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Lagarta Lodge: Named among the Top 3 Resorts in Central & South America

In a moment we'll never forget, we received incredible news: **Lagarta Lodge** has once again been honored by **Condé Nast Traveller** in their prestigious Readers' Choice Awards! As we gathered for our annual staff retreat, surrounded by the beauty of Costa Rica and the camaraderie of our amazing team, the announcement that we've been named the #3 Best Resort in Central and South America filled us with pride and joy. This celebration is one of those magical moments that bring everything about hospitality full circle.

A Celebration of Our People—In Real Time

There is something extraordinary about receiving this recognition while we're all together as a team. We were in the middle of our retreat, reflecting on the year's hard work and celebrating each other, when the news arrived. Our General Manager, Alonso Bermúdez, stood up to share the announcement, and the energy in the room shifted from excitement to pure elation. Smiles flourished, hugs were exchanged, and it was clear to everyone present that this award belongs to every member of the **Lagarta Lodge** family.

"We're here, in the midst of this beautiful retreat, and now we've received this incredible news together. It couldn't be more perfect. Each one of you contributes something special to Lagarta Lodge, and it's your passion and dedication that make this recognition possible," Alonso said with pride.

Honored by You—Our Guests and Supporters

As we continue to celebrate, we can't help but think of you—our guests and supporters—who have helped us achieve this recognition. Your votes and heartfelt feedback are the reasons we've earned this distinction for the second year in a row. It's your experiences at **Lagarta Lodge** that shape who we are, and we're so grateful for the trust and enthusiasm you've shown us.

Costa Rica: The Essence of Pura Vida

Today's celebration is a reflection not just of our team and guests, but also of the incredible country we're proud to represent. Costa Rica's warmth, natural beauty, and the essence of **Pura Vida** flow through everything we do at **Lagarta Lodge**. This award celebrates the heartfelt hospitality that defines Costa Rica—a place where people are welcomed with open arms and where life is celebrated in its simplest, most joyful form.

Pura Vida is more than a phrase; it's a way of life. It's about slowing down, being present, and embracing the beauty of every moment. Today, as we celebrate this recognition, we do so with the spirit of **Pura Vida** at our core, knowing that this philosophy has made **Lagarta Lodge** a place where guests feel like family and every encounter is infused with kindness and joy.

A Commitment to Sustainability and Community

As we continue our retreat and celebrate this award together, we are reminded of the values that drive us. **Lagarta Lodge** is more than a beautiful resort; it's a place where sustainability and community are at the forefront of everything we do. Today's recognition highlights not just our dedication to hospitality but also our commitment to caring for the environment and supporting the people of our region. Through our partnerships with local organizations like **Edunámica**, we invest in the future of Nosara by supporting educational initiatives and providing opportunities for growth. Our dedication to sustainability, from our locally sourced menus to our conservation efforts, reflects our belief that hospitality should have a positive impact on people and planet.

Looking Ahead with Joy and Gratitude

As we conclude our staff retreat, this live moment of recognition has added an extra layer of joy and gratitude to our gathering. We're celebrating not just the award but the bonds we've built as a team, the smiles we've shared with our guests, and the future we're creating together.

Thank you to **Condé Nast Traveller** for this incredible honor, to our guests for your ongoing support, and to our team for your passion and dedication. We couldn't have achieved this without each and every one of you. We look forward to welcoming you back to **Lagarta Lodge**, where the spirit of **Pura Vida** will continue to guide everything we do—because, at **Lagarta Lodge**, every smile truly counts.

To read more about the award: bit.ly/CNTUKLagartaLodge