



2024 GALA CEREMONY MEDIA RELEASE

The World Luxury Awards Celebrate Excellence with Stunning Gala Ceremonies at AYANA Bali and Galgorm in Northern Ireland — The World Luxury Awards, the pinnacle of recognition for the global luxury hospitality industry, successfully hosted two grand gala ceremonies this past week. The iconic AYANA Bali and the glamorous Galgorm served as the prestigious backdrops for these celebrated events, held on 16 and 19 October 2024, respectively.

AYANA Bali Gala – A Night of Tropical Elegance

On the 16th of October, AYANA Bali welcomed distinguished guests from around the world for an unforgettable evening of tropical elegance. The luxurious beachfront setting provided the perfect ambiance for recognizing the finest of luxury establishments. Attendees were treated to a spectacular display of Balinese culture, including traditional dances, gourmet cuisine featuring local delicacies, all in an enchanting setting of lights and glamour.

Winners in categories spanning from luxury hotels and wellness retreats to Michelin star restaurants and premium travel facilities were announced amidst applause. The night was a tribute to innovation, excellence, and the relentless pursuit of perfection in the luxury hospitality sector.



Galgorm Gala – A Symphony of Sophistication

Just three days later, the awards moved to the enchanting Galgorm in Ballymena, Northern Ireland. On the 19th of October the sprawling estate, known for its lush gardens and opulent interiors, played host to a sophisticated evening of celebration. The gala embraced the rich cultural heritage of Northern Ireland, with live music performances, a gourmet banquet, and a true Irish sendoff at McKendry's Bar after the closing of the ceremony.

The Galgorm ceremony honored outstanding achievements in luxury travel, fine dining, bespoke wellness experiences, and the best in the luxury travel sector. Esteemed guests, gathered to celebrate the achievements, speak on camera and network with their peers.

A Celebration of Excellence

Both gala evenings underscored the World Luxury Awards' commitment to recognizing and rewarding excellence in the luxury industry. The events provided a platform for industry leaders to showcase their achievements, share their stories, and inspire others.

"We are thrilled to have hosted such magnificent celebrations at AYANA Bali and Galgorm," said Anton Perold, Managing Director of the World Luxury Awards. "These events are a testament to the dedication and passion of the luxury establishments that continue to set new standards of excellence. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the winners and participants."



"We are delighted with the tremendous success of hosting the World Luxury Awards at Galgorm. It's been a privilege to welcome the very best from the global luxury hospitality industry to Northern Ireland. This event has truly highlighted what our region can offer, strengthening our commitment to promoting tourism and delivering exceptional experiences. We're proud to have showcased Northern Ireland's outstanding hospitality, further enhancing its reputation as a premier destination for international visitors." says Colin Johnston, Managing Director of Galgorm

John McGrillen, CEO of Tourism Northern Ireland, said: "The World Luxury Awards 2024 taking place at the Galgorm Resort, along with the associated destination event, was a wonderful opportunity for Northern Ireland to show what it has to offer to the luxury hospitality market worldwide.

The last time the awards were hosted at the Galgorm Resort, attendees stayed an average of five days in the region and it is anticipated it will be the same this time around.

Having so many luxury operators from around the world visit Northern Ireland gave the region the opportunity to shine as the sustainable, inclusive and innovative year-round world-class destination that it is."



The 2024 Overall Winners

The top accolades for the 2024 award year were celebrated at both occasions:

Global Travel Establishment of the Year - The Red Sea, Saudi Arabia



Global Restaurant of the Year - JAAN by Kirk Westaway, Singapore





Global Spa of the Year - The Spa at Carden, United Kingdom



Global Hotel of the Year - The Ritz Hotel, London





A further resounding celebration was had when for the first time ever, the **Hospitality Excellence Award** was presented. This is the first of its kind and is chosen for those, who through their unwavering support to hospitality service excellence across the board, were nominated for participation with their hotel, spa and restaurant. For 2024, this honour went to **Viceroy Bali, Akoya Spa and Apéritif Restaurant**.





The **2024 Chairman Award** proudly went to **Australia Zoo**, hand selected by the CEO of the World Luxury Awards, for their massive contribution to education of the world's youth, zoology and compassion for animals at this world-class travel facility.



Looking Forward

As the curtains close on the 2024 World Luxury Awards gala ceremonies, anticipation already builds for next year's events. With a legacy of celebrating luxury and excellence, the World Luxury Awards continue to inspire and elevate the standards within the industry.

For more information about the World Luxury Awards and a full list of winners, please visit www.theworldluxuryawards.com or contact hello@theworldluxuryawards.com

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