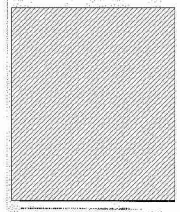
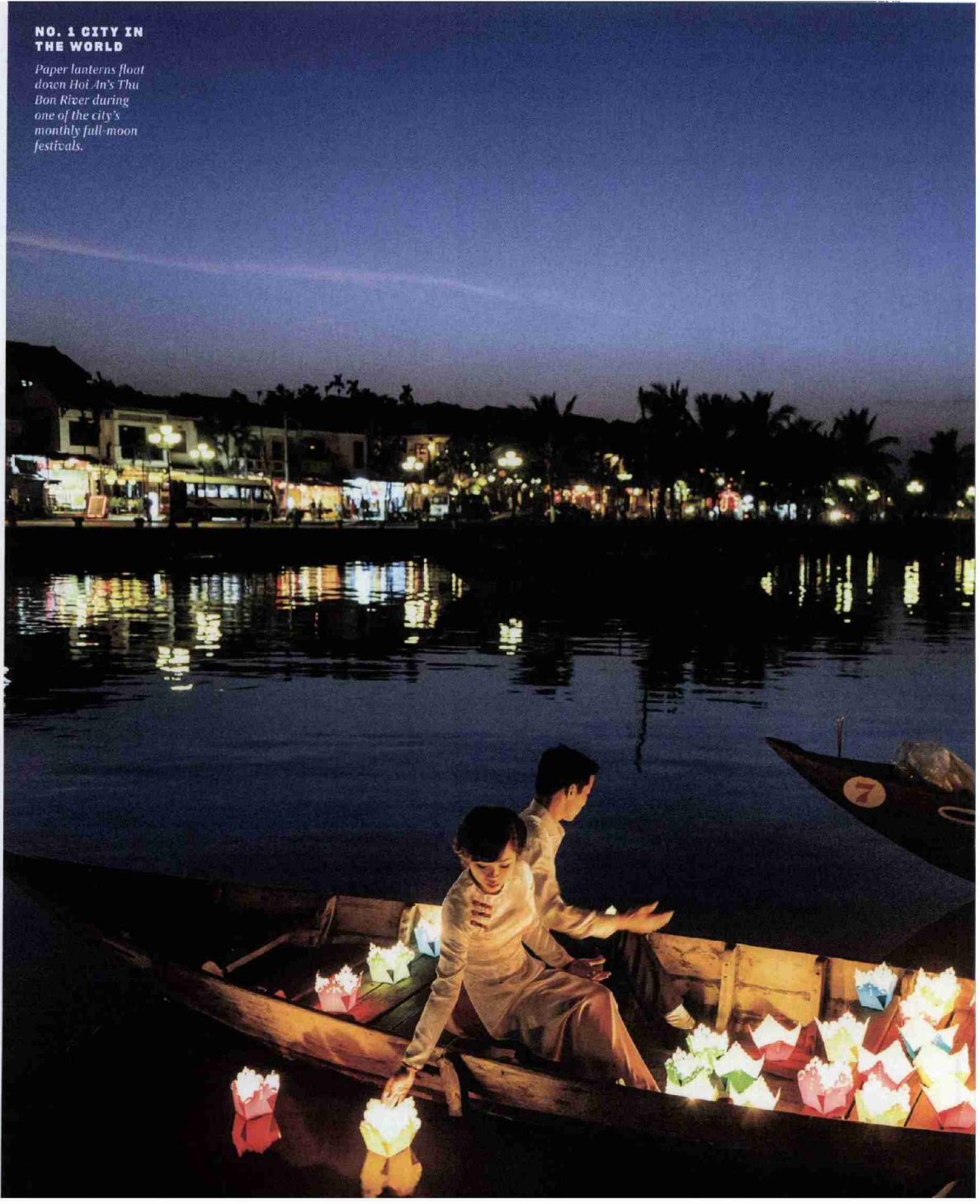


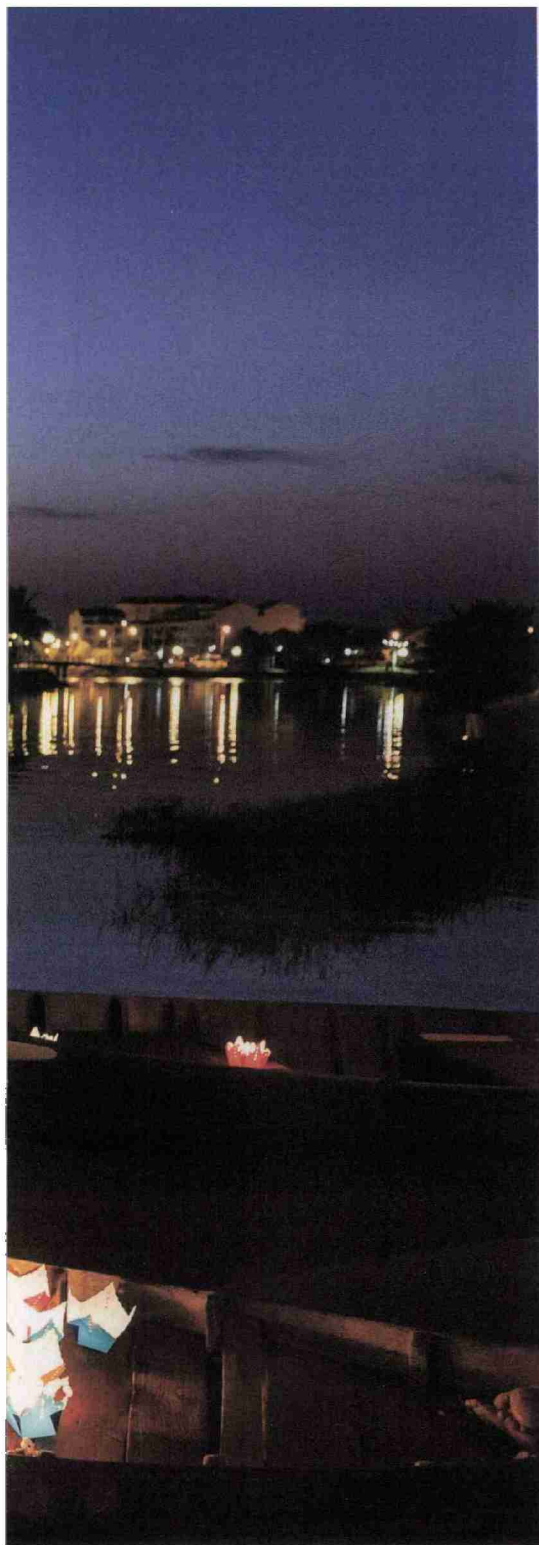


WORLD'S BEST AWARDS 2019 CITIES

NO. 1 CITY IN THE WORLD

Paper lanterns float down Hoi An's Thu Bon River during one of the city's monthly full-moon festivals.





Cities

Mexico claims an impressive three places on the global Top 10, and in Asia and Oceania, two one-of-a-kind metropolises snag the top spots for the first time: historic Hoi An, Vietnam, and adventure destination Queenstown, New Zealand.

**TOP 10
CITIES
OVERALL**

- 1 Hoi An**
Vietnam
90.39

The enchanting port city leaps from last year's No. 8 spot on the strength of its artisanal goods, innovative cuisine, and historic Vietnamese architecture, which incorporates Asian and French influences.
- 2 San Miguel de Allende**
Mexico 90.23
- 3 Chiang Mai**
Thailand 89.56
- 4 Mexico City**
89.30
- 5 Oaxaca**
Mexico 89.16
- 6 Ubud**
Indonesia 89.08
- 7 Tokyo**
88.95
- 8 Kyoto**
Japan 88.42
- 9 Florence**
88.26 ★
- 10 Udaipur**
India 87.80

**TOP 10
CITIES
UNITED STATES**

- 1 Charleston**
South Carolina
87.04 ★

For the seventh year in a row, this Southern belle stands above the rest, charming travelers with Lowcountry hospitality, picturesque streets, and a culinary scene that ranges from casual barbecue to refined tasting menus.
- 2 Santa Fe**
New Mexico
86.59 ★
- 3 New Orleans**
86.06 ★
- 4 Savannah**
Georgia 84.98
- 5 New York City**
84.04 ★
- 6 Chicago**
83.25 ★
- 7 Nashville**
82.57
- 8 Asheville**
North Carolina 81.79
- 9 Austin**
Texas 81.31
- 10 Honolulu**
81.30

**TOP 5
CITIES
CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA**

- 1 Cuzco**
Peru 85.66 ★

Though it serves as the launchpad for excursions to Machu Picchu, this ancient destination's colonial architecture and welcoming locals prove it merits more than a brief pass-through.
- 2 Antigua**
Guatemala 83.26
- 3 Buenos Aires**
82.92 ★
- 4 Mendoza**
Argentina 82.53
- 5 Quito**
Ecuador 82.22

**TOP 5
CITIES
MEXICO**

- 1 San Miguel de Allende**
90.23

Travelers keep returning to the colorful buildings and cobblestoned lanes of this colonial

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enclave, beloved for its centuries of history and unusual arts heritage.

- 2 **Mexico City**
89.30 ★
- 3 **Oaxaca**
89.16
- 4 **Mérida**
85.70
- 5 **Guadalajara**
84.49

TOP 5
CITIES
 CANADA

- 1 **Quebec City**
84.49 ★
Now in its fourth consecutive year as the most loved Canadian city, Quebec's capital can't be beat for old-world flair and Winter Carnival.

- 2 **Vancouver**
82.58
- 3 **Montreal**
82.23
- 4 **Victoria**
British Columbia
82.10
- 5 **Toronto**
80.52

TOP 10
CITIES
 EUROPE

- 1 **Florence**
88.26 ★
This capital of the Renaissance has reigned as category winner since 2014, thanks to superlative historic sites and museums (the Duomo, the Uffizi, Galleria dell'Accademia) and delicious Tuscan cuisine.

NO. 1 CITY IN EUROPE

Pitti Palace, just outside the Boboli Gardens' main entrance, exemplifies the Renaissance architecture of Florence.



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- 2 **Rome**
87.34 ★
- 3 **Seville**
Spain 86.65
- 4 **Barcelona**
86.47 ★
- 5 **Porto**
Portugal 86.35
- 6 **Lisbon**
86.25
- 7 **Siena**
Italy 85.88
- 8 **Kraków**
Poland 85.80
- 9 **Istanbul**
85.75 ★
- 10 **San Sebastián**
Spain 85.48

TOP 5
CITIES
 AFRICA AND
 THE MIDDLE EAST

- 1 **Cape Town**
85.86 ★

With its sumptuous hotels, destination museums like the Zeitz MOCAA, and proximity to world-class wine regions, South Africa's oldest city is a category favorite for an impressive 18th time.
- 2 **Jerusalem**
85.46 ★
- 3 **Marrakesh**
Morocco 85.11
- 4 **Beirut**
Lebanon 84.48
- 5 **Fez**
Morocco 82.98

TOP 10
CITIES
 ASIA

- 1 **Hoi An**
Vietnam 90.39

A new spirit of innovation across the colonial city's arts and culinary scenes has made this a distinctive, must-visit urban destination.
- 2 **Chiang Mai**
Thailand 89.56
- 3 **Ubud**
Indonesia 89.08
- 4 **Tokyo**
88.95 ★
- 5 **Kyoto**
Japan 88.42 ★
- 6 **Udaipur**
India 87.80

- 7 **Bangkok**
86.52 ★
- 8 **Osaka**
Japan 86.32
- 9 **Siem Reap**
Cambodia 86.21 ★
- 10 **Jaipur**
India 86.17

- 2 **Sydney**
84.92 ★
- 3 **Melbourne**
83.88 ★
- 4 **Perth**
Australia 82.10
- 5 **Wellington**
New Zealand 80.47

TOP 5
CITIES
 AUSTRALIA,
 NEW ZEALAND, AND
 THE SOUTH PACIFIC

- 1 **Queenstown**
New Zealand 84.96

Outdoor activities, from skiing and mountain biking in the Southern Alps to parasailing on Lake Wakatipu, make this scenic Kiwi hub a year-round magnet for adventure seekers.

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**NO. 1 CITY IN
 AFRICA AND THE
 MIDDLE EAST**

Hiking up Table Mountain is a popular Cape Town activity.



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