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Few travelers are as insightful or engaged as you, our esteemed readers. For this year's World's Best Awards survey, we asked you to share your opinions on hotels, islands, safari outfitters, national parks, and more. Hundreds of thousands of votes were cast to create this 28th edition of the travel industry's most trusted rankings. Cheers to you – and to this year's winners!



NO. 1 CITY OVERALL

Readers couldn't get enough of Oaxaca's heritage architecture, epitomized by the Church of Santo Domingo.





CITIES

Culture hubs with culinary appeal proved irresistible, with Oaxaca, Charleston, Istanbul, and Hobart all emerging victorious in their respective regions. Mexico earned five spots on the global list of favorites—the most of any country—while Japan came in close behind with three.

25 BEST CITIES OVERALL

- Oaxaca**
Mexico 93.53
This inspiring city won readers over with its thriving cocktail scene, impressive art galleries, and nearby historic sites, such as the ruins of Monte Albán.
- Udaipur**
India 93.33
- Kyoto**
92.06 ★
- Ubud**
Bali 91.73
- San Miguel de Allende**
Mexico 91.19
- Mexico City**
90.55
- Tokyo**
90.30
- Istanbul**
90.23
- Bangkok**
89.99
- Mumbai**
89.79
- Chiang Mai**
Thailand 89.49
- Florence**
89.48 ★
- Luang Prabang**
Laos 89.44
- Marrakesh**
89.24
- Rome**
89.91 ★
- Mérida**
Mexico 88.81
- Siem Reap**
Cambodia 88.80
- Singapore**
88.78

- Charleston**
88.63 ★
- Lisbon**
88.62

- Santa Fe**
88.47
- Hobart**
Australia 88.44
- Guadalajara**
Mexico 88.13
- Porto**
Portugal 88.09
- Osaka**
Japan 88.05

10 BEST CITIES UNITED STATES

- Charleston**
88.63 ★
First-class restaurants and heartfelt hospitality helped this harborfront charmer add another notch to its 11-year winning streak.
- Santa Fe**
88.47 ★
- New Orleans**
86.10 ★
- Savannah**
85.96 ★
- Chicago**
83.45 ★
- Honolulu**
83.40
- New York City**
83.26 ★
- Nashville**
82.89
- Alexandria**
Virginia 82.71
- San Antonio**
Texas 82.57

10 BEST CITIES CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

- Cuzco**
Peru 87.78 ★
The former Incan capital—which serves as the gateway to Machu Picchu—is a perennial reader favorite thanks to its layered history and excellent cuisine.
- Cartagena**
Colombia 85.99
- São Paulo**
85.41
- Quito**
Ecuador 85.05

- Buenos Aires**
84.83 ★
- Mendoza**
Argentina 84.79
- Antigua Guatemala**
84.35
- Rio de Janeiro**
83.88
- Lima**
Peru 82.66
- Bogotá**
Colombia 82.45

5 BEST CITIES CANADA

- Quebec City**
85.85 ★
For the eighth consecutive year, readers fell for the charms of this French Canadian destination, praising its walkability and friendly residents.
- Victoria**
British Columbia 85.09
- Montreal**
83.32
- Vancouver**
82.69
- Toronto**
81.55

5 BEST CITIES MEXICO

- Oaxaca**
93.53
Famed for its mezcal and mole, the Mexican metropolis again took first place on the strength of its culinary pedigree.
- San Miguel de Allende**
91.19
- Mexico City**
90.55 ★
- Mérida**
88.81
- Guadalajara**
88.13

NO. 1 CITY IN THE U.S.

A view of Charleston from the cupola of Wentworth Mansion, named by readers as the city's No. 1 hotel (see page 102).



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