

## Vienna tops the 2024 Global Liveability Index

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Vienna has been named as the world's most liveable city. It is the third year running the Austrian capital has won this accolade. The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) released its annual Global Liveability Index earlier this week. The Index ranked 173 cities worldwide on a number of factors that affect quality of life. These include culture and environment, education, healthcare, infrastructure, and stability. Vienna was awarded "perfect" scores in all but one of the five categories. It failed to scoop maximum points for culture, "owing to a lack of major sporting events". Vienna's two million residents are blessed with stunning architecture and a rich musical legacy.

The EIU said the average score for liveability in cities around the globe rose "fractionally over the past year". It cautioned that "risks to stability remain". It said: "Tensions around the world could see a deterioration in the Index in coming years. Since we conducted our survey, there have been more instances of civil unrest and demonstrations around the world, suggesting continuing stress on liveability, that is unlikely to ease in the near future." The CNBC website said: "The stability category recorded the biggest decline out of all five categories this year, held back by geopolitical conflict, civil unrest, as well as the ongoing housing crisis and crime seen across many cities."

Sources: [eiu.com](https://www.eiu.com) / [cnbc.com](https://www.cnbc.com) / [forbes.com](https://www.forbes.com)

### Writing

My city or town is the best in the world. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Vienna / capital city / accolade / quality of life / infrastructure / stability / architecture average score / tensions / the globe / in coming years / civil unrest / decline / crime

### True / False

- 1) Vienna has been the most liveable city for four years in a row. T / F
- 2) The Global Liveability Index looks at 137 cities. T / F
- 3) There was just one category in which Vienna did not get a perfect score. T / F
- 4) The article says Vienna will help aspiring architects and musicians. T / F
- 5) The average liveability index rose significantly last year. T / F
- 6) The Index could see a fall in its numbers in the years ahead. T / F
- 7) The stability category fared worse than the other categories. T / F
- 8) The article says there has been less geopolitical unrest recently. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>running</b>        | a. protests   |
| 2. <b>accolade</b>       | b. published  |
| 3. <b>released</b>       | c. lucky      |
| 4. <b>lack</b>           | d. continuous |
| 5. <b>blessed</b>        | e. award      |
| 6. <b>deterioration</b>  | f. die down   |
| 7. <b>demonstrations</b> | g. absence    |
| 8. <b>ease</b>           | h. war        |
| 9. <b>conflict</b>       | i. in a row   |
| 10. <b>ongoing</b>       | j. worsening  |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) How stable is it where you live?
- c) What tensions exist in your city?
- d) Have you ever experienced instances of civil unrest?
- e) How has geopolitical conflict affected you?
- f) Do you ever worry about being a victim of crime?
- g) How liveable is your city?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the Index compilers?

## Phrase Match

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|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. Vienna has been named as the world's | a. in the Index               |
| 2. It is the third year                 | b. one of the five categories |
| 3. a number of factors that             | c. musical legacy             |
| 4. "perfect" scores in all but          | d. in the near future         |
| 5. stunning architecture and a rich     | e. running                    |
| 6. rose fractionally                    | f. unrest                     |
| 7. see a deterioration                  | g. over the past year         |
| 8. civil unrest and demonstrations      | h. most liveable city         |
| 9. unlikely to ease                     | i. around the world           |
| 10. civil                               | j. affect quality of life     |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about Vienna?
- What do you think of the cities in your country?
- What's the point of a Global Liveability Index?
- What are your favourite cities in the world?
- How is your city for culture and the environment?
- Would you like to live in your city forever?
- How could your city be improved?
- Is it time for people to leave cities and live in the countryside?

## Spelling

- the Austrian capital has won this aceocdal
- arcotsf that affect quality of life
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- held back by leopiatilgoc conflict

### Answers – Synonym Match

1. i	2. e	3. b	4. g	5. c
6. j	7. a	8. f	9. h	10. d

## Role Play

### Role A – Vienna

You think Vienna is the best city to live in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their city isn't as liveable. Also, tell the others which is the least liveable of these (and why): Sydney, Cairo or Tokyo.

### Role B – Sydney

You think Sydney is the best city to live in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their city isn't as liveable. Also, tell the others which is the least liveable of these (and why): Vienna, Cairo or Tokyo.

### Role C – Cairo

You think Cairo is the best city to live in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their city isn't as liveable. Also, tell the others which is the least liveable of these (and why): Sydney, Vienna or Tokyo.

### Role D – Tokyo

You think Tokyo is the best city to live in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their city isn't as liveable. Also, tell the others which is the least liveable of these (and why): Sydney, Cairo or Vienna.

## Speaking – Best City

Rank these with your partner. Put the best cities at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|-------------|------------------|
| • Vienna    | • Cairo          |
| • New Delhi | • Rio de Janeiro |
| • Sydney    | • Tokyo          |
| • London    | • New York       |

### Answers – True False

1	F	2	F	3	T	4	F	5	F	6	T	7	T	8	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.