

2007 AMERICA'S FAVORITE CITIES



Are you a culture seeker or a night crawler

a farmers' market aficionado or flea-market connoisseur, an adventure traveler or someone just looking for a little R&I? Look no further. America's cities have it all. *Travel + Leisure* teamed up with CNN's Headline News to poll travelers across the United States on what they like—and dislike—about the country's top 25 urban destinations. We asked people to vote on everything from which city has the nicest (and most attractive) residents to where you'll find the best restaurants, museums, historic sites, shops, and more. We received nearly 60,000 responses. Turn the page and open the flap for highlights of the 2007 America's Favorite Cities winners. Check out the full results at travelandleisure.com. 

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CITIES

No two cities are alike. We asked travelers to rate the top 25 urban destinations across the country in nearly 60 different categories. Below, a look at each city's best and worst rankings

ATLANTA

BEST Clubbing (9)
WORST Romantic Escape (24)

AUSTIN

BEST Singles Scene (1)
WORST Luxury Boutiques (24)

BOSTON

BEST Classical Music (2)
WORST Weather (24)

CHARLESTON

BEST Friendly People (1)
WORST Clubbing (24)

CHICAGO

BEST Overall Food & Dining (1)
Skyline & Views (1)
WORST Weather (25)

DALLAS/FORT WORTH*

BEST Affordability (10)
WORST Cocktail Hour (25)
Diversity (25)
Overall People (25)
People-Watching (25)
Romantic Escape (25)

DENVER

BEST Active/Adventure Vacation (1)
Athletic/Active People (1)
WORST Ethnic Food (23)

HONOLULU

BEST Romantic Escape (1)
WORST Theater (25)

LAS VEGAS*

BEST Clubbing (2)
Cocktail Hour (2)
Singles Scene (2)
Wild Weekend (2)
WORST Environmental Awareness (25)
Family Vacation (25)
Historic Sites & Monuments (25)
Museums & Galleries (25)
Peace & Quiet (25)

LOS ANGELES

BEST Luxury Boutiques (2)
WORST Ease of Getting Around &
Public Transportation (25)
Friendly People (25)
Intelligent People (25)
Overall Cityscape (25)

MIAMI

BEST Attractive People (1)
Clubbing (1)
WORST Family Vacation (24)

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL

BEST Cleanliness (1)
WORST Weather (23)

NASHVILLE

BEST Affordability (2)
WORST Ethnic Food (25)
Luxury Boutiques (25)

NEW ORLEANS*

BEST Cheap Eats (1)
Cocktail Hour (1)
Overall After Dark (1)
Live Music (1)
Wild Weekend (1)
WORST Athletic/Active People (25)
Cleanliness (25)
Safety (25)

NEW YORK*

BEST Big-Name Restaurants (1)
Diversity (1)
Overall Culture (1)
Overall Shopping (1)
People-Watching (1)
WORST Access to Outdoors (25)
Affordability (25)
Relaxing Retreat (25)

ORLANDO

BEST Family Vacation (1)
WORST Overall Culture (25)
Overall Shopping (25)
Skyline & Views (25)

PHILADELPHIA

BEST Historic Sites & Monuments (2)
WORST Attractive People (25)

PHOENIX/SCOTTSDALE

BEST Relaxing Retreat (6)
WORST Architecture &
Notable Buildings (25)

PORTLAND, OREGON

BEST Access to Outdoors (1)
Ease of Getting Around &
Public Transportation (1)
Environmental Awareness (1)
Overall Cityscape (1)
Public Parks & Spaces (1)
WORST Big-Name Restaurants (24)

SAN ANTONIO

BEST Affordability (1)
WORST Stylish People (25)

SAN DIEGO

BEST Weather (1)
WORST Affordability (21)

SAN FRANCISCO

BEST Gay Friendliness (1)
Notable Neighborhoods (1)
Overall People (1)
WORST Affordability (23)

SANTA FE*

BEST Peace & Quiet (1)
Relaxing Retreat (1)
Safety (1)
WORST Big-Name Restaurants (25)
Overall After Dark (25)
Overall Food & Dining (25)
Singles Scene (25)
Wild Weekend (25)

SEATTLE

BEST Intelligent People (1)
WORST Weather (21)

WASHINGTON, D.C.

BEST Architecture & Notable Buildings (1)
Historic Sites & Monuments (1)
Museums & Galleries (1)
Worldly People (1)
WORST Active/Adventure Vacation (25)
Cheap Eats (25)
Fun People (25)

*More than five high/low rankings. Log on to travelandleisure.com for additional high/low rankings.



PORTLAND

Want a green getaway? This city is rated the most environmentally friendly, with great parks to boot



SEATTLE

Best in class: Seattle residents scored highest for intelligence



MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL

They may be cold, but the Twin Cities are also pristine



SAN FRANCISCO

San Franciscans are the highest-ranked people overall. Plus, the city has fantastic neighborhoods to explore



DENVER

The Rocky Mountains attract active, athletic people—and make for active, athletic getaways

LOS ANGELES

L.A. has luxe shops galore, but good luck navigating the city—and its unfriendly residents



LAS VEGAS

Sin City makes for one wild weekend. Don't expect any peace and quiet here

SANTA FE

This is the best city for peace and quiet and a relaxing vacation. Not surprising, then, that its nightlife ranks last



SAN DIEGO

America's best weather, with sunshine, ocean breezes, and average daily temp of 78 degrees



AUSTIN

The heart of Texas has the best singles scene, but the shopping here is rated subpar



PHOENIX/SCOTTSDALE

Spa weekend anyone? This Arizona getaway received high marks as a relaxing retreat



HONOLULU

The quintessential honeymoon capital of America: voted the best place for a romantic escape



SAN ANTONIO

The most affordable (and least stylish) city in America



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

For the full results of the 2007 America's Favorite Cities survey, and to tell us what you love about your favorite U.S. city, go to travelandleisure.com.



⊙ What Travelers Think of Cities Across America

2007 Chart Toppers

Which city has the best shoe shopping? The most fun residents? The country's top barbecue? Here are the highest-ranked cities in our most revealing categories

CULTURE

ARCHITECTURE & NOTABLE BUILDINGS

1. Washington, D.C.
2. Charleston
3. Chicago

CLASSICAL MUSIC

1. New York
2. Boston
3. Chicago

HISTORIC SITES & MONUMENTS

1. Washington, D.C.
2. Philadelphia
3. Boston

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

1. Washington, D.C.
2. New York
3. Chicago

THEATER

1. New York
2. Minneapolis/St. Paul
3. Chicago

UNDERGROUND ARTS SCENE

1. New York
2. San Francisco
3. Austin

SHOPPING

ANTIQUES

1. New Orleans
2. Charleston
3. Boston

FLEA MARKETS

1. New Orleans
2. Charleston
3. Portland, Oregon

HOME DESIGN

1. Chicago
2. Charleston
3. San Francisco

JEWELRY

1. New York
2. Santa Fe
3. Los Angeles

LUXURY BOUTIQUES

1. New York
2. Los Angeles
3. Las Vegas

SHOES

1. New York
2. Los Angeles
3. Chicago

VINTAGE (CLOTHING AND JEWELRY)

1. New York
2. New Orleans
3. San Francisco

PEOPLE

ATHLETIC/ACTIVE

1. Denver
2. San Diego
3. Portland, Oregon

ATTRACTIVE

1. Miami
2. San Diego
3. Charleston

DIVERSE

1. New York
2. San Francisco
3. New Orleans

FRIENDLY

1. Charleston
2. New Orleans
3. Minneapolis/St. Paul

FUN

1. New Orleans
2. Austin
3. Honolulu

INTELLIGENT

1. Seattle
2. Minneapolis/St. Paul
3. Boston

STYLISH

1. New York
2. Miami
3. San Francisco

WORLDLY

1. Washington, D.C.
2. San Francisco
3. New York

FOOD & DINING

BARBECUE

1. Austin
2. San Antonio
3. Nashville

BIG-NAME RESTAURANTS

1. New York
2. New Orleans
3. Chicago

CHEAP EATS

1. New Orleans
2. Austin
3. Philadelphia

COFFEE

1. Seattle
2. Portland, Oregon
3. New Orleans

ETHNIC FOOD

1. New York
2. San Francisco
3. New Orleans

FARMERS' MARKETS

1. Seattle
2. Portland, Oregon
3. Philadelphia

PIZZA

1. Chicago
2. New York
3. Philadelphia

CITYSCAPE

ACCESS TO OUTDOORS

1. Portland, Oregon
2. Denver
3. Honolulu

CLEANLINESS

1. Minneapolis/St. Paul
2. Portland, Oregon
3. San Diego

NOTABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

1. San Francisco
2. New York
3. Boston

PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLINESS

1. Portland, Oregon
2. Charleston
3. Santa Fe

PUBLIC PARKS & SPACES

1. Portland, Oregon
2. Minneapolis/St. Paul
3. Chicago

SKYLINE & VIEWS

1. Chicago
2. New York
3. San Francisco



MOST OVERRATED CITY

New York

MOST UNDERRATED CITY

Minneapolis/St. Paul