

SERVICE AND STANDARDS DEVELOPED and graciously implemented to host heads of state, A-list celebrities and leaders of commerce by the *Adlon Kempinski Berlin* were surely appreciated by ENTREE. These days we happily join high tea and evening cocktails in the Adlon's lobby salon with its no smoking policy.



Brandenberg Tor (Gate), the symbol of Berlin and its reunification, frames the hotel which lie in ruins at the end of WWII. For twenty-eight years the monument existed within view of the west behind the Wall. Then twenty years ago, on November 9, 1989 that wall fell, leading to a rebirth of the once-proud Adlon as well as the city of Berlin. Be part of this emotional, year-long celebration with a special package including one night for two in a junior suite; gourmet breakfast; five course, Michelin-star *Lorenz* dinner; and a personally-guided tour of areas playing a role for this world-captivating, historic night. We were profoundly touched by the Cold War photo essay murals in the Checkpoint Charlie district. Book this \$1170 package, valid until November 9, at +49 30 2261 1111 or visit www.hotel-adlon.de.

WE FOUND THE CHARMING *HOTEL 1492* IN *SAN PEDRO*, A QUIET suburb of *San Jose, Costa Rica*. Staying in San Pedro is recommended due to its proximity to the airport and downtown (a five minute walk), tranquility, and security. Built in 1941, and located in the *Barrio Escalante* neighborhood, Hotel 1492 is a 10-room gem with clean, simple rooms, free parking and local calls, and a delicious complimentary breakfast (try the “Tipico”—coffee, orange juice, eggs any style with Gallo Pinto, the ubiquitous and comforting beans and rice dish that no self-respecting Costa Rican can do without.) And, it's a bargain, with single rooms starting at only \$60 per night while their Junior Suite with its delightful bathroom garden is only \$90 per night (plus 16% sales and room tax.) We loved relaxing in their pretty garden courtyard and were enchanted with the 1492's traditional Spanish architecture and tile work. The property is seamlessly run by Manager *Sabrina Vargas* and a very welcoming and friendly supporting staff who can be counted on to provide good advice regarding restaurants, museums, tours, and other things to do in the city and beyond like going to see world-class soccer (another national obsession), active volcanos and waterfalls, it's all just a short drive away. For more information go to: www.hotel1492.com, call (506) 2256-5913, or e-mail contact-us@hotel1492.com.