

TOP OF THE CHARTS

Austin continues to gain favorability as one of the nation's top travel destinations. But don't take our word for it check out what leading publications and research firms are saying:

- Austin is the recipient of the [J.D. Power and Associates 2016 Destination Experience Satisfaction Award](#). Austin is ranked #1 in the Southwest U.S. and #2 overall in the U.S. (Oct. 2016)
- Travelocity ranks Austin on their list of "[Ten U.S. Cities Foreign Travelers Should Not Miss!](#)" (Dec. 2016)
- Austin ranked #8 on Travel + Leisure's World's Best Survey - "The Best Cities for Food in the United States" (Nov. 2016)
- Austin places on Conde Nast Travelers – 2016 Readers' Choice Awards for "[The Best Big Cities in the U.S.](#)" (Oct. 2016)
- Austin earns perfect score of 100 in Human Rights Campaign's [2016 Municipal Equality Index](#) (Oct. 2016)
- Austin has been awarded best destination at the [News UK Travel Awards](#), including the Sunday Times Magazine editor's award. (Sept. 2016)
- Bicycling Magazine names Austin #7 on list of "[The 50 Best Bike Cities of 2016](#)" (Sept. 2016)
- Conde Nast Traveler names Austin #5 on list of "[The 2016 Friendliest and Unfriendliest Cities in the U.S.](#)" (Aug. 2016)
- Travel + Leisure places Austin #9 on list of "[The Best Cities in the U.S.](#)" (July 2016)
- Travel + Leisure places Austin-Bergstrom International Airport #4 on list of "[The Best Domestic Airports](#)" (July 2016)
- Austin's [Hamilton Pool](#) makes Country Living's list, "[27 of the Most Beautiful Places in America](#)" (June 2016)
- Austin's [McKinney Falls](#) makes Travel Channel's list of "[Top Secret Swimming Holes](#)" (June 2016)
- Austin #6 on list of "[Top 10 American Cities for Dogs \(and the people who love them\)](#)" (June. 2016)
- Redfin names Austin #3 on "[The Top 10 Most Bikeable Downtowns](#)" list around the country. (May 2016)
- Austin named #4, "[2016 LGBT Travelers Rising Stars Destinations](#)" by gogobot awards. (April 2016)
- Austin ranks in the top 20 large cities with the most vibrant art community in America, according to [SMU's National Center for Arts Research](#). (March 2016)
- The Austin Convention Center was named one of the Best Convention Centers by Smart Meetings (2016)
- Three Austin music venues make "[The 100 Greatest American Music Venues](#)" list: Stubbs (6th), The Mohawk (24th) and Moody Theater (42nd). (2016)
- Austin's Zilker Park named third "Best City Park" in the USA by [USA Today](#). (April 2016)
- One of The Best Cities in North America by [Travel + Leisure](#), part of the World's Best survey (February 2016)