



**USA TODAY NAMES THE MISSION INN HOTEL & SPA'S
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
"BEST PUBLIC HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISPLAY"
IN ITS 2018 10BEST AWARDS**

The National Historic Landmark and Southern California icon is nationally recognized for its annual Festival of Lights décor



(Mission Inn Hotel & Spa's Festival of Lights celebrations)

(RIVERSIDE, CA; December 21, 2018)— Today, [The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa's Festival of Lights](#) was named **"Best Public Holiday Lights Display"** in USA Today's **10Best Awards**. The six-week extravaganza kicked off November 23rd with the annual "Switch-On Ceremony," which included the illumination of five million holiday lights across the hotel for a spectacle unlike any other. The award-winning lights display continues until Sunday, January 6, 2019.

"We want to thank USA Today's 10Best experts for bestowing such a tremendous distinction to our annual Festival of Lights," said Owner and COO Kelly Roberts. "We are honored as the award speaks to the beloved tradition the festival has become for not only the community but for visitors nationwide."

Highlights of the celebration include the iconic **five million holiday lights** draped across the hotel's exterior, a **life-size gingerbread house** and 19-foot **Christmas tree** in the hotel lobby, **400 animated figures**, stellar food & beverage offerings, and the signature **"elf tuck-in"** amenity offered to hotel guests.

The festive décor extends into specialty guest suites such as the new [Kensington Kelly Suite](#), outfitted with a glittering pink holiday tree, garland-topped fireplace, a miniature sleigh, and more. The [Sugar Plum Fairy Suite](#) brings a Nutcracker Christmas element to the hotel, with sweet holiday trimmings, a holiday tree, colorful lights, and candy decorations to delight guests of all ages.

The Mission Inn's newest 10Best win joins its established list of national accolades, which include but are not limited to:

- *Condé Nast Traveler Readers Choice Award* "Top 25 Southern California Hotels" (2013, 2016, 2018)
- *Wine Spectator's* "Best of Award of Excellence", Duane's Prime Steaks & Seafood (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018)
- USA Today's 10Best Reader's Choice Awards "Best Historic Hotels in America" (2016)
- *Brides Magazine's* Best Wedding Venues (2017)
- *Condé Nast Traveler's* Top 10 Hotel Spas in the U.S. (2014)
- Recognized as a National Historic Landmark (1977)

About USA Today's 10Best

10Best.com provides users with original, unbiased, and experiential travel content of top attractions, things to see and do, and restaurants for top destinations in the U.S. and around the world. The core of the site's uniqueness is its team of local travel experts: a well-traveled and well-educated group who are not only experts in their fields - and their cities - but discriminating in their tastes. These local experts live in the city they write about so the content is constantly updated.

About The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa

Originally opened in 1903, The AAA Four Diamond, Historic Mission Inn Hotel & Spa incorporates design elements throughout the southwestern United States, Mexico and several Mediterranean countries. The hotel features 238 guest rooms, including 27 suites and 4 restaurants: Duane's Prime Steaks and Seafood; Bella Trattoria Italian Bistro; Las Campanas Mexican Cuisine & Cantina; and The Mission Inn Restaurant and Spanish Patio. The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa also features 54° at Duane's, Casey's Cupcakes, and The Presidential Lounge and the new Las Campanas Tequila Bar offering over 100 tequilas. For more information or reservations, please call 1-800-843-7755 or visit www.missioninn.com.

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