



So, OK, it may not be based on sober judgment. We took the poll at a senior travel event in a local restaurant. For what they're worth, here are the results:

Las Vegas NV: Once in Sin City, no need to go anywhere else. For the Broadway experience, check into the New York New York Hotel. For France, visit the Paris Resort. For Italy, go for Bellagio and The Venetian. For the Caribbean, experience Mandalay Bay.

For old Rome in Vegas, try Caesars Palace. For faux ancient Egypt, hit the Luxor. For losing all your money, just go into any Vegas casino. Seriously, some of the best entertainment and dining in the world can be found in just within a few blocks of the famous Las Vegas Strip.

New York NY: If you can make it in the Big Apple, you'll make it anywhere. The city that never sleeps offers expensive sleeping quarters, endless entertainment, dining and shopping.

London, England: This old town is a nostalgic haven for those looking for history, charm and entertainment. Admittedly, the food ain't always so good, but the wonderful sights and classic theater almost make up for boiled beef pie.

Paris, France: Ah, the traditional city for romantics. Prices are sky-high, people are rude, accommodations aren't the most modern, and if you're lonely, you'll have to pay for the romance. But the food, wine, historic sites and ambiance are still there. The sidewalk cafés are charming if you love sipping your café au lait amid a cloud of cheap cigarette smoke.

Helsinki, Finland: A mixture of historic past and contemporary pizzazz. The seafood in restaurants and at the harbor shops is the freshest and best in Europe. The people are friendly,

the prices are still relatively moderate, but don't go there in the wintertime unless you enjoy shivering.

Venice, Italy: The real gondola city is of infinite charm and history, with stinky waterways as added tourist enticements. If you know the special restaurants where tourists never venture, the dining experience is one of the best in the world. Venetians are friendly, but can't quite hide their disdain for tourists and tendency to relieve them of as much money as possible.

Amsterdam, Holland: Beautiful old city, with great museums, lovely canals and legal pot. The famed red light district boasts the best bordellos in Europe, but there are also many interesting streets and shops for families to roam.

Los Angeles CA: All right, it is mostly a spread of bedroom communities that are connected only by impassably crowded freeways. But Hollywood and Beverly Hills are there, with all their glamor and glitz. Santa Monica, Malibu and other beach towns are attractive, with great restaurants.

San Francisco CA: You won't find Tony Bennett's heart there, unless it's served sauteed in some exotic restaurant. A beautiful town, but don't expect to make it up and down its steep hills on foot. Riding cable cars makes for an inexpensive and most enjoyable day. Dining at Fisherman's Wharf can be fun for the entire family. The ethnic Chinese and Italian neighborhoods also boast great restaurants.

Shanghai, China: Although Hong Kong and Singapore are still wonderful cities to visit, Shanghai sparkles with super-modern buildings, harbor scenes, restaurants, shops and busy streets.