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WENTWORTH MANSION AND JOHN RUTLEDGE HOUSE INN VOTED TOP HOTELS IN CHARLESTON BY US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

Charleston, SC—June 21, 2011—U.S. News & World Report has published their list of Best Hotels in the USA, as well as the subcategory, Best Hotels in Charleston, and Charming Inns properties the **Wentworth Mansion[®]** and **John Rutledge House Inn[®]** in downtown Charleston have topped the list. The Wentworth Mansion[®] scored the highest of 127 Charleston area hotels and inns rated, earning five stars across the board. The hotel scored high enough to make the exclusive U.S. News list of the [Best Hotels in the USA](#). The John Rutledge House Inn[®] was named #9 on the Charleston best list.

To compile their list of the Best Hotels in the USA, U.S. News & World Report editors analyzed recommendations from a variety of guidebooks, magazines and websites. Using this unbiased approach and drawing from more than 850 luxury accommodations across 49 major travel destinations, the list includes an exclusive 86 hotels around the country. Recent guests at the Wentworth Mansion[®] raved about the “elegant décor, fantastic customer service, on-site spa and complimentary hors d'oeuvres and evening brandies and sherries,” saying it’s *the* place to stay in Charleston.

Of the Wentworth Mansion[®], U.S. News & World Report editors write, “Constructed in the late 1800s, the Wentworth Mansion[®] exudes an Old World aura, meaning it's also the perfect choice for history buffs. Its location is just another highlight; The Battery is nearby, as is the South Carolina Aquarium.”

Of the John Rutledge House Inn[®], U.S. News & World Report editors write, “If you're an American history buff, recent guests insist that you stay at this boutique hotel. Once the former home of John Rutledge (one of the signers of the U.S. Constitution), this magnificent 18th-century hotel features 19 guest rooms (within the main residence and two carriage houses) decked out in detailed Italian marble fireplaces, inlaid floors and the property's original plaster moldings. Plus, guests here have easy access to some of Charleston's most historic attractions, including the Nathaniel Russell House and the Old Slave Mart Museum.”

For more information on this year's Best Hotels in Charleston, visit http://travel.usnews.com/Hotels/Charleston_SC/. For more information about the Wentworth Mansion®, visit www.wentworthmansion.com or call (888) 466-1886. For more information about John Rutledge House Inn®, visit www.johnrutledgehouseinn.com or call (800) 476-9741.