## COMOX VALLEY RECORD Top 25 B&Bs in Canada

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Two Eagles Lodge Bed & Breakfast in the Comox Valley has been recognized as the 2020 Travelers' Choice Best of the Best Award winner for Bed & Breakfasts/Inns— ranking among the top 25 B&Bs/Inns in Canada on the list published recently by TripAdvisor.

The "Best of the Best" represents travelers' "ultimate favorite one per cent of hospitality businesses around the globe," according to TripAdvisor. The B&B is one of only two bed-and-breakfasts/inns on Vancouver Island to receive this Top 25 in Canada ranking; the other is in Ucluelet.

This is not the first recognition of Two Eagles Lodge by TripAdvisor. The B&B has earned TripAdvisor's coveted Certificate of Excellence every year since 2011 when the award program began. The Certificate of Excellence recognizes annually the top three per cent of businesses around the world based on travelers' reviews.

"We were so shocked to hear that TripAdvisor named us among the top 25 B&Bs, given the thousands of b&bs and inns across the country," said Carolyn Touhey, who owns and operates Two Eagles with her husband, Steve. "While we are proud of each and every award we've won, especially those based on our guests' reviews like the Certificate of Excellence, this is a jaw-dropping honor.

"We are so grateful to our guests for taking the time to write about their experiences and for recognizing our sincere commitment to making sure their island visit is extra-ordinary—a visit that not only gets us good reviews, but results in new-found friendships with amazing people around the world. That's what makes this business so rewarding."

"Winners of the 2020 Travelers' Choice Awards should be proud of this distinguished recognition," said Kanika Soni, Chief Commercial Officer at Tripadvisor. "Although it's been a challenging year



Aerial view of Two Eagles Lodge in Union Bay. Photo by Thomas Rauber

for travel and hospitality, we want to celebrate our partners' achievements. Award winners are beloved for their exceptional service and quality. Not only are these winners well-deserving, they are also a great source of inspiration for travelers when the world begins to venture out again."

Two Eagles Lodge, which was custom built by Steve and Carolyn Touhey14 years ago in south Union Bay, is situated on a 12-acre, waterfront hobby farm overlooking Denman Island.

The Touheys built their home and guest accommodations as part of the BC Provincial Nominee program, an immigration program for entrepreneurs that facilitated their move from the US to Canada so the Touheys could call the Comox Valley home.

Since that time, Two Eagles has not only won numerous awards and become a sought-after location for weddings and private events (winning the Vancouver Island Wedding Award for "Best Outdoor Reception" in 2018), but they have supported numerous community events and fundraisers with donations, sponsorships, and volunteer time.