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Mobil Travel Guide honors The Hermitage Hotel with its Five Star Award for second consecutive year

Historic hotel remains only property in Tennessee, as well as five contiguous states, to hold distinguished rating

NASHVILLE, TN, – For the second consecutive year, the [Mobil Travel Guide](#) bestowed upon [The Hermitage Hotel](#) its coveted Five Star Award for 2007, making it the only hotel in Tennessee to hold the distinction. According to Mobil, 41 hotels nationwide will hold the Five Star distinction for 2008. The closest city to Nashville with a Mobil Five Star-rated hotel is Atlanta.

“It is a great honor to retain this recognition,” says Greg Sligh, the hotel’s managing director. “It’s a tremendous credit to our staff who work hard to make The Hermitage one of the finest hotels in the world. The hotel has always been our city’s premier gathering place, and is now the place for celebrities and dignitaries to stay when visiting Nashville.”

The Hermitage, which features 122 rooms and suites, joins its sister properties [The Jefferson Hotel](#) in Richmond, VA, and [The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort](#) in Charleston, SC, in achieving the coveted rating, creating an unrivalled portfolio of luxury, independent hotels. All three properties also hold the AAA Five Diamond rating, placing them on an elite list of 31 hotels, resorts and inns in North America and Mexico to hold AAA’s and Mobil’s highest awards.

The Hermitage Hotel opened in 1910 after being commissioned by 250 Nashville residents. It is on the National Register of Historic Places, and the only remaining grand hotel in Nashville. It is a member of Preferred Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, and Historic Hotels of America.

Since its inception in 1958, the Mobil Travel Guide has used an objective set of criteria, unique among leading travel books, that sets national standards yet allows for regional and individual preferences. A carefully selected team of hospitality experts anonymously evaluates the establishments listed in the Guide. Properties must offer a level of experience appropriate to the cost, based on the quality of such items as décor, comfort, amenities, and services.

For more information about The Hermitage Hotel, visit www.thehermitagehotel.com or call 1-888-888-9414
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