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The best cities in Europe: 2022 Readers' Choice Awards

From classic city-break destinations to smaller, quieter places, these are the best cities in Europe as voted for by the readers of Condé Nast Traveller

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In order to make the cut for our list of the best cities in Europe, certain criteria must be met. A city should have a world-class food scene, plenty of smart hotels, friendly locals and intriguing history. In this year's Readers' Choice Awards survey, multiple cities in Italy and Spain ranked highly – but you also voted for cities in Germany, Turkey, Sweden, Denmark and Norway. In fact, cities across Scandinavia are well-loved by *Condé Nast Traveller* readers, with three cities from the region making the top five – pipped only to the post for the top spot by a diminutive Spanish city set right on the sea.

These are the cities in Europe, according to the 2022 Readers' Choice Awards. The scores below are percentages representing overall average levels of satisfaction.



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2. Oslo, Norway

The citizens of Oslo are a population notably keen to showcase the best of their city to visitors, from the Oslo Cathedral – still used by the Norwegian Royal Family and the Norwegian Government for key events throughout the year – to Akershus Castle. Baroque architecture dots the city and in and amongst it, no less than 30 museums showcasing the city's history, art and political history, as well as myriad hiking trails around the rivers and gardens that wind their way around the outskirts.

Sustainability travel tip: Book a half-day guided design-focussed city tour with **Up Norway** and get a lesson on modern city development. This walking tour provides insight into sustainable architecture in action, and let's you check out this sustainable luxury travel agent's own home in co-working hub Spaces Tullinløkka in an ambitious circular building made from more than 80 per cent upcycled materials.

Where to stay: Glamorous newcomer Sommerro has the city's first year-round rooftop pool and sauna, plus seven restaurants and bars.