

TODAY Ranks St. Pete Among 30 Best Mid-Sized Cities to Visit in 2017



The accolades just keep rolling in for St. Pete. In the past, St. Pete has been listed as one of the [52 places to visit in the world](#) by the *New York Times* and received high marks for our restaurant scene from both *Forbes* and *Huffington Post*. The Sunshine City is also just a short drive from St. Pete Beach, which consistently tops TripAdvisor's list of America's Best Beaches.



Burg's reputation as a premiere travel destination grows

Our culinary scene is running on diesel and shows no signs of slowing down.

Small businesses seem to arrive on a near daily basis and major arts and music events pack our waterfront parks month after month. St. Pete is a city that loves to shop and celebrate local. The prominence of local businesses make this area wholly unique to first-time visitors.

The Burg offers a respite from massive chains and big city calamity. You can discover zen in the avant garden at The Dali, enjoy panoramic views of the area from The Canopy Rooftop Bar, take advantage of Coast Bike Share and

explore the thriving arts and business districts up and down Central, or take a quick drive to our white sand neighbors in St. Pete Beach.



Walkability, desirable weather were key factors in St. Pete's placement on the list

These rankings were formulated by [RewardExpert](#). Our city's Guinness World Record for most consecutive days of sunshine and high walkability score (91), best in the South Atlantic Region, helped to carve out St. Pete's spot on the list.

The Cross-Bay Ferry's pilot project success also seems to boast the next step toward true regionalism in the Tampa Bay area. This means visitors no longer have to choose between exploring Ybor City or the EDGE District; the Riverwalk or North Shore Park; or The Dali or the Museum of Art.

St. Pete is a hub for entertainment, food and culture, and, now, it is also an advantageous midpoint between several other thriving Florida cities. You can view the full list on [TODAY's website](#).