



## America's Favorite Cities

### America's Favorite Cities survey: The results are in

#### STORY HIGHLIGHTS

60,000 people voted on what they like (and don't like) about 25 U.S. cities

**(Travel + Leisure)** -- Say you're in the mood to indulge in a shoe-shopping spree -- does a certain city pop to mind? How about an urban destination for a romantic weekend? Where in the U.S. can you find the most compelling museums or thrilling club scene? Is the city with the most attractive citizens also the one with the best opportunities for people-watching?



Voters ranked San Francisco No. 1 for notable neighborhoods.


Well, America has an opinion -- and America has spoken. Below, you'll find some of the results of the America's Favorite Cities survey.

Headline News, [Travel + Leisure](#) and CNN.com spent three months collecting 60,000 votes, from local residents and visitors, on what they like (and don't like) about 25 urban destinations across the country. Voters were asked for their opinions on culture, shopping, people, food and city characteristics -- and they gave us more surprises than we anticipated.

Sure, some winners were predictable: The best city for coffee? Seattle, Washington, of course. Best high-end boutiques? New York. And Southern cities top the list for friendliest citizens, y'all. But we bet you'll be

surprised by some of the winners, and -- ouch -- by which cities ended up on the bottom of some lists. (Suffice it to say "poor" Philadelphia.)

## **Don't Miss**

Here are the top three ranked cities in some of the categories. Be sure to visit [travelandleisure.com/afc](http://travelandleisure.com/afc) for the full results, best and worst, for each city and each category. Also, check out the results gallery ( [See the results here »](#)). You may be inspired to plan a long weekend exploring a new destination ... as well as voice an opinion in next year's survey.

### **CULTURE**

#### **Museum and galleries**

1. Washington
2. New York
3. Chicago, Illinois

#### **Classical music**

1. New York
2. Boston, Massachusetts
3. Chicago

### **SHOPPING**

#### **Flea markets**

1. New Orleans, Louisiana
2. Charleston, South Carolina
3. Portland, Oregon

#### **Home design**

1. Chicago
2. Charleston, South Carolina
3. San Francisco, California

### **PEOPLE**

#### **Diversity**

1. New York

2. San Francisco

3. New Orleans

**Friendly**

1. Charleston

2. New Orleans

3. Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota

**Intelligent**

1. Seattle

2. Minneapolis/St. Paul

3. Boston

**Worldly**

1. Washington

2. San Francisco

3. New York

**FOOD AND DINING**

**Ethnic food**

1. New York

2. San Francisco

3. New Orleans

**Farmers' markets**

1. Seattle

2. Portland, Oregon

3. Philadelphia

**CITYSCAPE**

**Access to outdoors**

1. Portland, Oregon

2. Denver, Colorado

3. Honolulu, Hawaii

**Cleanliness**

1. Minneapolis/St. Paul

2. Portland, Oregon

3. San Diego, California

**Notable neighborhoods**

1. San Francisco

2. New York

3. Boston

**Public parks and spaces**

1. Portland, Oregon

2. Minneapolis/St. Paul

3. Chicago