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Quality of Life



Sydney is a global, cosmopolitan city that boasts an enviable quality of life. Sydney was ranked 10th out of 215 cities by the *2008 Mercer Worldwide Quality of Living Survey*. Cities in this survey are graded against 39 key quality of living criteria ranging from political to social and environmental factors. Sydney ranks above almost all other Asia Pacific cities and ahead of all the other Australian capital cities.

Australia was also ranked first in the Asia Pacific and third in the world for quality of life by the *IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2008*.

In addition to being the business gateway to Australia, Sydney is a dynamic and sophisticated city. Sydney is a leading fashion, food, sports, arts and cultural centre. In 2008, Sydney ranked as the seventh top fashion city in the world according to the *Global Language Monitor's Annual Global Survey*. Sydney was the only Australian city to feature in the top 10, moving up five spots from the previous year's rankings.

Sydney and regional New South Wales are great locations for businesses and expatriate staff, offering political stability, access to key amenities, as well as high levels of safety and health care.

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Country (a)	World Ranking	Index (2)	City (b)	World ranking (3)	Index
Australia	3	9.28	Sydney	10	106.3
New Zealand	10	8.91	Auckland	4	107.4
Germany	11	8.89	Frankfurt	8	106.8
Singapore	12	8.89	Singapore	26	103.5
United States	14	8.53	New York	49	100.0
France	16	8.17	Paris	33	102.9
Malaysia	20	7.43	Kuala Lumpur	75	90.4
United Kingdom	21	7.16	London	=38	101.6
Japan	23	6.90	Tokyo	35	102.2
Hong Kong	27	6.59	Hong Kong	70	94.4
Korea	31	6.18	Seoul	83	87.2
Thailand	33	5.93	Bangkok	120	73.8
Taiwan	34	5.84	Taipei	86	86.8
India	37	5.27	Mumbai	148	62.5
Philippines	43	4.81	Manila	131	70.7
China	45	4.72	Beijing	113	74.9
Indonesia	50	4.26	Jakarta	140	64.9

Footnotes:  
 1 0 = low quality of life, 10 = high quality of life, *The IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook, 2008*.  
 2 The Mercer Quality of Life Index is derived from 39 key quality of living determinants, weighted and grouped in the categories of political and social environment, economic environment, socio-cultural environment, health and sanitation, schools and education, public services and transport, recreation, consumer goods, housing, and natural environment. Cities are ranked against New York as the base city, which has an index score of 100