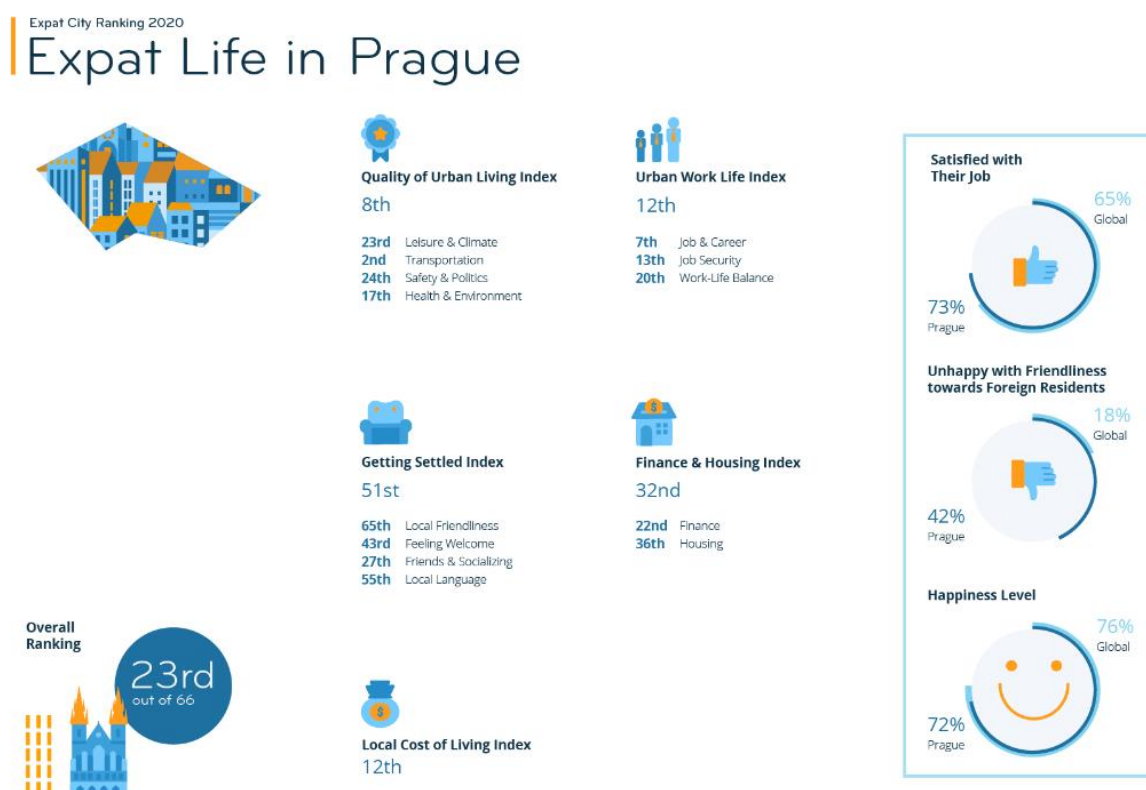


Expats Enjoy Their Working Life in Prague but Struggle with Getting Settled

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

- Out of 66 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2020, Prague ranks 23rd. It performs best in the Quality of Urban Living Index (8th) and worst in the Getting Settled Index (51st).
- 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 — Prague ranks 23rd in the Expat City Ranking 2020 by [InterNations](https://www.internations.org/), the world's largest expat community with around 4 million members. Prague performs best in the Quality of Urban Living Index (8th) — expats are happy with the local transportation system and the leisure options. While the city also achieves a solid 12th rank in both the Urban Work Life and the Local Cost of Living Indices, it only lands in a mediocre 32nd place in the Finance & Housing Index. However, it performs worst in the Getting Settled Index (51st) since expats describe the local residents as unfriendly.



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 Prague

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In the Expat City Ranking 2020, Prague ranks 23rd out of 66 cities in total. It makes it into the top 10 in the Quality of Urban Living Index (8th) — for example, nearly all expats (97%) rate Prague's public transportation positively (vs. 66% globally). This puts the city on 2nd rank for public transportation, and it is only beaten by Vienna (1st). *"The transport system in Prague is the best I have ever experienced,"* shares a British expat.

With Prague coming 12th in the Local Cost of Living Index, everyday life seems to be very much affordable for expats. A survey respondent from Slovakia says that she likes the *"low of costs of services and food"*, in fact, nearly three in six expats (57%) rate the local cost of living positively (vs. 46% globally). What is more, Prague also ranks 12th in the Urban Work Life Index, which is mainly due to high overall job satisfaction among expats (73% happy vs. 65% globally). Close to two in three expats (64%) are also happy with the local career opportunities (vs. 43% globally), and 70% rate their working hours positively (vs. 65% globally).

However, Prague comes 51st in the Getting Settled Index, with less than half the expats (46%) rating the friendliness of the locals positively (vs. 68% globally). And over two-fifths (42%) describe the local residents as unfriendly towards expats (vs. 18% globally). Therefore, Prague ranks 65th in the Local Friendliness subcategory, only ahead of Salmiya in Kuwait. A Russian expat says that *"a lot of times, I can perceive a negative attitude towards foreigners"*. Maybe this is why just 57% of expats say it is easy to get used to the local culture (vs. 61% 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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