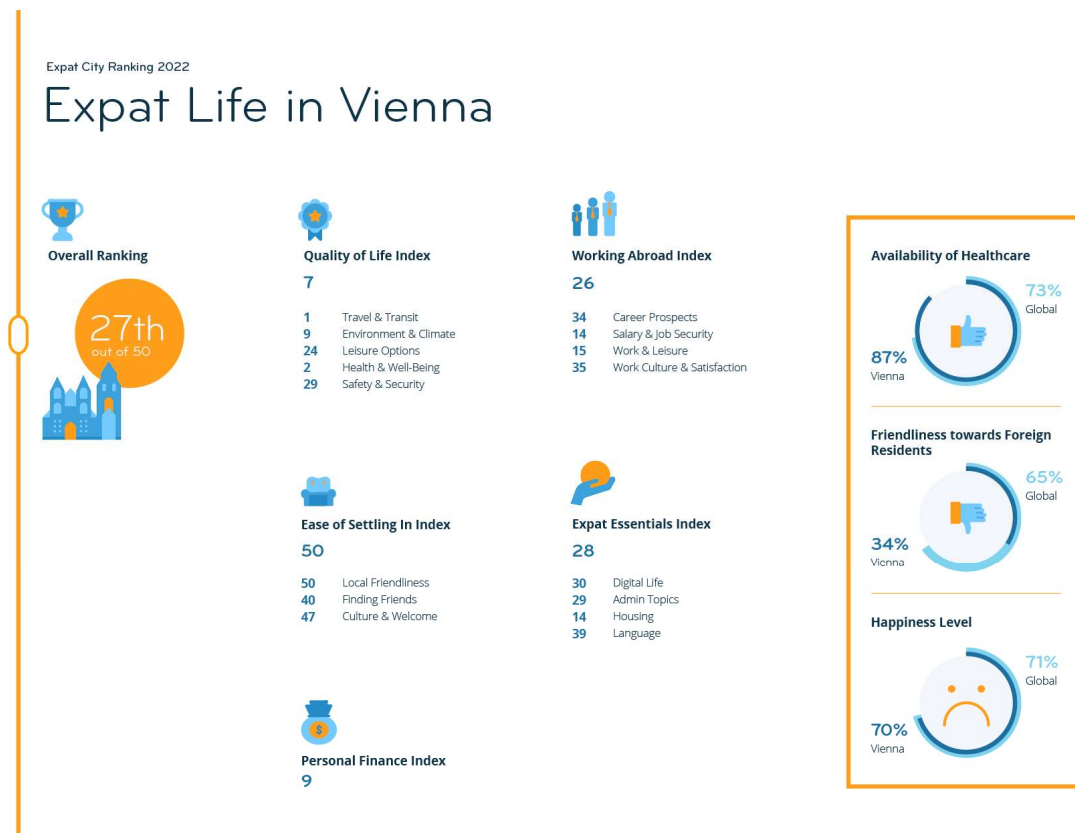


Expats Love the Quality & Affordability of Life Abroad in Vienna but Rank the City Worst Worldwide for Settling In

The Expat City Ranking 2022 reveals the best and worst cities for expats around the world, including Vienna.

- Vienna ranks 27th out of 50 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2022, performing very well in the Quality of Life and Personal Finance Indices, but coming last for the Ease of Settling In.
- In 2022, Valencia (1st), Dubai, Mexico City, Lisbon, Madrid, Bangkok, Basel, Melbourne, Abu Dhabi, and Singapore (10th) are the top 10 cities for expats to live in.
- On the other hand, expats consider Johannesburg (50th), Frankfurt, Paris, Istanbul, Hong Kong, Hamburg, Milan, Vancouver, Tokyo, and Rome (41st) the world's worst cities to live in.

Munich, 29 November 2022 — Vienna ranks 27th out of 50 in the Expat City Ranking 2022 by [InterNations](https://www.internations.org/), the world's largest expat community with over 4.5 million members. Expats' opinions on life abroad in the city are sharply divided, depending on the topic. On the one hand, they love the Quality of Life (7th) in Vienna, especially the public transportation network, the healthcare system, and the city's environment. They also appreciate its affordability, with Vienna coming ninth for Personal Finance. On the other hand, Vienna receives the worst results worldwide in the Ease of Settling In Index (50th) and only has a mediocre performance for Working Abroad (26th) and Expat Essentials (28th).



The [Expat City Ranking](#) is based on the annual *Expat Insider* survey by InterNations. It is one of the most extensive surveys about living and working abroad, with 11,970 respondents in 2022. A total of 50 cities around the globe are featured this year, offering in-depth information about five areas of expat life: Quality of Life, Ease of Settling In, Working Abroad, Personal Finance, and the new Expat Essentials Index, which covers digital life, admin topics, housing, and language.

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In the Expat City Ranking 2022, Vienna lands in an average 27th place out of 50. On the plus side, it ranks in the top 10 of the **Quality of Life Index** (7th), mainly due to Travel & Transit (1st) and Health & Well-Being (2nd). Expats in Vienna describe public transportation as easily available (97% happy vs. 73% globally) and affordable (90% vs. 70% globally). Both the availability (3rd) and the affordability (4th) of healthcare, as well as its quality (9th), receive great results too. Vienna also offers the respondents a pleasant urban environment (86% happy vs. 67% globally) and various “green” goods and services (83% vs. 64% globally). *“I like the huge variety of things to do and the ability to get around with public transportation,”* says a US American expat. Even so, Vienna is not that expensive, ranking ninth in the **Personal Finance Index**: 54% rate the cost of living positively (vs. 45% globally).

However, the **Ease of Settling In Index** (50th) is a major drawback. Here, Vienna is the worst-rated city worldwide, also coming in last place for Local Friendliness (50th). Expats describe the local residents as unfriendly in general (43% unhappy vs. 17% globally) and towards foreign residents in particular (46% vs. 18% globally). Moreover, 54% have a hard time making local friends (vs. 37% globally). Another 32% do not feel welcome in Vienna (vs. 16% globally) — the city ranks last for this factor as well. *“I really dislike the grumpiness and the unfriendliness,”* an expat from Sweden shares.

In the other indices, Vienna has a fairly average performance, with some top results balancing out a few subpar ones. In the **Working Abroad Index** (26th), 68% of expats consider their job secure (vs. 59% globally), while 66% view their work-life balance favorably (vs. 62% globally). Still, 23% are unhappy with their career opportunities (vs. 22% globally), and 35% think the business culture does not encourage creativity (vs. 26% globally).

When it comes to **Expat Essentials** (28th), housing in Vienna is considered easy to afford (9th). Moreover, 79% of expats find it easy to open a local bank account in Vienna (vs. 64% globally). But it was not that simple to get a visa to move there (38th), and the city lags behind for cashless payment options (42nd).

You can find out more about the 50 cities featured in the Expat City Ranking in the full report as well as in the press release about the best and worst destinations worldwide (both available under “Downloads” in the email).

About the Expat City Ranking 2022

The [Expat City Ranking](#) is based on the annual *Expat Insider* survey by InterNations. For the survey, InterNations asked 11,970 expats representing 177 nationalities and living in 181 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 up to 56 different aspects of urban life abroad on a scale of one to seven. The rating process emphasized their personal satisfaction with these aspects, considering both emotional topics and more factual aspects with equal weight. The individual factors were then bundled in various combinations for a total of 16 subcategories, and their mean values were used to draw up five topical indices: Quality of Life, Ease of Settling In, Working Abroad, Personal Finance, and Expat Essentials. These were further averaged — together with the responses to the question “All things considered, how happy are you with your life abroad in general?” — to create the Expat City Ranking. In 2022, the top 10 cities for expats are Valencia (1st), Dubai, Mexico City, Lisbon, Madrid, Bangkok, Basel, Melbourne, Abu Dhabi, and Singapore (10th).

For a city to be featured in the Expat City Ranking 2022, a sample size of at least 50 survey participants per destination was required. In total, 50 cities met this requirement.

About InterNations

With more than 4.5 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 WORKSE, a group of brands that offer products and services for a better working life.

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