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Digital Nomad Cities Report

2026 Edition

An annual ranking of the most attractive destinations for remote workers, based on cost, infrastructure, and quality-of-life indicators.

10

CITIES ANALYZED

22

INDICATORS

2026

DATA VINTAGE

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ABOUT THIS REPORT

Methodology & scope

This report ranks 10 globally significant destinations for remote workers using a composite score across four dimensions. The underlying dataset covers 50 cities tracked quarterly by Living Cost Atlas Research.

**Nomad Score**

Weighted composite of affordability, infrastructure, safety, and quality of life (0-100).

**Monthly Budget**

Realistic single-person estimate: rent (center), food, transport, and coworking.

**WiFi Speed**

Average download speed in Mbps. Above 50 Mbps is sufficient for video calls.

**Safety Index**

Crime perception and statistical safety score (higher = safer).

Deeper city-level analysis

Each city covered in this report also has a dedicated 22-page Living Cost Atlas dossier with neighborhood analysis, visa and tax guides, three budget profiles, risk factors, and peer city comparisons. Available at livingcostatlas.com/ebooks.

RESULTS · TIER 1

Leading destinations

Cities ranked 1 to 5 by composite Nomad Score.

#1	Tokyo Japan	TIER 1	84 NOMAD SCORE	¥5 650 MONTHLY BUDGET	250 WIFI MBPS	95 SAFETY /100	Ultra-modern city blending tradition and innovation.
#2	Berlin Germany	TIER 1	82 NOMAD SCORE	€4 536 MONTHLY BUDGET	150 WIFI MBPS	80 SAFETY /100	Creative European capital with thriving startup scene.
#3	Lisbon Portugal	TIER 1	81 NOMAD SCORE	€3 690 MONTHLY BUDGET	120 WIFI MBPS	85 SAFETY /100	Europe's digital nomad capital with Mediterranean lifestyle.
#4	Prague Czech Republic	TIER 1	81 NOMAD SCORE	K 3 675 MONTHLY BUDGET	180 WIFI MBPS	85 SAFETY /100	Fairytale European capital with strong affordability.

#5

Barcelona

Spain

TIER 2

79

NOMAD SCORE

€5 285

MONTHLY BUDGET

140

WIFI MBPS

75

SAFETY /100

Mediterranean tech hub combining beach and business.

RESULTS · TIER 2

Strong secondary markets

Cities ranked 6 to 10 -- notable value or distinct strategic advantages.

#6	Bangkok Thailand	TIER 2	73 NOMAD SCORE	2 475 MONTHLY BUDGET	120 WIFI MBPS	70 SAFETY /100	Vibrant metropolis offering strong value for remote workers.
#7	Chiang Mai Thailand	TIER 3	67 NOMAD SCORE	1 630 MONTHLY BUDGET	90 WIFI MBPS	85 SAFETY /100	Original digital nomad hub with unbeatable value.
#8	Mexico City Mexico	TIER 3	66 NOMAD SCORE	\$2 900 MONTHLY BUDGET	100 WIFI MBPS	55 SAFETY /100	Massive metropolis with rich culture and strong affordability.
#9	Medellín Colombia	TIER 3	64 NOMAD SCORE	\$2 430 MONTHLY BUDGET	100 WIFI MBPS	60 SAFETY /100	City of eternal spring with growing remote worker scene.

#10 **Bali**
Indonesia

TIER 3

63

NOMAD SCORE

Rp2 150

MONTHLY BUDGET

80

WIFI MBPS

75

SAFETY /100

Tropical paradise with strong nomad community.

SUMMARY

Comparative overview

Consolidated view of the ten cities covered in this report.

Rank	City	Nomad Score	Monthly	WiFi	Safety
1	Tokyo Japan	84	¥5 650	250 Mbps	95/100
2	Berlin Germany	82	€4 536	150 Mbps	80/100
3	Lisbon Portugal	81	€3 690	120 Mbps	85/100
4	Prague Czech Republic	81	K 3 675	180 Mbps	85/100
5	Barcelona Spain	79	€5 285	140 Mbps	75/100
6	Bangkok Thailand	73	2 475	120 Mbps	70/100
7	Chiang Mai Thailand	67	1 630	90 Mbps	85/100
8	Mexico City Mexico	66	\$2 900	100 Mbps	55/100
9	Medell n Colombia	64	\$2 430	100 Mbps	60/100
10	Bali Indonesia	63	Rp2 150	80 Mbps	75/100

Methodology

The Nomad Score combines affordability (30%), infrastructure (20%), safety (15%), quality of life (20%), and economic stability (15%). Monthly budget assumes rent in the city center, standard restaurant meals, daily transport, and a coworking subscription.

FURTHER READING

City-level dossiers

Each destination covered in this report is available as a dedicated 22-page dossier covering neighborhoods, visas, taxes, detailed budgets, and risk factors.

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Pages per city

3

Budget profiles

5

Neighborhoods analyzed

50+

Data indicators

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