operates properties in Santa Monica, Santa Barbara, Solvang and San Simeon, California as well as Chicago. For more information, visit www.broughtonhospitality.com.

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