

Chapter 7

The List of the 200 Countries in the World for Survivability

This is THE list for every country in the world based upon our 100 Survival Categories.

The numbers in parenthesis are the points the country received in our 100 survival categories. We only include the survival numbers of our top 20 Survival Countries.

We include comments with some of the lower rated countries to clarify why they did not do better in the rankings. We also include some comments about popular expat countries. These countries are receiving a flood of American expats, but those people are moving for different reasons than survival – usually it is retirees that are looking for a “tropical” paradise.

As thoroughly explained in our most important report titled “The IDEAL Place to Survive – THE TEN CRITICAL Survival Categories”, many countries that are popular with American expats are nothing more than death traps due to a plethora of reasons.

THE TOP FIVE

#1	Uruguay	657
#2	Chile	654
#3	Costa Rica	643
#4	Argentina	623
#5	Ecuador	618

The Top 20

#6	New Zealand	617
#7	Brazil	611
#8	Peru	595
#8	Australia	595
#10	Paraguay	580
#11	Bolivia	580
#12	Panama	575
#13	Belize	570
#14	Colombia	570
#15	Venezuela	570

#16	Trinidad & Tobago	565
#17	Mauritius	560
#18	Nicaragua	560
#19	Italy	560
#20	Madagascar	555

#21	Switzerland (One of the most expensive country, as well as one of the most difficult to get into. The lifestyle is upscale, but is short on safe haven qualities.)
#22	Tonga (Monarchy in South Pacific, English speaking, has potential. No energy source, need to import some food.)
#23	Dominica (Small, but beautiful mountainous island. Has potential as a safe haven. Hurricanes.)
#24	Norway (Extremely expensive. Possibly the most solid 1st World nation on earth.)
#25	South Africa (Beautiful and 1st world, but rapidly deteriorating.)
#26	Ireland (Thought by many to be the best expat European country. The weather a bit dreary.)
#27	Iceland (A Lutheran country. Spectacular country. Volcanoes. Weather is cool. Economic troubles.)
#28	Grenada (Off Venezuelan coast, somewhat less hurricane threat, poor infrastructure, small island.)
#29	Andorra (Like Switzerland in many ways. VERY small country. VERY expensive.)
#30	Liechtenstein (Very small country and VERY European. Banking haven. Beautiful.)
#31	Honduras (Hurricanes, crime, unemployment, political corruption, poor infrastructure.)
#32	Antigua & Barbuda (VERY small islands, no natural resources, solely tourist islands.)
#33	Thailand (Has some good qualities, but its negatives keep it out of the top 25.)
#34	Austria (Typical European country, with horrible population density.)
#35	Barbados (English speaking, modern, beautiful. VERY small island, hurricanes, need to import goods.)
#36	Surinam (Dutch speaking country of South America. Has little potential.)
#37	Finland (Horrible taxes, extreme weather – COLD, bizarre government, economic instability.)

#38	Sweden (EXPENSIVE! Member of the EU, socialist welfare state, very 1st world, weather is COLD.)
#39	French Guiana (Borders Brazil and Suriname. 90% rain forest. VERY little population.)
#40	Aruba (Used to be in the top 20. Dutch. Dense population. Hurricane threat. No mountains. Drug trafficking.)
#41	Greece (2,000 islands along with the mainland that borders former Yugoslavia. Pros and Cons.)
#42	France (Very sophisticated and extremely expensive country. Low on overall survivability.)
#43	Puerto Rico (The US “colony” is too closely connected with the US. Daily earthquakes.)
#44	Spain (Gorgeous country. Unstable politically. Expensive. Severe Drought.)
#45	Portugal (Population density isn’t as bad as most European countries, beautiful, great climate.)
#46	Guyana (Borders Venezuela, Brazil, and Suriname. Racial tensions. 3rd World. HOT and humid.)
#47	Nevis & St. Kitts (Hurricane prone, no energy resources, but beautiful islands.)
#48	Slovakia * (Moving up in the rankings, has potential. Heavy snowfall in winter.)
#49	Malta (English, EXTREME population density, low crime. NO WATER! Imports.)
#50	Fiji (Ethnic tensions have caused the educated professionals to flee. HAD potential, but strife/coup is bad.)
#51	Hungary * (Cold, cloudy, wet, windy winters. Joined EU in 2004. Energy deficient.)
#52	Czech Republic * (Improving, but it is still Europe. Population density bad. Has some potential.)
#53	Denmark (VERY EXPENSIVE, the flattest country in the world, damp climate.)
#54	Luxembourg (Banking center, which is most of the economy, very EUish, very Catholic.)
#55	Guatemala (Horrible earthquakes/volcanoes. Disease. Hurricanes. Violent crime. Extreme poverty.)
#56	Belgium (Horrible population density. Heart of the Beast, the EU.)
#57	United Kingdom (Extremely over populated. 100,000’s of the best & brightest flee the UK every year.)

#58	Lithuania (Still a bit too Russian leaning. Very low lying, no mountains. Cold.)
#59	Croatia/Slovenia (Dalmatia is beautiful. Catholics kicked out Orthodox Christians, war damage huge, ethnic problems)
#60	Romania (Ethnic tensions, pros and cons, leans communistic.)
#61	Martinique (French island suffers horrible natural disasters, Pelee volcano, hurricanes, etc.)
#62	Bermuda (British islands, very low in elevation, very little food production, expensive!)
#63	Cyprus (Off the coast of Turkey and Syria. Ongoing Turk-Cypriot war. HOT and DRY.)
#64	Netherlands (Welfare state, aged population, high drug use, New World Order country.)
#65	Germany (Strong police/military state, pro-EU, high unemployment, too globalist.)
#66	Cayman Islands (British islands south of Cuba, expensive, tourism & offshore finance rules.)
#67	El Salvador (Devastating earthquakes, crime, dense population, horrible heat, infrastructure, civil war)
#68	Canada * (Very rural areas with covenant communities may survive.)
#69	Botswana (The highest ranked African country outside of South Africa, Mauritius, and Madagascar.)
#70	Mexico * (Small enclaves of US expats <u>may</u> survive the next 10-15 years. To us, it isn't worth the risk.)
#71	St. Lucia
#72	Turks& Caicos *
#73	St. Vincent & The Grenadines
#74	British Virgin Islands
#75	Guadeloupe
#76	Norfolk Island (An Australian territory, very tiny island, with less than 2,000 people.)
#77	Latvia

#78	Anguilla
#79	Estonia
#80	Poland
#81	Bahamas (700 islands, British controlled, relies upon US tourism, hurricanes, <1% arable land)
#82	French Polynesia (150 small islands/atolls scattered over a million square miles, not self sufficient)
#83	Dominican Republic (Eastern half of Hispaniola, hurricanes, Spanish, narcotics, illegal Haitian immigrants, disease)
#84	Montserrat (Sadly, the Soufriere volcano has destroyed the country. It once was a beautiful Caribbean island.)
#85	Bosnia-Herzegovina
#86	Taiwan
#87	Jamaica
#88	Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro)
#89	South Korea
#90	Bulgaria
#91	United States
#92	Japan
#93	Seychelles (Catholic, English/French islands, beautiful, total food imports, corruption, dependent on tourism)
#94	Papua New Guinea
#95	Cuba (Actually has some good things going for it, but until the Communists are out of power....)
#96	Albania (70% Sunni Muslim, worst polluted European country...)
#97	Macedonia

#98	Armenia
#99	Jordan
#100	Palau (Has some potential, but dependent on imports, US controlled, typhoons, totally dependent on foreign aid)

The Worst 100 Overall Countries in the World

#101	Samoa
#102	Monaco
#103	Moldova
#104	Turkey
#105	Singapore (Yes, Jim Rogers lives here. But one small mistake and you can be “caned” (whipped with a cane.)
#106	Namibia
#107	Nauru
#108	Malaysia
#109	Georgia
#110	Kiribati
#111	Ukraine
#112	Tunisia
#113	Belarus
#114	Micronesia (Lacks water, food, and basic resources.)
#115	Lebanon
#116	Kenya
#117	Ghana
#118	Morocco (Some expats on the Mediterranean Sea, but problems abound: 99% Sunni Muslim, Islamic military threat..)
#119	Bhutan
#120	Sri Lanka
#121	India (Slid recently with its attacks in Mumbai)
#122	Mongolia
#123	Lesotho
#124	Senegal
#125	Swaziland
#126	Zambia
#127	Bahrain
#128	Vanuatu (Has some expats, but has to import most of its food, has cyclones.)
#129	Comoros

#130	Equatorial Guinea
#131	Tanzania
#132	Benin
#133	Cape Verde (Would be great if they had water. A desalination plant or water source might bring them into the top 75.)
#134	Marshall Islands (Atolls, not really islands, at or near sea level, no resources...)
#135	Russia
#136	Tuvalu
#137	Vietnam
#138	Nepal
#139	Egypt
#140	Solomon Islands
#141	Maldives (1,200 islands that are no more than 5 feet above sea level, an Islamic sultanate...)
#142	Philippines (Volcanoes, earthquakes, heat & humidity, sex tourism, political corruption, kidnappings,)
#143	Brunei
#144	China
#145	Malawi
#146	Azerbaijan
#147	Syria
#148	Qatar
#149	Israel (Chronic war, horrible oppression of Christians, massive political corruption, military...)
#150	Kyrgyzstan
#151	Algeria
#152	Kazakhstan
#153	Kuwait
#154	Uzbekistan
#155	Indonesia
#156	United Arab Emirates
#157	Gambia
#158	Mali
#159	Togo
#160	Gabon
#161	Oman
#162	Burkina Faso
#163	Cambodia
#164	Turkmenistan
#165	Mauritania
#166	Tajikistan

#167	Niger
#168	Myanmar (formerly Burma)
#169	Nigeria
#170	Burundi
#171	Rwanda
#172	Bangladesh
#173	Guinea Bissau
#174	Laos
#175	Cameroon

Here is the Bottom of the Barrel. The worst 25 countries in the world. They are horrible to live in **now**, and will only get worse. No one in their right mind would look at any of these countries to immigrate to.

#176	Cote d'Ivoire
#177	Guinea
#178	Haiti
#179	Libya
#180	Uganda
#181	Pakistan
#182	Central African Republic
#183	Congo
#184	Eritrea
#185	Djibouti
#186	Saudi Arabia
#187	North Korea
#188	Liberia
#189	Chad
#190	Sierra Leone
#191	Yemen
#192	Afghanistan
#193	Somalia
#194	Sudan
#195	Iran
#196	Angola
#197	Ethiopia
#198	Iraq
#199	Mozambique
#200	Zimbabwe