

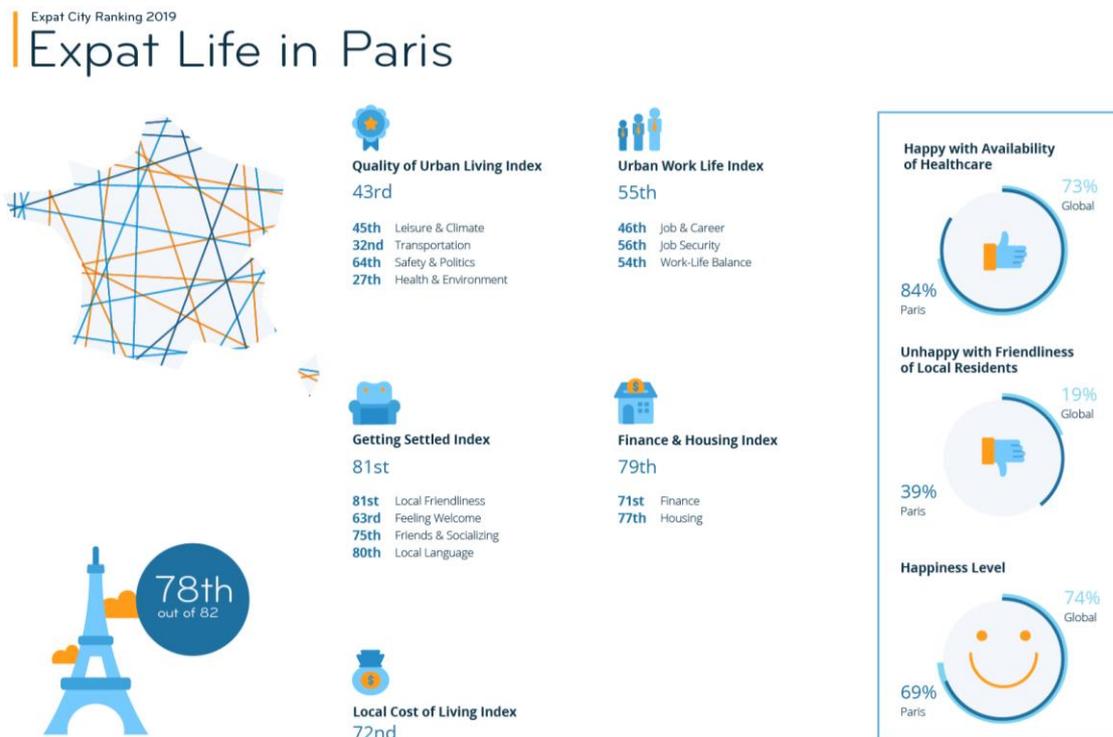
Paris Is One of the World's Worst Cities for Expats

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

- Paris ranks 78th out of 82 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2019: the French capital performs best in the Quality of Urban Living Index (43rd) and worst in the Getting Settled Index (81st).
- 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 — Paris ranks 78th 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. Only Lagos (Nigeria), Milan, Rome, and Kuwait City are worse in the eyes of expats. Paris is not only one of the worst cities for finance and housing (79th) but also ranks second to last in the world in the Getting Settled Index (81st). While the city also seems to just offer a mediocre work life (55th), expats are somewhat satisfied with the quality of urban living (43rd). In the latter index, they are particularly happy with all factors regarding healthcare as well as the local leisure options.

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.



What Expats Think about Life in Paris

78. Paris

With a 78th out of 82 cities, expats rank Paris among the world's bottom 5 in the Expat City Ranking. The Getting Settled Index (81st) is Paris's worst area, only ahead of Kuwait City. Close to two in five expats (39%) find the Parisians generally unfriendly (vs. 19% globally), and an Australian expat bemoans the *"lack of good friends"*. In fact, 52% find it hard to make friends (vs. 35% globally), and 34% are unhappy with their social life (vs. 27% globally). Paris is also one of the world's worst cities in the Finance & Housing Index (79th), only better than Vancouver (80th), San Francisco (81st), and Dublin (82nd). Two-thirds of expats (67%) say it is hard to find housing (vs. 32% globally), and 76% consider it unaffordable (vs. 44% globally). *"Everything is just so expensive,"* says an expat from Portugal, *"from housing to food and basic items"*. In fact, 67% are unhappy with the local cost of living in general (vs. 38% globally).

Paris's best-ranked index this year is the Quality of Urban Living Index, where it still only comes in 43rd place out of 82 cities. Expats are happy with the availability of healthcare (84% positive ratings vs. 73% globally) but not so much with the quality of environment (26% unhappy vs. 17% globally). While the city also ranks well for local leisure options (24th), the same cannot be said for personal safety (66th). In fact, 17% of expats state to feel unsafe in Paris, compared to 9% 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) 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

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