

CITIES DESCRIPTION

San Francisco

Your mind must've been drawn to the picture of Golden Gate Bridge everytime you hear the city's name, while it is indeed one of many notable landmark whenever you are planning a visit to The Golden City, named so because of the sudden increase of population caused by the gold rush in late 19th century. San Francisco also has a lot of other stuff to offer.

San Francisco with its ever so famous snake-like curve of Lombard street to the historic Alcatraz Island which used to house notorious gangsters such as Al-Capone in the infamous Alcatraz Prison, which you could explore by taking a ferry is some of the place that you surely need to visit when you're there and the city will keep you engaged during your visit with various activities and attractions. Watch the pleasant sunrise as you see the ferries come and go at The Embarcadero or maybe if you are feeling a little bit adventurous, you could take a hike to the Mount Davidson which is the highest natural point in San Francisco. If walking or driving doesn't suit your fancy, consider taking the cable cars to feel the true experience in exploring the scenery of buildings and steep streets of San Francisco.

While you're on the San Francisco Bay Area don't forget to pay a visit to the Fisherman's Wharf then head over to Pier 39 and be ready to be greeted by numbers of seals sunbathing and chilling there with amazing views of Golden Gate Bridge in the background, and hop along in the pier area with various foods and shops to keep you entertained.

The city of San Francisco still kept its glitters intact from the gold rush euphoria a long time ago, with diverse and iconic neighborhoods, delicious foods, various piers and wonderful night life making the experience of exploring the iconic steep and curvy roads of San Francisco into a one of a kind experience.

Hong Kong

A bustling city decorated with numerous skyscraper, bright building lights and neon-signs filled markets is what makes the city of Hong Kong. Hong Kong with its sophisticated, modern, high-rise building which overlooks the South China Sea makes this urban city one of the best city to visit for your next trip. For starter, you couldn't go wrong with visiting the Victoria Peak to enjoy the full view of Hong Kong skyline, harbor and surrounding islands by boarding the the tram to the Peak Tower which located around 1299ft above the sea level which offers you a bird-eye view of the metropolis below while enjoying various café and restaurants there.

One of the most popular...and cheapest thing to do during the day while you're in Hong Kong is taking a famous Star Ferry trip from Central to Tsim Sha Tsui or vice-versa and enjoy the scenery as you see various ships pass you by, as you arrived to the Tsim Sha Tsui you musn't forget to explore the district as it is the hub for entertainment and shopping, which offers numerous unique vendors, shops, restaurants and multiple museums to visit. Hong Kong also filled with cultural richness with its temples and monastery strewn across the city such as Wong Tai Shin temple, the notable Big Buddha statue at Po-Lin Monastery and Ten –Thousand Buddha Monastery just to name a few.

As the sun sets, the city gets even more vibrant with countless building lights and neon signs showered the streets of Hong Kong completely transforming the atmosphere of the city. Temple Street Night Market is a go-to as a tourist if you want to indulge yourself in various goods and foods that the locals vendors offers at night. Don't miss the biggest music and light show according to the Guinness World Records called A Symphony of Lights, the best place to enjoy this show is at the Avenue of Stars at Tsim Sha Tsui which begins everyday in the evening from 08:00 to 08:14 pm, the show uses the city's skyscraper lights to create a magnificent light show that lights up the Hong Kong sky, thousands of bright lights dancing and moving along the night sky emitted from multiple high-rise buildings are going to captivate you and makes a wonderful night experience of which you wouldn't ever forget.

Tokyo

Whether you've heard or saw it in various movies, youtube videos or if you are an avid anime/manga enthusiast, you must have heard how amazing Tokyo is, lo and behold...it is !, some would say maybe even more amazing in person. Tokyo, which previously named Edo until in 1868 the Emperor decided to change it's name is one of Japan's 47 prefectures and one of the most populous and modern metropolis on earth, only in Tokyo you find that a toilet have more features than your TV in the living room.

Tokyo screams entertainment everywhere you go, from youths go-to area in Shibuya, filled with trendy restaurants, clubs and shops, to the Japan pop culture-heavy Akihabara which will make the eyes of otaku (word for anime/manga enthusiast) light up in excitement and also don't forget to visit Asakusa to get a taste of Tokyo's old-timey vibes with its traditional Japanese Shrine or maybe you want to shop around and check Tokyo's style fashion apparels in you will find numerous stores that offer various fashion goods in Harajuku, so whatever you fancy, Tokyo has it. One of the most important landmarks to visit while in Tokyo is the famous Tokyo tower, standing at 1092ft and located at the center of Tokyo, it offers 360 degree view of the city and if the weather is good, you could even see the majestic Mt. Fuji in the distance.

If you time your visit on the right date you could experience one of the three of Tokyo's most famous festivals which are Sanno Matsuri, Kanda Matsuri and Fukagawa Matsuri. Aside from its famous places and festivals one of the most attractions of Tokyo is its cuisines, be it a bowl of delicious ramen or a delightful sushi, you could experience authentic Japanese foods everywhere in the city with numerous shops and restaurants to choose from. Tokyo with its futuristic and modern architecture which blends really well with the Japanese cultural identity is a must-visit city for your next trip.

Bruxelles

The *de facto* capital of Europe Union, Bruxelles or also famously known as Brussels has a sizeable French and Flemish or Dutch-Belgium community, although the *lingua franca* of Bruxelles nowadays is French, Bruxelles has been historically Dutch-speaking until around the late 19th century the city's common language started to shift into French and you can see it as clear as a day, as the gothic architectures spread across the city are making the neoclassical fanatics' senses tingle.

The neoclassical style of 18th and 19th century are prominent whenever you traverse the streets of Bruxelles passing by various cafés, restaurants and cathedrals. For those of you who are the fan of *art nouveau*, rejoice!..because this is the place to be, since the *art nouveau* movement design and architecture are said to initially surface here in Bruxelles in the early 1890s, and it definitely shows

because Bruxelles is a home to many historical buildings that have been listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site, such as Stoclet Palace, Horta Museum or the city central of Grand Palace.

As you may know by now, Bruxelles is more than just its Waffles and Chocolates, although we highly recommend you to try them since those are the staple here, Bruxelles is also a haven for those of you who loves to take a stroll around the park, with over 8000 hectare of green space, which in turn makes the air there feels really crisps whenever you decided to visit one of many Bruxelles' almost painting-like parks.

Madrid

Home to one of the most famous Soccer club in the the world which is Real Madrid F.C. The capital of Spain, Madrid which has seen numerous historical events unfolds such as the fall of Caliphate of Córdoba in the early 11th century to the rise of Alfonso VI of León and Castile in 1083, makes it a bit tricky to explain, not because it's bad, but instead because it has so many things to offers!.

A blissful and bustling night life? Madrid got your back with its vibrant nightlife of cocktails bars, nightclubs and flamenco theatres that will keeps you up all night long or maybe delightful cuisines for your palette? The mix of Mediterranean and Madrilenian cuisines will keep your belly full and your heart happy, as Madrid also known as home of the oldest restaurant in the world founded in 1725 – Sobrino de Botin with Guinness World Record Certificate to back its claim, for those of you who has a refined taste in arts, you struck a bingo!, with its unparalleled art scenes consisting of multitude of museums , art galleries and fine arts circles will elevate your visual auditory senses to another level.

If you want to experience the local culture of Madrid, just head over to the nearest plaza, with Plaza Mayor being the most famous ones and you will feel the warmth of the locals and pleasant sun of Madrid and make the best of the lovely mediterranean climate. Madrid is also a place to be if you are a festival person, with numerous festivals during holidays to choose from, it is not strange that the city of Madrid has became synonymous with the word "joy".

Oslo

Whether when the weather is chilly on the winter or when it is pleasantly warm in the summer, it's always a good time to visit Oslo, the city capital of Norway is always blissful all year long, you're in for a good time whenever you decided to visit Oslo. Located on the south-eastern part of Norway, this Scandinavian city is always a worthy place to visit.

Oslo itself is a perfect blend of old and new, you could find a historical vibe on one part of the city, like for an example the Royal Palace or Akershus Festning fort and on the other part you would find a modern and futuristic architectures such as the famous Oslo Opera House or when you are chilling in Aker Brygge, you would find many stylish buildings along the way.

Any notable Scandinavian city must have a Viking museum ... and so does Oslo with the Viking Ship Museum of Oslo, here you will have a chance to take a look at historical artifacts of old Viking age when they were still rolling around on a ship pillaging villages everywhere. You would feel the authentic Scandinavian vibe whenever you visit one of Oslo's museums.

If you are the type that hates long hours of trip just to get somewhere, you are in the right place in Oslo, since almost everything is at a biking or walking distance and it's going to be a pleasant experience too for those of you who's all about that green life, because Oslo has been named the European Green Capital in 2019 since Oslo got its carbon emission and pollution under control with its usage of green spaces and efficient public transport.

Frankfurt

Divided by the River Main, Frankfurt or some would call it the *Bankfurt*, named so because the city has so many of well... banks, which in turn make the city into a centre of financial world in Germany since it has one of the Largest Stock Exchange in Europe, just short behind of London Stock Exchange. It is no wonder that the city has the largest GDP per capita compared to other European city and dubbed the richest city in Europe.

Frankfurt itself doesn't really feel particularly German, since it attracts a lot of people from different part of Europe who means business in the literal sense. The atmosphere here is a mixbag of a lot of things, which may also derived from its sizeable numbers of expats and immigrants, often you will find your typical European building just right around the corner of that super reflective banking firm's building, but don't be mistaken, just because it is a business heavy city doesn't mean it lacks flair, you could get a glimpse of the city's historical side on one of many city's museums such as Stadel Museum or Liebieghaus and on the weekend you could enjoy the vibe of flea market along the river banks and mingle with locals.

Frankfurt works hard and plays harder, with an awesome nightlife ranging from hard-hitting DJ nightclub hotspots to relaxing evening cafes to the fine dining michelin-starred restaurant, the city got you covered for those of you who just wants to unwind and have fun. Maybe you want to go on a shopping spree? Just head over to The Zeil which is the popular shopping spots where you will find countless designer goods, unique boutiques and department stores, basically The Zeil got everything you need, oh... by the way, did we mention that everything on the Zeil is tax-free?!

Stockholm

Stockholm is a special place because it is not just a city but also an archipelago, since the city is made up of a total of 14 islands with numerous bridges connecting each islands with one and another. The Capital of Sweden and home for the Swedish Royal Family, Stockholm is a very convenient place to visit for travelers, since almost everyone in the city could speak English so at least you wouldn't have to consult your translator apps everytime you got lost in the city and wants to ask the locals for directions. Just remember to bring your cards everytime you go outside since for the last couple of years Stockholm has started to shift into "No Cash, Card Only" policy for payments in most, if not all of the place for transactions.

Eventhough on the surface Stockholm has a scenic view everywhere, don't forget to venture undergrounds, and by that we means the metro stations because you're going to use them to get around if you want to save money, besides you're also in for a surprise since almost 90% of the stations

has some sort of artworks exhibit decorating the place, be it paintings, murals, sculptures, etc. Bottom-line is Stockholm's metro stations are some of the most instagrammable spots in the city.

Visiting Stockholm comes at a price...literally, because everything here are relatively a bit expensive and it's kind of strange since *Fika*, which roughly translates to "a coffee and cake break" is such a big part of Swedish culture that makes the Swedish workers are said to be the least stressed workers in the world, but even though it might cost you a bit, we highly urge you to try one of their café or bakery and enjoy the caffeine jolt that blends with sweetness of various pastries and desserts to choose from. For those of you who want to enjoy the city without breaking the bank, you could visit one of their interesting museums and Stockholm has many to choose from that holds a lot of art exhibitions, ranging from photography to centuries-old historical preserved objects, some even has free admissions for those of you who are tight on the budget.

Salzburg

Salzburg is the birthplace of one of the most famous *virtuoso* of all time, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and the city definitely shows its love for the composer, since Mozart's theme attractions is one of the main reasons why the city is well-known. You could even visit Mozart's birthplace which turned into a museum here in the city and many more Mozart's theme spots, ranging from café, museums to concert hall. Whether you are a fan of classical music or not, Salzburg, which used to be a part of Holy Roman Empire is still one of the loveliest places to visit, with its baroque style architecture and vibes, travelling through the classical narrow pedestrian streets and visiting various historical buildings is something that you shouldn't miss.

Salzburg is a great place to visit all year long, even more so in the winter because the city is transformed into a winter wonderland whenever the snows fall and blends into the surrounding historic medieval buildings of the city, especially in the Old Town's City Centre of Salzburg which listed as one of the UNESCO's World Heritage Site and many more other interesting pieces of history. Here in Salzburg you will find a lot of historical and well-preserved buildings such as Cathedrals, Churches and Fortress with a lovely architecture within an accessible walking distance since the city itself is pretty compact.

To those of you who is a fan of Christmas markets, rejoice! Since Salzburg is home to one of the oldest Christmas markets in the world, the Salzburg Christkindlmarkt, which dates back to the late 15th century. The Christmas markets within the city offers a lot of handmade goods and trinkets for you who are looking to buy something to take back home and maybe while you're at it have a taste at one of the markets treats vendors which offers various delightful pastries and sweets.

Lille

Lille is probably one of the most underrated cities to visit in France, often overshadowed by other more well-known France's cities such as Paris and Versailles. Lille is a hidden gem within France that blends the Flemish and French influences in its architecture and overall vibe of the city, the city itself was founded in 640 by Burgundians' Flemish and later conquered by France under the rule of Louis XIV in 1667 and since then has been a melting pot of the two cultures.

The city itself is a city that doesn't lack a character with its buildings and cobblestone pavements and a wonderful place to visit if you are an architecture geek, with many of centuries-old houses, historical

buildings and places, one of the most notable ones being the Grand Place. Here in the city you will find a lot of interesting places to visit, especially if you are into arts, the two of the city's most famous museums which are LaM-Museum of Modern Art and Palais des Beaux-Arts housed many works of famous artists such as Picasso, Rembrandt, Goya and many more.

Being in Lille and just strolling around admiring the beauty of the Flemish-French influenced historical architectures is a one of a kind experience in itself, exploring the tight and compact stoned pavement while you are greeted by red bricked buildings on both sides is a sight to remember, along with many of its historical and culture-rich buildings such as churches, cathedrals and citadels are also a great place to visit and don't forget to bring your camera because Lille such a beautiful and picture-esque city.

Brugge

If you are a fan of medieval themed city, you couldn't go wrong with visiting Brugge, home to many notable landmarks and historical sites, the city centre itself has been listed as World Heritage Site in the year 2000. Brugge is a Flemish-culture heavy city in Belgium, with its many culture rich buildings and beautiful canals, it is dubbed as one of the city worthy to be called "Venice of the North".

Head over to the Markt square whenever you want to feel the city culture, this historical spot, along with many of other dating back to 8th century, is a gathering place for Brugge's townfolks and has been since a place to held various festivals and public events and gatherings with many museums spreads within the city if u want to learn more about the history of the city and the culture, they even have a museum for a BEER! Oh.. and don't forget to grab a beer in Brugge since it is one of the staple of the city.

Hop along a small boat to explore the city well-known waterways and canals to experience a relaxing stroll and take your time in admiring this beautiful and romantic city. Brugge is like a fairytale with beautiful medieval architectures and almost painting-like canals, whether it's for a romantic trip with your partner or just a relaxing getaway from your day-to-day routines, Brugge with its culture is always a place to be.

Granada

Granada is one of the most famous andalusian city located in Spain, although not as well-known as other Spain's big city such as Barcelona or Madrid, Granada also has its own fair share of charm, being in close proximity with the famous Sierra-Nevada national park and mountain range, this city has a strong Moorish heritage that comes from its history of Muslim occupation for around 800 years during 8th to the late 15th century and later conquered by Catholic monarchy of Ferdinand II of Aragon and Isabella I of Castile in 1492, the city is a beautiful mixture of two cultures.

The most famous tourist attraction of Granada and even of all Spain is the Alhambra fortress, located on top of a hill in the city center, the fortress sits up there overlooking the city with Sierra Nevada mountain range on the background, it has been listed as one of the UNESCO National Heritage Site and many people even only visiting Spain just to visit the Alhambra.

Granada has one of the most hardcore Flamenco heritage in Spain, often you will find venues and spots that offers various flamenco shows and performance along with the city's iconic Tapas culture, here you will spend your evening admiring the art of Flamenco while sipping your drink that often will come with

free tapas for you to enjoy. Granada is a very multicultural cosmopolitan place with compact neighborhoods and relatively inexpensive for those of you who are looking for a city to visit but don't want a place that will break the bank. If you want to get a bit in touch with the nature, you could hop on the bus and head over to the beautiful Sierra Nevada and explore Sierra Nevada's beautiful hiking trail which is a part of the largest national park in Spain.

Zurich

Zurich is the largest city of Switzerland, situated near the Zurich Lake with Limmat river that flows through the city, you could get on a boat and enjoy the beautiful old buildings of Zurich in all of its glory and the amazing view of Zurich Lake. The city of Zurich is one of the financial powerhouses in the world, but this modern city also keeps its historical charm intact, the mix of old and new is really showing here, with trams or busses as a way to navigate the city in between the old timey-buildings on both sides.

There is a lot to do in Zurich, visiting one of their museums to learn more about the history of the city and spend your time admiring the arts and culture or head over to the Altstadt, the German word for old town, here you will be greeted many Renaissance and medieval buildings that are well-preserved. If you are looking for somewhere to spend your cash, the 1.200 meter street of Bahnhofstrasse is the best place to go, here you will find many boutiques, jewelry and high fashion stores to satisfy your shopping needs.

If you want to just relax and find some place to chill, but still want to enjoy Zurich to the fullest, the Lindenhof park is the place to be, since the park history goes hand-in-hand with Zurich city, dating back all the way to the 80 BC. The park offers a scenic view of the Limmat River, Old Town and the city hall and nowadays is a gathering spot for chess players and a great place to take a selfie.

Bangkok

Bangkok, the capital of Thailand is one of the most amazing and exotic cities of all Southeast Asia. The city itself is the most populous city of Thailand and in turn makes this city so full of life and culture, with estimated 10.5 millions people living here, you could never run out of things to do whenever you decided to visit Bangkok.

The city of Bangkok is full of cultural sites you could visit, like the Wat Pho Buddhist temple that housed the famous gold colored gigantic statue of Buddha or the beautiful Grand Palace with area as big as 214.000 sq. meters to cover or maybe if you also looking to buy something from the locals, you could head over to the Chatuchak Weekend Market which is one of the largest markets in the world.

One of the city aspects that's also the most well-known is its nightlife, there are tons of nightclubs, awesome rooftop bars, drinking pubs and many more spread across the city, the party scene at Bangkok is a great experience all night long, especially in the Khao San road which is the place the youngsters of all walks of life gather to have fun and enjoy the night.

If you are on a budget and wanted to go somewhere unique, visiting Bangkok is a no-brainer, because even though the place is so rich in culture it is also relatively cheap and inexpensive, be it the affordable accommodations, relaxing spa or even something as simple as grabbing a drink at one of the cocktail bars, you wouldn't ever regret visiting Bangkok.

Macau

Macau or sometimes spelled Macao, is a city that has a mix of cultures derived from Chinese and Portuguese that dates back to the 16th century. Also known as the “Las Vegas of Asia”, many people and tourists gather in Macau just to gamble, along with its cultural rich environment Macau with over 40 casinos spread across the city is one of the leading capital of gambling of the world beside Vegas with 40% GDP of the city comes from gambling industry.

But Macau is more than just sparkling casinos, with many historical sites you could visit which some are the remnants of Portuguese occupations, such as Ruins of St. Paul's and Senado Squares, you could find a lot of buildings with European – more specifically Portuguese influences here sitting in contrast to more traditional Chinese buildings. In 2005 UNESCO also listed Macau's Historic Centre as one of the World Heritage sites, so you won't only find modern vibes whenever you visited Macau but you can also see many beautiful cultural richness by visiting one of the city's churches and temples.

Oh... also don't miss the unique fusion of the cuisines whenever you visited Macau, since macau cuisines is a one of a kind combination of Chinese and Portuguese ingredients and other influences from Portuguese former colonies such as Goa or Brazil, you won't find cuisines as unique as macau's anywhere else on the planet.