General Ranking France

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Global ranking

Tourism & Hospitality

1. World's Top Tourist Destination:

- France ranked **#1** tourist destination, welcoming over 100 million international visitors in 2024.
- France ranks **4th** in Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index, with high scores in infrastructure, natural resources, cultural resources, and tourism policy (World Economic Forum, 2024).

2. Culinary Leadership:

- France is home to the highest number of Michelin-starred restaurants globally (Statista, 2024).

3. Luxury Hotels:

- **Palaces of France**: A prestigious distinction awarded to the most luxurious hotels, only a select few properties in France received this recognition for their unparalleled service and excellence in French hospitality.

Business Events (MICE)

4. Top MICE Destination:

- **Paris** is ranked **2nd** worldwide in **ICCA's 2025 report** for international congress destinations. France ranks **#7** globally in the same ICCA 2025 ranking.
- France ranked **#1 in Europe** and **#3 worldwide** for the number of exhibition venues (UFI,2025).

Cultural & Natural Heritage

5. UNESCO World Heritage Sites:

- France has **53 UNESCO-listed sites**, ranking 4th in the world (UNESCO, 2024).

Sustainability

6. Sustainable Destination:

- France ranks **1st** globally for the number of Green Key- certified sites (Green Key, 2024)
- France ranks **2nd** globally for the number of BREEAM-certified projects (Statista, 2024)
- **3** French cities under **top 20**: Bordeaux (6th), Lyon (15th), Paris (20th) (GDS Index, 2024).
- France ranked **6th** out of 108 countries (World Energy Trilemma Index, 2023).
- France ranks **12th** out of 180 countries in the EPI ranking (Environmental Performance Index, 2024).
- France ranks **1st** in **ISO 20121** certifications, with more than 487 certified sites.

Innovation

7. Innovation Leader:

- France ranked **12th** out of 133 in the Global Innovation Index 2024 (World Intellectual Property Organization, 2024).
- **Congress Centre 'La Cité' in Nantes** was the winner of the 2024 Overall Innovation award for their 3D Immersive Solution that revolutionizes event planning by integrating 2D, 3D, and Virtual Reality (VR) technologies (AIPC, 2024).

Transportation

8. High-Speed Rail:

- France has the **second-largest high-speed rail network (TGV)** in Europe (after Spain), connecting all major cities (World Population, 2024.

9. Global Air Connectivity:

- France ranks **5th** on air connectivity levels in Europe, with Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG) being the second best connected airport to both North America and Latin America, in addition to being the best connected airport to Africa (ACI, 2024).

Global Ranking

- France ranked **5th** out of 174 in The Good Country Index. This index measures countries' contribution to the global good of humanity and the planet in seven categories (The Good Country Index, 2024).
- France ranked **10th** in Global Competitiveness Index, evaluating countries based on pillars like infrastructure, innovation capability, macroeconomic stability, security & social cohesion and business efficiency (World Economic Forum, 2024).
- France is the **7th** largest economy in the world by nominal GDP in 2023 (World Bank, 2023).