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**Oakland Ranks #5 on New York Times List of  
Places to Go to in 2012**

*Oakland, CA*---- Oakland ranked as the 5<sup>th</sup> most desirable destination to visit this year in “The [45 Places to Go in 2012](#).” The story appeared in the Travel section of *The New York Times* on January 8, 2012. Oakland placed between #4 London and #6 Tokyo in the coveted list and was the highest ranked North American city.

“The buzz about Oakland’s growing restaurant and entertainment scene around the Fox and Paramount theaters in Uptown along with our beautiful parks and regional attractions like Chabot Space & Science Center, the Oakland Zoo, and the Oakland Museum of California make Oakland the ideal, affordable destination,” said Mayor Jean Quan.

She noted that a growing choice of airlines at the Oakland International Airport and Oakland’s central location make our city an ideal base for exploring the Bay Area and beyond. Last year, more than 9 million visitors came to Oakland.

In a post on January 9, 2012, about the ranking, *Huffington Post* called Oakland “the coolest new kid in the country” and stated, “we are reminded why our Oakland is on the international radar.”

Locals can discover Oakland, as well. Oakland’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Restaurant Week runs January 20 through January 29 with 10 days of special prix fixe menus lunch and dinner deals at more than two dozen local restaurants. For details go to [VisitOakland.org/restaurantweek2012.cfm?](http://VisitOakland.org/restaurantweek2012.cfm?)

The Mayor features local restaurants and retail venues in her weekly newsletter, *A Fresh Look at Oakland*, under the 25% Shop Oakland Solution section. You can sign up for free at [www.jeanquan.org](http://www.jeanquan.org).

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