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## **Amazing Gay Travel award winners announced**

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL (Feb 1, 2011) – Mark's List, one of the highest ranking GLBT lifestyle, travel and entertainment websites in the world\*, today announces the winners of the first ever Amazing Gay Travel Awards.

In December and January, readers of Amazing Gay Travel ([www.amazinggaytravel.com](http://www.amazinggaytravel.com)) voted on their travel favorites across the world and across Florida in a total of 19 categories. In each category, five nominees were selected by an esteemed committee of travel writers and GLBT travel consultants, including journalists: Jeryl Brunner, Jimmy Im, Matt Link, Justin Ocean, Tim Pinckney, Paul Rubio, and Farryn Weiner.

At the international level, Miami landed the award for the city with the "Best Eye Candy in the World." Likewise, Miami took home this award at the state level. Readers voted the Netherlands as the world's "Most Gay Friendly Country" and San Francisco as the world's "Most Gay Friendly City." San Francisco also tied Key West for the title of "Best City for Unity Between Gays and Lesbians," while Key West ruled in the category "Best City for Unity Between Gays and Straights." The title for "Most Welcoming City to Come As You Are" went to Fort Lauderdale, and Fire Island was awarded "Best City to Return From With Crazy Stories."

Moreover, some of the world's finest gay friendly establishments have been honored through the Amazing Gay Travel Awards. Asia's grand dame, The Mandarin Oriental Bangkok, was named "Best Luxe Hotel in the World," while South Florida's trendsetting W Fort Lauderdale brought the award home at the state level. Lords South Beach received the honor as "Best Hotel Newbie in the World," narrowly beating out the Soho House in Miami and the Chatwal in New York City. The Abbey West Hollywood was recognized as the "Best Gay Bar, Lounge or Club in the World," and the Wilton Manor's new kid on the block, The Manor, earned the honor as "Best Gay or Lesbian bar, lounge or club in Florida."

Rounding out the Florida specific awards categories, the "Best high-end restaurant in Florida" went to Steak 954 and the "Best moderately priced restaurant in Florida" to Rosie's. Key West's gay-centric tropical hideaway, the Island House won in two categories – "Best moderately priced Gay guesthouse" and "Hottest Hotel pool scene in Florida."

The award for “Best high end Gay guesthouse” went to the The Grand, Fort Lauderdale and the “Hottest hotel spa in Florida” was awarded to A1A’s pampering palace - The Spa at Ritz Carlton, Fort Lauderdale.

About Amazing Gay Travel and the Mark’s List Network: Amazing Gay Travel is the travel sub-site of the GLBT juggernaut, [www.jumponmarkslist.com](http://www.jumponmarkslist.com). Since it’s humble beginnings as a nightlife and gay paparazzi website in 2002, JumpOnMarksList.Com has grown into one of the top GLBT lifestyle, travel and entertainment websites in the United States. Boasting over 41 million page views in 2010, an average of 160,000 unique monthly visitors, the Mark’s List Network saw double digit percentage increases in web traffic in 2010. In addition to the flagship site, Mark’s List Network through a partnership with Multimedia Platforms publishes two weekly print publications - a newspaper, *The Florida Agenda* and a magazine, *Mark*. Mark’s List and our related sites target audience is a young, educated and socially active consumer.

For more information, visit [www.amazinggaytravel.com](http://www.amazinggaytravel.com) or [www.jumponmarkslist.com](http://www.jumponmarkslist.com)

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