

We asked—and America has spoken.

Earlier this year, [Travelandleisure.com](#) and [CNN Headline News](#) polled travelers and residents on what they like (and don't like) about 25 top urban destinations in the U.S. Turns out that people have some pretty strong feelings about New York, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Miami, and other hot spots—we received nearly 60,000 responses.

So what will you learn from your fellow travelers?

- Discover where they head to see [great museums](#) or the [latest art sensation](#).
- Which cities win the ever-contentious titles of best [pizza](#), [coffee](#), and [barbecue](#)?
- Which city rates the [friendliest](#) and where are you [most likely to meet a snarl](#)?
- Does the place with the [best cocktail culture](#) also rank highest for [clubbing](#) or the [singles scene](#)?

So step inside, see how your city rates, and get inspired to see America!

Austin



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

Best Feature

[Live music](#) (4.89)

Worst Feature

[Ease of getting around/public transportation](#) (3.49)

Rank according to:

- [Visitors](#)
- [Residents](#)

[After dark](#)

Category	Score	Rank
After Dark (Overall)	4.72	4
Clubbing	4.62	5
Cocktail hour	4.67	5
Live music	4.89	2
Singles scene	4.71	1

[Characteristics](#)

Category	Score	Rank
Affordability	3.88	5
Characteristics (Overall)	4.16	2
Ease of getting around/public transportation	3.49	18
Environmental awareness	4.53	4
Gay-friendliness	4.39	6
Peace and quiet	4.11	6
People-watching	4.49	8
Safety	4.27	2
Weather	4.11	10

[Cityscape](#)

Category	Score	Rank
Access to outdoors	4.72	8
Cityscape (Overall)	4.38	10
Cleanliness	4.40	4
Notable neighborhoods	4.11	15
Pedestrian friendliness	4.30	8
Public parks/spaces	4.61	4
Skyline/views	4.09	18

[Culture](#)

Category	Score	Rank
Architecture/notable buildings	4.01	15
Classical music	3.61	19
Culture (Overall)	3.97	14
Historical sites/monuments	4.16	13
Museums/galleries	3.86	20

Theater	3.74	18
Underground arts scene	4.37	3

[Food/dining](#)

Category	Score	Rank
Barbecue	4.77	1
Big-name restaurants	4.02	23
Cheap eats	4.53	2
Coffee	4.38	6
Ethnic food	4.38	15
Farmers' markets	4.14	8
Food/Dining (Overall)	4.32	3
Pizza	4.01	8

[People](#)

Category	Score	Rank
Athletic/active	4.51	4
Attractive	4.40	4
Diverse	4.32	12
Friendly	4.52	5
Fun	4.63	2
Intelligent	4.48	7
People (Overall)	4.38	2
Stylish	4.09	8
Worldly	4.08	9

[Shopping](#)

Category	Score	Rank
Antiques	4.09	12
Flea markets	3.95	8
Home design	4.11	15
Jewelry	3.97	20
Luxury boutiques	3.84	24
Shoes	3.91	22
Shopping (Overall)	4.04	15
Vintage (clothing and jewelry)	4.41	4

[Type of trip](#)

Category	Score	Rank
Active/adventure vacation	4.19	8
Business trip (that's secretly fun)	4.52	6
Family vacation	3.98	17
Girlfriend getaway	4.39	10
Relaxing retreat	4.22	10
Romantic escape	3.98	17
Sophisticated getaway	3.85	20
Sports fan's vacation	3.51	19
Type of trip (Overall)	4.14	12
Wild weekend	4.60	5

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