


# 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&D. 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](http://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](http://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



#### 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



#### DENVER

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



#### SAN DIEGO

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



#### PHOENIX/SCOTTSDALE

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

#### AUSTIN

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



#### 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](http://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*