

**BARNESLEY GARDENS RESORT NAMED AS ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO STAY IN THE WORLD  
AS PART OF CONDE NAST TRAVELER'S 2011 GOLD LIST**

ADAIRSVILLE, Ga. (January 4, 2011) – Barnsley Gardens Resort has been named to *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2011 Gold List, which highlights the best places to stay in the world. Barnsley Gardens Resort is one of five Georgia properties to be included in this prestigious ranking. This is the second year in a row that the resort has been chosen as part of the Gold List. The list can be viewed in the January issue of *Condé Nast Traveler* or online at <http://www.concierge.com/tools/travelawards/goldlist/2011>.

The Gold List properties were chosen from the 2010 Readers Choice Awards, which evaluate hotels and resorts around the world on the following criteria: rooms, services, food/dining, location, overall design and activities/facilities. Barnsley Resort's overall score was 89.9. It received the following scores in each of these categories: rooms: 93.7, service: 92.5, food: 88.8, location 84.6, design: 90.6, and activities: 89.2. More than 25,000 *Condé Nast Traveler* readers were surveyed to compile the awards list.

“At Barnsley Gardens Resort we strive to exceed guests’ expectations and provide a luxurious, unique and unforgettable experience. We feel that by receiving this esteemed award, we have accomplished our goals,” says Sharon Cohen, Director of Marketing. “It is important for our resort to distinguish itself from other properties, and we succeed in this by offering a variety of one-of-a-kind amenities and exceptional service.”

This latest achievement caps a list of recent honors bestowed upon the resort including being named to *Condé Nast Traveler's* “2010 Gold List,” “Top 240 Spas in North America, Hawaii, Central America and the Caribbean” list, and the “2009 and 2010 Readers’ Choice Awards,” and also as a 2010 “Premier Resort” by *Golf Magazine*. Additional resort accolades include a designation as the 2008 and 2007 GGCOA “Course of the Year,” 4.5 Star Rating in *Golf Digest's* “Best Places to Play” 2007, *Travel + Leisure's* “500 World’s Best Hotels,” *Condé Nast* “Johansens Recommendation” in 2007, and an “Extraordinary” rating by the Zagat Survey of America’s Top Golf Courses (2007/2008).

Reminiscent of an English Village and set in the Georgia countryside, the enchanting Barnsley Gardens Resort lies just north of Atlanta on 3,300 acres and offers a full complement of sporting, recreational and spa amenities and is famous for its historic gardens among the ruins. Exclusive to the resort is an on-staff Fairy Godmother, whose sole job is to enhance guests’ stays with her magical touch and creative special activities.

To learn more about Barnsley Gardens Resort or to make a reservation, please call 877-773-2447 or visit [www.barnsleyresort.com](http://www.barnsleyresort.com).

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### **About Barnsley Gardens Resort**

In the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains just 60 miles north of Atlanta, Barnsley Gardens Resort welcomes guests into a storybook romantic setting of incomparable service. Encompassing 3,300 acres, the historic Barnsley Gardens offers a unique getaway experience. Originally built as an opulent estate in the 19th century, the grounds have been transformed into a world-class resort. All guests are lodged in private rooms, suites or cottages, all luxuriously appointed with a mix of old-world charm and modern convenience. Whether looking for a relaxing weekend, strategic meeting or an elegant wedding, guests will discover a retreat of privacy and perfection. Amenities include gourmet dining, immaculate gardens, historic ruins, a European-style spa, and exciting recreational choices such as world-class golf, wingshooting and hunting at Springbank Plantation – Georgia's most unique hunting preserve, and horseback riding along scenic trails. [www.barnsleyresort.com](http://www.barnsleyresort.com).

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