

Best City Breaks in Europe

With over 2,000 city break destinations to choose from you might think, well, where do I even start? At GoEuro our goal is to make travel easy and we wanted to help undecided travellers find the best destinations. Based on the popularity of our Beer Price Index, Accommodation Index and Fun City Ranking, we know how much rankings can help when it comes to planning the perfect holiday. This time around, we teamed up with HomeToGo and combined all these factors to create the ultimate guide. Each city has been ranked on the following criteria: day activities, nightlife, accommodation, food and drink, and transport.

What are the results of the City Break Index?

By carefully examining and combining the various criteria, 100 top city breaks stood out ahead of all the others. We went further and identified the 10 best in five different categories as well as the most convenient city breaks for Brits looking to travel abroad. Finally, you can find a calendar of events for 2017 with the best suggestions of where to go in each month. Click the icons below and start planning.

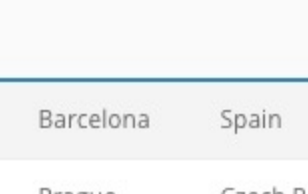
But what do people look for during a city break? We believe that depends on the individual. This study ranked the top 100 city break destinations into five categories: day activities, nightlife, food and drink, accommodation and public transport. The best combination of these deciding factors resulted in the overall best city break destination of 2017 - Barcelona.

THE BEST CITY BREAKS IN EUROPE

OVERALL CITY RANKING

1	Barcelona	98.3*
2	Prague	96.1
3	Berlin	95.8
4	Madrid	94.8
5	London	84.8
6	Paris	83.4
7	Lisbon	81
8	Krakow	79.5
9	Budapest	79
10	Seville	78.4
13	Kiev	76.3
42	Bucharest	67.4

*Score out of 100



Top 100 City Breaks

Feel free to customise your ideal city break destination using the table below. You can click on each category and sort the ranking however you like to start planning your next city break.

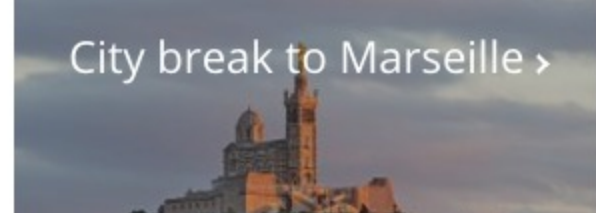
The total score per city is based on a total of 100 points. Take a look at the sources below.

Rank	City	Country	Day Activities	Nightlife	Accommodation	Food and Drinks	Transportation	Score
1	Barcelona	Spain	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	98.3
2	Prague	Czech Republic	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	96.1
3	Berlin	Germany	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	95.8
4	Madrid	Spain	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	94.8
5	London	United Kingdom	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	●	84.8
6	Paris	France	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	83.4
7	Lisbon	Portugal	●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●	81
8	Krakow	Poland	●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	79.5
9	Budapest	Hungary	●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●	79
10	Seville	Spain	●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	78.4
11	Istanbul	Turkey	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	77.3
12	Rome	Italy	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	77.1
13	Kiev	Ukraine	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	76.3
14	Valencia	Spain	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	74.9
15	Vienna	Austria	●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●	73.7
16	Sarajevo	Bosnia and Herzegovina	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	73.5
17	Zagreb	Croatia	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●	73.4
18	Hamburg	Germany	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	72.5
19	Munich	Germany	●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●	●●	72.4
20	Amsterdam	Netherlands	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	72.2
21	Milan	Italy	●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	71.5
22	Cologne	Germany	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	71.4
23	Coimbra	Portugal	●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●	70.8
24	Wroclaw	Poland	●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	70.6
25	Bratistava	Slovakia	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●	70.5
26	Porto	Portugal	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	69.9
27	Athens	Greece	●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●	69.4
28	Granada	Spain	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	69.3
29	Brno	Czech Republic	●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●	69.2
30	Frankfurt	Germany	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	69.1
31	St. Petersburg	Russia	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●	68.9
32	Florence	Italy	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	68.4
33	Dresden	Germany	●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●	68.3
34	Gdansk	Poland	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	68.2
35	Edinburgh	United Kingdom	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●	68.1
36	Moscow	Russia	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	68
37	Faro	Portugal	●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●	67.8
38	Sofia	Bulgaria	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	67.7
39	Ljubljana	Slovenia	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	67.6
40	Warsaw	Poland	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●●●	67.5
41	Salamanca	Spain	●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●	●●	67.4
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44	Málaga	Spain	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	66.9
45	Brussels	Belgium	●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●●	●●	66.3
46	Pilsen	Czech Republic	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	65.9
47	Riga	Latvia	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●	65.7
48	Leipzig	Germany	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	65.4
49	San Sebastian	Spain	●	●●●●●	●●	●●	●●	65.2
50	Bilbao	Spain	●	●●●●●	●●●	●●	●●●●●	64.9
51	Dubrovnik	Croatia	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●	●●	64.8
52	Tallinn	Estonia	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	64.7
53	Nürnberg	Germany	●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●	64.4
54	Leeds	United Kingdom	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	63.4
55	Copenhagen	Denmark	●●	●●●●●	●●●	●●	●●	63
56	Marseille	France	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	62.8
57	Heidelberg	Germany	●	●●●	●●●	●●	●●	62.7
58	Manchester	United Kingdom	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	62.2
59	Toulouse	France	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●	61.6
60	Bruges	Belgium	●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	61.2
61	Naples	Italy	●●	●●●	●●●	●●	●●	60.9
62	Antwerp	Belgium	●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	60.6
63	Lille	France	●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●	60
64	Lyon	France	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	59.9
65	Utrecht	Netherlands	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●	59.7
66	Santorini	Greece	●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	59.3
67	Venice	Italy	●●●	●●	●●●	●●	●	59.2
68	Rotterdam	Netherlands	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	59.1
69	Reykjavik	Iceland	●●	●●●	●●	●	●	58.9
70	Bordeaux	France	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	58.8
71	Ghent	Belgium	●	●●●●●	●●●	●	●	57.8
72	Glasgow	United Kingdom	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	57.6
73	Salzburg	Austria	●	●●●	●●●	●●	●●	56.9
74	Aarhus	Denmark	●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●	●●●●●	56.8
75	Heraklion	Greece	●●	●●	●●●●●	●	●●●	56.7
76	Helsinki	Finland	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●	●●●●●	56.4
77	Liverpool	United Kingdom	●●	●●	●●●●●	●●	●●	56
78	Stockholm	Sweden	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	55.9
79	Innsbruck	Austria	●	●●●	●●●	●	●	55.7
80	The Hague	Netherlands	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	55.5
81	Geneva	Switzerland	●	●●●	●●	●●	●	55.3
82	Cardiff	United Kingdom	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	55.1
83	Siena	Italy	●	●●●	●●●●●	●	●	54.8
84	Bristol	United Kingdom	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	54.6
85	Zurich	Switzerland	●●	●●●	●●	●●	●●	54.4
86	Birmingham	United Kingdom	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	54.2
87	Lausanne	Switzerland	●	●●●	●●●	●	●	54.1
88	Bologna	Italy	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	53.7
89	Nice	France	●●	●●●	●●●	●●	●●	53.2
90	Nantes	France	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	51.8
91	Gothenburg	Sweden	●	●●●	●●●	●	●	51.2
92	Pisa	Italy	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	50.9
93	Verona	Italy	●	●●●	●●●	●	●●	50.4
94	Maastricht	Netherlands	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	50.3
95	Malmö	Sweden	●●	●●●	●●●	●	●●	50.1
96	Antalya	Turkey	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●●	●●●●●	49.2
97	Matera	Italy	●	●●	●●●●●	●	●	44.3
98	Bergen	Norway	●●	●●●	●●●●●	●	●●●●●	44.2
99	Oslo	Norway	●●	●●	●●	●●	●	43.4
100	Basel	Switzerland	●	●●●	●●	●	●●●●●	43

Top 3 City Breaks for Brits

What are our suggestions? Based on internal GoEuro data, we selected the top 3 city break destinations based on low prices and overall popularity. To no surprise, we discovered that Lisbon (chosen twice in 2016 as our destination of the month) topped the list.

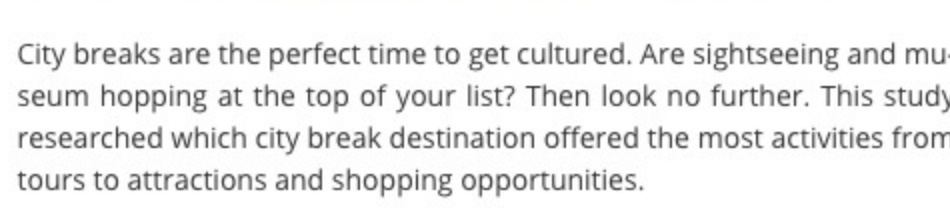
Budapest has also become more popular with British tourists, our receiving 5-star destination reviews. no wonder it's one of the most popular city break choices for 2017. And finally, who doesn't dream of a few days in the south of France? **Marseille remains a popular destination with British tourists.** Why? With frequently low cost airlines flying from the UK to Marseille, the UK public cannot help but take advantage of these low fares.



2.9 for day activities	2.7 for day activities	1.5 for day activities
4.0 for nightlife	4.1 for nightlife	3.3 for nightlife
4.2 for accommodation	5.0 for accommodation	3.9 for accommodation
3.0 for food and drinks	2.7 for food and drinks	1.8 for food and drinks
2.0 for transportation	3.1 for transportation	1.4 for transportation

All scores are out of 5 points

Top 10 City Breaks: Attractions and Activities



City breaks are the perfect time to get cultured. Are sightseeing and museum hopping at the top of your list? Then look no further. This study researched which city break destination offered the most activities from tours to attractions and shopping opportunities.

Scoring full points, London grabs the top spot as the best mini-break destination. Whether you want to indulge in cultural attractions or take part in some shopping, London is the mini-break for you. Paris comes in at a close second because the city has slightly fewer attractions. However, there is no lack of activities in the City of Light. Paris' architecturally beautiful shopping galleries such as Galeries Lafayette, famous art galleries and world-famous landmarks ensure no tourist is ever bored when visiting the city.

Rank	City	Rating out of 5
1	London	5
2	Paris	4.9
3	Rome	4.8
4	Prague	4.7
5	Barcelona	4.6
6	Istanbul	4.3
7	Moscow	4.1
8	Madrid	3.9
9	Berlin	3.6
10	St. Petersburg	3.6

Top 10 City Breaks: Nightlife

Rank	City	Rating out of 5
1	Berlin	5
2	Krakow	4.9
3	Barcelona	4.8
4	Kiev	4.7
5	Madrid	4.6
6	Sarajevo	4.5
7	Seville	4.5
8	Valencia	4.5
9	Wroclaw	4.4
10	Coimbra	4.3



Night owls are spoilt for choice with Europe's array of city break destinations with an eccentric nightlife. But when push comes to shove, which cities top the list for nightlife? The results were built upon the number of bar/clubs in each city break destination, compared with the time of last orders and the average price of a beer.

Berlin offers over 500 nightlife venues for visitors to indulge in. With 24-hour bars/clubs and an average beer costing less than a fiver it's no wonder Brits love taking a mini-break to the German capital. Although Krakow's nightlife scene has a limited choice in venues, the bars never close if there are people inside. If you're looking for a midnight snack while out on the town, head to Kiejbaski z Nyski - a legendary old car which sells the best sausages in town!

Travel to Berlin from £15

Travel to Krakow from £35

Travel to Barcelona from £23

Top 10 City Breaks: Best Value Accommodation



Plenty of city break deals come as inclusive flight and hotel packages. But did you know that by booking your own transport and accommodation you'll find more flexibility with your trip and can save some extra cash?

Accommodation prices and availability are often deciding factors for choosing a city break destination. Even for a short city break, most travellers don't want to fork out a fortune on a place to stay.

Prices for accommodation depend on the destination's popularity, price and the amount of accommodation available. This is why you don't see big capitals such as London on the list.

Rank	City	Rating out of 5
1	Kiev	5
2	Zagreb	5
3	Budapest	5
4	Siena	5
5	Sarajevo	4.9
6	Coimbra	4.9
7	Pilsen	4.6
8	Riga	4.5
9	Sofia	4.5
10	Bucharest	4.3

Top 10 City Breaks: Food and Drinks

Rank	City	Rating out of 5
1	Barcelona	5
2	Madrid	5
3	Paris	4.9
4	Rome	4.9
5	London	4.8
6	Istanbul	4.6
7	Berlin	4.6
8	Milan	4.1
9	Prague	4
10	Lisbon	3



The majority of us like to spoil ourselves with glorious dishes when we're on holiday. With so many cuisines across Europe to choose from, picking the best short city break destination for food and drink can be tough