

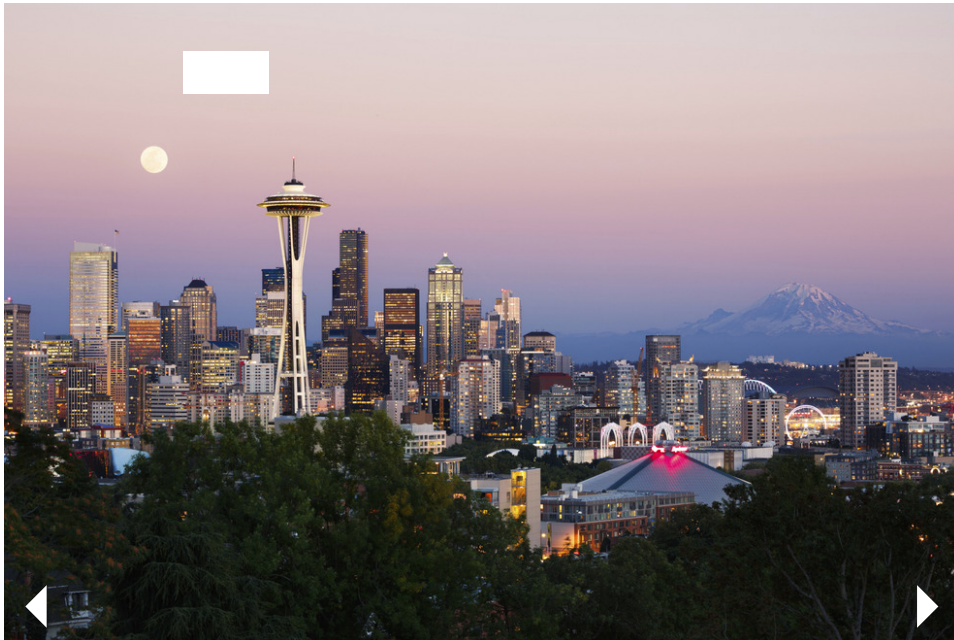
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Best International Skyline

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Mt Rainier appears in the distance, looming behind the cosmopolitan Seattle skyline, giving this city a connection with the outdoors that's as refreshing as a cool breeze," says our expert Preston Kissman. The Space Needle adds to the list of reasons this USA skyline is beloved and identifiable.

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runner-up for Best International Skyline.
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AIA architect Joyce Owens says, "Chicago has a world renowned mix of modern skyscrapers and early 'high-rise buildings' (load-bearing masonry buildings – the precursor to skyscrapers). Its spectacular location directly along Lake Michigan provides the perfect opportunity for breathtaking views."
CITY OF CHICAGO

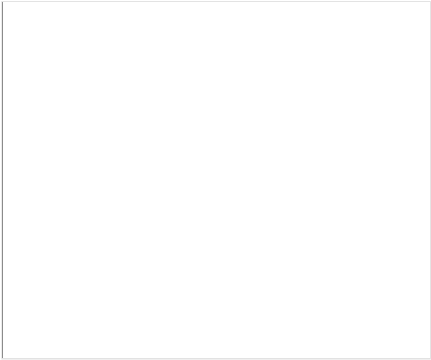


Third place Rio de Janeiro has an almost unnatural-looking topography, giving it a most memorable setting for architecture.
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Fans of the St. Louis Cardinals can catch glimpses of the city's iconic skyline right from their seats inside Busch Stadium.
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"The Hong Kong skyline has two key elements which make it special." explains

Owens about the eighth-place finisher. "A silhouette provided by unique and identifiable skyscrapers, but also water and interesting topography; the combo creates a dramatic setting."

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Kissman concurs. "This city provides a dramatic sight from any angle," he says.

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"San Francisco's skyline does not disappoint. Iconic buildings and dramatic bridges, old and new, combine with theatrical topography and reflective water views from all angles, making San Francisco the crown jewel of the west coast," says Owens, describing the ninth-place winner.

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The Experts

Joyce Owens, AIA



While living in London for 15 years, Owens designed and built numerous award-winning projects as partner of her globally-recognized architectural practice. Joyce returned to the USA to share her international and forward-thinking approach toward architecture, travel and style: she's an advocate of good design at all levels. As an architectural columnist, including for USA TODAY, Joyce shares her expertise about buildings and places with the public. She's currently working on architectural projects in the USA, the U.K. and Italy. Read more [here](#).

James Adams, AIA



Passionate for dense urban environments and the people and places that make them thrive, James proudly walks to work in the West End of Dallas daily from his loft Downtown. A Senior Associate at Corgan, he has worked as an architect on a multitude of office, mixed-use and residential projects over the past 10 years. An aspiring writer always looking for good stories, he is the associate editor of content for *Columns*, an AIA Dallas publication. James has a zest for traveling the world which he hopes to instill in his daughter.

Preston Kissman



Preston earned his Masters in Architectural Design from Texas A&M University. Since 2008, he's been living and working in Dallas where he serves on the Corporate, Aviation and Mission Critical teams for Corgan Associates.

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