



LIBRARY HOTEL COLLECTION RECOGNIZED WITH THREE CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER 2016 READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

ARIA HOTEL PRAGUE #4, ARIA HOTEL BUDAPEST #1 IN CENTRAL EUROPE

October 19, 2016 – *Condé Nast Traveler* today announced the results of its 29th annual Readers' Choice Awards and three Library Hotel Collection properties are on the list. The collection's newest property, **Aria Hotel Budapest is the #1 hotel in Central Europe, with sister hotel Aria Hotel Prague gracing the list at #4.** The namesake of the collection, the Library Hotel also placed #4 as a top hotel in New York City.

"It is an extreme honor to be recognized as having not only the #1 hotel in Central Europe, but to also have two additional properties in the top 10 on the list," said Henry Kallan, President of Library Hotel Collection. "It is a true testament to our superb guest service and generous amenities that have inspired travelers to recommend us for this honor."

Over **300,000** dedicated readers – nearly twice as many as last year -- cast votes for **7,394** hotels, **606** cities, **500** cruise ships, and **236** islands, in an average survey time of 8.4 minutes. The result? The **1,402** best travel experiences in the world.

Both Aria properties lure guests with their intriguing and beautifully appointed design that draws inspiration not only from their destinations, but from the art of music which is felt from every point of the properties. From the moments guests arrive, they are transcended into a whimsical, musical experience where they can walk across the piano tiled floor or stay in one of the uniquely designed guestrooms, each celebrating a music legend. The Library Hotel pays homage to its proximity to the New York Public Library which is just steps away. The literary themed property is home to over 6,000 books with 10 guestroom floors that are organized throughout the hotel based on the ten major classifications of knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System (DDC®).

The *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards are the longest-running and most prestigious recognition of excellence in the travel industry and are commonly known as "the best of the best of travel." Under Editor in Chief Pilar Guzmán, the Readers' Choice Awards have become more selective and specific to the passions that inspire today's travelers.

The Readers' Choice Awards are announced in the November issue of *Condé Nast Traveler*, on newsstands nationwide on October 25, 2016. The full list is published exclusively online, at

www.CNTraveler.com/rca.

Aria Hotel Prague

Located within walking distance of the Castle, Charles Bridge, and many of the city's most beloved landmarks, the Aria Hotel's musically themed suites offer a fun, and welcome, reprieve from stuffier digs. Designed by Italian architects Rocco Magnoli and Lorenzo Carmellini (best known for their collaborations with Gianni Versace) this formerly modest, grey complex was transformed into a quirky, but sophisticated, music-themed hotel in 2003. Spread over four floors, the 51 guest rooms are each dedicated to four specific genres: Contemporary, Classical, Opera and Jazz, and pay homage to legends like Brahms, Bernstein, Elvis Presley, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, The Beatles, and Mozart (the latter is the theme of the two-bedroom presidential suite, as he first visited Prague as a child). CODA Restaurant, whose tables trickle out to the open rooftop, might offer one of the best meals (and views) in the city.

About Library Hotel Collection

Hotelier Henry Kallan's Library Hotel Collection features seven luxury hotels including their newest property, Aria Hotel Budapest and the soon-to-be 404-room urban resort, Hotel X Toronto, set to open in 2017. Aria Hotel Prague, sister of Aria Hotel Budapest is owned by Miroslav Voštiar.

Each of the collections individually-themed hotels in Manhattan and abroad has its own distinctive personality and charm. The four New York City hotels have achieved the distinction of maintaining top 10 placements among over 450 hotels in New York City on TripAdvisor for more than 10 years, at one time having all four New York hotels ranked in the number one to four spots for NYC. The Library Hotel Collection is the top rated luxury hotel brand in the world, with its recent ranking in the Luxury Hotel & Brand Report's 2016 list where it received a score of 96.1% and received 1st place in the Small Luxury Brand, while also outperforming the large luxury brands. Aria Hotel Budapest was ranked top 10 in the 2016 Travel + Leisure World's Best Hotel Award in addition to receiving the 2014 *Condé Nast Traveler* Reader's Choice Awards selecting The Library Hotel one of the Top 25 Hotels in New York City. Travel + Leisure also named Hotel Elysée a Top 500 hotel in 2015. The Aria Hotel Prague has been recognized with the Travelers Choice Awards from TripAdvisor as the #1 hotel in the Czech Republic. <http://libraryhotelcollection.com/>

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