

Luxembourg City: Expensive and with Few Leisure Options

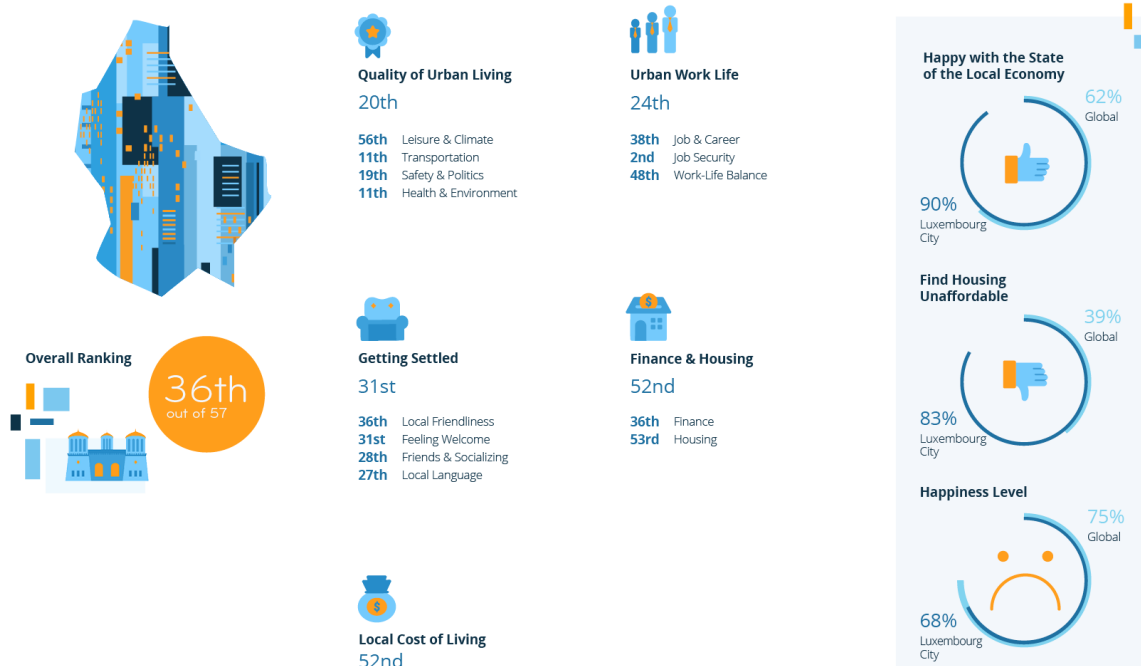
The Expat City Ranking 2021 reveals the best and worst cities for expats around the world, including Luxembourg City.

- Out of 57 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2021, Luxembourg City ranks 36th.
- Kuala Lumpur (1st), Málaga, Dubai, Sydney, Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City, Prague, Mexico City, Basel, and Madrid (10th) are the top 10 cities for expats to live in 2021.
- On the other hand, expats consider Rome (57th), Milan, Johannesburg, Istanbul, Tokyo, Cairo, Paris, Maastricht, Moscow, and New York (48th) the world's worst cities to live in.

Munich, 1 December 2021 — Luxembourg City ranks 36th out of 57 in the Expat City Ranking 2021 by [InterNations](https://www.internations.org/), the world's largest expat community with over 4 million members. The city lands among the worst-rated cities worldwide in both the Finance & Housing and the Local Cost of Living Indices. While expats do not find it too easy to get settled in Luxembourg City, they are satisfied with the quality of life and their working life.

Expat City Ranking 2021

Expat Life in Luxembourg City



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 12,420 respondents in 2021. This year, 57 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.

What Expats Think about Life in Luxembourg City

Luxembourg City comes below the global average in the Expat City Ranking 2021 (36th out of 57), with particularly poor results for costs and finances. More than three in five expats (62%) find the local cost of living too high (vs. 34% globally), ranking the city 52nd in the **Local Cost of Living Index**. The city ranks the same in the **Finance & Housing Index** (52nd), even coming 53rd in the Housing Subcategory. Expats describe housing as unaffordable (83% vs. 39% globally) and hard to find (47% vs. 23% globally). A French expat says that *“the housing costs for both renting and buying are a nightmare”*.

The city receives mixed results in the **Urban Work Life Index** (24th). It ranks 2nd out of 57 in the Job Security Subcategory, placing just behind Munich (1st). Expats are satisfied with the state of the local economy (90% vs. 62% globally) and their job security (69% vs. 61% globally). However, Luxembourg City ends up in the bottom 10 of the Work-Life Balance Subcategory (48th): 22% of expats are unhappy with their working hours (vs. 16% globally), and just over half (56%) are satisfied with their work-life balance (vs. 66% globally).

The **Quality of Urban Living Index** (20th) is where the city performs best, but even here, it places second to last in the Leisure & Climate Subcategory (56th). Only Riyadh (57th) does worse. Expats are unhappy with the climate and weather (44% vs. 17% globally) and the local leisure options (17% vs. 14% globally). *“The small size of Luxembourg makes social and cultural activities very limited,”* shares a British expat. However, expats are satisfied with the public transportation system (94% vs. 69% globally), the political stability (90% vs. 64% globally), and the affordability of healthcare (74% vs. 61% globally).

About the Expat City Ranking 2021

The [Expat City Ranking](#) is based on the annual *Expat Insider* survey by InterNations. For the survey, InterNations asked 12,420 expats representing 174 nationalities and living in 186 countries or territories to provide information on various aspects of expat life, as well as their gender, age, and nationality. 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 all cities worldwide that had the required number of participants for the minimum sample size. (The survey also includes a Local Cost of Living Index, which does, however, not factor into the overall ranking to avoid overrepresenting financial aspects.) In 2021, the top 10 cities for expats are Kuala Lumpur (1st), Málaga, Dubai, Sydney, Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City, Prague, Mexico City, Basel, and Madrid (10th).

For a city to be featured in the Expat City Ranking 2021, a sample size of at least 50 survey participants per city was required. In total, 57 cities met this requirement.

About InterNations

With more than 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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