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**BELMOND CHARLESTON PLACE TRACES NATURALIST
AUDUBON'S LOWCOUNTRY TRAVELS**

5 April 2017 – CHARLESTON, SC -- To celebrate National Audubon Day on April 26, Belmond Charleston Place has curated a unique escape to connect guests with nature and the beauty of the Lowcountry's landscapes, through the eyes of famed naturalist and painter John J. Audubon.

Like Audubon, who first visited Charleston in 1831 to study the flora and bird species, guests can explore the coastline's tranquil waterways. Via a private, three-hour kayaking ride or two-hour motor boat tour, an expert and naturalist from Coastal Expeditions helps spot Great Blue Herons, Wood Storks, Brown Pelicans, Oystercatchers, Snowy Egrets and even the elusive Clapper Rail. Absorbing the natural beauty of the area, guests will visit the exact location which inspired Audubon to paint his Long-billed Curlew plate, moved by the panoramic views of Castle Pinckney and downtown Charleston in the distance which have remained unchanged.

Belmond Charleston Place hotel is located in the heart of the historic district. Recently renovated, the hotel offers luxurious accommodations, amenities and services from a horizon edge pool with retractable roof to award-winning restaurants including the renowned Charleston Grill.

After a relaxing massage at The Spa at Belmond Charleston Place, guests can stroll to the nearby Audubon Gallery for a guided tour of its collection while enjoying a glass of champagne.

In 1831, famed naturalist and painter John J. Audubon arrived in. His explorations ranged from Goose Creek to Bulls Island and everywhere between, as he ventured

through rice plantations and along beaches to create a portfolio of breathtaking images.

The 'Field Notes Package' includes two nights' accommodation, private kayak or motor boat tour (inclusive for groups/families up to five people), \$150 spa credit and a VIP Audubon Gallery tour, from \$1,185 (plus tax and gratuities) and families can upgrade to a suite for an additional \$200. Advance booking required. Package available until 31st December 2017. To book, visit www.Belmond.com/CharlestonPlace or call 1-888-635-2350 and use the code "FieldNotes".

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Belmond Charleston Place:

Consistently ranked among the best hotels in the world by the readers of *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine, Belmond Charleston Place evokes the feeling of a grand, 17th century residence, from its lush personal suites to the Italian marble lobby with its signature Georgian Open Arm staircase and 12-foot crystal chandelier. The staff of the hotel is dedicated to indulging its guests with the finest in Southern hospitality, and has become the choice of celebrities, princes and politicians. Guests can enjoy the hotel's award-winning restaurants, full service spa and horizon-edge swimming pool with retractable glass roof. The hotel is centrally located in Charleston's historic district, surrounded by antebellum architecture, and is within strolling distance of downtown's many boutiques, galleries and restaurants. For more information, please visit www.Belmond.com/CharlestonPlace or call 1-888-635-2350.

Coastal Expeditions:

Established in 1992, Coastal Expeditions is Charleston's original outdoor outfitter and has been navigating the saltwater estuaries and blackwater rivers of the Lowcountry by boat, kayak and paddleboard for almost 25 years while keeping their mission of environmental stewardship and education paramount. For more information, please visit www.CoastalExpeditions.com or call 843-884-7684.

The Audubon Gallery:

The Audubon Gallery in Charleston offers a stunning array of natural history art, as well as fine art framing and complete conservation and restoration lab facilities. Founded in 1969, Joel Oppenheimer, Inc. strives to provide collectors with an unsurpassed selection of the finest examples of prints and paintings from the golden age of natural history art.

About Belmond:

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