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Mérida surpasses Florence and Québec as the Best City in the World

Mérida was placed as the best small city to visit outside the US according to Condé Nast Traveler magazine.



The colonial architecture of Mérida was highlighted for the readers of Condé Nast. Photo: Luis Lozano

Mérida, the capital of Yucatan, was named on Monday as the **best city in the world** to visit outside the United States in the **Small Cities** category, according to the readers of **Condé Nast Traveler magazine**.

“The streets of Mérida explode with the colorful **facades of colonial architecture**, but it is also steeped in **Mayan history**. Located in the center of the Yucatan Peninsula, sites that are World Heritage Sites recognized by **UNESCO** as Uxmal and Chichen Itza are a short trip away, or you can also visit the beaches of Progreso on the Gulf of Mexico coast 40 minutes north of the city.

“The inhabitants recommend visiting the Artists Foundation, an art exhibition that is exhibited in a house of the 19th century; the Great Museum of the Mayan World, a museum of modern culture; and the traditional Yucatecan food in the supercasual restaurant Manjar Blanco,” says the magazine of **the Southeast city.**

Mérida was placed on the first place on the list of the 32nd edition of the Reader’s Choice Awards of that magazine, followed by other small locations such as **Dresden, Germany; Québec, Canada; Salzburg, Austria; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico;** Bergen, Norway; Florence, Italy; Puebla, Mexico; Monte Carlo, Monaco and Cologne, Germany.



Puerto Vallarta stood out for its coasts, where there are whale watching during winter, as well as for the artisan market and its proximity to the waterfall of Playa Yelapa.

"If you want to feel like a celebrity, you can stay at Kimberly House, the former home of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton which is now a nine-room boutique hotel," the magazine highlights.

In turn, the capital of Puebla is appreciated for its baroque architecture and Cholula, in its conurbation area, where there are 365 churches and more than a thousand buildings of colonial architecture.

"As for food, Puebla is highlighted as the birthplace of the simple and spicy mole poblano, which is ready to be eaten in numerous local restaurants for your own culinary experience," he says.

The vote was conducted online among the readers of the media from April 1 to June 30, 2019 and was voted on by more than 600,000 voters.

In the area of large cities, Japan dominates the list with Tokyo and Kyoto in the first two sites, followed by Singapore, Vienna in Austria and also Japan's Osaka.