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These are the world's most expensive cities

EIU's cost-of-living index shows where prices are highest

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Dictionary. The latest [Worldwide Cost of Living](#) survey by EIU, our sister company, confirms that inflation remains high worldwide: the prices of 200 products and services that it tracks rose by an average of 7.4% over the past year.

Most expensive		Least expensive	
1= Zurich	104	173 Damascus	13
1= Singapore	104	172 Tehran	20
3= Geneva	100	171 Tripoli	23
3= New York	100	170 Karachi	28
5 Hong Kong	98	169 Tashkent	31
6 Los Angeles	97	168 Tunis	32
7 Paris	91	167 Lusaka	33
8= Tel Aviv	89	166 Ahmedabad	34
8= Copenhagen	89	165 Lagos	35
10 San Francisco	86	163= Buenos Aires	37
		163= Chennai	37

Source: EIU

Tied in first place this year were [Singapore](#) and Zurich. Singapore is no stranger to the top spot: it has ranked as the priciest place to live in nine of the past 11 years. Groceries, alcohol and clothing in the international business hub can cost a small fortune. The cost of a certificate needed to own a car (which the government wants to discourage) recently topped \$106,000. Zurich, meanwhile, jumped five places from last year.

7% against the dollar. [North American cities](#) dropped in the ranking this year: New York, last year's joint most-expensive city with Singapore, fell to third place.

The three biggest climbers were Santiago de Querétaro and Aguascalientes in Mexico, and Costa Rica's capital, San José. Beijing was one of four Chinese cities among the ten biggest decliners in the ranking. That reflects the depreciation of the renminbi and the faltering of [China's recovery](#) from the pandemic. Moscow and St Petersburg fell furthest, plummeting by 105 places to 142nd and by 74 places to 147th, respectively. The [rouble collapsed](#) against the dollar because of Western sanctions on Russian oil and high levels of military spending.