

## Expats in Luxembourg City Enjoy Work but Life Is Expensive and Leisure Activities Are Rare

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

- Luxembourg City ranks 22nd out of 82 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2019. It performs best in the Urban Work Life Index (9th) and worst in the Local Cost of Living Index (62nd).
- 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 — Luxembourg City ranks 22nd 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. The city even lands in the top 10 of the Urban Work Life Index (9th) as expats are very happy with the state of the local economy and their jobs in general. However, they are unhappy with the local leisure activities and rate the city unfavorably for the local cost of living and housing.

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 Luxembourg City



## What Expats Think about Life in Luxembourg City

### 22. Luxembourg City

Expats in Luxembourg City seem to enjoy their working life: the city ranks in the top 10 in the Urban Work Life Index (9th), with almost three-quarters of expats (74%) satisfied with their job in general (vs. 64% globally) and 66% happy with their local career opportunities (vs. 51% globally). However, in this index, the city ranks best in the Job Security subcategory (3rd), just behind the German cities of Frankfurt (2nd) and Munich (1st). In fact, close to nine in ten expats in Luxembourg (89%) are happy with the state of the local economy (vs. 66% globally), and 69% consider their job to be secure (vs. 59% globally). What is more, 92% also rate their personal safety positively (vs. 81% globally). While the city lands in a good 10th place in the Safety & Politics subcategory of the Quality of Urban Living Index (33th), it ends up among the bottom 10 worldwide in the Leisure & Climate subcategory (75th). Expats' dissatisfaction with the local leisure options plays a big part in this poor performance, with only 63% feeling happy with this factor (vs. 74% globally).

The local cost of living (62nd), as well as housing (64th), is one of Luxembourg City's major pain points. More than three in five expats (61%) are unsatisfied with the local cost of living (vs. 38% globally). What is more, over three-quarters (76%) find housing unaffordable (vs. 44% globally), while 42% also consider it hard to find (vs. 32% globally). The city suffers from an *"overrated price of real estate,"* a Belgian expat comments. Nevertheless, expats are happy with their finances (25th): in fact, three in five (60%) think that they have more disposable income than they need to cover their expenses (vs. 49% 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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