

Sydney has been voted the best city in the world by travelers.

30,000 readers of the famous travel magazine *Conde Nast Traveller* have taken a survey which has resulted in Sydney being the top destination in the world, in front of Paris, New York, and Rome.

In the top countries category, Australia was placed fourth, behind India, Italy and Thailand and the 10th best island destination was given to the Great Barrier Reef.

Last year, travelers were impressed by Sydney's clean and friendly feel as well as its restaurants, ranking it third in that survey.

"I'm happy that our *Conde Nast Traveller* readers have voted for Sydney as their favorite overseas city," editor Kim Mitchell said.

"Many people think that Sydney is great because of its friendly people but they really admire the varied cuisines, as the city scored the highest ranking for food. As a lover of Sydney, I firmly agree with the readers' choice."

Although Australia fell one spot in the countries category from this year's survey (the 10th annual poll by the magazine), tourists are still interested in visiting the country.

"Australia came out on top on the scenery and the friendly people category, but also consistently ranked high in all other categories" she said.

"I agree with the readers that Australia is one of the best cities I have ever been to."

The Maldives and Greek Islands took the top two spots, as the Great Barrier Reef made its first appearance in the favorite islands category.

Hobart's Henry Jones Art Hotel took first place in a survey that rated the best place to sleep to stay after traveling across Australia and the South Pacific. Followed by the Great Barrier Reef's Angsana Resort & Spa, Longitude 131 at Uluru in the Northern Territory, Lillianfels in the NSW Blue Mountains and Huka Lodge in Taupo, New Zealand.

Sydney Airport was ranked the world seventh best, while Hong Kong International is in first.

Qantas, Australia national carrier, got seventh place for best long-flight airline.

When you get a chance to visit Sydney make sure to buy tickets to the world famous [Sydney Opera House](#) for an Opera you will never forget!