

Vienna Ranked World's Most Livable City

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. Rank /ræŋk/ (Verb) to be or put someone or something on a list that shows how good, important, etc. they are
Example: Novak Djokovic /now·vak jow·kuh·vuhch/ is ranked as the world number one by the Association of Tennis Professionals.
2. Quality /'kwɑ:lɪti/ (Noun) how good or bad something is, usually compared to other things
Example: Volkswagen /Vowlk·swa·gn/ makes cars that are very high quality.
3. Condition /kən'dɪʃən/ (Noun) the circumstances in which people live, work, etc.
Example: Working conditions at my office are quite stressful.
4. Category /'kætəgəʊri:/ (Noun) a division or group of people or things that have particular features in common
Example: The competition has separate categories for professional and amateur photographers.
5. Stability /stə'bɪlɪti/ (Noun) the state of not changing or being unlikely to change
Example: There are growing concerns over the stability of the euro against other major currencies.
6. Infrastructure /ˌɪnfə'strʌktʃər/ (Noun) basic structures such as roads, communication networks, power grids, etc. that a place needs to function
Example: The government has invested millions of dollars into improving public transport infrastructure.



Vienna has been named the world's most livable city according to the Global Livability Index 2022. Published by The Economist Intelligence Unit, the list **ranked** 172 cities based on the **quality** of their living **conditions**. Locations were compared across five **categories**: stability,

health care, culture and environment, education, and infrastructure. Each city got a score between one and 100 in each category. The list also looked at the impact of COVID-19.

Austria's capital Vienna took first place — as it did in 2018 and 2019 — with perfect scores in **stability**, health care, education and **infrastructure**. Vienna had fallen to 12th place in 2021 because of its COVID-19 restrictions. After Vienna was Copenhagen, Denmark, which had a lower score for health care. Switzerland's Zurich shared third place with Canada's Calgary. Of the 11 top-ranked cities, three were in Canada and two were in Switzerland. More than half of the top cities were in Europe.

Thirty-three new cities were added to the list this year, with the highest-ranked new city being Rotterdam in the Netherlands, at 28. Eleven of the new cities were in China, with Beijing ranking 71st. Ending COVID-19 restrictions led to Germany's Frankfurt, Hamburg and Dusseldorf having the biggest rank increases compared to 2021. New Zealand's Auckland and Wellington were slower to end restrictions, however, and had the biggest drops, with Auckland falling 46 places and Wellington falling 33. As in previous years, Syria's capital Damascus was the least livable city. The second and third least livable cities were Lagos in Nigeria and Tripoli in Libya.

DISCUSSION

1. What are your thoughts on the Global Livability Index 2022?
2. Which of the cities in the top 10 would you like to live in?
3. In your opinion, what are the most livable cities in your country?
4. How many towns and cities have you lived in? Which did you like best?
5. What do you think could be done to make your town or city more livable?