

# Rough Guides readers reveal the world's friendliest (and unfriendliest) places

*Readers voted for the most welcoming cities and countries*

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, May 17, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Rough Guides readers love sharing their travel experiences, and when they were polled about the warmest - and most icy - welcomes they've received around the world, they weren't shy about voicing their opinions!



The results contain a few surprises, plus entertaining quotes from brutally honest readers:

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*René Frey, CEO*

\*\* [The world's friendliest \(and unfriendliest!\) cities](#)

\*\* [The world's 10 friendliest countries](#)

Whether you find yourself nodding in agreement or shaking your head in disbelief, these lists are guaranteed to inspire readers to get out there and find out for themselves – a fascinating, funny and thought-provoking read for any travel lover.

Highlights include:

- Asia – home to 3 of the world's top 5 friendliest cities: Singapore (#4), Tokyo (#3) and Bangkok (#2).
- London – voted the world's 5th friendliest city, praised for “straightforward friendly people”.
- Paris – voted the world's unfriendliest city, with Parisians denounced as “snooty and rude”. (Don't miss [this witty response](#) from a Parisian travel writer)
- Dublin – a land of “a hundred thousand welcomes”, voted the world's friendliest city.

- Ireland – the world's friendliest country. "A shopkeeper gave me a pound to play the Irish lottery", said one impressed reader.
- New Zealand (#7) – voted friendlier than Australia (#14). A respondent was blown away when "complete strangers offered me a place to stay".
- USA (#9) – only just make it into the top 10, whereas neighbour Canada is voted the world's 3rd friendliest country

Rough Guides CEO René Frey says:

"At Rough Guides we're always keen to hear from our readers about their travel experiences. Of course, to label an entire country or a city as 'friendly' is an over-simplification, but we ran this poll as a fun way to get a general sense of the places travellers have felt warmly welcomed - or not! The results make for fascinating reading and I'm confident they'll spark some lively debate in the travel community. For starters, you'll enjoy the lively response from a passionate Parisian writer who takes issue with Paris' position at the bottom of the list!"

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