



**THE AAA FOUR DIAMOND, HISTORIC MISSION INN HOTEL & SPA RISES ABOVE AS  
ONE OF USA TODAY'S 10BEST.COM "BEST HISTORIC HOTELS"**

*Iconic Inn Honored in National Reader's Choice Poll*

**RIVERSIDE, Calif. (May 2015)** – [The AAA Four Diamond, Historic Mission Inn Hotel & Spa](#) has been honored by USA TODAY's 10BEST.com readers as one of the Nation's Best Historic Hotels. The impressive accolade comes on the heels of the celebrated Inn's victory at the end of 2014 as the country's Best Public Lights Display, in which it was recognized for the annual Festival of Lights holiday celebration.

The 112-year old historic hotel is privately owned and operated by Duane and Kelly Roberts, who saved the National Historic Landmark in 1992. Since taking ownership, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have worked to meticulously update the Mission Inn, preserving the historic look and façade of the hotel and the countless artifacts within its walls, including precious Tiffany® stained glass windows acquired directly from Louis Comfort Tiffany in the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, and the exquisite 100 year-old Kimball Organ in the newly renovated Grand Parisian Ballroom. Often heralded as one of the most famous representations of Mission Revival architecture in the world, the hotel has built a longstanding reputation among U.S. Presidents, dignitaries and Old Hollywood stars, counting among its famous visitors Barbra Streisand, Bette Davis, Clark Gable, Ronald and Nancy Reagan, Richard Nixon, and Cary Grant, among many others.

"We are elated that once again, The Inn is being recognized on a national scale, calling attention to the rich historic roots of the hotel and the true labor of love required to operate such a grand property," said Kelly Roberts, Chief Operating Officer of The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa. "We are honored that readers agree and have made official what we know to be true – that The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa is in a class with the best Historic Hotels in the country!"

Nominees for all 10 Best Readers' Choice categories are chosen by a panel of relevant experts which include a combination of editors from USA TODAY; editors from 10Best.com; relevant expert contributors; and sources for both these media and other Gannett properties. The nomination panel for each award category is displayed on its associated contest page. All voting is digital and the 10Best Readers' Choice Award contest is accessible on the 10Best.com website.

While the 10Best Readers' Choice Award contest lives on 10Best.com - a standalone travel media site - it is promoted across USA TODAY Travel Media Group's digital and mobile products, as well as via social media. Nominees are also announced and/or promoted across relevant USA TODAY departments, and through Gannett media outlets, including the websites of its 81 local newspapers and 43 television stations.

**About The AAA Four Diamond, Historic Mission Inn Hotel & Spa**

Originally opened in 1903, The AAA Four Diamond, Historic Mission Inn Hotel & Spa incorporates design elements from throughout the southwestern United States, Mexico and several Mediterranean countries. The hotel features 238 guest rooms, including 27 suites, and four restaurants: Duane's Prime Steaks and Seafood, a AAA Four Diamond restaurant since 1996; 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 Wedding Cupcakes and The Presidential Lounge.

In addition, the hotel offers a serene swimming pool and Jacuzzi surrounded by lush gardens; a fitness center; a historic museum; access to championship golf and shopping; and Kelly's Spa, a luxurious Tuscan-inspired spa founded by visionary Kelly Roberts who also serves as COO of The Mission Inn, a National Historic Landmark and

member of the Historic Hotels of America. Kelly's Spa was also named a Top 10 Hotel Spa in the U.S. in *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2014 Readers' Choice Poll.

The hotel is situated on an entire city block of the quaint Mission Inn District of Riverside, California, which was recently listed as No. 8 on *Forbes* list of 'Coolest Cities in the United States. For more information or reservations please call 1-800-843-7755 or visit [www.missioninn.com](http://www.missioninn.com).

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