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Philly kicked off 2015 by racking up some serious accolades.



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We're not even half-way through January yet, and Philadelphia has already earned enough positive press to keep its citizens boasting for the remainder of 2015. In case you missed it, the City of Brotherly Love nabbed the No. 2 spot on the Jan. 3 *Condé Nast Traveler* blog post [The Best](#)

[Shopping Cities in the World](#). With each city's position on the list determined by reader vote, Philadelphia came in ahead of 22 destinations all across the globe — Hong Kong, Dublin and Rome, to name a few — with Barcelona taking the win.

The [Reading Terminal Market](#) and boutiques in Old City receive a nod in the post, but we all know that Philly's burgeoning retail scene is a combined effort. (Check out these [shopping roundups](#) to see what we mean.)

Philly locals were equally excited to see their city included in the *New York Times* feature [52 Places to Visit in 2015](#), which hit the web on Jan. 11. We're in good company in this one, rubbing elbows with tourist attractions and exotic destinations all across the globe, from New Orleans and Orlando to Sri Lanka and Singapore. So who — or what — does Philly have to thank for its spot on the list? The [city's urban parks](#), primarily, many of which have only made their debut in recent years. Per the article, Philadelphia has the "making of an urban outdoor oasis"; Dilworth Park, Race Street Pier, [Spruce Street Harbor Park](#) and the [Schuylkill River Boardwalk](#) are all listed as reasons to visit Philly in 2015. The feature concludes with a tip of a hat to Philly's bike share program, [Indego](#), which, in spring 2015, will make our already bike-friendly city even easier to navigate on two wheels.

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in *Travel + Leisure's* Jan. 2015 roundup of [The Best New Restaurants](#). "Philadelphia has become one of America's most exciting food cities," the feature declares, putting Philly's food scene on par with those of New York City, Los Angeles, London and other big-league players in the culinary world. Don't worry, cheesesteak loyalists: [Pat's and Geno's](#) aren't showing any signs of slowing down.

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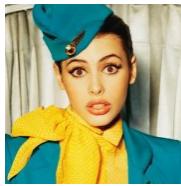
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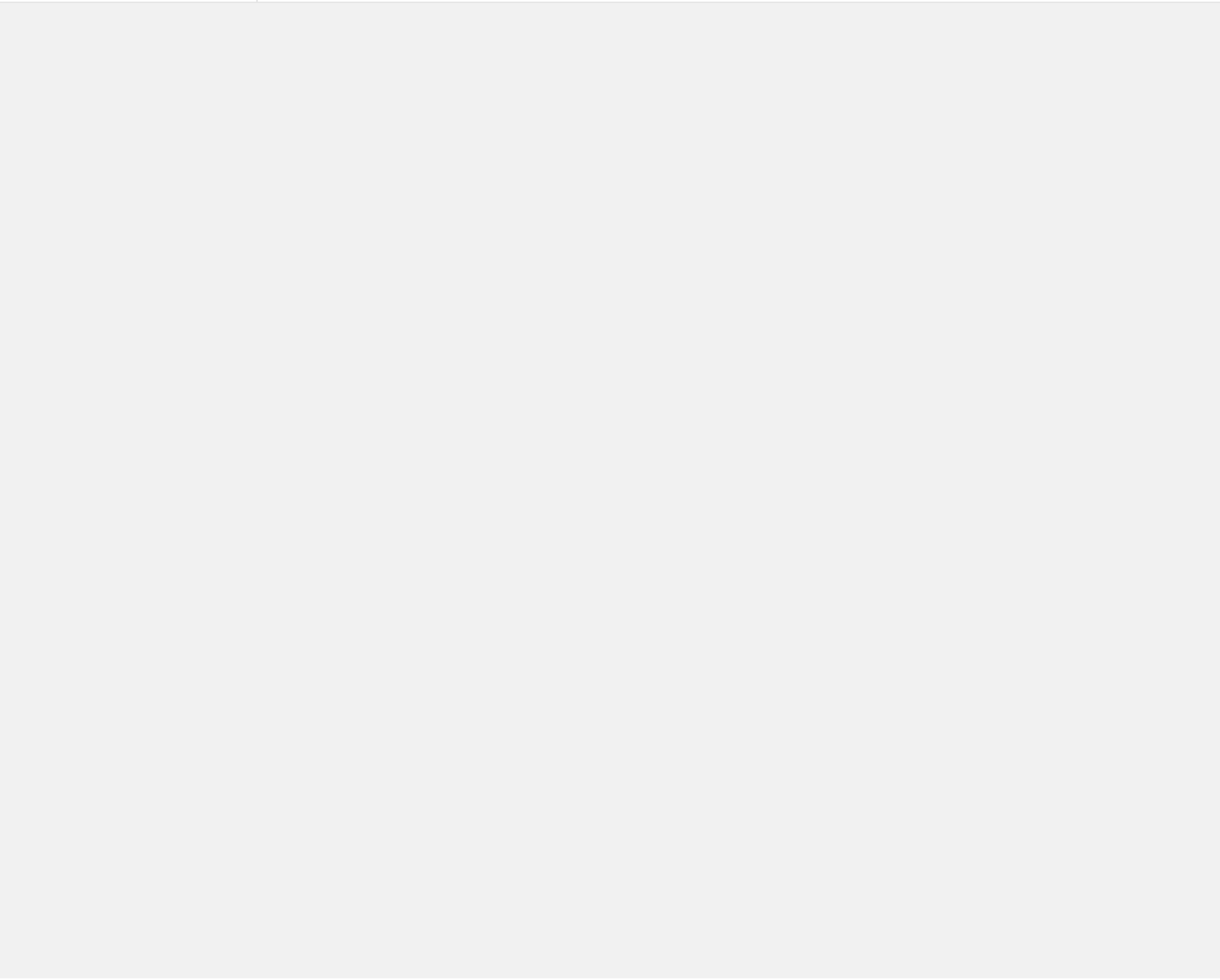
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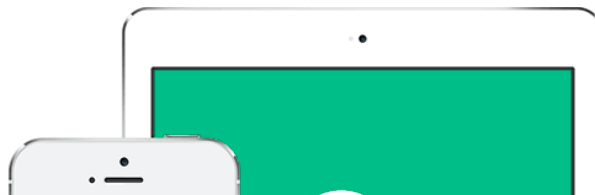
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