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## Big Five Tours & Expeditions on Travel+Leisure "A-List"

Big Five is in the top one percent of luxury tour operators to place on top agents list.

Stuart, FL (Sept. 18, 2012) – Big Five Tours & Expeditions is pleased to announce that four of its Destination Specialists have been named to *Travel+Leisure* magazine's "A-List: World's Top Travel Agents 2012" in its October issue.

Out of some 38 tour operators on this year's A-List, Big Five is the only one to have four of its Destination Specialists listed. This is the fourth year that Big Five's team members were selected from among thousands of travel agents.

Rachael Colbert has been in tourism for more than 13 years. She was noted for her knowledge of Costa Rica and for her secondary specialty, adventure travel. Tatiana Johnston, a native of Ecuador, has been involved in the tourism industry for some 16 years. She was recognized for her intimate understanding of Ecuador, and for her other specialty, Peru. Volker Altvater, with 26 years in the industry, was cited for his expertise planning safaris, with his other specialty, South Africa. Ashish Sanghrajka, Big Five's president has 12 years in the field of travel. He also made the A-List again for his knowledge of India and Sri Lanka. His other specialty is his native Kenya.

"We congratulate our colleagues," said CEO Mahen Sanghrajka. "With some 48 destination, we are fortunate to have a talented team of Destination Specialists, who have been able to answer eight out of ten questions on the first call based on their personal experiences."

"This recognition reinforces the positive feedback that we receive from our guests, who inspire us every day to new levels of service. That is why we continually refine and enhance our premier White Glove Service® guest assistance," added Sanghrajka.

In its 40th year of providing luxury adventure travel to discriminating travelers, Big Five offers customized journeys designed to be adventures of a lifetime to Africa, Asia and the Orient, South and Central America, Arctic and the Antarctica. For more information or to order a brochure, contact Big Five, (800) 244 3483, or email: info@bigfive.com.

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