

**THE WESTIN**  
HILTON HEAD ISLAND  
RESORT & SPA

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**THE WESTIN HILTON HEAD ISLAND RESORT & SPA  
RECEIVES AWARDS**

Hilton Head Island, SC (February 13, 2012) – The Westin Hilton Head Island was recently recognized with three different awards of distinction. AAA presented the prestigious AAA Four Diamond award to the Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa. This award marks 18 years that the AAA Carolinas has honored The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa for superior quality, service and excellence in the state. “AAA’s requirements for a Four Diamond rating are rigorous, and those that win it are among the best hotels and restaurants in the world,” said Dave Parsons, president and CEO of AAA Carolinas. “Only 3.4 percent of the more than 58,000 annual inspections conducted nationally result in a Four Diamond rating.”

AAA gives the Four Diamond awards annually to qualified hotels and restaurants in North America. More than 2,000 properties nationally earn the Four Diamond ratings after specially trained evaluators conduct anonymous overnight stays or dine incognito. Lodgings include eight different classifications, such as bed and breakfast, hotel, cottage and country inn with four sub-classifications such as historic, classic, resort and casino.

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The Heavenly Spa by Westin, Hilton Head Island was recently recognized as one of the “Top 10 Hot Spas in the South” by Convention South magazine. The editors of Convention South based the award on research and first-hand knowledge of the wellness services provided to meeting group attendees by the Heavenly Spa by Westin, Hilton Head Island.

Hotels Fairy, website and travel industry blog also recently named the Heavenly Spa by Westin as a “Top 10 Destination That Will Make Your Friends Jealous in 2012”. According to Spa Director, Kathy Steele “It’s great that the Heavenly Spa in Hilton Head is getting recognized as its own separate special destination. We are thrilled with the awards and are always surprised that so many locals are just now discovering us as well.”

#### **About The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa**

Located within Port Royal Plantation, The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa is an AAA Four Diamond Award-winning resort overlooking the Atlantic Ocean with 412 guest rooms and suites. The resort offers a variety of dining options, outdoor swimming pools, a 9-treatment room Heavenly Spa by Westin with full service salon, WestinWORKOUT®, a health club, running and walking trails, beach and water sports. Guests also have access to the Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club, featuring three spectacular 18-hole golf courses: The Barony, Planter’s Row and Robber’s Row, designed by George W. Cobb, Willard C. Byrd and Pete Dye, respectively. The Port Royal Racquet club features 14 tennis Har-Tru clay and Nova hard courts. The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa also offers over 30,500 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space that consist of 15 meeting rooms, including a 13,200 square-foot Grand Ballroom, an Oceanfront Pavilion and two Executive Boardrooms, [www.westinhiltonheadisland.com](http://www.westinhiltonheadisland.com)

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