

## Expats Love the High Quality of Life in Vienna

The annual Expat City Ranking reveals how expats rate life in 82 cities around the world, including Vienna.

- Vienna ranks 23rd out of 82 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2019: the city performs best in the Quality of Urban Living Index (5th) and worst in the Getting Settled Index (68th).
- Based on the ranking, Taipei, Kuala Lumpur, Ho Chi Minh City, Singapore, Montréal, Lisbon, Barcelona, Zug, The Hague, and Basel are the best cities to move to in 2020.
- Kuwait City (82nd), Rome, Milan, Lagos (Nigeria), Paris, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Lima, New York City, and Yangon (73rd) are the world's worst cities.

Munich, 3 December 2019 — Vienna ranks 23rd out of 82 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2019 by [InterNations](#), the world's largest expat community with more than 3.5 million members. It continues to be one of the cities with the best quality of life, ranking fifth worldwide and even third for health and environment. However, expats find it hard to get settled in the city, which is mainly due to a lack of friendliness.

The [Expat City Ranking](#) is based on the annual *Expat Insider* survey by InterNations, which is with more than 20,000 respondents in 2019 one of the most extensive surveys about living and working abroad. In 2019, 82 cities around the globe are analyzed in the survey, offering in-depth information about five areas of expat life: Quality of Urban Living, Getting Settled, Urban Work Life, Finance & Housing, and Local Cost of Living. Taken together, the first four areas make up the Expat City Ranking, which reveals the best and worst cities to move to in 2020.

### Expat City Ranking 2019

## Expat Life in Vienna



#### Quality of Urban Living Index

5th

17th Leisure & Climate  
11th Transportation  
31st Safety & Politics  
3rd Health & Environment



#### Urban Work Life Index

32nd

59th Job & Career  
22nd Job Security  
35th Work-Life Balance



#### Getting Settled Index

68th

80th Local Friendliness  
52nd Feeling Welcome  
60th Friends & Socializing  
63rd Local Language



#### Finance & Housing Index

27th

33rd Finance  
29th Housing



#### Local Cost of Living Index

17th

#### Happy with Quality of the Urban Environment

94% Vienna  
71% Global



#### Unhappy with Friendliness towards Foreign Residents

38% Vienna  
19% Global



#### Happiness Level

73% Vienna  
74% Global



## What Expats Think about Life in Vienna

### 23. Vienna

Vienna comes in 23rd out of 82 cities in this year's Expat City Ranking, performing best in the Quality of Urban Living Index. Here, the city ranks fifth in the world, only behind Zug (1st), Tokyo (2nd), Taipei (3rd), and Zurich (4th). Within the index, expats are most satisfied with local transportation (11th) and the health and environment (3rd). For example, 94% of expats in Vienna are satisfied with the quality of the environment, which is noticeably above the global average of 71%. An expat from the Democratic Republic of the Congo particularly likes the *"cleanliness, public transportation easiness, and safety"* in Vienna. Expats also rank Vienna quite well in the Local Cost of Living (17th) and Finance & Housing Indices (27th): half the expats living in the city (50%) are happy with the local costs of living in general (vs. 47% globally), and 44% find housing affordable (vs. 36% globally).

The Getting Settled Index, on the other hand, is Vienna's weakest area (68th). The city even comes in 80th in the Local Friendliness subcategory, only better than Paris (81st) and Kuwait City (82nd). Around four in nine respondents (45%) find it difficult to make friends in Vienna (vs. 35% globally), and 38% describe the people in Vienna as unfriendly towards foreign residents (vs. 19% globally). Overall, 31% of expats are unhappy with their social life in Vienna, compared to 27% globally.

### About the Expat City Ranking 2019

The [Expat City Ranking](#) is based on the annual [Expat Insider survey](#) by InterNations. For the survey, more than 20,000 expatriates representing 178 nationalities and living in 187 countries or territories provided information on various aspects of expat life. In addition to their satisfaction with life in their host country, respondents were also invited to share their opinions on the city they are currently living in.

Participants were asked to rate more than 25 different aspects of urban life abroad on a scale of one to seven. The rating process emphasized the respondents' personal satisfaction with these aspects and considered both emotional topics as well as more factual aspects with equal weight. The respondents' ratings of the individual factors were then bundled in various combinations for a total of 13 subcategories, and their mean values were used to draw up four topical indices: Quality of Urban Living, Getting Settled, Urban Work Life, and Finance & Housing. These were further averaged in order to rank 82 cities worldwide. In 2019, the top 10 cities for expats are Taipei, Kuala Lumpur, Ho Chi Minh City, Singapore, Montréal, Lisbon, Barcelona, Zug, The Hague, and Basel. The survey also includes a Local Cost of Living Index, which does, however, not factor into the overall ranking to avoid overrepresenting financial aspects.

For a city to be featured in the Expat City Ranking 2019, a sample size of at least 50 survey participants per city was required.

### About InterNations

With more than 3.5 million members in 420 cities around the world, InterNations ([www.internations.org](http://www.internations.org)) is the largest global community and information site for people who live and work abroad. InterNations offers global and local networking both online and face-to-face. At around 6,000 official events and activities per month, expatriates have the opportunity to meet other global minds. Online services include country and city guides created by a team of professional writers, guest contributions about life abroad, and discussion forums to help members with topics such as the local

job or housing search. InterNations membership is by approval only to ensure we remain a community of trust.

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