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## ***ConventionSouth* Magazine Releases The 2019 List of The “Hottest of the Hot” meeting and event sites.**

GULF SHORES, Ala. (May 13, 2019) – After a review of our entire 16-state coverage area, our editorial team selected an elite group of ten hot spot cities for winter events. We then asked our readers to vote for the hottest meeting sites within these hot spots, determining the “Hottest of the Hot.” Please see winners below. The July 2019 Issue of *ConventionSouth* will showcase the sites listed below with an editorial spotlight:

### **BIRMINGHAM**

1. Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum
2. Birmingham Marriott
3. Hilton at UAB
4. Westin Birmingham

### **FORT LAUDERDALE**

1. Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale Beach - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
2. Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa
3. Sonesta Fort Lauderdale Beach
4. W Fort Lauderdale

### **MIAMI AND MIAMI BEACH**

1. Eden Roc Miami Beach
2. The Gates South Beach
3. Hyatt Regency Miami at Miami Convention Center
4. Kimpton Angler's Hotel
5. Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay Hotel
6. Nobu Hotel Miami Beach

### **LAKE BUENA VISTA AND ORLANDO**

1. Caribe Royale Orlando All-Suite Hotel & Convention Center
2. Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
3. DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld
4. Orange County Convention Center
5. Villas of Grand Cypress

### **NEW ORLEANS**

1. Bourbon Orleans Hotel - of the New Orleans Hotel Collection
2. Four Points by Sheraton French Quarter
3. Jung Hotel
4. Royal Sonesta New Orleans
5. Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

## BRANSON

1. Branson Convention Center
2. Chateau on the Lake Resort & Spa
3. Hilton Promenade at Branson Landing
4. Thousand Hills Golf Resort

## ST. LOUIS

1. Hilton Garden Inn St. Louis Airport
2. Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark
3. Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch
4. St. Louis Union Station Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton
5. The Ritz-Carlton St. Louis

## MEMPHIS

1. Big Cypress Lodge
2. DoubleTree by Hilton Memphis East
3. Elvis Presley's Graceland
4. Moxy Memphis Downtown
5. The Peabody Memphis

## HOUSTON, GALVESTON AND GALVESTON ISLAND

1. The Houstonian Hotel
2. Hotel Galvez & Spa, A Wyndham Grand Hotel
3. Royal Sonesta Houston
4. The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston
5. The San Luis Resort, Spa & Conference Center

## SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

1. Hilton Garden Inn South Padre Island
2. Isla Grand Beach Resort
3. Pearl South Padre
4. South Padre Island Convention Centre

"It is with great honor that we recognize the 2019 'Hottest of the Hot' as their Southern locations and seasonably warmer climates make these destinations a cold weather reprieve for groups from across the country," said *ConventionSouth* Senior Editor, Marcia Bradford. "The late Fall, Winter and early Spring months are often the most popular time to hold a meeting, event or convention—especially due to the lower rates that can be found during this non-peak season. Therefore, Southern destinations like these are a top choice for meeting planners who need to boost attendance and participation rates by attracting those who seek warmer weather. Meeting planners can also feel confident that these destinations come recommended and have year-round attractions and festivals, ample meeting sites and outdoor recreational opportunities during the winter."

ABOUT THE MAGAZINE: Celebrating more than 30 years as a leading meeting planning resource, *ConventionSouth* magazine is based in Gulf Shores, Ala., and is circulated to more than 18,000 meeting professionals located across the country that book meetings held within the South.