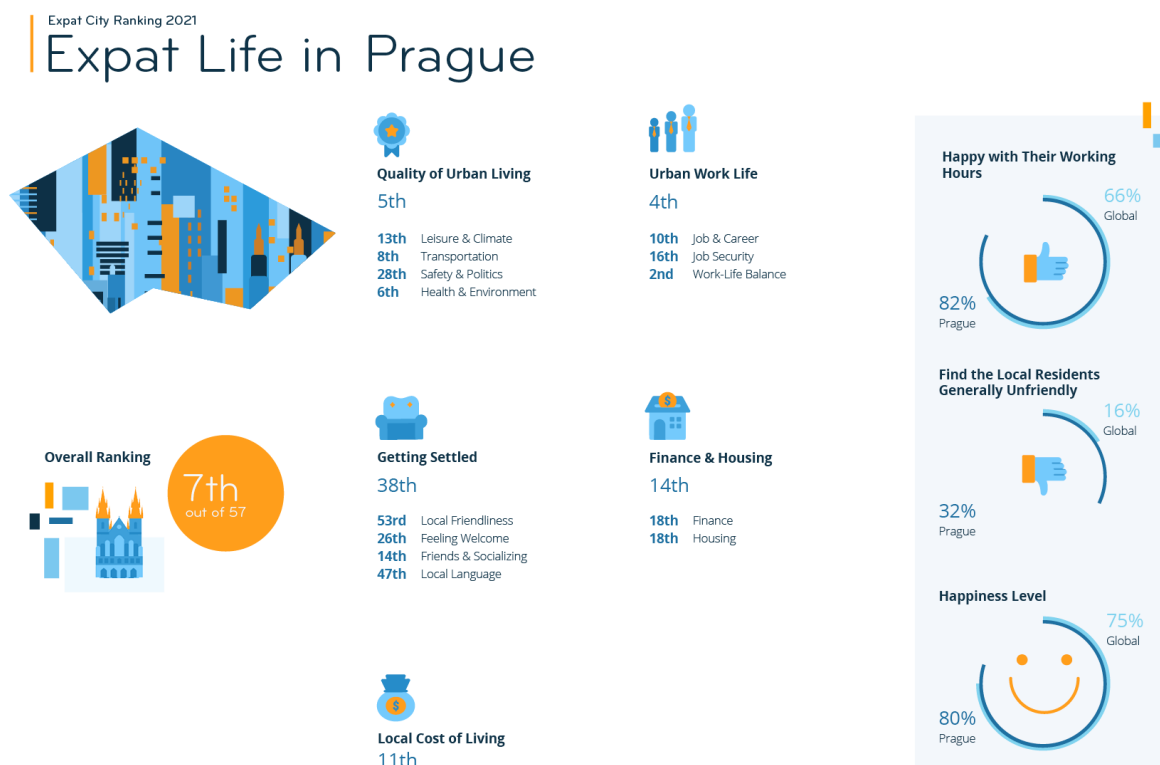


Prague: A Great Working Life and a High Quality of Living

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

- Out of 57 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2021, Prague ranks 7th.
- 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 — Prague ranks 7th 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. Expats are particularly happy with the high quality of life and with their working life, ranking the city among the top 10 in both indices. While the local cost of living (11th), as well as finances and housing, (14th) also do very well, expats do not find it that easy to settle down in Prague (38th).



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 Prague

Prague not only makes it into the global top 10 of the Expat City Ranking (7th) but also into the top 5 for two indices. It ranks 4th in the **Urban Work Life Index**, after Munich (1st), Aachen (2nd), and Dublin (3rd). Expats are particularly happy with the local career opportunities (60% vs. 45% globally), work-life balance (79% vs. 66% globally), and working hours (82% vs. 66% globally). The city also comes 5th in the **Quality of Urban Living Index**. *"I enjoy the great opportunities for socializing, activities, and traveling, and personal growth,"* states a female expat from Ukraine. In fact, 83% of expats rate the local leisure options favorably (vs. 72% globally), and 91% are happy with the transportation system (vs. 69% globally). Healthcare is not only easily available (87% vs. 76% globally) but also easy to afford (85% vs. 61% globally).

When it comes to housing, things look a little different: while it is easy to find for expats (73% vs. 60% globally), 43% find it hard to afford (vs. 39% globally). Despite this, Prague ranks 14th in the **Finance & Housing Index**, and nearly two-thirds (66%) are satisfied with their financial situation (vs. 64% globally). It does even better in the **Local Cost of Living Index** (11th): 61% rate this factor positively (vs. 48% globally).

The **Getting Settled Index** (38th) shows some rather mixed results. Expats find the local residents generally unfriendly (32% vs. 16% globally), as well as unfriendly towards foreign residents (35% vs. 18% globally), ranking the city 53rd in the Local Friendliness Subcategory. *"The culture can be a bit brusque,"* says a female expat from Canada. However, 72% are happy with their social life (vs. 57% globally) and feel at home in Prague (vs. 65% 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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