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VFB Holidays

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▪ Voted Top Five short break company at the 2009 Guardian, Observer and guardian.co.uk Travel Awards

VFB Holidays, a Travelzest Group company, is delighted to announce that it has been voted as one of the top five short break companies at the 23rd annual Guardian, Observer and guardian.co.uk Travel Awards.

VFB Holidays provides its customers with short breaks, cottages, villas and hotels in France and other European countries. VFB has been in operation for 39 years and upholds extraordinary standards of customer service which are illustrated by the level of repeat bookings by its customers and its recognition in the industry.

Voting took place for the Guardian, Observer and guardian.co.uk Travel Awards from March 2009 onwards and saw 19,248 participants giving their views on the industry, up from 17,000 last year. The winners of the awards were announced at the awards ceremony on 16 October in Bangkok, Thailand.

Jonathan Carroll, Chief Executive of Travelzest plc, said:

"We are very pleased that VFB has once again been recognised by such esteemed awards as a leading short break company. VFB has seen tremendous growth over the years of its operation and has never compromised its commitment to provide the highest standards of quality. Testament to this is that customers come back to VFB again and again."

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Notes to Editors:

The Travelzest group currently comprises:

VFB Holidays

VFB Holidays is a long established, award winning tour operator, which provided holidays for approximately 24,000 passengers in its last financial year. VFB is currently contracted with the owners of approximately 350 holiday cottages throughout France for the summer season, and has booking arrangements with over 150 hotels, most of which are privately owned and are located in rural or semi-rural locations. VFB specialises in cottage holidays in France, but also

has a number of other holiday programmes including: France à la Carte (hotel accommodation), Corsica, Short Breaks, Escorted Tours and River Cruises.

www.vfbholidays.com

itravel2000.com

itravel2000.com was founded in 1994 and is an online travel agent. Sales are made online and through customer call centres located in Mississauga, Ontario and Montreal, Quebec. The greater proportion of itravel2000.com's business is winter-based, thus providing counter-seasonal revenue to the predominantly summer-based revenues of Travelzest's businesses in Europe.

The Cruise Professionals

The Cruise Professionals is a retailer with an online presence offering luxury cruise experiences, providing its customers with a bespoke service selling itineraries in the most luxurious suites on the World's best cruise lines. The company's staff pride themselves in providing world class customer service and competitive rates. Destinations include itineraries from around the World, including Antarctica, Australia, New Zealand, The Orient, South Pacific and Northern Europe. It specialises in World cruise voyages with itineraries of 100 days or longer. www.cruiseprofessionals.com

Holiday Express

Holiday Express owns the domain names www.holiday.co.uk and www.flight.co.uk. In October 2008, Travelzest closed the in-house operations of Holiday Express and licensed use of the domain names to a third party.

Fair's Fare

Fair's Fare was established in 1995 and is the UK's leading firm of airfare analysts, offering a unique travel planning service to both private and business clients. The company seeks out the very best financial options, on all major airlines, but primarily for long-haul travellers in the first and business class cabins of the world's leading airlines.

www.fairsfare.com

Best of Morocco

Best of Morocco is a tour operator specialising in high quality, tailor-made holidays to Morocco for individuals or small groups. It provides a personalised service and it's highly experienced and knowledgeable staff help each customer select the hotels / resorts from their large range which are appropriate for the customer's desired style of holiday. Best of Morocco is the premier agent for the Marathon des Sables, a foot race that takes place in Morocco in April each year, covering some 230km. Best of Morocco provides the largest contingent of runners for the race each year.

www.bestofmorocco.co.uk

Peng Travel

Peng Travel was formed in 1971 to arrange naturist holidays for the UK market. Since then, it has grown to become Britain's biggest naturist tour operator. It has unrivalled experience of naturist areas worldwide and has selected only the best. The range of naturist holidays offered is unmatched by any other British tour operator.

www.pengtravel.co.uk

Faraway Holidays

Faraway Holidays was launched by Travelzest in August 2006. It offers luxury tailor-made holidays and tours to top exotic destinations, including Vietnam, Cambodia, Bali and Thailand. Every destination offered by Faraway Holidays will have been visited by at least one member of the sales team, ensuring that customers receive informed and knowledgeable advice when

planning their holiday.

www.farawayholidays.co.uk

The Malaysia Experience

The Malaysia Experience, operated by Faraway Holidays, was acquired by Travelzest in February 2008. This extends Faraway Holidays expertise and local knowledge to be able to offer individually tailored holidays to destinations across Malaysia.

www.malaysiaexperience.co.uk

Tapestry Collection

Travelzest acquired the assets of Tapestry Holidays and has launched a revitalised brand consisting of the very best of the Tapestry range. The Tapestry Collection showcases the very best of Turkey, Cephalonia and Crete featuring many boutique hotels, apartments and villas.

www.thetapestrycollection.com

The Wow House Company

Wow House Limited, trading as The Wow House Company, is a specialist UK accommodation provider offering an exclusive portfolio of large, prestigious houses to rent for short breaks in the UK. The company also offers a comprehensive event planning service.

www.thewowhousecompany.co.uk

Captivating Cuba

Captivating Cuba is a tour operator specialising in quality tailor made holidays to Cuba. It's highly experienced team provide customers with the very best advice regarding how to get the most from their visit to the largest Caribbean island.

www.captivatingcuba.com

JMB Travel

JMB Travel Consultants Limited is a leading UK specialist in opera holidays offering an extensive range of destinations noted for their operas and music festivals. It has unrivalled experience in catering for the particular needs of the opera and music lover and has connections with every major opera house and music festival in Europe and a small section of North America.

www.jmb-travel.co.uk