



WINNERS: BEST GIRLS' TRIP

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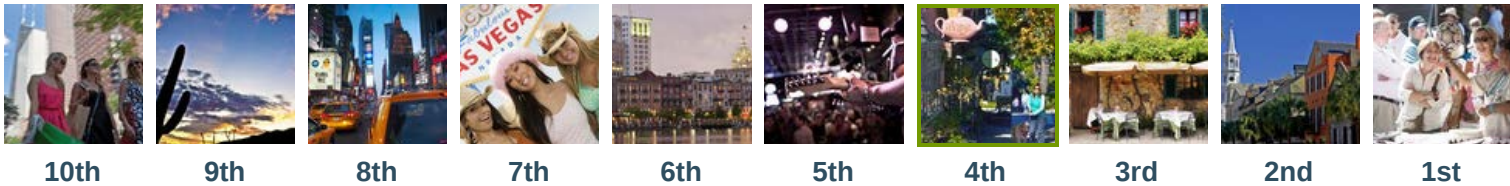


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Carmel, Calif.

Carmel-by-the-Sea has huge pull with the ladies, thanks to its collection of excellent art galleries, year round beautiful weather and breathtaking Pacific views, all in one charming, small and very walkable European-style package. Gal pals who keep their eyes peeled might even spot actor and director Clint Eastwood, former mayor of the town, out and about. By day, nearby attractions like 17-Mile Drive and Pebble Beach await, and come evening, Carmel's tasting rooms and wine bars pour some of the region's best vintages.

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SANTA FE TAKES THE CROWN FOR BEST GIRLS' TRIP

Charleston, Tuscany, Carmel, Nashville also Score with Readers

The ladies have spoken! After four weeks of voting, historic Santa Fe, New Mexico has landed in the sweet spot. It's the number one destination for a ladies trip, according to readers of USA TODAY and 10Best.

New Mexico's amazing capital city is a popular ski destination in winter, but [Santa Fe](#) is lovely (and cool) in summer. Memories of a lifetime are also made during fall in this gorgeous high desert location that's a Mecca for artists. Fine art galleries abound, as do newsworthy restaurants, welcoming hotels, terrific spas, great shopping, live music and the opportunity to explore a history that stems from four distinct cultures.

Georgia O'Keeffe Museum is a highlight for many female visitors. The best part? Once you arrive, no car is really required. Even the Santa Fe Opera is only a short cab ride from downtown's famed Plaza, which is ringed by hotels.

Lovely Charleston, with its abundance of spring flora, gorgeous architecture, world-class food and gracious residents, took second place. Tuscany - even more beloved since *Under the Tuscan Sun* - took a solid third. California's Carmel by the

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Sea and teh always entertaining [Nashville](#) round out our top five winners.

Three major metros were voted into the top 10, and two more southern cities (one east, one west) drew the remainder of votes from our female audience.

The full list of winners in the 'Best Girls' Trip' contest category for 10Best Readers' Choice is:

1. Santa Fe
2. Charleston, S.C.
3. Tuscany, Italy
4. Carmel, Calif.
5. Nashville
6. Savannah, Ga.
7. Las Vegas
8. New York
9. Tucson
10. Chicago

Congratulations to all our winners!

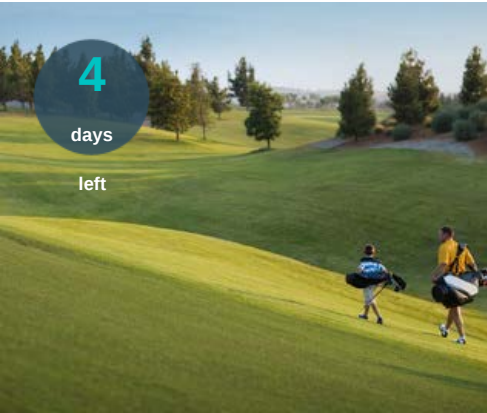
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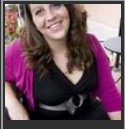
BEST BUCKET LIST SPORTS EVENT

Meet the Experts



Libby McMillan

A longtime travel journalist, 10Best Senior Editor Libby McMillan has taken a multitude of girls' trips, from the Florida Keys to the desert southwest to the Italian Riviera. She and her posse of female friends have traveled by boat, camper van, car, jet, train and trolley. The next big adventure is always right around the corner.



Dawn Reiss

Dawn Reiss is an award-winning journalist who spent two years covering the trial of former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich for TIME magazine/Time.com. Her work has been published in 30+ outlets including: Travel + Leisure, USA Today, Chicago Tribune, AAA Living and Plate magazine. For assignments, she has eaten crickets in Cambodia, gone dog sledding in Alaska, written about estate plan essentials, iPhone apps and interviewed the likes of Maya Angelou, Justin Bieber and Bob Costas. Although she started her career as a sports reporter at the Dallas Morning News and St.



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