

City earns global spot



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Carol Beck of Topeka, Kan., braves an afternoon shower to take a picture of the Biltmore House. The estate is among the attractions that make Asheville a tourist destination and put the city on Frommer's top destinations list for 2007.

Frommer's lists Asheville in world's top 12 destinations

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ASHEVILLE — Where in the world should you take a trip next year?

The editors of one of the country's top travel publications suggest Asheville.

The city is among a dozen spots around the globe, and just five in the United States, named "the most unique and enticing destinations" by Frommer's for the coming year.

Frommer's sells more than 2.5 million guidebooks a year, reaching about 7 million readers.

Its 2007 destination list cites

Asheville's mountain scenery, thriving arts, cultural and gay and lesbian scenes, as well as tourist favorites such as the Biltmore Estate and Thomas Wolfe Memorial.

Frommer's editors searched for 12 destinations that were "surprising, thriving or emerging travel destinations," said Kelly Regan, editorial director. Results are published at www.frommers.com.

"Recently, Asheville has been drawing literati and celebrities who had gravitated to New Orleans as a

BY THE NUMBERS

12 — Sites on Frommer's global list.

5 — U.S. sites on the list.

2.5 million — Frommer's guidebooks sold annually.

7 million — Estimated number of readers.

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