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**WISCONSIN'S OSTHOFF RESORT MAKES TRAVEL + LEISURE MAGAZINE'S LIST OF
TOP 500 HOTELS IN THE WORLD FOR 2014**

Resort's Aspira Spa Also Trends High on SpasofAmerica.com Top 100 List

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. (January 2, 2014) – The venerable travel publication *Travel + Leisure* magazine has unveiled its [T+L 500 for 2014](#), the list of the top 500 hotels and resorts in the world as voted on by readers, and the Osthoff Resort on Elkhart Lake in Wisconsin is among the elite to make the list.

The Osthoff Resort features all-suite accommodations, two restaurants, full-service spa, classic cooking school, year-round recreation, signature events, gift boutiques, and grand conference rooms. It is located just one hour north of Milwaukee, less than two hours from Madison and approximately three hours from Chicago. For reservations, call 800.876.3399 or book online at www.Osthoff.com.

In its write-up on the resort, the magazine's editors keyed in on the Osthoff's enviable lake location, the food, and the spa: "Travelers feel blissfully off the radar when nestled in at this 240-room property located on the shores of a glacially formed lake in a village with less than 1,000 residents. Food is a major focus here: the resort's restaurants source produce from local farmers and an on-site garden, and guests can sign up for classes—followed by lengthy family-style dinners—at the L'école de la Maison Cooking School. Wellness also gets a significant nod thanks to a 20,000-square-foot spa with a meditation sanctuary and café."

The magazine touted the lakeside suites as "well worth the splurge," and even offered an insider tip for cheese lovers to try the Wisconsin Sampler at Lola's restaurant.

Respondents to the T+L survey were asked to rank hotels on a handful of characteristics, with those ratings then averaged to create an overall score. The Osthoff Resort received a 90.22 rating, placing it ahead of the only other Wisconsin hotel to make the list. A minimum number of responses was necessary for a hotel to be eligible for inclusion in the World's Best Awards listings.

This award is the latest in a string of honors for the Osthoff. In 2013 *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine named the resort's Aspira Spa the #3 spa in North America. The resort also received

the prestigious AAA Four Diamond Rating for the 15th consecutive year and was named a Certificate of Excellence winner by TripAdvisor.com.

Most recently, Aspira Spa was ranked one of the Top 100 Spas of 2013 by the consumer spa web site, [Spas of America](#). The rankings are based on page views on the web site, with Aspira coming in at #16.

In December of last year the resort broke ground on a significant expansion of its conference facilities. The 20,000 square foot addition is on schedule for completion by the start of the summer season.

Every year since 2005 the resort has undertaken at least one significant development project: It built the north wing with conference center, spa and restaurant; added a cooking school; created a lake deck for casual dining and live music; added a lounge to its main floor Elk Room; expanded the gardens that serve the hotel's restaurants; and recently completed a significant refurbishing of all the guest suites in the main building and south wing.

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