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### Nashville named 'friendliest city'

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Nashville has once again been named America's Friendliest City from Travel + Leisure magazine after getting the honors in 2004 and 2005.

The publication asks readers to rate 30 U.S. cities based on culture, shopping, restaurants, nightlife and more. The survey is conducted each summer.

This year, Nashville also ranked second in the nation for live music and concerts and fourth for an affordable getaway.

"It is most appropriate that Nashville has again been named America's friendliest city," Nashville Mayor Karl Dean said. "Our hospitality and our people are what make Music City the special place it is. Nashville is a place people want to visit, over and over again. And because we're such an attractive place to visit, our tourism industry is a key part of our economic engine. It's an industry we need to invest in and celebrate."

Nashville was also ranked among the Top 10 for safety, affordable hotels, bed and breakfasts, singles/bar scene and wild weekends.

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