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Valletta Ranks 5th on Condé Nast's Best Cities List

Malta's capital city Valletta ranked 5th in the 'Best Cities in the World' category of Condé Nast Traveler's Readers Choice Awards 2020. Now in its 33rd edition, this annual survey is based entirely on votes received from the magazine's numerous readers, many of whom are keen travellers.

In a brief description that accompanies the results, Valletta is lauded for the beauty of its baroque architecture and the fact that it was designated European Capital of Culture in 2018. Some of the accommodation, gastronomy and sightseeing opportunities on offer in Malta's capital city are also highlighted.

Minister for Tourism and Consumer Protection, Julia Farrugia Portelli, commented on the significance of this acknowledgement. "It is always an honour for us when Malta receives recognition from readers of such a prestigious magazine. But this year's particular circumstances make it even more special, since it demonstrates that, in spite of all the challenges, Valletta and Malta remain top of mind for the travelling public. This augurs well for our destination."

Mr Johann Buttigieg, CEO of the Malta Tourism Authority, added that MTA's ongoing efforts aimed at maintaining exposure for Malta in the island's top tourism source markets is bearing fruit. "We are pleased to note that Malta ranked high on this global list, particularly as this reflects the opinions of actual travellers, our potential guests of the future. We look forward to hosting them in our country before long."

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