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## World's Best Cities Ranked by Travellers



Sydney is Australia's number one tourist destination. Around 2.6 million international travellers visited Sydney in 2008, contributing \$5.4 billion to the local economy. Sydney is consistently ranked as the leading international destination by readers of the world's major travel publications.

The 2008 Readers' Choice Awards published by the respected *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine, ranked Sydney as the world's best city for travellers for the seventh consecutive year. Sydney was rated excellent or very good by 87.2% of respondents for friendliness, ambience, culture and attractions, restaurants, lodging, and shopping, with *Condé Nast Traveler* remarking that "no other city so seamlessly blends sophistication with a laid-back devotion to the good life."

Sydney's world class dining scene continues to make its mark on the world culinary stage. In the UK-based *Restaurant Magazine* 2009 S. Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants Awards, two Sydney restaurants were listed in the top 50, Tetsuya's (ranked 17th) and Quay (ranked 46th). In 2009, 48 New South Wales restaurants featured in the *Australian Gourmet Traveller* magazine's Top 100 Restaurants list, with the top 20 dominated by New South Wales restaurants.

### World's Best Cities Ranked by Travellers, 2008 (1)

City/Country	Score (2)
Sydney, Australia	87.2
San Francisco, United States	85.2
Florence, Italy	84.5
Cape Town, South Africa	83.0
Charleston, United States	82.9
Bangkok, Thailand	82.8
Rome, Italy	82.4
Buenos Aires, Argentina	82.2
Vancouver, Canada	81.9
New York, United States	81.6
Santa Fe, United States	81.5
Chiang Mai, Thailand	81.2
Hong Kong	81.2
Chicago, United States	81.0
Salzburg, Austria	80.8
Venice, Italy	80.8
Vienna, Austria	80.5
Quebec City, Canada	80.1
Victoria, Canada	80.1

#### Footnotes:

1: Based on a survey of *Condé Nast Traveller* Magazine readers.

2: Each city was rated as excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor on six criteria: ambience/atmosphere, friendliness, culture/sites, restaurants, lodging and shopping. Criterion scores, which represent the percentage of respondents rating a candidate as excellent or very good, were averaged to determine the final score; e.g. Sydney's 87.8 is the average of its scores across the six criteria.

Source: Readers' Choice Awards 2008, *Condé Nast Traveller* Magazine.