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GOOD TIDINGS FOR TOURISM IN TRINIDAD & TOBAGO!

Tobago was voted “**ISLAND OF THE YEAR**” by Caribbean World Travel and Living Magazine and Trinidad gained the much coveted award of “**CARNIVAL ISLAND OF THE YEAR**” at the highly prestigious Caribbean Travel Awards for 2012. In existence for the past eighteen (18) years, the Caribbean Travel Awards are the “Oscars” of the Caribbean and recognise excellence in travel, tourism and real estate throughout the Caribbean region.

Trinidad and Tobago was also in for more accolades from the Caribbean World Travel and Living Magazine as the Coco Reef Hotel in Tobago was named the Best Luxury Resort of the year, Blue Haven Hotel also in Tobago the Best Boutique Hotel and the Tobago tour company Good Time Travel the Best Ground Tour Operator.

The votes of the editors of the magazine Caribbean World Travel and Living Magazine and readers’ feedback form the basis of the Caribbean Travel Awards.

The awards, recognising “the best of the best” of the travel industry, are firmly established among Britain’s foremost prize giving ceremonies and have been hosted in the past by HRH Princess Katarina, Lord Patrick Lichfield, Sir Trevor Mc Donald, Lord Anthony Gifford Queen’s Counsel and film producer Michael Winner.

It has become an exclusive club within Caribbean tourism, honouring excellence among islands and services that provide entertainment, enjoyment and comfort for those who make the Caribbean their favourite vacation destination.

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Upon receiving the news of these awards, Minister Cadiz excitedly indicated that “I feel proud that Trinidad and Tobago has been able to receive such acclaim and these awards are testimony of the work and of the dedication of the entire tourism team. I have been mandated to turn our tourism industry around and this we are doing by working tirelessly and with total dedication and passion. My aim as Minister of Tourism is to record 500,000 visitors in 2013 and these awards clearly positively propels the country’s image globally as a tourism destination”

It is also interesting to note that the Magdalena Grand Beach Resort has obtained so many 'wow' consumer reviews recently that it has been ranked the Number 1 Resort in Scarborough, Tobago by Tripadvisor which is the largest travel community in the world harnessing over five million unbiased hotel reviews each year. Also the Coco Reef Beach Resort has won - for the fourth consecutive year - the World Travel Award for the Caribbean’s Leading Hotel.

In addition, our national airline Caribbean Airlines was voted the “**LEADING CARIBBEAN AIRLINE**” by World Travel Awards. This is the third consecutive year that Caribbean Airlines has been given the nod as the “Leading Caribbean Airline” by World Travel Awards, the most prestigious, and comprehensive and sought after awards programme in the global travel and tourism industry.

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