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**MENDOCINO INN AND TOP ZAGAT RATED RESTAURANT OFFER SPECIAL
PACKAGE**

Elk Cove Inn Guests Score Seats at Victorian Gardens Dinner Table

MENDOCINO, Calif., September x, 2002 – Mendocino Coast's Elk Cove Inn is offering guests a special package that includes a five-course gourmet Italian dinner at the Zagat guide's top rated Victorian Gardens restaurant.

Ranked number one in Zagat's just published 2003 San Francisco Bay Area/Wine Country Restaurants guide, the Victorian Gardens is on the coast in the village of Manchester, just south of the Elk Cove Inn.

Elk Cove Inn Owner David Lieberman is thrilled to offer his guests seats at the award winning restaurant. "We pamper our visitors and are delighted to team up with Luciano and Pauline Zamboni to offer our guests the utmost in hospitality, service and style."

Victorian Gardens chef/co-owner Luciano Zamboni and his wife, Pauline, serve a masterfully prepared prix-fixe Italian dinner with Italian wines on Thursday through Sunday nights. Much of the food is harvested from the Zamboni's garden and livestock farm.

Out of a possible 30 points for each category, the Victorian Gardens scored 29 points for food, 28 for décor, and a perfect 30 for service. The restaurant outscored a number of famed restaurants, including Napa Valley's French Laundry, and San Francisco's Gary Danko.

Elk Cove Inn guests can savor an unforgettable dining experience at the Victorian Gardens and a two-night stay at the Inn, including breakfast and afternoon hors d'oeuvres. Package rates, which are commissionable to travel agents, are \$650 for a cottage for two, and \$750 for a suite for two. The package is valid from Thursday through Sunday night stays from November 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003.

For Elk Cove Inn reservations, call 800/275-2967 or visit online at www.elkcoveinn.com.

Perched on a cliff above a mile-long stretch of beach and tucked away in the tiny hamlet of Elk, 150 miles north of San Francisco and minutes from the village of Mendocino, Elk Cove Inn has 15 luxurious accommodations. The inn's suites, cottages and Victorian rooms feature spectacular ocean or cypress forest views, private baths, fireplaces, and down comforters and featherbeds. Guests enjoy full buffet breakfasts and afternoon hor d'ouvres served in the oceanfront dining room, cocktails in the bar, and an outdoor hot tub. This winter, the Elk Cove Inn Spa will open offering visitors a full range of therapeutic services.

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