

TOP TOWN

METRO AREA

RESOURCES

# TOP TEN MEGACITIES

**In 2016, an estimated 54.5 percent of the world's population lived in urban settlements. By 2030, urban areas are projected to house 60 percent of people globally and one in every three people will live in cities with at least half a million inhabitants. This booklet highlights the world top ten cities by population and their cultural and environmental characteristics.**



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**No. 1**

**T O K Y O**

**JAPAN**

**38,140 THOUSANDS**

Tokyo is the capital of Japan. It is the seat of the Emperor of Japan and the Japanese government. Tokyo is in the Kantō region on the southeastern side of the main island Honshu and includes the Izu Islands and Ogasawara Islands. Tokyo was ranked first in the "Best overall experience" category of TripAdvisor's World City Survey (the city also ranked first in the following categories: "helpfulness of locals", "nightlife", "shopping", "local public transportation" and "cleanliness of streets").



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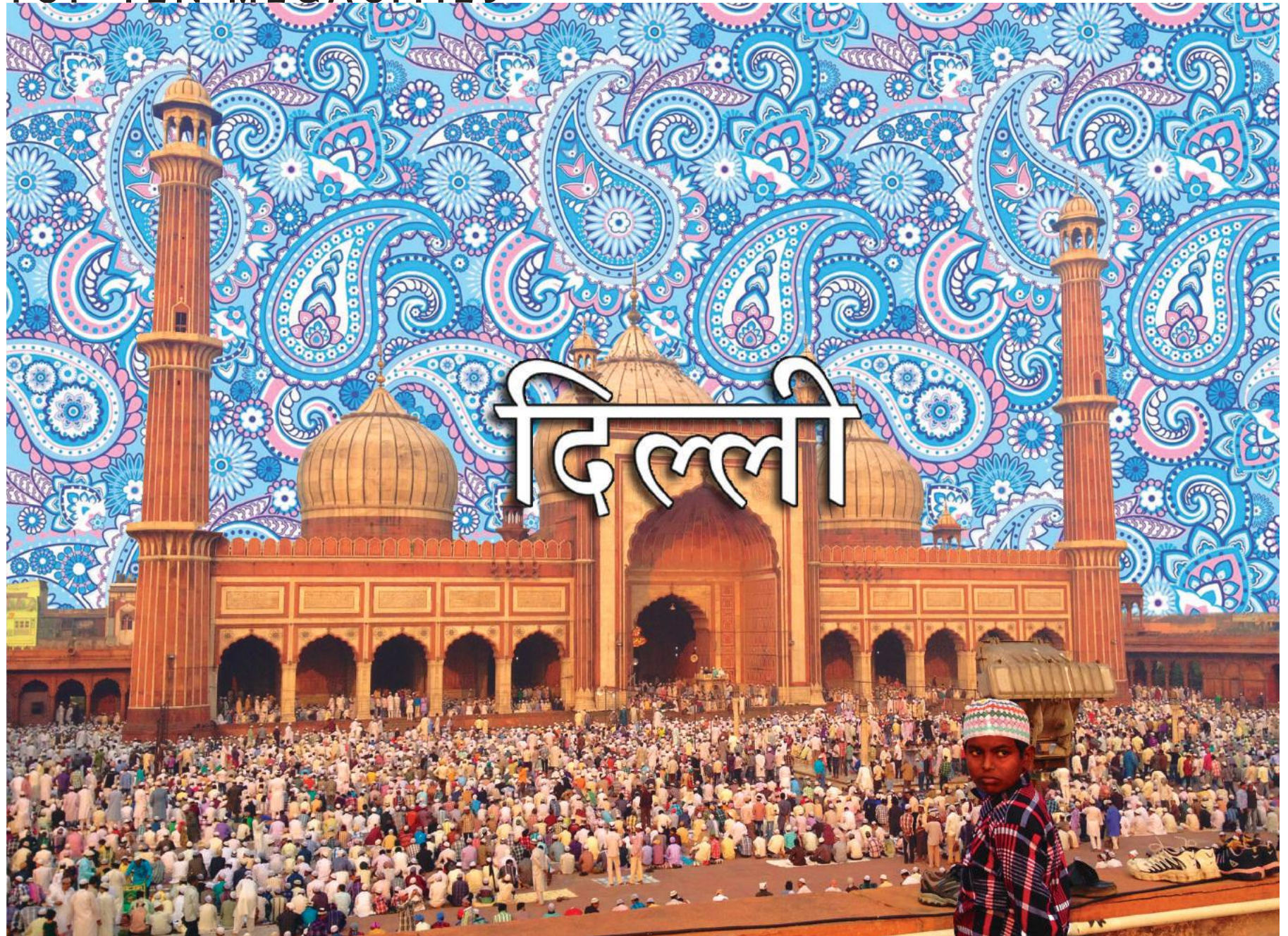
**No. 2**

*D E L H I*  
*INDIA*  
*26,454 THOUSNADS*

Delhi officially the National Capital Territory of Delhi, is a city and a union territory of India. Delhi has been continuously inhabited since the 6th century BCE. Through most of its history, Delhi has served as a capital of various kingdoms and empires. Hinduism is Delhi's predominant religious faith, with 81.68% of Delhi's population, followed by Islam (12.86%). Delhi is also famous for places of worship of many religions. The Qutub Minar, Red Fort and Humayun's Tomb are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



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**No. 3**



SHANGHAI

CHINA

24,484 THOUSANDS

Shanghai is one of the four direct-controlled municipalities of the People's Republic of China. It is a global financial centre and transport hub, with the world's busiest container port. Shanghai has been described as the "show-piece" of the booming economy of mainland China; renowned for its Lujiazui skyline, museums and historic buildings, such as those along The Bund, the City God Temple and the Yu Garden.



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**No. 4**

# MUMBAI

**INDIA**

**21,357 THOUSANDS**

Mumbai is the capital city of the Indian state of Maharashtra. Mumbai lies on the west coast of India and has a deep natural harbour. It has the highest number of billionaires and millionaires among all cities in India. This city is the financial, commercial and entertainment capital of India. Mumbai is the birthplace of Indian cinema and the oldest film broadcast took place in the early 20th century. The Mumbai International Film Festival and the award ceremony of the Filmfare Awards are held in this city



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**No. 5**

**SÃO PAULO**

**BRAZIL**

**21,297 THOUSANDS**

Sao Paulo is a municipality located in the southeast region of Brazil. The city is the capital of the homonymous state of Sao Paulo, Brazil's most populous and wealthiest state, and it is considered the "financial capital of Brazil." The city has a nightlife that is considered one of the best in the country. The city holds events like the São Paulo Art Biennial, the Brazilian Grand Prix, São Paulo Fashion Week and the ATP Brasil Open. São Paulo hosts the world's largest gay pride parade.



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**No. 6**

# BEIJING

CHINA

21,240 THOUSANDS

Beijing is the capital of the People's Republic of China. Beijing is the nation's political, cultural, and educational centre. The city's history dates back three millennia. A city combining both modern and traditional architecture, Beijing is an ever-changing megacity rich in history but also truly modern. Beijing has seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites – the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, Ming Tombs, Zhoukoudian, as well as parts of the Great Wall and the Grand Canal, all popular locations for tourism.



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**No. 7**

MEXICO CITY

MEXICO

21,157 THOUSANDS

Mexico city is the capital and most populous city of Mexico. It is located in the Valley of Mexico (Valle de México), a large valley in the high plateaus at the center of Mexico, at an altitude of 2,240 metres (7,350 ft). The Historic center of Mexico City (Centro Histórico) and the "floating gardens" of Xochimilco in the southern borough have been declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. Famous landmarks in the Historic Center include the Plaza de la Constitución (Zócalo) and ancient Aztec temple ruins Templo Mayor ("Major Temple").



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**No. 8**

**O S A K A**  
*JAPAN*  
*20,337 THOUSANDS*

Osaka is a designated city in the Kansai region of Japan. It is the capital city of Osaka Prefecture and the largest component of the Keihanshin Metropolitan Area. Historically a merchant city, Osaka has also been known as the "nation's kitchen" (天下の台所 *tenka no daidokoro*) and served as a center for the rice trade during the Edo period. Osaka is known for its fine sake, which is made with fresh water from the prefecture's mountains. Many of shopping shops are concentrated in the wards of Chuō (10,468 shops) and Kita (6,335 shops).



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**No. 9**

**CAIRO**

**EGYPT**

**19,128 THOUSANDS**

Cairo is the capital and largest city of Egypt. The city's metropolitan area is the largest in the Middle East and the Arab world. It is associated with ancient Egypt, as the famous Giza pyramid complex and the ancient city of Memphis are located in its geographical area. Cairo has the oldest and largest film and music industries in the Arab world, as well as the world's second-oldest institution of higher learning, Al-Azhar University.



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**No. 10**

**NEW YORK**

**the UNITED STATES**

**18,604 THOUSANDS**

New York is a state in the northeastern United States. The New York City Metropolitan Area is one of the most populous urban agglomerations in the world. New York City is a global city, exerting a significant impact upon commerce, finance, media, art, fashion, research, technology, education, and entertainment. Many landmarks in New York are well known to both international and domestic visitors, with New York State hosting four of the world's ten most-visited tourist attractions in 2013.



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Нью-Йорк

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*Nữu-ước*

*Nueva York*

**NEW YORK**

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*Nuova York*

*Nyu York*

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**TOKYO**

*DELHI*

 **SHANGHAI**

**MUMBAI**

*SAO PAULO*

**BEIJING**

*MEXICO CITY*

*OSAKA*

*CARRO*

**NEW YORK**

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