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Victoria's Magnolia Hotel and Spa voted one of Canada's most luxurious

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B.C.'s Sonora Resort has been voted the number one luxury hotel in Canada by TripAdvisor's 2011 Travelers' Choice Awards.

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VANCOUVER - B.C.'s Sonora Resort has been voted the number one luxury hotel in Canada by TripAdvisor's 2011 Travelers' Choice Awards.

The Relais & Chateaux resort, located in the Discovery Islands at the mouth of Bute Inlet, scored 100 per cent in the ratings.

Eight of the top 10 luxury hotels in Canada cited in the TripAdvisor awards are in B.C.

The others are: L'Hermitage Hotel, Vancouver; Shangri-La Hotel, Vancouver; Wedgewood Hotel & Spa, Vancouver; Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre; Fairmont Pacific Rim, Vancouver; Nita Lake Lodge, Whistler; and Magnolia Hotel and Spa, Victoria.

"Sonora Resort is delighted to be recognized by TripAdvisor as a 2011 Travelers' Choice award-winning travel destination," Wynne Powell, Sonora Resort president and CEO, said in a statement. "We believe Sonora's Canadian hospitality approach, exemplary customer service and our commitment to the Relais & Chateaux standards of excellence have been instrumental in Sonora achieving this honour from our customers."

Among other things, Sonora guests can see wildlife in their natural habitat surrounding Sonora Island, including grizzly bears and killer whales.

"We congratulate Sonora Resort on this significant honour," B.C. Tourism Minister Margaret MacDiarmid said in a statement. "It is a testament to the high quality tourism experiences that British Columbia has to offer visitors from around the world."

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