

The 2016 Top 10 Premier Awards held at Shandrani Beachcomber

Beachcomber Tours South Africa has treated its best travel agents to a memorable stay at Shandrani Beachcomber Resort & Spa from 29 November to 02 December 2016. The highlight of the trip was this year's Top 10 Premier Awards gala evening around the theme, "A Touch of Gold".

The Top 10 Premier Awards have become a major annual event recognizing the best travel agents working with Beachcomber Tours South Africa. Some twenty of them attended this year's edition.

The invitees were treated to experience The Art of Beautiful throughout their stay with a wide range of activities specially crafted by the hotel's artisans. The programme included excursions in the picturesque village of Mahebourg, kayaking trips, pampering sessions in the peace and quiet of the spa as well as a barbecue on the water's edge with panoramic views of the Blue Bay Marine Park.

As for the dining, some creative gourmet meals carefully prepared by Shandrani Beachcomber's artisans have delighted their taste buds. They had a chance to enjoy a taste of Asian fusion cuisine at the Teak Elephant Restaurant and a trattoria menu at the Ponte Vecchio, among others.

Since an incentive trip would not be complete without theme evenings – and to celebrate the colours of Shandrani Beachcomber, which is commemorating its 25th anniversary this year –, a Purple Party was organised. All the hotel's guests joined in and wore a touch of purple – a tribute also to the singer, Prince.

"Our Top 10 celebrations at Shandrani Beachcomber were phenomenal. Shandrani delivered the most amazing experience all round including efficient and friendly service, excellent food and great accommodation. The evening functions were spectacular and the hotel managers gave us top support by attending and participating in our awards celebration" says Terry Munro, Managing Director of Beachcomber Tours SA.

To round off the event, a gala evening around the theme, "Go for Gold" was hosted to reward the tour operator's top achievers. Heidi Strydom from the Exotic Vacations agency was this year again presented with the Top Seller Award. Exotic Travel won the top agency award for the 09th year in row, what an achievement! "The Top 10 Premier Awards continue to be an unmissable event honouring the best travel agents from South Africa for their very good performance. This is also an opportunity to thank the Beachcomber Tours South Africa team for their trust and congratulate them for their excellent work," says Beachcomber's Head of Sales, Nicolas Staub.

This special evening was also attended by Beachcomber's Hotel Managers and Commercial Department team.

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About Beachcomber

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is the pioneer and leader of the Mauritian tourism industry. Since the creation of Park Hotel in 1952, a collection of 11 resorts have emerged over the years, including the mythical RoyalPalm Mauritius in 1985, considered by everyone as the reference in hospitality for luxury holidays in Mauritius.

Beachcomber has exported the tradition of Mauritian hospitality beyond the shores of the island, with the launching of Sainte Anne Resort & Spa in Seychelles, in 2002, and that of the Royal Palm Marrakech in 2013 in Morocco.

The Group is presently expanding its collection, with the integration of the Beachcomber French Riviera Resort & Spa, situated on the Côte d'Azur, in France.

The collection of 11 resorts affords a choice of accommodation options ranging from rooms and apartments to suites and villas. Each hotel is imbued with a particular history and cachet, embodying an image of discrete luxury.

Social responsibility – Fondation Espoir Développement (FED), by Beachcomber

Set up and financed by Beachcomber since 1999, with the participation of hotels and employees, this foundation takes care of these main projects:

- Projet Employabilité Jeunes (PEJ): professional insertion of school drop-outs through a training programme and industrial attachments.
- Collaboration with NGOs, schools and associations
- Regional projects – youth mentoring: the "Amour et Espoir" NGO; IT initiation; youth monitoring via the "Duke of Edinburgh International Award" programme, participation of regional sports clubs in the organisation of the Beachcomber UTRB Trail 2015

Social responsibility – Local Hands

Programme launched in 2006 to support small local artisans by providing them with training and guidance as they embark upon the process of creation, production, marketing and sales.

Sustainable development – our environmental actions – EarthCheck label

Sustainable development and environmental protection constitute real considerations within the Group, which has set up, amongst other initiatives, practices that ensure energy savings and favour renewable energy sources. These initiatives in favour of sustainable development have been recognised and rewarded, with two of our hotels recently obtaining the EarthCheck Benchmarked Bronze accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.