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- The new strawberry mania
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Urban outposts that have it licked

QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY 2022: the world's best cities, ranked



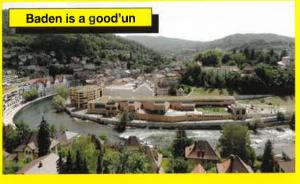




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The urbanists, mayors and mavericks creating fine cities (and dreaming of future ones). Cultural hits to make your summer sing. The looks to take you from lounger to dinner. PLUS: how to dive, learn a party trick and master the cocktail shaker.









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POSITION LAST YEAR



Vienna

The well-connected capital.

Vienna had a rotten pandemic. It didn't help itself with hair-trigger lockdowns that felt harsh and out of step with the rest of Europe. That said, Austria supported the health of its citizens and its businesses admirably. As such, most of its independent restaurants, shops and hotels survived to trade another day.

As the sun returns, there's plenty to see and do from a world-leading line-up of 100 museums, places to swim, eat and drink – and some new overnighters too. Openings include Hotel Gilbert by Austrian architecture firm BWM, Hotel Motto (an offshoot of the restaurant of the same name) and a new Rosewood property.

About one in four houses is still owned by the municipality, making Vienna one of Europe's biggest landlords and living here affordable. Costs are rising but from a low base.

The city has added to housing in the central 2nd district and created the new U5 subway line; plus, its cycling network of more than 1,650km is growing constantly. Vienna is an easy city to saunter around and between the U-Bahn and trams, the average length of a city commute is an enviable 26 minutes. Getting fresh air is easy too, with immaculate green spaces, such as the Volksgarten and Stadtpark, and the chance to splash out in the Alte Donau or take a short drive to the forested Wienerwald. Meanwhile ÖBB's investment in overnight rail is quietly adding to the allure of this already well-connected city. - AKO

Adopt: A kinder, less bureaucratic stance to refugees fleeing Ukraine.

Drop: Limited Sunday opening hours. It's an easy economic win.

Population: 1,920,949 (city), 3,700,000 (metropolitan area).

Average monthly cost of renting a one-bedroom flat: €873.

Crime rate at its lowest for: 20 years.

Number of international destinations from main airport: 217.

Number of trees: About 500,000.







