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# 2008 TRAVELERS' CHOICE DESTINATIONS AWARDS

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Banff—Photo by Bangers&Mash



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Vatican City—Photo by ElsiMMr

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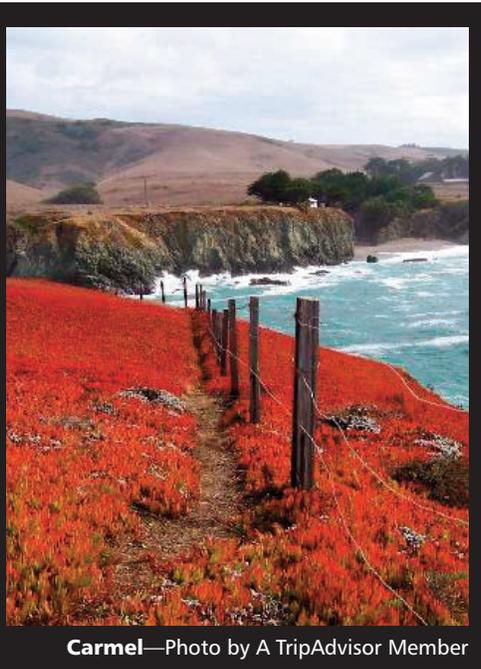
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Carmel—Photo by A TripAdvisor Member

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St. Petersburg—Photo by smithjen78



Versailles—Photo by RoadTripperly

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Israel

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Switzerland

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Italy

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Germany

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Cuba

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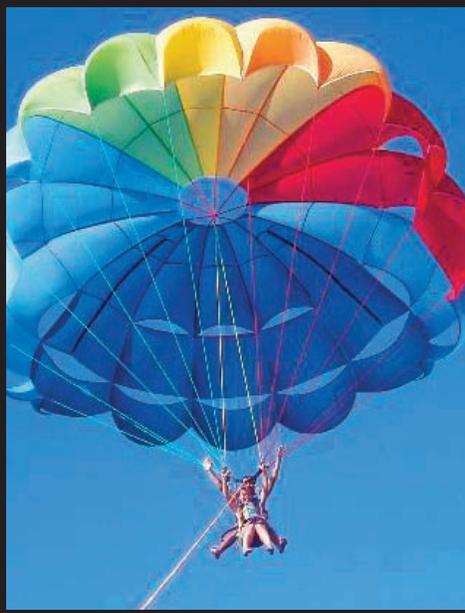
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Peru

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South Carolina, United States

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Spain

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California, United States



Honolulu—Photo by tripgirl74r

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Denmark

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Italy



Monterey—Photo by hawaii2007R1

# TOP 25 DESTINATIONS United States

## ▶ 1 Lake Tahoe California

"Beautiful—fine casinos and restaurants, as well as activities for all ages. In the summer, going to the white sandy beaches is great fun."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

## ▶ 2 Big Sur California

"The heart of Big Sur is nestled in a Redwood forest. Three miles in any direction, on Hwy. 1, takes you back to breathtaking ocean views."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Idaho**

## ▶ 3 San Francisco California

"Simply the most beautiful, elegant, interesting city I have ever seen. It is wonderful. Now I know what Tony Bennett meant."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Prospect, N.Y.**

## ▶ 4 Poipu Hawaii

"Great beaches—ask for directions to the hidden beach where you can see sea lions and whales, and enjoy your own private beach for the day."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Chicago, Ill.**

## ▶ 7 Carmel California

"Tucked away in a one-square-mile radius, you can find a wide variety of romantic restaurants, charming cafes, picnic spots and the beach."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Monterey, Calif.**



Lake Tahoe—Photo by syrahgirl

## ▶ 5 Sedona Arizona

"The perfect place to relax and rejuvenate your physical side as well as your spiritual self. The beauty of the area is breathtaking."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Colorado Springs, Colo.**

## ▶ 8 Napa California

"If you like scenic drives, the rolling green hills and vineyards are as beautiful as any in France, Germany or Italy."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Woodstock, Ga.**

## ▶ 6 New Orleans Louisiana

"In the Big Easy, a visitor ends up slowing down a little, and savoring life more than racing through it."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

## ▶ 9 Lahaina Hawaii

"Relax, sit on the beach, sit on the grass overlooking the beach, browse the shops in Lahaina. It might have been our best family vacation yet."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Irvine, Calif.**



Sedona—Photo by roseabella



Bar Harbor—Photo by maryobfl

### ▶ 14 Honolulu Hawaii

"From sugar plantations to Don Ho to the television show *Lost*, the city boasts a remarkable history."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### ▶ 15 Hana Hawaii

"The road to Hana is filled with lush tropical foliage, waterfalls and breathtaking panoramic views—the most beautiful scenery I've ever seen."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Palestine, Texas**

### ▶ 16 Bar Harbor Maine

"Strolling the streets and stopping in all the quaint shops is always interesting and fun. We always find unique things to buy. We love it there."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Canada**

### ▶ 19 Monterey California

"One of the most romantic travel destinations—beautiful sandy beaches, charming B&Bs and intimate dining options."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Monterey, Calif.**

### ▶ 20 Kailua-Kona Hawaii

"Not a destination to stay out late and party all night, but an oasis of endless exploration possibilities."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### ▶ 21 Santa Fe New Mexico

"A work of art unto itself! Extraordinary blend of cultures—a unique city. Some locals refer to it as 'the City Different.'"

**A TripAdvisor Member, New York, N.Y.**

### ▶ 10 La Jolla California

"Seals, rocks, sandy beaches, surfers and clear water. The whole area was so clean. Quaint little shops line the area above the cove."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Shelbyville, Ind.**

### ▶ 11 Jackson Wyoming

"A great town to unwind in after a day in the mountains; a good base camp for exploring Grand Teton and the National Forests."

**A TripAdvisor Member, St. Louis, Mo.**

### ▶ 12 Wailea Hawaii

"Gorgeous blue water, exotic nature, soft sandy beaches, bright, colorful sunsets, and an abundance of flowers—it's pure paradise."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### ▶ 13 West Yellowstone Montana

"Make time to marvel at Yellowstone River, which features waterfalls, canyons, warm swimming areas and great photography opportunities."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Seattle, Wash.**



New York City—Photo by NewYorkTours\_France

### ▶ 22 Estes Park Colorado

"The scenic beauty and opportunity to see wildlife is unparalleled here. It's a very special place to visit!"

**A TripAdvisor Member, Littleton, Colo.**

### ▶ 23 New York City New York

"New York is an amazingly friendly place. All the hype about NYC rudeness and personal risk proved untrue."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Portland, Ore.**

### ▶ 17 Boulder Colorado

"Fantastic climate, wide open spaces, scenic mountains and a plethora of parks draw outdoor enthusiasts to this beautiful town."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### ▶ 24 Austin Texas

"A very informal city. It's laid-back, but energetic. Down-home, but cultured. Sophisticated, but funky. You'll find it all here!"

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### ▶ 18 Charleston South Carolina

"A place where culture and heritage are passed from generation to generation and traditions have lasted for hundreds of years."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### ▶ 25 Washington, D.C.

"From iconic monuments and buildings to historic neighborhoods and free museums, it's hard to know where to begin."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

# TOP 25 DESTINATIONS Europe

## 1 Rhodes Greece

"Rhodes is just fabulous—long winding roads, so many lovely little coastal villages to see. The locals make you feel very welcome."

*A TripAdvisor Member, Manchester, England*

## 4 Bath England

"A wonderful place to visit—like a free open air museum. We also enjoyed some of the many quaint English pubs scattered around the city."

*A TripAdvisor Member*

## 7 Bruges Belgium

"Fell in love with Bruges. Especially the little streets and shops, chocolate and lace! The people and food are wonderful."

*A TripAdvisor Member, Mooloolaba, Australia*

## 2 Salzburg Austria

"Salzburg is a beautiful, well-kept old town. Every small detail is true to the 17th century in this gorgeous baroque town lost in time."

*A TripAdvisor Member, New Haven, Conn.*

## 3 Amalfi Italy

"The drive down the coast is both exciting and scary. You can't afford to close your eyes because you'd miss the spectacular scenery."

*A TripAdvisor Member, United States*



Rhodes—Photo by caucacau



Amalfi—Photo by giras0le

## 5 Siena Italy

"The walled town is surrounded by vineyards and olive groves. A spectacular little city with so much history, culture and natural beauty."

*A TripAdvisor Member, Townsville, Australia*

## 8 Lucerne Switzerland

"Lucerne itself is a beautiful town. It is like being in a fairytale."

*A TripAdvisor Member, London, England*

## 6 Dingle Ireland

"Dingle itself is absolutely beautiful, great drives and great weather that was as good as any you would get on the coasts."

*A TripAdvisor Member, Glasgow, Scotland*

## 9 Vatican City

"The Vatican is an absolute 'must' when in Rome. I'm not a religious person but it blew me away. I recommend that you join a tour!"

*A TripAdvisor Member, Cotswald, England*



Edinburgh—Photo by Flojo78

**▶ 10 Edinburgh**  
Scotland

"As both the traditional epicenter of Scottish culture and modern national capital, Edinburgh reflects both the proud past and vibrant present of the people."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Boston, Mass.**

**▶ 11 San Gimignano**  
Italy

"Full of medieval history—looks like it did 800 years ago! Fall in love with this beautiful region and its lovely people."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Italy**

**▶ 12 Florence**  
Italy

"A romantic and artistic place with striking buildings, galleries and historic churches. The picturesque city is full of elegant sites."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Sydney, Australia**

**▶ 13 Pompeii**  
Italy

"Immense—it includes one of the oldest and most intact Roman amphitheaters, artifacts aplenty and three brothels—no longer operational!"

**A TripAdvisor Member, Manchester, England**

**▶ 14 Galway**  
Ireland

"Galway's an amazing city, and probably one of the best places I've been to in all my travels. The friendly Irish really shine here."

**A TripAdvisor Member, London, England**

**▶ 15 Heidelberg**  
Germany

"A fabulous place to visit, with plenty to do. The views over Heidelberg and surrounding towns are absolutely stunning."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Surrey, England**

**▶ 16 Monte-Carlo**  
Monaco

"Not all about Hollywood, car races and casinos. You will find museums and attractions that don't fall into the usual categories."

**A TripAdvisor Member, El Paso, Texas**

**▶ 19 York**  
England

"There is always something going on here, from chess tournaments to dance festivals to continental markets."

**A TripAdvisor Member, York, England**

**▶ 20 Paris**  
France

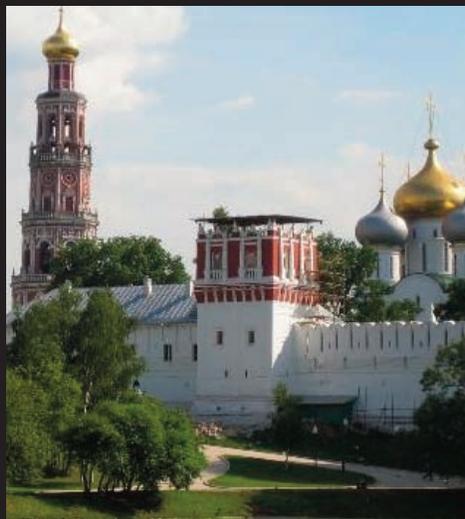
"My favorite city in the world, Paris has more to offer in the way of natural and manmade beauty than any other city."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Farmington, Conn.**

**▶ 21 Prague**  
Czech Republic

"Full of history, culture, wonderful restaurants, interesting people, stunning architecture, wonderful concert halls and beautiful parks."

**A TripAdvisor Member, London, England**



St. Petersburg—Photo by A TripAdvisor Member

**▶ 22 St. Petersburg**  
Russia

"Really worth going to, especially in the summer. The center is the most beautiful in Europe, and Peterhof is magnificent."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Tampere, Finland**

**▶ 23 Versailles**  
France

"Nothing can prepare you for the absolute grandeur, size and beauty of the palace and gardens. It has to be seen to be believed."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Adelaide, Australia**

**▶ 17 Rothenburg ob der Tauber**  
Germany

"Walk along the wall of the city and take in the town. There are plenty of old towers to examine and unique and interesting architecture."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Sacramento, Calif.**

**▶ 24 Assisi**  
Italy

"Part of the beauty of Assisi is discovering the small, cobblestone streets, climbing up to La Rocca to see the sunrise, sunset or the view."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Alaska and Italy**

**▶ 18 Venice**  
Italy

"If you want to really see Venice, get lost! Leave the map behind and just wander up and down its many streets."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Wirral, England**

**▶ 25 Stratford-upon-Avon**  
England

"The birthplace of Shakespeare—it's no wonder that theaters abound and performances of all kinds can be seen year-round."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Ardmore, Okla.**

# TOP 25 DESTINATIONS

## Asia

### 1 Kyoto Japan

"The walks at night down lanterned lanes, past traditional restaurants, seeing meiko (geisha) slipping in and out of doorways, are magical."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Melbourne, Australia**

### 2 Male Maldives

"Walk the maze of streets. Walk by the presidential palace and the fish market if you are there in the morning. The place just hums."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Seattle, Wash.**

### 3 Ubud Indonesia

"A good base for touring Bali—a very pleasant, interesting town with art galleries, a market, Ubud Palace, rivers, brooks and rice fields."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Germany**

### 4 Singapore Singapore

"A land of diverse cultures and traditions, yet everything complements one another, making for a city that seems perfectly in balance."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### 7 Siem Reap Cambodia

"Away from the main temples you can find surprising peace and quiet. Preah Khan is a huge temple with forest and a moat all around."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Tooting, United Kingdom**



Kyoto—Photo by uagreg

### 5 Ko Phi Phi Don Thailand

"A relaxing place—people get around by foot, bicycle and boat! The scenery is fabulous, so a walk to the viewpoint is a must."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Dublin, Ireland**

### 8 Hong Kong China

"One can have as outstanding a dining experience at a street market food stall as at a gourmet restaurant."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### 6 Tokyo Japan

"Visitors can choose their Tokyo: chaotic and noisy or patient Zen-like calm; soaring skyscrapers or tiny, hidden backstreet shrines."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Vancouver, British Columbia**

### 9 Chiang Mai Thailand

"Find hillside tribe people wandering the streets selling their wares, old temples in nooks and crannies—and McDonald's around the corner!"

**A TripAdvisor Member, Fairfax, Calif.**



Ko Phi Phi Don—Photo by danielle2008



Bangkok—Photo by Raychan

### ▶ 10 Bangkok Thailand

"This exciting vibrant city offers great history, fabulous shopping, a never-ending night life, sumptuous food and plenty of fun."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### ▶ 11 Xi'an China

"The real fun is just outside the city wall where locals exercise, walk their pets (dogs and birds), play instruments, practice swordplay and dance."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Atsugi, Japan**

### ▶ 12 Goa India

"South Goa is a wonderful holiday venue. Low-key, but lots of restaurants and what they call 'beach shacks' to drink and eat in."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K.**

### ▶ 13 Agra India

"Coming out of the early morning Agra fog, you will see the majestic Taj Mahal appear. It is sure to wow you."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Needham, Mass.**

### ▶ 14 Shanghai China

"Food in Shanghai is amazing. But forget your usual eating habits and try to eat like locals. Drink tea and try the local restaurants."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Sydney, Australia**

### ▶ 15 Jaipur India

"A great city to discover India's regal heritage. The palaces are wonderful. Make sure you take a day trip to the restored Samode Palace."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Mumbai, India**

### ▶ 16 Beijing China

"Not only are the typical tourist sites rich with historical significance and visual grandeur, but Beijing explodes the senses unlike any place on earth."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Stoughton, Wis.**

### ▶ 19 Guilin China

"The beauty of the strangely shaped surrounding hills, the friendliness of the locals, each bridge over the river has its own character."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Knoxville, Tenn.**

### ▶ 20 Varanasi India

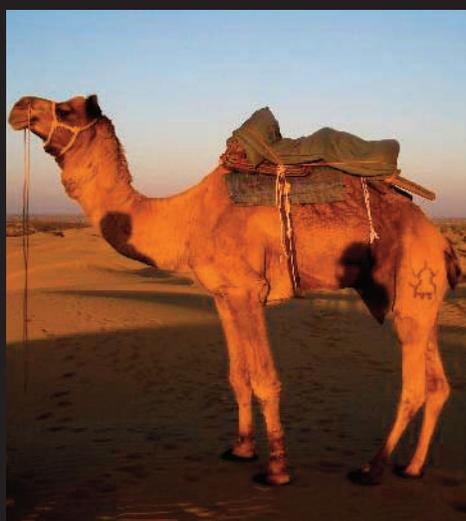
"One of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities, situated on the banks of the Ganges and steeped in Hindu rites. Visit a timeless spirit."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Kuwait**

### ▶ 21 Ko Phangan Thailand

"There are 30-odd beaches on Ko Phangan, all very nice compared to the bigger islands. This island is very laid-back and not so developed."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Bangkok, Thailand**



Jaisalmer—Photo by sypana

### ▶ 22 Nusa Dua Indonesia

"There's plenty to do: parasails, jet skis, banana and glass bottom boats, cruises to Turtle Island—get hands-on with birds, snakes and turtles."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### ▶ 23 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

"A fascinating city constantly on the move. It offers stunning architecture, an amazing array of cuisines and shops and exciting nightlife."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

### ▶ 24 Ko Tao Thailand

"Ko Tao is a wonderful place to visit and a very easy place to get stuck in because life can be so simple and cheap."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### ▶ 17 Jaisalmer India

"Sunset at Sam sand dunes is an opportunity to commune with nature. A camel safari is a unique experience that can only be enjoyed here."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Gujarat, India**

### ▶ 18 Udaipur India

"A spectacular city on a series of lakes, Udaipur is not only beautiful but full of 'off the track' surprises. It's easy to walk around."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Neuilly-sur-Seine, France**

### ▶ 25 Krabi Thailand

"Krabi is a haven for scuba divers and snorkeling. There are several local sites offering good, adventurous caves and caverns."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

# TOP 25 DESTINATIONS

## South Pacific

### 1 Milford Sound New Zealand

"Spectacular reminder of the forces of nature, formed during the ice age. Gorgeous on a sunny day, and rain brings more waterfalls."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Melbourne, Australia**

### 2 Queenstown New Zealand

"What you imagine a postcard will look like. The village center feels straight out of the set of a movie; everything is clean and pristine."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Brisbane, Australia**

### 3 Sydney Australia

"Breathtaking. When you see the Opera House and the bridge, you have to pinch yourself to believe you are there."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Hull, England**



Sydney—Photo by papay

### 4 Cairns Australia

"Home to the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics Rain forests. Nowhere else in the world can you find such incredible natural beauty."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### 7 Wanaka New Zealand

"A beautiful place with great restaurants and cafes. The scenery is stunning and there are some amazing bike rides, walks and drives."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Melbourne, Australia**



Milford Sound—Photo by droitwichSp

### 5 Byron Bay Australia

"An 'alternative lifestyle' mecca, with beautiful white sandy beaches, sub-tropical surroundings, and lots of shops, markets, cafes and 'hippies.'"

**A TripAdvisor Member, Australia**

### 8 Christchurch New Zealand

"If you want to enjoy 'city' experiences such as fine dining and shopping, museums, art galleries, etc., then Christchurch has lots to offer."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Zhuhai, China**

### 6 Auckland New Zealand

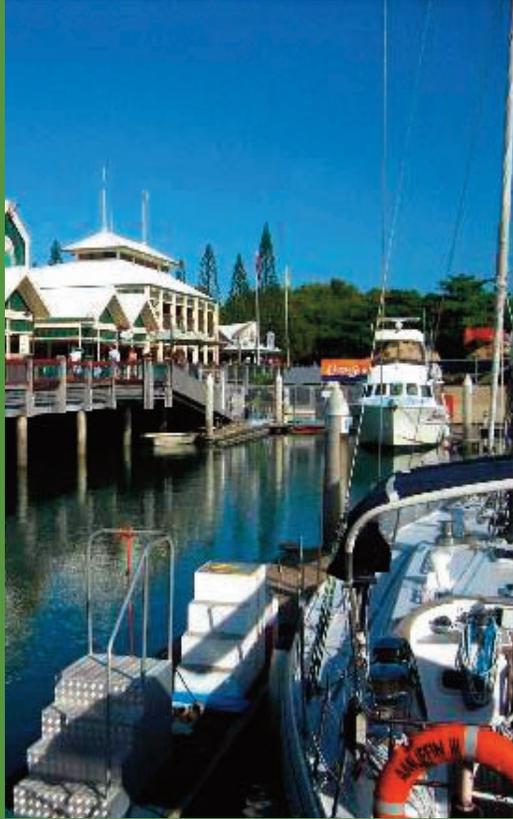
"The 'City of Sails,' is strategically located between two harbors. A day out on Waitemata Harbor and Hauraki Gulf is fabulous."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Auckland, New Zealand**

### 9 Melbourne Australia

"A lovely, laid-back city with lots of parks, gardens and great sights outside the city, including the great Ocean Road and Yarra Valley."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Adelaide, Australia**



Port Douglas—Photo by Sammiev

### ▶ 10 Port Douglas Australia

"The atmosphere is relaxed! If you're stressed out, this is the place to go. Time will slow down, and your perspective will return."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Houston, Texas**

### ▶ 11 Noosa Australia

"Spectacularly beautiful. It has blue skies, a National Park that is a joy to walk and Hastings Street's huge range of restaurants and shops."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Spain**

### ▶ 12 Perth Australia

"The lifestyle is unbeatable. The beaches are among the best in the world. People live an almost year-round outdoor lifestyle."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Brooklyn, N.Y.**

### ▶ 13 Rotorua New Zealand

"Rotorua is a geothermal wonderland, a showcase of Maori cultural activities, a center of tourism and a place of extraordinary natural beauty."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### ▶ 14 Cape Tribulation Australia

"A diamond in the rough, and I hope it stays that way. What a lovely little piece of paradise! Beautiful beaches, abundant wildlife and flora."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Newport Beach, Calif.**

### ▶ 15 Brisbane Australia

"Take a cruise on Moreton Bay, swim with dolphins and turtles, relax by the fire and listen to the sounds of the rain forest at Mt. Tamborine."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Brisbane, Australia**

### ▶ 16 Wellington New Zealand

"A beautiful harbor city with activities to suit all tastes, and cafes and wine bars where you can sit day or night, enjoying water views."

**A TripAdvisor Member, New Zealand**



Kaikoura—Photo by roo15

### ▶ 17 Kaikoura New Zealand

"Kaikoura is great for whale watching and hikes across the headland from the seal colony. Head down to Fisherman's Wharf for fresh seafood."

**A TripAdvisor Member, United Kingdom**

### ▶ 18 Nadi Fiji

"It's very safe, everyone knows everyone, and it's a great mix of people and cultures. Lots of bonding and exchanging of ideas and life."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Aruba, St. Nicholas**

### ▶ 19 Papeete French Polynesia

"Experience the lifestyle of the Polynesian people by visiting downtown, especially the huge market place and the European-style shops."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Rossland, Canada**

### ▶ 20 Fremantle Australia

"A vibrant port city renowned for its cosmopolitan atmosphere. See the Maritime Museum, Fishing Boat Harbor and the famous Cappuccino Strip."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### ▶ 21 Alice Springs Australia

"We were pleasantly surprised, this is the real Australia. The McDonnell Ranges are a lovely backdrop to this outback town."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Wicklow, Ireland**

### ▶ 22 Margaret River Australia

"Gentle country living, vineyards, green trees and streams, great beaches and surf—and lovely walks in the forest."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Melbourne, Australia**

### ▶ 23 Airlie Beach Australia

"A backpacker's paradise with so much to offer: Conway National Park, exceptional rain forest hiking, diving and snorkeling, too."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Connecticut**

### ▶ 24 Hobart Australia

"A vibrant place in the summer and a great climate. In 20 minutes you can be out bush-walking or on a lovely deserted beach."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Hobart, Tasmania**

### ▶ 25 Dunedin New Zealand

"You won't fit everything in one day! The Albacross Colony, Larnach Castle, Speights Brewery, Cadbury Chocolate Factory, Baldwin Street, etc."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Queenstown, New Zealand**

# TOP 25 DESTINATIONS

## Latin America/Caribbean

### 1 Philipsburg St. Maarten

"The island is meant to be explored by car, with many beautiful secluded beaches. Safe, exciting, beautiful and multi-faceted."

**A TripAdvisor Member, New Jersey**

### 2 Cayo Largo Cuba

"The weather was perfect. The beach left us speechless. Totally unspoiled and clean. Plenty of food, sun, sand. The list is endless. It's bliss!"

**A TripAdvisor Member, Welland, Ontario**

### 3 Charlotte Amalie St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

"Clean, friendly, full of great shopping and quiet little spots to stop and catch your breath and take in the amazing views."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Saskatchewan, Canada**



Charlotte Amalie—Photo by A TripAdvisor Member

### 4 Cruz Bay St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands

"Very beautiful. Cruz Bay is a quaint little town, and St. John is less commercialized than St. Thomas."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Maine**

### 7 Marigot St. Martin

"Marigot is spectacular, with the brick walks and beautiful views of the harbor. The Saturday morning market is not to be missed."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Pennsylvania**



Philipsburg—Photo by VertigoSeoul

### 5 Bridgetown Barbados

"We are definitely returning to Barbados next year. The duty free shopping in Bridgetown is a must. Cheap shoes—say no more!"

**A TripAdvisor Member, Marbella, Spain**

### 8 Seven Mile Beach Cayman Islands

"Seven Mile Beach is in itself an attraction, with its pure, white sand, turquoise water and evening skies the color of melting orange sherbet."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

### 6 Hamilton Bermuda

"Wednesday evening is 'Harbor Night,' and the streets come alive (in a very crowded way) with street vendors, face painting, music. I loved it."

**A TripAdvisor Member, New York, N.Y.**

### 9 Chichen Itza Mexico

"I really recommend that you spend as much time here as you can, because it is a piece of true history that is a pleasure to experience."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles, Calif.**



Willemstad—Photo by nbusta

**▶ 14 Road Town**  
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

"It's mountainous, surrounded by islands, noted as 'the sailing capital of the world' and has spectacular views in every direction."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Milwaukee, Wis.**

**▶ 15 Castries**  
St. Lucia

"A major city that will keep people of all ages entertained, whether swimming in the ocean, sightseeing downtown or even catching a flick."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

**▶ 16 Willemstad**  
Curacao

"One of the most beautiful Caribbean cities I've ever seen. Beautifully colored buildings line the canal and fill the island."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Bridgeport, Conn.**

**▶ 19 Havana**  
Cuba

"Old Havana is breathtaking—old buildings, cobble streets and little hidden shopping malls in what were once houses."

**A TripAdvisor Member, United Kingdom**

**▶ 20 Antigua**  
Guatemala

"The place to be, the place to relax, go dancing, meet people and basically enjoy life! The town has a magic of its own."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Guatemala**

**▶ 21 San Juan**  
Puerto Rico

"Old San Juan is beautiful. Whether you're into architecture or scenery, you'll find a postcard setting here."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Absecon, N.J.**

**▶ 10 Oranjestad**  
Aruba

"The city of Oranjestad is just so quaint and is also the cleanest city I have ever seen."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Chicago, Ill.**

**▶ 11 Cayo Guillermo**  
Cuba

"Stunning. It was well worth the visit just to relax in paradise. The narrowness of the beach gives everyone their own piece of paradise."

**A TripAdvisor Member, United Kingdom**

**▶ 12 Freeport**  
Bahamas

"Freeport is more laid-back and quaint than Nassau's city hustle and bustle. The beaches and water are better in Freeport."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

**▶ 13 St. John's**  
Antigua and Barbuda

"You can't fail to relax. The whole island chills you out! I even forgot what I did for a living at one point."

**A TripAdvisor Member, London, England**



Tulum—Photo by tokyoeyes

**▶ 17 Soufriere**  
St. Lucia

"The best part of St. Lucia—beautiful, with waterfalls, a rainforest, snorkeling, scuba and gardens. Soufriere is definitely a romantic place."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Florida**

**▶ 18 Ocho Rios**  
Jamaica

"A stunning place which offers a rich experience for tourists of all ages, with outdoor activities and water adventures."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

**▶ 22 Tulum**  
Mexico

"Not to be missed. There's a terrific beach below the ruins. Bring your swimsuit and a towel. It's crowded, but the kids will love it."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Rochester, N.Y.**

**▶ 23 Palm/Eagle Beach**  
Aruba

"Gorgeous beaches. Eagle is more spread out with less people. Palm has more activity and convenient high-rise hotels within walking distance."

**A TripAdvisor Member, New Jersey**

**▶ 24 San Jose**  
Costa Rica

"We enjoyed the many handmade crafts. The people are friendly and courteous. Great place, wonderful people. Pura Vida!"

**A TripAdvisor Member, Texas**

**▶ 25 Zihuatanejo**  
Mexico

"Zihuatanejo is a magical place along the Pacific coast of Mexico. Beautiful beach, incredible scenery and wonderful people."

**A TripAdvisor Member, El Paso, Texas**

# TOP 25 DESTINATIONS

## South America

### ▶ 1 Machu Picchu Peru

"Worth any effort it takes to get there. The train ride is spectacular, with the river along the tracks and the mountains rising above."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Leola, Pa.**

### ▶ 2 Rio de Janeiro Brazil

"A wonderful city with warm, spontaneous people, great food, cool music and some of the best natural scenery in the world."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Houston, Texas**

### ▶ 3 Cusco Peru

"Like no other place on earth! Amazing architecture, and given the altitude, you can gaze upon snow-covered peaks when it's 70° out."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Washington, D.C.**

### ▶ 4 Buenos Aires Argentina

"Very nice buildings and construction. Also, the city has lots of places to go at night. It's a city that never sleeps, especially in summer."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Quito, Ecuador**

### ▶ 7 San Pedro de Atacama Chile

"A fascinating atmospheric town with a lot of good restaurants. Try to do as many organized tours of this beautiful area as possible."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Santiago, Chile**



Salvador—Photo by Dada77



Machu Picchu—Photo by PepperB

### ▶ 5 Foz de Iguacu Brazil

"Unbelievable. When we saw the first waterfalls, we could not stop taking photos. Then we turned the corner and saw the Devil's Throat!"

**A TripAdvisor Member, Dronfield, England**

### ▶ 8 San Carlos de Bariloche Argentina

"Spectacular scenery—large lakes with snow-capped Andes in the background. Fly-fishing, biking, hiking and skiing are the main sports."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Baltimore, Md.**

### ▶ 6 Salvador Brazil

"A trip here is a must. The Capoiara dancers are amazing, and the Bahia music is fabulous. Check out the caipurhina cocktails and cachaca."

**A TripAdvisor Member, York, England**

### ▶ 9 Buzios Brazil

"An incredible resort town with boutiques, restaurants, cafes and 22 beaches. It's the closest thing to being in Europe that we've found."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Framingham, Mass.**



Banos—Photo by Flit

**▶ 10 Banos**  
Ecuador

"A really nice little town. The tours to the volcano Tungurahua and to the waterfalls (Paillon Del Diablo) are definitely worth a visit."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Nuremburg, Germany**

**▶ 11 El Calafate**  
Argentina

"See and take pictures of the most amazing glaciers, walk on them, go in their caves, explore the surrounding areas, trek or take a cruise."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**▶ 12 Ushuaia**  
Argentina

"The town is like a work of art. Go to the Tierra del Fuego National Park and do the train to the end of the world."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**▶ 13 Pucon**  
Chile

"Pucon is one way to get everything in just one spot—volcano climbs, horseback trips, rafting, even in winter, hot springs."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Santiago, Chile**

**▶ 14 Puerto Iguazu**  
Argentina

"A quiet and nice place to stay to visit the falls of Iguazu. If you have the choice, stay on the Argentinean side of the falls."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

**▶ 15 Paraty**  
Brazil

"The city is the same as two centuries ago. It's like traveling in time. You can dive, see the many islands, take a bath in waterfalls, etc."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil**

**▶ 16 Sao Paulo**  
Brazil

"Sao Paulo is a modern marvel, but the best thing is the people. The Paulistas are friendly, tolerant and outgoing."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Vancouver, B.C.**



Cartagena—Photo by A TripAdvisor Member

**▶ 17 Cartagena**  
Colombia

"Cartagena is a paradise you should visit. The old city is the most beautiful picture you will ever see."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Kobe, Japan**

**▶ 18 Santiago**  
Chile

"Great restaurants and bars, beautiful parks and very civilized people. Don't forget the wine—it's surrounded by mountains and wineries."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Santiago, Chile**

**▶ 19 Quito**  
Ecuador

"A UNESCO World Heritage site that's well worth seeing. At the equatorial monument, you can stand in two hemispheres at one time."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Toronto, Ontario**

**▶ 20 Valparaiso**  
Chile

"We discovered that Valparaiso is Chile's soul. It has the hills, with the magnificent view that you don't get from the beach."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia**

**▶ 21 Natal**  
Brazil

"The dunes are cinematic. And the food is delicious. Yet it still has a lot of traditions and a very particular way of life."

**A TripAdvisor Member, San Francisco, Calif.**

**▶ 22 Florianopolis**  
Brazil

"If I ever go back to Brazil, I would jump directly to this beautiful island! To me, it's the 'Marvelous city, of a thousand delights.'"

**A TripAdvisor Member, Guatemala, Mexico**

**▶ 23 Punta del Este**  
Uruguay

"A lovely, safe beach resort with beautiful houses and gorgeous gardens. The Arboreto Lusich has the most tree species in South America."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Punta del Este, Uruguay**

**▶ 24 Vina del Mar**  
Chile

"The garden city has a tropical atmosphere and a hidden element of local wealth. I loved this little town's deep roots and colorful promenade."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Sydney, Australia**

**▶ 25 Colonia del Sacramento**  
Uruguay

"Colonia del Sacramento offers a beautiful river view and tree-lined streets filled with Spanish colonial-style structures and stores."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Montevideo, Uruguay**

# TOP 25 DESTINATIONS Africa

## 1 Cape Town South Africa

"A beautiful seaside city with incredible mountain views and beautiful beaches. You'll run out of time before running out of things to see."

*A TripAdvisor Member, Washington*

## 2 Abu Simbel Egypt

"It is a must to visit Abu Simbel, the most awe-inspiring place. It brought a lump to my throat when I walked into Ramses' temple."

*A TripAdvisor Member, Coventry, England*

## 3 Luxor Egypt

"Called the 'world's largest open air museum,' Luxor boasts some of the finest tombs, monuments and temples from the ancient world."

*A TripAdvisor Member, Boston, Mass.*



Luxor—Photo by alanvowles

## 4 Knysna South Africa

"Knysna is beautiful. A good way to spend the day is on a paddle steamer for a short cruise. Or go to Brenton on Sea; the beach is amazing."

*A TripAdvisor Member, Bolton, England*

## 7 Cairo Egypt

"Cairo has more living history in the dust on its streets than many destinations in their entirety."

*A TripAdvisor Member, Singapore*



Cape Town—Photo by GooseOhio

## 5 Victoria Falls Zimbabwe

"These truly are the greatest falls in the world. If you've been to Niagara Falls and thought they were beautiful, you haven't seen anything yet!"

*A TripAdvisor Member, Canada*

## 8 Victoria Falls Zambia

"The falls are absolutely stunning—the best 'high' you could wish for. I'd have been happy if that had been my entire holiday."

*A TripAdvisor Member*

## 6 Giza Egypt

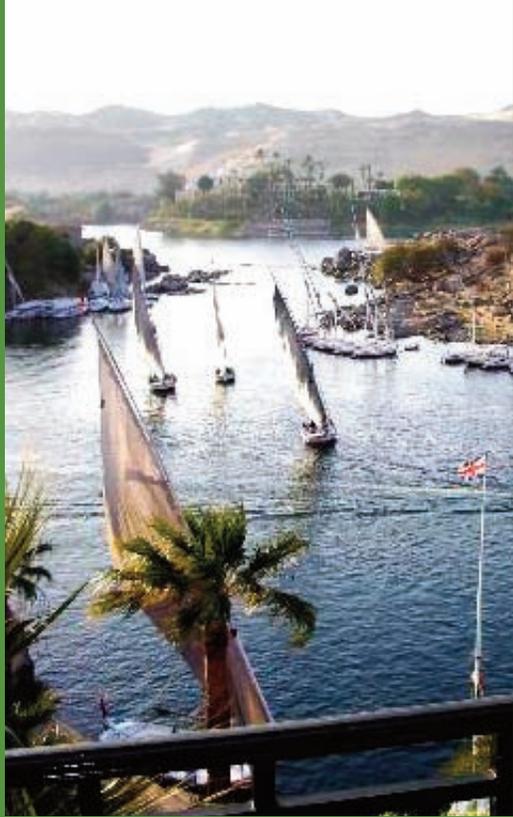
"It was amazing in every sense of the word. The Sphinx and pyramids are majestic. An unforgettable adventure. The trip of a lifetime!"

*A TripAdvisor Member*

## 9 Franschhoek South Africa

"I like Franschhoek. The scenery is beautiful, nestled amongst the mountains with a very French flavor. Lovely old wine farms."

*A TripAdvisor Member, Cape Town, South Africa*



Aswan—Photo by A TripAdvisor Member

## ▶ 10 Aswan Egypt

"Aswan is just beautiful and worth the visit. The people are charming and make you feel right at home from the word go."

**A TripAdvisor Member, United Kingdom**

## ▶ 11 Stellenbosch South Africa

"The wines were absolutely superb, and we found the local scenery and people to be extraordinarily beautiful and sophisticated."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Colorado**

## ▶ 12 Tangier Morocco

"There are many fine bars and restaurants. The food is an exciting mix of Spanish and Moroccan influence and will please many palates."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

## ▶ 13 Victoria Seychelles

"We had great fun playing in the surf. Calmer waters for snorkeling could be found within a 10-minute car trip."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Headlam, England**

## ▶ 14 Marrakech Morocco

"A brilliant city, so full of energy, colors, action, sights, sounds, tastes, aromas and textures. Something for all the senses."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Durham, England**

## ▶ 15 Fes Morocco

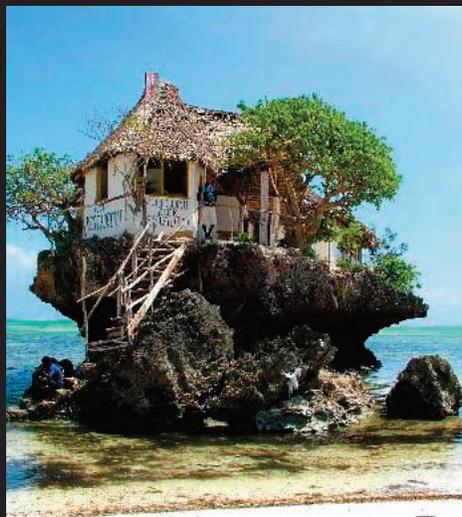
"The old Medina is not to be missed. If you ever want to feel out of touch with the western world, this is the place!"

**A TripAdvisor Member, San Diego, Calif.**

## ▶ 16 Stone Town Tanzania

"The back alleyways of Stone Town hold a real magic for me. So do all the little spice shops and antique shops."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Dakar, Senegal**



Stone Town—Photo by Frank51Africa

## ▶ 17 Essaouira Morocco

"A total gem of a place! If you ever are in need of a total 'get away from it all experience,' you should go to Essaouira."

**A TripAdvisor Member, London, England**

## ▶ 18 Belle Mare Mauritius

"Belle Mare is the type of place where one could be busy with things all day long or just choose to relax and do nothing."

**A TripAdvisor Member, United States**

## ▶ 19 Port Louis Mauritius

"Port Louis can be seen as a rather quaint old city with a few modern tower blocks to show its keeping pace with modern times!"

**A TripAdvisor Member**

## ▶ 20 Grand Baie Mauritius

"Grand Baie is good for exploring, dining out, and water sports, including parasailing, water-skiing, kayaking and wind-surfing."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Johannesburg, South Africa**

## ▶ 21 Alexandria Egypt

"Alexandria is so modern compared to Cairo! And the Bibliotheca Alexandrina is in a class of its own. I have never seen anything like it."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Cape Town, South Africa**

## ▶ 22 Le Morne Mauritius

"Le Morne is beautiful, but you can only appreciate this from the water. If you don't windsurf or kite-surf, take a boat trip and a camera."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Lilliput, England**

## ▶ 23 Port El Kantaoui Tunisia

"Port El Kantaoui is a beautiful resort and ideal for a relaxed break in the sun."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Guildford, England**

## ▶ 24 Sharm El-Sheikh Egypt

"Gifted with natural beauties—idyllic beaches, rare and beautiful reefs and crystal-clear water — it's one of the top diving spots world-wide."

**A TripAdvisor Member**

## ▶ 25 Hurghada Egypt

"Whether you're an experienced diver or just a novice, you will absolutely find Hurghada one of the most charming places to dive in the world."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Cairo, Egypt**

# TOP 25 DESTINATIONS Canada

## 1 Banff Alberta

"The mountains are beautiful, and there are so many things to do, whether you want to walk, hike, shop, ski or just take it easy."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Minneapolis, Minn.**

## 2 Victoria British Columbia

"Everywhere you look is a Kodak moment. We barely scratched the surface during our five days there and can't wait to return."

**A TripAdvisor Member, California**

## 3 Lake Louise Alberta

"Located in absolutely the most beautiful place on earth. The lake was frozen, and they built an ice castle to skate through!"

**A TripAdvisor Member, Bradenton, Fla.**

## 4 Vancouver British Columbia

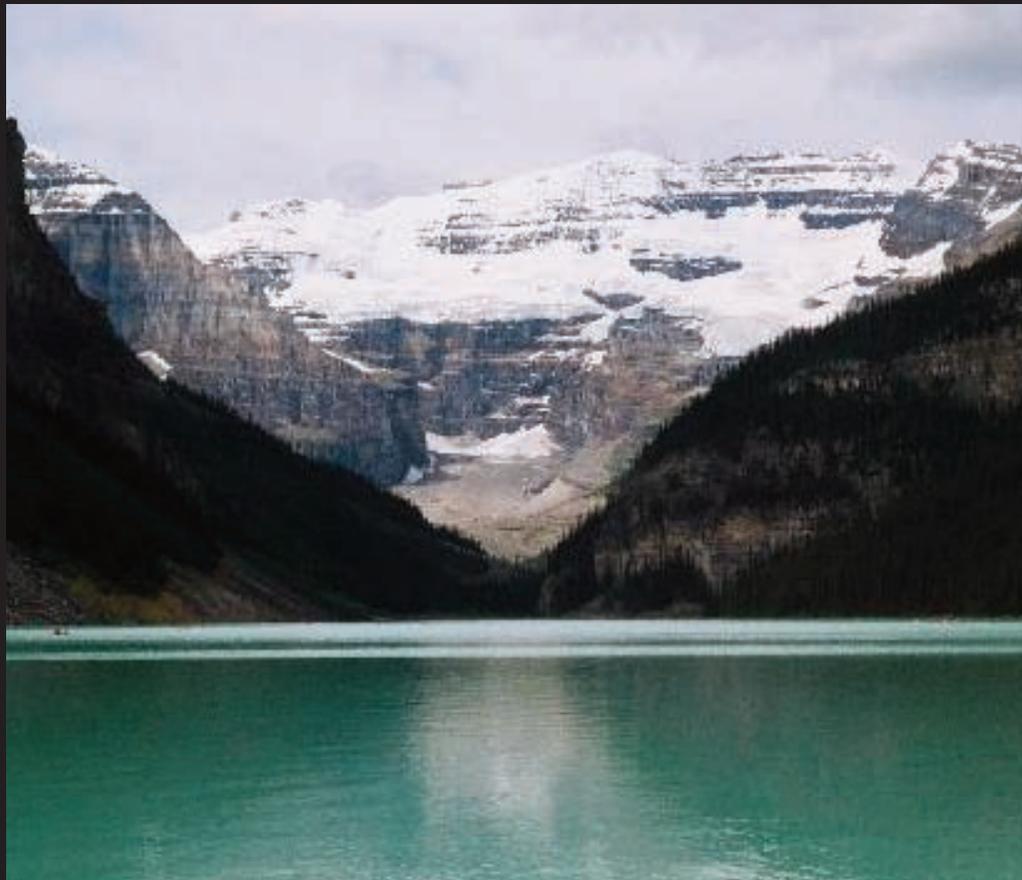
"One of the cleanest cities I have ever seen. Also, one of the few cities surrounded with such splendor and natural beauty."

**A TripAdvisor Member, San Francisco, Calif.**

## 7 Whistler British Columbia

"A visitor's day can be quite full, with skiing or other outdoor activities, a nice dinner and an evening in one of the many nightclubs."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Denver, Colo.**



**Banff**—Photo by mae67

## 5 Niagara-on-the-Lake Ontario

"A beautiful, quaint little town. The shops are fabulous. The wine tour, exceptional. I never realized we would find such fabulous wines."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Illinois**

## 8 Jasper Alberta

"The true attraction of Jasper lies outside the town limit. People come here to go hiking, mountain climbing and whitewater rafting."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Jasper, Alberta**

## 6 Quebec City Quebec

"Quebec City may be part of Canada, but its heart and soul is strictly French. Visitors may feel that they are in a European city."

**A TripAdvisor Member, New Hampshire**

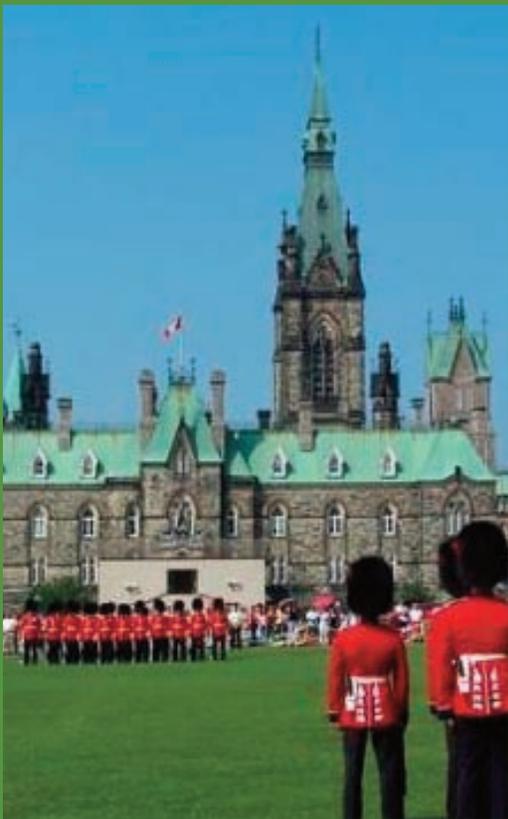
## 9 Halifax Nova Scotia

"A small city, easily discovered on foot: old buildings, open spaces, universities, gardens, restaurants, waterfront and good views around many corners."

**A TripAdvisor Member, N. Vancouver, B.C.**



**Niagara-on-the-Lake**—  
Photo by RossendaleMancunian



Ottawa—Photo by flowersage

## ▶ 14 Toronto Ontario

"Toronto is a great city for walking. One terrific way to discover it on foot is to follow the city's Discovery Walks."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Toronto, Ontario**

## ▶ 15 Ottawa Ontario

"Lots to see and do on a quaint, small scale. Changing of the guard is a must, as is a trip to the market."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Ottawa, Ontario.**

## ▶ 16 Lunenburg Nova Scotia

"For such a small town there are a number of fine restaurants, restored inns and historic buildings. It is a world-class historic site."

**A TripAdvisor Member**



Lunenburg—Photo by mvplevine

## ▶ 17 Canmore Alberta

"Perfect location at the base of the Canadian Rockies. Relax, rejuvenate, perhaps take in some outdoor activities and enjoy the quiet beauty."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Sacramento, Calif.**

## ▶ 18 Calgary Alberta

"I am in love with this place. Amazing and breathtaking. You don't have to reach to touch the sky—it comes down to greet you!"

**A TripAdvisor Member, Saudi Arabia**

## ▶ 19 Mont Tremblant Quebec

"Getting around is half the fun. Whether on skis, snowboard or even a dog sled, your Tremblant vacation is best spent on the move."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Boston, Mass.**

## ▶ 20 Baddeck Nova Scotia

"Baddeck is a lovely little town at the end (or the beginning, depending on which direction you travel) of the wonderful Cabot Trail."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Toronto, Ontario**

## ▶ 21 Kelowna British Columbia

"Kelowna provides the perfect mix of city and town, Canada and wine country. You can't miss Kelowna on an Okanagan Vacation."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Western Canada**

## ▶ 22 Kingston Ontario

"Kingston is the Freshwater Diving Capital of Canada, with over 40 wrecks in the local area, ranging from beginner to extreme diving."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Kingston, Ontario**

## ▶ 23 Whitehorse Yukon

"We decided to go to Whitehorse to view the Northern Lights. It was a wonderful experience. Absolutely unforgettable!"

**A TripAdvisor Member, San Jose, Calif.**

## ▶ 24 Tadoussac Quebec

"Incredible. A beautiful little town. Hours spent sitting on the rocks watching the whales put on a show for all the spectators."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Southwest United States**

## ▶ 25 Nanaimo British Columbia

"The seawall is a scenic stretch of beachfront. Boutiques and restaurants line the path to complete the picturesque atmosphere."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Boston, Mass.**

## ▶ 10 Tofino British Columbia

"Stunning—one of the most beautiful places on the planet. An interesting mix of luxury set against rustic and tempestuous natural beauty."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Vancouver Island, B.C.**

## ▶ 11 Cavendish Prince Edward Island

"There are many attractions, but the scenery stole my heart. Cavendish Beach, with its wild dunes, enchanted us. I must return someday."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Auburn, Wash.**

## ▶ 12 Charlottetown Prince Edward Island

"Charlottetown is a very historic, rather New England-like town, great for walking and with excellent pubs and restaurants."

**A TripAdvisor Member, Ottawa, Ontario**

## ▶ 13 Montreal Quebec

"I felt like I was transported into a quaint European village. Cobblestone streets, gorgeous centuries-old architecture, charming alleys."

**A TripAdvisor Member, San Francisco, Calif.**