



## **EXPLORA RAPA NUI: BEST LODGE IN LATINOAMERICA IN TRAVEL + LEISURE'S 2011 AWARDS**

**Posada de Mike Rapu, explora Rapa Nui, named #1 Resort in Central and South America in Travel + Leisure's 2011 World's Best Awards**

**July 8, 2011\_** The top hotel on Easter Island is now tops in its geographic region. Posada de Mike Rapu from **explora Rapa Nui** has been named the #1 Resort in Central and South America in *Travel + Leisure's* World's Best Awards 2011. The 16<sup>th</sup> annual World's Best Awards, which surveys the magazine's readership, appears in the August 2011 issue of *Travel + Leisure*.

Already renowned as the first hotel in Latin America to earn LEED (Silver) Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, Posada de Mike Rapu is distinctively remote, perched above the roaring Pacific and near the ancient Rano Raraku Volcano where Easter Island's solemn *moai* were born.

Properties included in the World's Best Awards 2011 survey were rated by readers on characteristics, including rooms/facilities, location, service, restaurants/food, and value.

"Words cannot describe how thrilled we all are that the sophisticated readers of Travel + Leisure saw fit to honor Posada de Mike Rapu as the best of the World's Best in Central and South America," said Jesús Parrilla, CEO of explora. "This award is a true testament to our dedicated staff and our local partner Mike Rapu, who clearly understand that our success rest upon our continue effort in raising our standards on a daily basis, exceeding our travelers' expectations."