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San Diego's The Bristol Awarded the Prestigious Green Eco-Leaf Rating

The Bristol has earned a 3 Green Eco-Leaf Rating this week by completing a 70 point comprehensive eco-audit survey administered by iStayGreen.org - the online social network of environmentally friendly travel.

San Diego, CA December 26, 2008 - The Bristol becomes one of 7 lodging properties in San Diego, CA to receive the Green Eco-Leaf Rating. Currently 15 [hotels in San Diego](http://www.istaygreen.org/getcityus.cfm/city/San+Diego/st/CA) ([http://www.istaygreen.org/getcityus.cfm/city/San Diego/st/CA](http://www.istaygreen.org/getcityus.cfm/city/San+Diego/st/CA)) have been rated environmentally friendly, and The Bristol is one of 7 lodging properties to complete the comprehensive environmental audit administered by iStayGreen.org. The property earned 3 Green Eco-Leafs, which is a "Great" rating.

All Green Eco-Leaf Rated properties are committed to environmentally friendly initiatives California Green Lodging Program - levels. Richard Varner, founder of iStayGreen.org states: "Simple changes helped The Bristol earn their 3 Green Eco-Leaf Rating and become one of 7 lodging properties rated. It's great to see they're intent on insuring a more sustainable future in travel."

To insure a more sustainable future some of the eco-initiatives put in-place at the property include: an on-site Green Team has been created - low energy lighting initiatives are in-place - energy efficient lighting is installed when replacing old lighting - sheets reuse option for multiple night stays - towels reuse option for multiple night stays - eco-initiatives are actively promoted to the public - water conserving devices are installed when replacing old fixtures - recycled paper products (bath tissue, facial tissue, paper towels, napkins, etc) are utilized - environmentally friendly chemicals are used in cleaning - environmentally friendly detergents are used for laundry - environmentally friendly chemicals are used for carpet cleaning - the entire property is non-smoking - cotton bedding and towels (non-synthetic) are utilized - low VOC materials (paint, adhesives, air freshener, carpet) are used at the property - bulk amenities and soaps are dispensed in guestrooms - plus much more. The complete audit can be viewed at [The Bristol Environmental Self-Audit](http://www.istaygreen.org/ecoaudit.cfm/hid/10225131) (<http://www.istaygreen.org/ecoaudit.cfm/hid/10225131>).

The lodging industry recognizes the need to create a sustainable future for travel. While the The Bristol is one of 7 San Diego lodging properties to achieve the Green Eco-Leaf Rating, it is anticipated that many other properties in the area that are promoting eco-friendly initiatives also will seek to be rated. This eco-rating allows the public to know the specific environmental initiatives in place at a property, which enables the environmentally conscious traveler to make informed lodging decisions.

For additional information about The Bristol contact them at 619 232-6141 or visit www.thebristolsandiego.com. To find out how a property can earn the Green Eco-Leaf Rating, contact Richard Varner at 602-864-5553 or visit <http://www.iStayGreen.org>.

About The Bristol: The Bristol has a sophisticated yet welcoming ambiance that places it in the top tier of San Diego hotels. Conveniently located in the heart of downtown, the Bristol shares sidewalks with fine dining and entertainment in the Gaslamp Quarter, world class shopping at Horton Plaza, the Cruise Ship Terminal, and the San Diego Convention Center. Just a short drive away you will find sunny California beaches, the San Diego Zoo, and Sea World.

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About iStayGreen.org:

With iStayGreen's rapidly growing searchable directory of 100,000 lodging properties and over 3,000 already Green Eco-Leaf Rated, it's easy for anyone to quickly locate and compare "Green" lodging worldwide. To earn a Green Eco-Leaf Rating, hotels must complete a thorough self-audit, and then are rated based on their eco-initiatives. The site also provides an effective way for hotel owners and operators to promote all of the good "Green" things they are doing. Visitors to the site can create their own profiles, add friends, recommend properties, upload photos, form groups, create and respond to

forum threads, make reservations, and add comments and reviews to hotel profiles.

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