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## Hotel Monteleone Earns Place on U.S. News & World Report's List of the Best Hotels in the USA

**New Orleans (January 29, 2013)** – Hotel Monteleone has received recognition as one of the 2013 Best Hotels in the USA by U.S. News & World Report. The 2013 Best Hotels rankings are available online at <a href="http://travel.usnews.com/">http://travel.usnews.com/</a>.

The 2013 Best Hotels are calculated based on the aggregate opinion of travel experts and guests expressed through awards, recommendations, and ratings.

"It is with great honor that we receive this recognition," said Ronald Pincus, vice-president and chief operating officer of Hotel Monteleone. "Our mission has always been to provide an exceptional guest experience, and it is gratifying to know that our consistently high standard of service has received notice."

To create this year's rankings, U.S. News factored in the prominence of industry awards a hotel receives along with its reputation among travel experts and guests. In total, 1,639 U.S. luxury hotels and 273 Caribbean hotels were analyzed for the 2013 rankings. Only a fraction of these scored high enough to be named Best Hotels by U.S. News.

"This is our third year ranking hotels, and the bar continues to climb for luxury properties," said Chad Smolinski, Vice President of Rankings and Reviews at U.S. News & World Report. "Desirable amenities and hotel loyalty programs will no longer suffice. People are seeking hotels that go above and beyond to give their guests an unforgettable experience. Hotels that consistently meet the high expectations of experts and travelers are recognized in our rankings."

In addition to being recognized in U.S. News & World Report's Best Hotels in the USA, Hotel Monteleone was named Best Large Hotel in the 2012 "Best of the South" poll by American Automobile Association (AAA) Southern Traveler Magazine and earned the 2012 Award of Excellence from Corporate & Incentive Travel Magazine.

The U.S. News rankings of the 2013 Best Hotels can be found online here: http://travel.usnews.com/Hotels.

For more information on the award winning service offered at Hotel Monteleone and to make reservations, please visit <a href="www.hotelmonteleone.com">www.hotelmonteleone.com</a> or call (504) 523-3341. Become a fan at <a href="facebook.com/TheHotelMonteleone">facebook.com/TheHotelMonteleone</a> and follow Hotel Monteleone on Twitter <a href="whotelmonteleone">whotelmonteleone</a>.

## About The Hotel Monteleone

Since 1886, the Hotel Monteleone, www.hotelmonteleone.com, has proudly stood as one of the first landmarks in the famous French Quarter. The hotel is the Quarter's largest full-service hotel, featuring 600 comfortable, luxurious guestrooms and suites. Hotel Monteleone is within walking-distance of some of New Orleans most famous attractions and is conveniently located 11 miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport. Hotel Monteleone is a member of the Preferred Hotels® & Resorts, a consecutive AAA Four Diamond award-winner, and has won the J.D. Power and Associates Upscale Hotel Award for "An Outstanding Guest Experience." The Hotel Monteleone celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2011.