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The Best Cities in the World: 2023 Readers' Choice Awards

Cities are booming again, with some familiar destinations leading the way.

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Now in its 36th iteration, our annual **Readers' Choice Awards** continues to capture the travel experiences our readers love best, from **hotels** and **airlines** to **cruises**, **islands**, and **luggage**. This year, you traveled farther and deeper; seeking out remote properties; sailing on smaller, more intimate ships; and prioritizing destinations you've been waiting years to visit. At least that's what a staggering 526,518 of you told us in our annual Readers' Choice Awards survey. Now, you can use the results to decide where you're going next—these are the best cities in the world, as voted by our readers.

View the Readers' Choice Award winners for the best cities in the United States here.

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From historical sites to local art, signature dishes to sun-washed beaches, there's something for everyone to love among these small international cities.



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4. Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Puerto Vallarta is often associated with cruise ships, crowded beaches, and bars hosting rowdy groups of spring breakers—but there's so much more to this Pacific coast town than its immediate associations. Though Old Town certainly has its charms (think winding cobblestone streets lined with bougainvillea), it's once you venture a bit off the touristed path that you'll really discover the treasures of this city. Take a quick boat ride to Ocean Grill, an open-air, reservations-only lunch spot built into a rocky cove and serving up grilled lobster. Or head to Yelapa Beach—another only-accessible-by-boat gem—to fill up on fish tacos and spend the afternoon lounging in a hammock on the beach.