

Sony Xperia XZs

Screen:

The XZs sports a 5.2-inch Full HD screen that's unfortunately marred by a very traditional smartphone design with wide bezels on the top and bottom of the phone. It does come, however, with Sony's image-enhancement feature that lets you toggle between normal mode, a clearer X-Reality mode, or a more saturated, vibrant super-vivid mode that enhances how pictures and videos look.

Camera:

The XZs' rear camera boasts a high megapixel count with its sharp 19-megapixel shooter, with a new sensor that lets in more light for better low-light shots. Photos are sharp and clear, with the colours tending towards the warmer side of the spectrum but with good dynamic range.

Verdict:

While the Xperia XZs may not be Sony's flagship, it is one of the cheaper phones on this list.

Price:

• \$898

RATING:
FEATURES: 4/5
DESIGN: 3/5
PERFORMANCE: 5/5
OVERALL: 4/5



Sony Xperia XZs
 PHOTO: SONY

Dimensions:
 146 x 72 x 8.1 mm

LG G6

Screen:

The G6 fits a nice 5.7-inch screen on a body that traditionally fits only a 5.2-inch screen, which makes for a large screen real estate that's just excellent to look at, with vivid, saturated colours and great clarity. Its 18:9 ratio lets you multitask easily as two apps can fit proportionately on each half of the screen.

Camera:

With two 13-megapixel cameras on the back - one for wide-angle shots and the other for standard ones - the LG G6 is capable of fitting a lot in one photo, and with less of a fish-eye effect than previous LG smartphones. It is also packed with a whole lot of camera features, such as food mode, square camera, GIF-maker and collage creator, so you won't have to download separate apps to produce fun and quirky pictures for social media use.

Verdict:

The LG G6 sticks to what works and is a solid all-round performer, with a host of features befitting a modern flagship.

Price:

• \$988

RATING:
FEATURES: 5/5
DESIGN: 4/5
PERFORMANCE: 5/5
OVERALL: 5/5



LG G6.
 PHOTO: LG

Dimensions:
LG G6:
 148.9 x 71.9 x 7.9mm

Samsung Galaxy S8 and S8+

Screen:

The Galaxy S8 line has possibly the best screens in the market today, with a curved, quad-HD Super AMOLED display that is clear, sharp and bright even under harsh lighting conditions. The 5.8-inch (S8) and 6.2-inch (S8+) displays take up almost the entirety of the phone's front, giving them a sleek, bezel-less look that is refreshingly modern to look at.

Camera:

The 12-megapixel rear camera may not sound like much, but combine it with a brand new image-processing software and the S8 takes pictures that are sharp, vibrant and colourful. It also allows for sharper images in low light and better focus for moving objects. The great picture quality, when viewed on the S8's piercing-sharp screen, means photos and videos you take look even better and crisper.

Verdict:

The Galaxy S8 line might very well be the smartphones to beat so far this year, with a potent mix of a brilliant display, killer camera and high-end features.

RATING: (both)
FEATURES: 5/5
DESIGN: 5/5
PERFORMANCE: 5/5
OVERALL: 5/5



Samsung Galaxy S8.
 PHOTO: SAMSUNG

Dimensions:
Samsung Galaxy S8:
 148.9 x 68.1 x 8.0 mm
Samsung Galaxy S8+:
 159.5 x 73.4 x 8.1 mm

Huawei P10 and P10 Plus

Screen:

The smaller P10 packs a 5.1-inch Full HD screen, while the P10 Plus ups the ante with a 2K, 5.5-inch Wide Quad-HD screen. The P10 is a svelte, compact phone for those tired of phablet-sized phones that stretch the pockets, while the P10 Plus, with its sharper, higher-resolution screen, makes for a nice media companion.

Camera:

Those who want to shoot with legendary Leica lenses but at a fraction of the price will want to pick up a P10. Both versions sport two Leica lenses at the rear - a 20-megapixel monochrome and 12-megapixel colour sensor - as well as an 8-megapixel Leica front-facing camera. These lenses take sharp and detailed pictures under good lighting. They perform decently in low lighting too, as the phone is able to capture more light through both sensors.

Verdict:

The P10 and P10 Plus continue Huawei's focus on Leica lenses and photography. Despite the lack of any huge changes or additional features, they are good upgrades from last year's P9 line.

Price:

• P10: \$798
 • P10 Plus: \$998

RATING: (both)
FEATURES: 4/5
DESIGN: 4/5
PERFORMANCE: 5/5
OVERALL: 5/5



Huawei P10.
 PHOTO: HUAWEI

Dimensions:
Huawei P10:
 145.3 x 69.3 x 6.98 mm
Huawei P10 plus:
 153.4 x 74.2 x 6.98 mm

Price:

• S8: \$1,148
 • S8+: \$1,298