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To create the second annual “America’s Best Cities for a Quickie” Index, Hotwire analyzed more than 10,000 internal and external data points across 300 cities based on value, driveability, leisure, and population scores.

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Hotwire enables more trips with their mystery Hot Rate deals which save you up to half off listed rates, or even more when booked last minute! The Quickie Index lists cities where you’ll get even more bang for your buck, based on the following factors:

### Things to Do (Leisure)
- Most number of bars and restaurants (based on Yelp)
- Most things to do (sites and attractions based on Tripadvisor)
- Least number of rainy days per year

### Ease of Arrival (Driveability)
- Shortest drive time (based on number of top 50 U.S. metro areas within 250 miles)

### Best Bang for Your Buck (Value)
- High hotel demand (based on total number of Hot Rate room nights booked on Hotwire in 2019)
- Lowest average hotel daily rate (based on overall average daily rate of Hotwire Hot Rates in 2019)
- Biggest last-minute savings (based on difference in average hotel daily rate of Hotwire Hot Rates in 2019 booked 8 days or more from arrival vs. within 7 days)

### Methodology

### Population
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Each destination received a maximum of 45 total points across 7 subcategories and were further ranked based on population.

Leveraging the different scores across all categories, Hotwire created a weighted composite index to determine which cities had the highest ranking across all variables.

Each category score was weighted by the following:

- **VALUE** - 30%
- **DRIVEABILITY** - 30%
- **LEISURE** - 30%
- **POPULATION** - 10%

*Total score = weighted composite number x 10000  
**Population based on U.S. Census Bureau data*