

VILLAS OF DISTINCTION'S TEAM OF EXPERTS NAMES TOP 5 FAMILY-FRIENDLY DESTINATIONS FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2012

Amenities, Services of Vacation Rentals Enhance Family Travel in Europe, Caribbean and U.S. Hotspots



Cove Spring House, Barbados

Port Washington, NY (March 2012) – A team of experts from Villas of Distinction (www.VillasofDistinction.com), the world's premier villa rental company, today released a countdown of the “**Top 5 Family-Friendly Destinations for Spring/Summer 2012.**” With decades of experience planning trips to each area, the company's villa specialists are touting tips for families seeking the most incredible – yet welcoming – vacation experience imaginable.

“Our team understands the unique requirements of families seeking getaways that combine the comforts of home and child-friendly amenities with luxurious, over-the-top accommodations,” said Steve Lassman, Vice President and General Manager of Villas of Distinction. “We frequently visit and screen the properties in our collection firsthand. With that experience, and the fact that we've planned vacations for some of the world's most discerning travelers, we know the true value that a villa vacation offers.”

This Spring/Summer, families can choose from an array of rental properties that let them completely customize their vacations – from splashing in the Caribbean Sea to exploring the ancient ruins of Europe. Villas of Distinction's “**Top 5 Family-Friendly Destinations for Spring/Summer 2012**” are:

#5 – Tuscany, Italy – Travelers can discover the beauty and history of Italy by immersing themselves in local culture while vacationing in this picturesque destination, which prides itself on being a welcoming, family-oriented society. Day trips to the leaning Tower of Pisa, an array of medieval towns, beaches and quaint coffee/ice cream shops are easily accessible from the Villas of Distinction properties here.

#4 – Southern California – Combining glamorous hideaways that have welcomed Hollywood royalty, national parks, beaches and close proximity to Disneyland Resort, the California Riviera is the ultimate playground for family getaways. Villas of Distinction's properties here – including the renowned Bing Crosby Estate – offer a variety of activities and accommodations to suit even the tiniest, most demanding tots.

#3 – Barbados – Families seeking stress-free tropical getaways should look no further than this island paradise. Most Barbados villas offer maids, laundresses and cooks who will prepare meals for even the most finicky eaters. The best part? Each Villas of Distinction Barbados booking now includes – for a limited time – a free rental car, perfect for toting the kids to the island’s beaches, parks and restaurants.

#2 – Riviera Maya, Mexico – Most Villas of Distinction properties here are in gated communities featuring round-the-clock security, allowing families to sit back and relax in their own private oasis. For those seeking a more thrilling adventure, Villas of Distinction’s expert team recommends day trips to the ancient Mayan ruins, swimming with dolphins and snorkeling excursions. The nearby Xcaret archaeological park boasts unforgettable experiences for all ages.

#1 – Maui – No passport? No problem! Mom, Dad, the kids and even grandparents will love the majestic Hawaiian island of Maui. Many villa rentals here provide everything needed for the ultimate family getaway, including private pools. Marco Polo, anyone? A Maui must is a hike to the 10,000-foot summit of Mt. Haleakala, the largest dormant volcanic crater in the world.

To learn more about special family rates and packages available in these – and other – destinations, visit www.VillasofDistinction.com, call 800-289-0900 or email info@villasofdistinction.com. High-res photography is available.

About Villas of Distinction:

Villas of Distinction is a premier luxury villa provider that has helped travelers find their perfect vacation home for more than 20 years. Part of World Travel Holdings, the company represents thousands of privately owned villas in 50+ luxurious destinations. Most Villas of Distinction properties feature private pools, butlers, maids and chefs, making a luxury getaway possible for even the most budget-conscious vacationer. *Condé Nast Traveler’s* Readers Travel Awards’ 2010 Favorite Villa Company, Villas of Distinction takes pride in offering customized vacations to meet every imaginable need. The company also recently was named “Best Tour Operator of the Year” by Atout France, the France Tourism Development Agency, and received a Gold Magellan Award from *Travel Weekly* for its unique website, www.VillasofDistinction.com.

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