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**NASHVILLE RATED FRIENDLIEST U.S. CITY
NEW ORLEANS TOPS FOR SINGLES SCENE
HONOLULU NO. 1 FOR A ROMANTIC ESCAPE
HOUSTON BEST FOR AFFORDABLE HOTELS**

***Travel + Leisure's* 2009 America's Favorite Cities Survey Results
Reveal What Travelers Think of 30 Top Urban Destinations**

New York, NY (October 6, 2009) – America's most attractive people are in Miami, Cleveland is the best place for an affordable getaway, Minneapolis/St. Paul ranks No. 1 for intelligent people, and Houston is home to the best airports, according to *Travel + Leisure's* 2009 America's Favorite Cities survey revealed today on www.TravelandLeisure.com and featured in the upcoming November issue of *Travel + Leisure*, available on newsstands October 23. In this annual online survey, respondents rated 30 popular American cities in more than 55 categories, covering everything from the restaurants, shopping, and cultural attractions to people, airports, and more.

Travel + Leisure's* 2009 America's Favorite Cities Survey Results – Highlights

Most Attractive People

- 1. Miami**
2. San Diego
3. Charleston
4. Los Angeles
5. Austin
30. Philadelphia

Friendliest People

- 1. Nashville**
2. New Orleans
3. Charleston
4. Austin
5. Minneapolis/St. Paul
30. New York

Most Intelligent People

- 1. Minneapolis/St. Paul**
2. Austin
3. Boston
4. Portland, Oregon
5. Seattle
30. Las Vegas

Most Stylish People

1. New York

2. Miami
3. San Francisco
4. Los Angeles
5. Charleston
30. St. Louis

Best Museums/Galleries

1. Washington, D.C.

2. New York
3. Chicago
4. Philadelphia
5. Boston
30. Las Vegas

Best Historical Sites/Monuments

1. Washington, D.C.

2. Boston
3. Philadelphia
4. Charleston
5. San Antonio
30. Las Vegas

Best Big-Name Restaurants

1. New York

2. Chicago
3. New Orleans
4. Las Vegas
5. Los Angeles
30. Santa Fe

Best Airports

1. Houston

2. Orlando
3. Minneapolis/St. Paul
4. Portland, Oregon
5. Providence
30. New York

Cleanest

1. Minneapolis/St. Paul

2. Portland, Oregon
3. Denver
4. Austin
5. Santa Fe
30. New York

Most Environmentally Friendly

- 1. Portland, Oregon**
2. Seattle
3. Santa Fe
4. Denver
5. Austin
30. New York

Best Affordable Hotels

- 1. Houston**
2. Kansas City
3. Orlando
4. Minneapolis/St. Paul
5. Cleveland
30. New York

Best B&Bs/Inns

- 1. Charleston**
2. New Orleans
3. Santa Fe
4. Portland, Oregon
5. Providence
30. Las Vegas

Best Stylish, Boutique Hotels

- 1. New Orleans**
2. Miami
3. San Francisco
4. Charleston
5. Chicago
30. Cleveland

Best All-in-One Resorts

- 1. Orlando**
2. Phoenix/Scottsdale
3. Las Vegas
4. Honolulu
5. San Diego
30. New York

Best Business Hotels

- 1. Chicago**
2. Houston
3. New York
4. Washington, D.C.
5. San Francisco
30. Santa Fe

Best Big-Name Luxury Hotels

- 1. Las Vegas**
2. New York
3. Chicago
4. San Francisco
5. Miami
30. Santa Fe

Best Singles/Bar Scene

- 1. New Orleans**
2. Miami
3. Austin
4. New York
5. Las Vegas
30. Santa Fe

Best Live Music/Concerts and Bands

- 1. New Orleans**
2. Nashville
3. Austin
4. New York
5. Las Vegas
30. Santa Fe

Best Skylines/Views

- 1. Chicago**
2. New York
3. San Francisco
4. Seattle
5. Honolulu
30. Orlando

Best Weather

- 1. San Diego**
2. Honolulu
3. Los Angeles
4. Santa Fe
5. Miami
30. Chicago

Best People Watching

- 1. New Orleans**
2. New York
3. Las Vegas
4. San Francisco
5. Honolulu
30. Dallas/Ft. Worth

Best for an Affordable Getaway

- 1. Cleveland**
2. Kansas City
3. St. Louis
4. Nashville
5. Houston
30. New York

Best for a Romantic Escape

- 1. Honolulu**
2. Charleston
3. San Francisco
4. New Orleans
5. Santa Fe
30. Dallas/Ft. Worth

Best for a Family Vacation

- 1. Orlando**
2. Washington, D.C.
3. San Diego
4. San Antonio
5. Denver
30. Las Vegas

Best for a Wild Weekend

- 1. New Orleans**
2. Las Vegas
3. Miami
4. New York
5. Austin
30. Washington, D.C.

Best Shopping

- 1. New York**
2. Chicago
3. San Francisco
4. Houston
5. Los Angeles
30. St. Louis

Cities included in the 2009 America's Favorite Cities survey: Atlanta; Austin; Boston; Charleston; Chicago; Cleveland; Dallas/Fort Worth; Denver; Honolulu; Houston; Kansas City; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; Miami; Minneapolis/St. Paul; Nashville; New Orleans; New York; Orlando; Philadelphia; Phoenix/Scottsdale; Portland, Oregon; Providence; San Antonio; San Diego; San Francisco; Santa Fe; Seattle; St. Louis; and Washington, D.C.

Houston, Kansas City, Cleveland, Providence, and St. Louis are new to the list of survey cities this year. Last year there were 25 cities in the survey.

Visit TravelandLeisure.com to view a slideshow of the most (and least) attractive cities. The site also allows you to sort rankings by category, compare two cities, and choose your ideal getaway with the vacation finder.

*The survey results are from respondents who identified themselves as non-residents.

2009 America's Favorite Cities Survey Methodology

An online survey, developed by the editors of *Travel + Leisure*, appeared on TravelandLeisure.com from June 1, 2009 to July 31, 2009. Respondents were asked to rate their choice of 30 cities (Atlanta; Austin; Boston; Charleston; Chicago; Cleveland; Dallas/Fort Worth; Denver; Honolulu; Houston; Kansas City; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; Miami; Minneapolis/St. Paul; Nashville; New Orleans; New York; Orlando; Philadelphia; Phoenix/Scottsdale; Portland, Oregon; Providence; St. Louis; San Antonio; San Diego; San Francisco; Santa Fe; Seattle; and Washington, D.C.) in their choice of subject categories (People, Type of Trip, Hotels, Nightlife, Culture, Shopping, Food/Dining, Quality of Life/Visitor Experience, Airports, and Holiday Travel). All subject categories and all cities were available for rating at all times. The subject categories were served in random order to respondents. When a city is served by more than one airport, respondents were asked to select one airport from a list to rate. Respondents were asked to identify whether they live in or had visited the cities they rated. Responses were collected and tabulated by TravelandLeisure.com. Rankings are based on averages of responses from visitors concerning applicable characteristics. Respondents were asked to rate a city on how good it is for each applicable characteristic, using a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest score. Final scores were rounded to the nearest hundredth. When two or more cities have the same score but different ranks, their rankings were ordered by their unrounded score.

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