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**T&T wins 3 Regional Travel, Tourism Awards**

Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) has won the Caribbean's Leading Airline Award for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and the Caribbean's Leading Airline Brand Award for the third consecutive year, while Tobago's Coco Reef Resort & Spa won Caribbean Leading Hotel Award for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

The winners of the World Travel Awards 2019 (Caribbean and North America) were announced during a Gala Event at Sandals Resort, Montego Bay, Jamaica on Monday evening.

In congratulating T&T's winners, Tourism Minister Honourable Randall Mitchell, said: "The country's tourism product will only gain from these achievements." He said: "All stakeholders, including citizens, must continue to further enhance and market our unique tourism product."

Minister Mitchell encourages "all tourism operators to continue to reinvest in their plant and operations so as to ensure there is a quality tourism offering."

Nominations were submitted from several countries in the region, with St Lucia winning the Caribbean's Leading Honeymoon Destination Award 2019; Jamaica winning the Caribbean's Leading Destination 2019; Turks & Caicos being awarded the top prize for the Caribbean's Leading Beach Destination 2019 and Sandals Resorts International winning the Caribbean Leading Hotel Brand 2019.

National awards were also presented at the WTA Gala event:

- Tobago's Leading Car Rental Company 2019 – Avis
- Tobago's Leading Hotel 2019 – Blue Haven Hotel
- Tobago's Leading Resort 2019 – Coco Reef Resort & Spa
- Trinidad's Leading Car Rental Company 2019 – Avis
- Trinidad's Leading Hotel 2019 – Hilton Trinidad & Conference Centre
- Trinidad's Leading Hotel Suite 2019 – Presidential Suite, Hilton Trinidad & Conference Centre.

The winners were determined via online voting from December 11, 2018 to January 10, 2019.

World Travel Awards, the organization which hosts the event was established to support, promote and develop the global travel and tourism industry by identifying and rewarding excellence and inspiring its practitioners to continually raise the standards of their product and service offering.

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