



## Asheville Area Quality of Life Awards

- ❖ **Good Morning America:** Featured Asheville as one of its “Most Beautiful Places in America.” (August 2011)
- ❖ **DogFriendly.com:** Released its “Top 10 Resort Areas to Visit With Your Dog” in the U.S. and named Asheville and the Blue Ridge Parkway as the #2 best vacation spot to visit with your dog. (August 2011)
- ❖ **Yoga Journal:** The magazine named Asheville as one of its “10 Fantastically Yoga-Friendly Towns.” (August 2011)
- ❖ **Online Poll Posted on Examiner.com:** "Asheville, BeerCity USA 2011 makes it a three-peat" Asheville won with more than 46% of the vote and significant support from outside North Carolina. (May 2011)
- ❖ **AmericanStyle:** Asheville was ranked the number one small city (population under 100,000) for the arts for the second straight year in the annual “Top 25 Arts Destinations” reader’s poll. (May 2011)
- ❖ **Fodors.com:** Asheville is named one of the “21 Places We’re Going in 2011,” alongside destinations like Copenhagen, Tokyo and Nicaragua. (January 2011)
- ❖ **TripAdvisor.com:** The Traveler’s Choice Awards name the Residences at Biltmore the #23 hotel in the U.S. (January 2011)
- ❖ **TripAdvisor.com:** Asheville was named #1 place to view fall foliage in 2010. (September 2010)
- ❖ **White House Statement:** During President Obama’s spring vacation in Asheville, White House spokeswoman Moira Mack issued the following statement, “*The president first visited the Asheville area during the campaign, and he liked it so much that he vowed to take his family there. The president and first lady are planning to spend a quiet weekend enjoying some of the many things this beautiful part of the country has to offer.*” (April 2010)
- ❖ **AmericanStyle:** Asheville was ranked the number one small city (population under 100,000) for the arts in their annual “Top 25 Arts Destinations” reader’s poll. (May 2010)
- ❖ **Sherman’s Travel:** Named Asheville as one of its top 10 spring getaways. (March 2010)
- ❖ **Golf Magazine:** The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa’s Donald Ross designed golf course was honored as a new gold medal winner in the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of their Premier Resorts ranking. More than 6,000 readers cast votes on Golf.com to determine the winners. (March 2010)
- ❖ **TopRetirement.com:** Asheville was rated number one in TopRetirement.com’s list of the most popular retirement towns for 2010. (February 2010)

- ❖ **RateBeer.com:** This craft beer aficionado Web site named several Asheville area restaurants, breweries and craft beer stores in their annual RateBeer Best 2010. (January 2010)
  - Bruisin' Ales – Number three best beer retailer worldwide
  - The Thirsty Monk – Number 41 Beer Bar
  - Barley's Taproom & Pizzeria – Number 27 Beer Restaurant
  - Mellow Mushroom – Number 41 Beer Restaurant
  - Highland Brewing – Number 26 Brewery to Visit
  - Wedge Brewery – Number 43 Brewpub
- ❖ **Sherman's Travel:** The online travel resource, Sherman's Travel, named the Blue Ridge Parkway in their list of "Top 10 Value Destinations for 2010." (December 2009)
- ❖ **U.S. News & World Report:** Named Asheville as one of "America's Best Affordable Places to Retire." (September 28, 2009)
- ❖ **HuffingtonPost.com:** Named Asheville as one of its "Top 10 Undiscovered Local Food Cities." (August 2009)
- ❖ **Online Poll Posted on Examiner.com:** Asheville won the East Coast title for "Beer City U.S.A." in an online poll posted by founder of the American Homebrewers Association Charlie Papazian on Examiner.com. (May 2009)
- ❖ **Rolling Stone:** The Orange Peel music club was named one of America's best music venues in its "Best of Rock" issue. (April 2008)
- ❖ **Condé Nast Traveler:** Announced its fourteenth annual Gold List and recognized the Inn on Biltmore Estate. For the Gold List, the magazine takes its 2007 Readers' Choice Awards winners and delves deeper in the responses, rating hotels for their food, activities, service, rooms, design and location. (January 2008)
- ❖ **Outside Magazine:** Asheville has been ranked as "Best Southern Town" in its "Best Towns In America" story. In each region of the country, the magazine selected the best town with a population of fewer than 100,000 people and the best city with a population of more than 100,000 people. Winners are all "smart, progressive burghs with gorgeous wilderness playgrounds," places that "have realistic housing and job markets," according to the magazine. (August 2007)
- ❖ **Frommer's:** Named Asheville one of twelve top travel destinations for 2007. (November 21, 2006)
- ❖ **Men's Journal:** Named Asheville one of the 50 best places to live in the "Singles Scene" category. (April 2006)
- ❖ **Golfweek:** The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa ranks in the top 10 in America's Best State-by-State Public-access Golf Courses 2006. (March 2006)
- ❖ **GoVeg.com:** Asheville voted #1 as "America's Best Vegetarian-Friendly Small City." (March 2006)

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