



St. Augustine named one of best places to celebrate Christmas

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To no great surprise, St. Augustine has found itself on yet another list of top destinations.

The city, which is routinely lauded for its holiday lights display around the holidays, has been selected by Condé Nast as one of “The Best Places to Spend Christmas in the U.S.”

St. Augustine was joined by other resort towns like Kennebunkport, Maine; Park City, Utah; and Santa Fe, New Mexico; as well as major cities like New York and Chicago.

Of St. Augustine, the travel website said, in part: “Christmas in St. Augustine is truly something to behold. The holiday season kicks off this year with the city’s annual Christmas Parade, then continues through February — that’s right, we said February — with the famous Nights of Lights festival. During Nights of Lights, St. Augustine glows with 3 million tiny white lights, over the Bridge of Lions and through 20 city blocks in the Historic District.”

The Nights of Lights display actually runs until Feb. 2, 2020.

Showing up on “best of” lists has become a regular occurrence for the city in recent years, especially among travel sites. However, the city’s appearance on National Geographic’s list of best places to see Christmas lights in 2011 was probably the most significant media reference to bring great attention to the area.