



## Andrew Harper

### Andrew Harper's 2010 Grand Award Winners Revealed

#### ***Beijing's Aman at Summer Palace garners top award as Hideaway of the Year***

**New York – January 7, 2010:** *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report*, the most credible resource for unbiased travel intelligence, has named **Aman at Summer Palace** in Beijing, its *Hideaway of the Year* (<http://amanresorts.com/amanatsummerpalace/home.aspx>). This is the first time a hotel has received a 99-point rating from the legendary anonymous reviewer. The *Hideaway of the Year* and sixteen *Grand Award* winners were revealed in the January 2010 issue of the *Hideaway Report*.

Of Aman at Summer Palace, Andrew Harper notes, “Adjacent to the East Gate of the historic Summer Palace, the property is housed within a series of pavilions — some of them century-old dwellings used by those awaiting an audience with the Empress Dowager Cixi — and presents a serenely romantic vision of a bygone China. After our experience, we can only say that the opportunity to stay in this unique location is both a treat and a privilege.”

In addition, sixteen hotels and resorts around the world have been designated *2010 Grand Award* winners by the *Hideaway Report*:

[Crosby Street Hotel , New York](#)

[La Reserve, Ramatuelle, France](#)

[Madrona Manor, Napa Valley](#)

[L'Hotel de Toiras, Brittany](#)

[La Malcontenta, Catalonia](#)

[Hotel Duchessa Isabella, Ferrara](#)

[Finca Cortesin Hotel, Andalusia](#)

[Locanda il Rigoletto, Emilia-Romagna, Italy](#)

[Hotel Kendov Dvorec, Slovenia](#)

[Kulefu Camp, Zambia](#)

[Villa Miločer, Montenegro](#)

[Sussi & Chuma, Zambia](#)

[Banyan Tree Ringha, China](#)

[Park Hyatt Shanghai](#)

[Six Senses Hideaway Samui, Thailand](#)

[Rosewood Mayakoba, Riviera Maya](#)

Grand Award winners represent the *creme de la creme* of the hotels and resorts that Andrew Harper has visited during the previous 12 months. To be considered, properties must be relatively small, possess distinctive characters and demonstrate an unwavering commitment to personal service and refined hospitality. Mr Harper does not evaluate hotels by means of a checklist, but uses his three decades of experience to identify those qualities that separate the good from the truly enchanting.

### **About Andrew Harper**

Disappointed by out-of-date guidebooks, in 1978, Andrew Harper created an independent, monthly publication for sophisticated travelers, *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report*. Traveling incognito and always paying his own way, Mr. Harper's unbiased reviews detail the world's finest hotels, villas, resorts and culturally authentic travel experiences. Now, 30 years after the launch of his publication, Mr. Harper has developed a full-fledged, private membership program, offering his loyal readers highly personalized travel planning assistance, bespoke tours, exclusive trips, and other VIP services that allow members to step into his exceptionally well-traveled shoes.

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