

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:

- Zagat ranks Austin #2 on the list of ["30 Most Exciting Food Cities in America 2017"](#). (Dec. 2017)
- Golf.com ranks Austin as #1 of their list of ["Top 10 Best Cities in America"](#). (Sept. 2017)
- Entertainment district, South Congress, made time.com's list of ["10 Coolest Neighborhoods in America"](#). (Oct. 2017)
- Travel + Leisure ranks Austin #8 on 2017 [World's Best Awards](#), of ["The Top 15 Cities in the US"](#). (July 2017)
- Nestpick ranked Austin #3 in the U.S. and #24 in the world on their list for ["Best LGBT Cities 2017"](#). (June 2017)
- Travel + Leisure ranks Austin #8 on their list ["The Best Cities for Food in the United States"](#). (June 2017)
- Texas Monthly's ["Top 50 BBQ Joints in Texas"](#) includes seven locations in Austin - two made the top 10. (May 2017)
- [World Economic Forum](#) ranks Austin the #1 city for tech in the world. (April 2017)
- Austin makes the list of Southern Living's ["The South's Best Winners 2017"](#). (May 2017)
- [Expedia](#) ranks Austin as the #1 super cool US city to visit. (February 2017)
- [Expedia](#) ranks Austin as one of America's most creative places. (February 2017)
- [MeetingSource](#) ranks Austin as a top medium size convention city in the USA for 2017. (February 2017)
- Austin ranked #1 on U.S. News's list of ["100 Best Places to Live in the USA"](#). (February 2017)
- 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 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)
- 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 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)