Useful Language: DESCRIBING PLACES

Venice is the most beautiful city in the world, and the only one that can truly be described as unique. Each building is a work of art, with their beauty enhanced when reflected on the canals that cross the city. Its magical scenery is fascinating and breathtaking at first sight, evoking the feeling of entering the setting of a real-life fairy tale.

Prague is known as the city of the thousand spires because of its profusion of grand, beautifully-preserved historical monuments dating from practically every period in history. Those spires are best admired from the bridges that cross the Vltava River, especially from the magnificent Charles Bridge, or standing in the stunningly beautiful Old Town Square.

Magnificently sited on a series of hills running down to the grand Tagus River, **Lisbon** is one of the world's most scenic cities. Beautiful unexpected views are found at every turn down its colorful, picturesque streets, and especially from strategically-placed viewpoints or terraces at the top of each hill. The city has an unpolished, seductive appearance;

Each of the thousands of buildings that line **Amsterdam's** main canals can be classified as a monument, beautifully kept as apartments, offices, cafés and restaurants. They form an aesthetic uniformity that make the city one of the most captivating in the world, an amazing place of bridges and bikes crossing canals, picturesque cobbled streets, and strikingly elegant architecture.

There are those who say God created the world in six days and devoted a seventh to **Rio**. The city is indeed blessed with one of the most stunning settings in the world, making it the most naturally attractive city in the world. Green, tropical luxuriance mixes with the blue of the ocean and the brightness of the sand at the beaches, proving that this is indeed "the marvelous city" as locals call it.

Florence is synonymous with the Italian Renaissance, known for the artistic heritage in its palaces and museum collections. See it from Piazzale Michelangelo, a 19th century terrace overlooking the entire city, and you'll be looking at one of the most storybook-perfect cityscapes. You'll see its unspoiled skyline, the towers and domes of the heart of the city, its bridges, the hills in the distance, and the magnificent Duomo standing in the middle of it all.

Split in two by the Danube River, **Budapest** is the result of the merging of three cities. Buda is the hill with the royal palace and an old town filled with baroque and gothic monuments looking over the mostly-19th century Pest, crossed by broad avenues lined with graceful neo-renaissance buildings. Admire its setting and remarkable architecture (including the spectacular Parliament Building) from the monumental Chain Bridge, and step into the old town for some of the most romantic lanes you'll ever stroll through.

Brussels is a small city, in a small country, hardly a metropolis, but huge on beauty. It's one of the world's best preserved medieval cities, filled with gothic and baroque monuments surrounded by an oval canal and extraordinarily romantic cobbled lanes. It's no wonder that it is one of Europe's most visited cities, helped by its location in the very center of the continent. Its combination of gorgeous architecture and appealing, peaceful spots crisscrossed by canals make it one of the most magical sites to be experienced in the world.

The city standing on seven hills by the Tiber River is a treasure-trove of monuments among some of the most gorgeous squares and classical architecture in the world. Because everyone visits **Rome** for its landmarks, its quaint streets are often overcrouded, such as those of the Trastevere district, filled with delightful lanes and exquisite homes decorated with flower boxes. It is on streets like those that Rome proves itself to really be eternal.

50 adjectives to describe places

aesthetic
breathtaking
bustling
calm
captivating
charming
contaminated
contemporary
cosmopolitan
crowded
delightful
deserted
dull
elegant
enchanting
enormous
exciting
exquisite
fascinating
giant
gorgeous
graceful
grand
huge
industrial
intriguing
large
lively
magical
magnificent
modern
mysterious
overcrowded
peaceful
picturesque
plain
polluted
quaint
quiet
romantic
rural
spectacular
sprawling,
thrilling
tiny
touristy
ugly
urban
vast
vibrant

Fill in the gaps with the adjectives from page 1

1. Cape Town is one of the world's most st_____ cities and the Kruger National Park is one of the most fas_____ places on the planet.
2. Florence is one of the most r_____ cities. Thousands of couples go there for their honeymoons.
3. São Paulo may be one of the world's most ex_____ cities when it comes to dining and shopping, but there's no question that it's one big ug_____ concrete jungle.
4. Some reasons to visit Baku include cap_____ modern glass towers and a qu_____ Old Town which is on the World Heritage list.
5. Istanbul is really mar_____. Hagia Sophia is one of the world's architectural wonders, and in 2015 it's celebrating 80 years since it was turned into a museum. Make this the year that you visit the wonders of the city that's so gra_____, it's in two continents.
6. Havana is a rather rundown but at the same time very del_____ city. It is also li_____ and bus_____.
7. Buenos Aires is the most European of all Latin American capitals with el_____ architecture and broad avenues.
8. Santiago is more mo_____ than historic, an exq_____ city with a beautiful natural backdrop of snow-covered mountain peaks.

Write a short description of the town or city you grow up in. you might find the texts and words from the previous page useful

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