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Now in its seventh year, The Times Travel Awards 2019 is an opportunity to reward and recognise the destinations and companies that have provided exceptional experiences. This year there are 12 categories in total, covering all areas of travel including Best Airline, Best luxury Tour Operator and Best City. The awards also give readers who vote an opportunity to win one of the 13 prizes on offer, ranging from a variety of exclusive trips to highly sought-after vacations.

Burgh Island Hotel is operated by Inn-telligence, hotel management specialists, who were the project managers on the renovation, which has been met with acclaim across the travel and tourism sectors. Leading on the interior design, Sam Kopsch, one of the most creative and sought-after consultants in her field. The refurbishment focused on the public reception areas, The Grand Ballroom and Palm Court Bar. Renovations have also been completed on one of the Hotel's key features, Agatha's Beach House, which was used by Agatha Christie as a writer's retreat and now boasts a stylish modern interior with sophisticated facilities and stunning views.

The latest of development to be completed at Burgh Island saw the opening of The Nettlefold Restaurant, named after the Hotel's founder, theatre producer Archie Nettlefold. As a celebration of Devon's coast, The Nettlefold serves high-quality, locally sourced seafood and offers guests an alternative dining experience to the Hotel's main restaurant, The Ballroom. The Nettlefold is led by Executive Head Chef Tim Hall, who has been at the Hotel for more than 15 years and brings his Michelin star restaurant expertise to his role at Burgh Island.

The Hotel plays host to a number of activities and entertainment for all guests to enjoy throughout their stay; from weekly live music played by the house bands to murder mystery nights and the annual summer ball. There is a wide selection of sporting facilities available; guests can enjoy a game of tennis on the Hotel's outdoor court or a spot of croquet on the front lawn. Overlooking Bigbury on Sea beach, exciting fishing trips, surfing and paddle boarding is also on offer to visitors who can hire facilities from Discovery Surf, one of the best surf schools in Devon.

Noteworthy guests at the Hotel include a host of celebrities and politicians such as Winston Churchill, The Beatles, Agatha Christie, and also some of today's most celebrated musicians and film stars.

Giles Fuchs, Owner of the Burgh Island Hotel, commented: "We are delighted to be nominated for this prestigious award. It is a great accolade for the Hotel, which reflects the high-quality hospitality and unique sense of luxury that the refurbishment has delivered. Hotel operators and brand experts Inn-telligence's, expertise, insight and creativity have been central to delivering the refreshed vision and enhanced profile of the Hotel. Our aim was to secure its future, and this nomination is a deserved recognition of Burgh Island Hotel as one of the UK's most loved tourism assets."

Penny Brown, Managing Director of Inn-telligence, commented: "It's a pleasure to be working with one of the UK's most distinctive and treasured hotels. The renovation, by staying faithful to the Hotel's art deco heritage while delivering a more contemporary experience for guests has further enhanced the hotel's reputation and appeal. This nomination is a testament to the hard work and commitment of everyone involved in the project."

The Times Travel Awards 2019

To vote for Burgh Island as 'Best Hotel', please visit The Times Travel Awards website at thetimes.co.uk/travelawards. Voting closes at 23:59pm on 4th September, 2019.

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Notes to Editors

About Burgh Island

Burgh Island is a natural landmark off Devon's coast, and home to the iconic Burgh Island Hotel which has served as a piece of cultural heritage since it was built in 1929. The beauty and the intrigue of the island has drawn in a range of noteworthy guests including Agatha Christie, Noel Coward and Winston Churchill. Now restored to its 1930's glamour the Burgh Island Hotel is a retreat out of time like no other.

The original 1920's style building is situated on its own private island, alongside the restaurant headed up by chef Tim Hall, the hotel also boasts, a tennis court, the historic Pilchard Inn, activities from 1920's dance events, foraging, shark fishing and residential writing courses, with plans for a newly built spa in 2020.

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