

#1 America's CITY PROVIDENCE, RI

- Travel + Leisure's "America's Favorite Cities" Poll 2014



Destination Overview

Known as the Creative Capital, Providence, RI's compact downtown is filled with historic architecture, world-class restaurants and eclectic shops, all within easy reach of hotels. Providence has gained national attention over the past few years for its culinary offerings, including recently being named the [#1 City in the U.S.](#) in *Travel + Leisure's* "America's Favorite Cities" Poll. The city scored big in categories across the board - ranging from its [dining scene](#) to its level of cool. Culinary magazine *Saveur* named Providence one of the notable small dining destinations in the nation, as well as one of the nation's notable destinations for cocktails and drinks, as part of its 2014 Culinary Travel Awards.

Meeting attendees have a variety of options for their free time in Providence. The [RISD Museum](#) at the Rhode Island School of Design is home to more than 91,000 works of art ranging from the ancient to the avant-garde. Theater lovers can take in a show at the beautifully gilded [Providence Performing Arts Center](#) or at the Tony Award-winning [Trinity Repertory Company](#). And for those in the city during warm weather months, [WaterFire](#) is a can't-miss event. This multisensory art installation is comprised of a series of bonfires installed on the three rivers of Downtown Providence. Combining music, aromatic wood smoke, and crackling firelight to create an enchanting atmosphere, WaterFire is typically held on Saturdays from May through November.

Here's what they're saying about Providence:

- Ranked the #1 City in the U.S.
- *Travel + Leisure's* "America's Favorite Cities" Poll
- "World's Tiniest State Pops Out Coolest City"
- *GQ Magazine*
- "Amazing architecture, great food, wall-to-wall culture - Rhode Island's capital has it in spades. Could Providence be the country's best small city?"
- *Architectural Digest*

Nonstop Flights - T.F. Green Airport

Atlanta	Ft. Myers
Baltimore	Minneapolis/St. Paul
Charlotte	Newark
Chicago	Orlando
Cleveland	Philadelphia
Denver	Tampa
Detroit	Washington, DC*
Ft. Lauderdale	West Palm Beach

*DCA-Reagan Washington National and Dulles

25% of the nation's population is located within 500 miles of Providence and Warwick

Rhode Island Convention & Entertainment Complex

Rhode Island Convention Center

- 100,000-contiguous-square-foot exhibition hall
- 20,000-square-foot ballroom
- 23 meeting rooms
- Two adjacent parking garages

Dunkin' Donuts Center

- 14,000-seat indoor arena
- 31,000 square feet of arena space
- 25,000-square-foot concourse

Veterans Memorial Auditorium (The VETS)

- 1,900 seats
- National Register of Historic Places
- Hospitality and meeting space



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