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Top 2008 Destinations

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(NAPSA)—From big-city fun to rural relaxation, from places that test your mental and physical mettle to getaways that fly below the radar, Frommer's travel experts have compiled their list of the top travel destinations for 2008. They are (in no particular order):

- **Pittsburgh, Pa.**—Steel City U.S.A. turns 250 in 2008 and will celebrate with sports events, art fairs, and the Pittsburgh Biennial.

- **Denver, Colo.**—Sunny weather, the Rocky Mountains and 650 miles of urban bike paths make this a perfect spot for active travelers.

- **New Orleans, La.**—Put your money to good use by helping out and having fun in The Big Easy.

- **The American Whiskey Trail**—Visit the sites of the early Whiskey Rebellion in Pennsylvania and tour George Washington's Mt. Vernon Estate in Virginia.

- **Exit Zero**—The last exit on the Garden State Parkway leads to quaint boardwalk towns like Cape May, Ocean City and Wildwood.

- **Essaouira, Morocco**—See why Jimi Hendrix, Orson Welles and other notables spent time in this Atlantic coastal town.

- **Cardiff, Wales**—This thriving cosmopolitan center is home to a 2,000-year-old castle and the modern Wales Millennium Centre.

- **St. Lucia**—Party in fishing villages or snorkel and dive in the protected reefs of this Caribbean island.

- **Quito, Ecuador**—500-year-old churches sit alongside modern buildings brimming with restaurants and nightlife.

- **Romania**—Take a seven-day hiking tour through the Carpathian Mountains.

- **Seoul, South Korea**—Stroll the green spaces in Namsan and trawl the all-night markets in Dongdaemun.

- **Bras d'Or Lakes, Nova Scotia**—Spy bald eagles from a kayak, visit small towns rich in cultural history, and behold long stretches of undeveloped shoreline.

- **Kosrae, Micronesia**—Slipped in between Hawaii and the Philippines, this island is one of the most beautiful in the world.