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# TripAdvisor Shows Off the World's Most Spectacular Sights With 2015 Travelers' Choice Landmarks

Alcatraz Locks Up Title of America's Favorite Landmark; Angkor Wat in Cambodia #1 in the World

Award Winners Based on Reviews and Opinions From Millions of TripAdvisor Travelers

NEWTON, Mass., June 2, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>TripAdvisor</u>®, the world's largest travel site\*, today announced its Travelers' Choice™ awards for Landmarks. This year's awards honor more than 700 landmarks worldwide including lists for Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, South America, the South Pacific, the U.K., and the U.S. The annual awards are based on the millions of valuable reviews and opinions from TripAdvisor travelers across the globe. Award winners were determined using an algorithm that took into account the quantity and quality of reviews for landmarks worldwide, gathered over a 12-month period.

"The Travelers' Choice Landmarks highlight some of the world's most iconic, must-see attractions that have won over the TripAdvisor community," said Barbara Messing, chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor. "Travelers can experience colorful history and culture at these award-winning sights."

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World	U.S.
1. Angkor Wat - Siem Reap, Cambodia	1. Alcatraz - San Francisco, California
2. Machu Picchu - Machu Picchu, Peru	2. Golden Gate Bridge - San Francisco, California
3. <u>Taj Mahal</u> - Agra, India	3. Lincoln Memorial and Reflecting Pool - Washington, D.C.
4. Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Center - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	4. The National September 11 Memorial & Museum - New York City, New York
5. Basilica of the Sagrada Familia - Barcelona, Spain	5. <u>USS Arizona Memorial</u> - Honolulu, Hawaii
6. St. Peter's Basilica - Vatican City, Italy	6. Empire State Building - New York City, New York
7. Milan Cathedral (Duomo) - Milan, Italy	7. Statue of Liberty - New York City, New York
8. Alcatraz - San Francisco, California	8. <u>Brooklyn Bridge</u> - Brooklyn, New York
9. Corcovado - Cristo Redentor - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	9. Grand Central Terminal - New York City, New York
10. Golden Gate Bridge - San Francisco, California	10. Gettysburg National Military Park - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

For travelers planning a trip to a Travelers' Choice award-winning U.S. landmark, TripAdvisor has identified top-rated tours of these impressive sights that can be booked on Viator, a member of the TripAdvisor family of travel websites. Also below are highly-rated value hotels<sup>1</sup> nearby with availability to book on TripAdvisor this summer.

#### **Explore the Top 10 Travelers' Choice Landmarks in the U.S:**

#### 1. Alcatraz - San Francisco, California

Top-rated tour: Early Access to Alcatraz and Exclusive Cable Car Sightseeing Tour, starting at \$149 per traveler

Nearby value hotel: Chancellor Hotel on Union Square - Average nightly summer rate: \$266

#### 2. Golden Gate Bridge - San Francisco, California

Top-rated tour: San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge Bike Tour, starting at \$55 per traveler

Nearby value hotel: Hotel Sausalito - Average nightly summer rate: \$261

3. Lincoln Memorial and Reflecting Pool - Washington, D.C.

Top-rated tour: Best of DC including US Capitol, White House and Lincoln Memorial, starting at \$125 per traveler

Nearby value hotel: Avenue Suites Georgetown - Average nightly summer rate: \$246

## 4. The National September 11 Memorial & Museum - New York City, New York

Top-rated tour: Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty and 9/11 Memorial, starting at \$109 per traveler

Nearby value hotel: The Leon Hotel - Average nightly summer rate: \$241

#### 5. USS Arizona Memorial - Honolulu, Hawaii

Top-rated tour: USS Missouri, Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor and Punchbowl Day Tour, starting at \$86 per traveler

Nearby value hotel: Coconut Waikiki Hotel - Average nightly summer rate: \$228

#### 6. Empire State Building - New York City, New York

Top-rated tour: Empire State Building Observatory and Optional Skip the Line Tickets, starting at \$32 per traveler

Nearby value hotel: Chelsea Lodge - Average nightly summer rate: \$184

#### 7. Statue of Liberty - New York City, New York

Top-rated tour: Statue of Liberty Monument Access and 9/11 Memorial, starting at \$60 per traveler

Nearby value hotel: The Wyndham Garden Chinatown - Average nightly summer rate: \$271

#### 8. Brooklyn Bridge - Brooklyn, New York

Top-rated tour: Manhattan to Brooklyn NYC Walking Tour: Brooklyn Bridge and Dumbo, starting at \$35 per traveler

Nearby value hotel: Best Western Plus Seaport Inn Downtown - Average nightly summer rate: \$225

#### 9. Grand Central Terminal - New York City, New York

Top-rated tour: Small-Group Walking Tour of New York City Architecture, starting at \$70 per traveler

Nearby value hotel: citizenM New York Times Square -Average nightly summer rate: \$307

### 10. Gettysburg National Military Park - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Top-rated tour: Gettysburg Day Trip from Washington DC, starting at \$99 per traveler

Nearby value hotel: <u>James Gettys Hotel</u> - Average nightly summer rate: \$179

For the complete list of winners from the 2015 Travelers' Choice Landmarks, as well as reviews and candid traveler photos, go to: <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Landmarks">www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Landmarks</a>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> **Notes to editors:** Nearby value hotels are located within 10 miles of the Travelers' Choice award-winning landmarks. Hotels were identified based on the quality and volume of hotel reviews, price, and traveler ratings for value.

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\*Source: comScore Media Metrix for TripAdvisor Sites, worldwide, December 2014

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