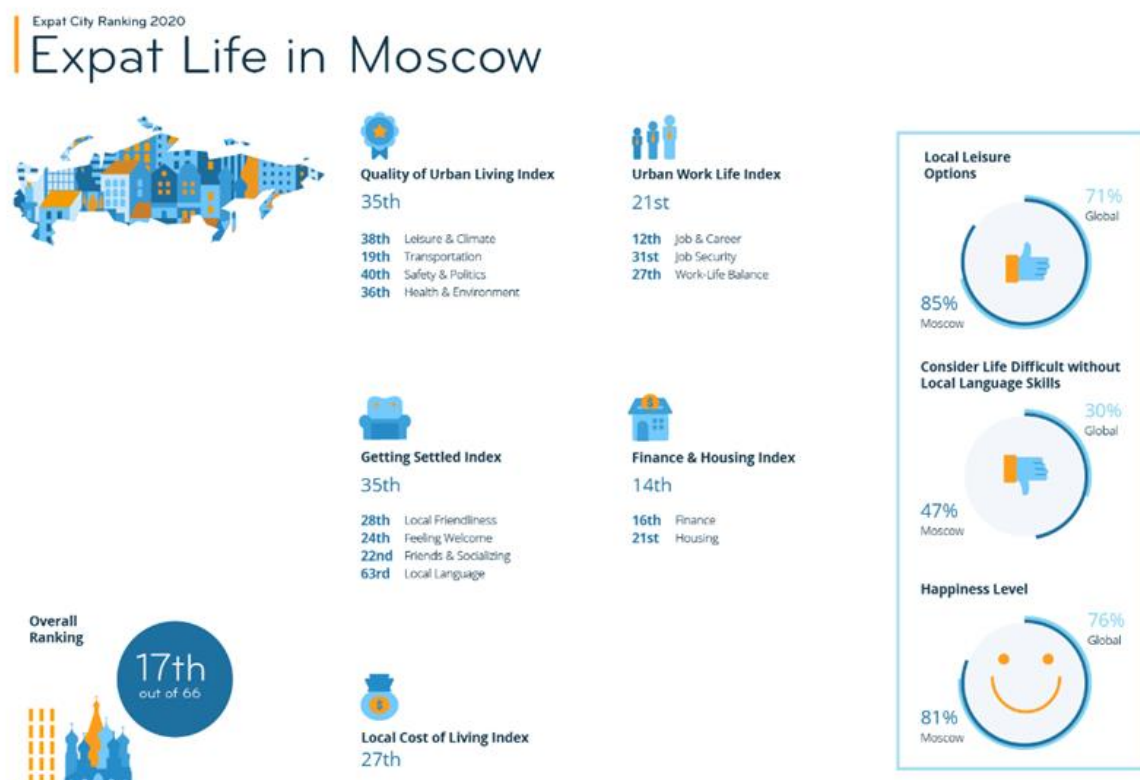


Expats in Moscow Are Happy with Their Jobs and Housing

The Expat City Ranking 2020 reveals the best and worst cities for expats around the world, including Moscow.

- Out of 66 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2020, Moscow ranks 17th. It ranks best in the Finance & Housing Index (14th) and worst in the Quality of Urban Living and Getting Settled Indices (both 35th).
- Valencia (1st), Alicante, Lisbon, Panama City, Singapore, Málaga, Buenos Aires, Kuala Lumpur, Madrid, and Abu Dhabi (10th) are the top 10 cities for expats to live in 2020.
- On the other hand, expats consider Salmiya in Kuwait (66th) Rome, Seoul, Milan, Nairobi, Paris, Johannesburg, Santiago, Dublin, and Hong Kong (57th) the world's worst cities to live in.

Munich, 26 November 2020 — Moscow ranks 17th in the Expat City Ranking 2020 by [InterNations](https://www.internations.org/), the world's largest expat community with around 4 million members. It ranks best in the Finance & Housing Index (14th) since expats are happy with their disposable household income. The Russian capital also performs well in the Urban Work Life (21st) and Local Cost of Living (27th) Indices. With Moscow ranking 35th for both, the city gets its worst results in the Quality of Urban Living and the Getting Settled Indices.



The [Expat City Ranking](https://www.internations.org/) is based on the annual *Expat Insider* survey by InterNations, which is one of the most extensive surveys about living and working abroad, with more than 15,000 respondents in 2020. This year, 66 cities around the globe are analyzed in the

survey, which offers 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. Together, the first four topics make up the Expat City Ranking, which reveals the best and worst cities for expats to live in. As the data was collected in March 2020, just before COVID-19 turned into a global pandemic, one question, however, remains: Will these cities still come out on top in a post-COVID world?

What Expats Think about Life in Moscow

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Moscow comes 17th out of 66 destinations in the Expat City Ranking 2020. The city does especially well in the Finance & Housing Index (14th), with 68% of expats satisfied with their financial situation (vs. 61% globally). Another 46% of respondents say that housing in Moscow is affordable (vs. 41% globally). Moscow also receives good results in the Urban Work Life Index (21st), even ranking 3rd worldwide for overall job satisfaction. In fact, 73% of expats are happy with their jobs (vs. 65% globally).

However, Moscow ranks just below the average in both the Quality of Urban Living and the Getting Settled Indices (35th for both). On the one hand, 68% of expats are satisfied with their social life (vs. 59% globally), and 54% find it is easy to make friends in Moscow (vs. 47% globally). An Austrian expat says that *"the people are very warm"*. On the other hand, expats in Moscow do have a hard time with the local language, which puts the city in a disappointing 63rd place in this subcategory. Close to two in three survey respondents (66%) say that it is difficult to learn the local language (vs. 46% globally), which is an issue since 47% find it hard to get around in Moscow without knowing the local language (vs. 30% globally).

Regarding the urban quality of life, Moscow comes 38th in the Leisure & Climate subcategory: Expats are unhappy with the climate and weather (39% unhappy vs. 20% globally) but do like the local leisure options (85% vs. 71% globally). And while nearly nine in ten expats (88%) are satisfied with the local transportation (vs. 66% globally), only 77% feel safe in Moscow (vs. 82% globally).

About the Expat City Ranking 2020

The [Expat City Ranking](#) is based on the annual *Expat Insider* survey by InterNations. For the survey, more than 15,000 expatriates representing 173 nationalities and living in 181 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, considering both emotional topics and 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 66 cities worldwide. In 2020, the top 10 cities for expats are Valencia, Alicante, Lisbon, Panama City, Singapore, Málaga, Buenos Aires, Kuala Lumpur, Madrid, and Abu Dhabi. 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 2020, a sample size of at least 50 survey participants per city was required.

About InterNations

With around 4 million members in 420 cities around the world, [InterNations](#) is the largest global community and a source of information for people who live and work abroad. InterNations offers global and local networking and socializing, both online and face to face. At around 6,000 events and activities per month, expatriates have the opportunity to meet other global minds. Online services include discussion forums and helpful articles with personal expat experiences, tips, and information about life abroad. Membership is by approval only to ensure we remain a community of trust. InterNations is part of the New Work SE, a group of brands that offer products and services for a better working life.

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