

# Chapter 8

## The Best of Series

Here is our “THE BEST OF” series. We take subjects that you might think are more important than others, wanting them to be weighed heavy against all the other categories, and come up with the best of that subject. Keep in mind; these are taken from our top 25 countries from the overall rating system. Because many would not want to include the 11<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> best countries (safe havens) and only stay with the top ten, after each listing in our “The Best Of” series we include a listing of only the top four in that category using only our top ten countries.

Why do we not consider all 200 countries in our “The Best Of” series? The whole purpose of this site is to provide pertinent and factual information on where to survive the next 5 to 15 years. It is not information on the most beautiful country in the world, (Switzerland, Costa Rica, or New Zealand), the cheapest (Afghanistan), the most sophisticated (France), or the most expensive (Norway).

Therefore, we take *viable* countries, which, based upon our 100 category rating system came out to be the BEST 25 SURVIVAL countries in the world, using them to compare against each other, to present to you “The Best Of”.

Here are the Top 25 Survival Countries, based upon our 100 category rating system. These are the only countries that we include in our “Best Of” series.

#1	<b>Uruguay</b>	657 points	TREND: <b>Level</b>
#2	<b>Chile</b>	654 points	TREND: <b>Upward</b>
#3	<b>Costa Rica</b>	643 Points	TREND: <b>Upward</b>
#4	<b>Argentina</b>	623 points	TREND: <b>Down</b>
#5	<b>Ecuador</b>	618 points	TREND: <b>Level</b>
#6	<b>New Zealand</b>	617 points	TREND: <b>Upward</b>
#7	<b>Brazil</b>	611 points	TREND: <b>Down</b>
#8	Peru	595 points	TREND: <b>Upward</b>
#8	Australia	595 points	TREND: <b>Upward</b>
#10	Paraguay	580 points	TREND: <b>Level</b>
#11	Bolivia	580 points	TREND: <b>Level</b>
#12	Panama	575 points	TREND: <b>Upward</b>
#13	Belize	570 points	TREND: <b>Down</b>
#14	Colombia	570 points	TREND: <b>Level</b>
#15	Venezuela	570 points	TREND: <b>Upward</b>
#16	Trinidad & Tobago	565 points	TREND: <b>Down</b>
#17	Mauritus	560 points	TREND: <b>Down</b>
#18	Nicaragua	560 points	TREND: <b>Down</b>

#19	Italy	560 points	TREND: Level
#20	Madagascar	555 points	TREND: Level
#21	Switzerland	540 points	TREND: Level
#22	Tonga	530 points	TREND: Level
#23	Dominica	530 Points	TREND: Level
#24	Norway	525 points	TREND: Upward
#25	South Africa	515 points	TREND: Down

## CHEAPEST VIABLE COUNTRIES

### WHEN LIMITED FINANCES ARE EVERYTHING

If you are limited on funds, here are your best countries to check out, listed in order of least expensive living and immigration costs. We do NOT take into consideration what you will have to live with (or live without, such as modern conveniences) in these countries. These are ranked **solely upon cost of living**. However, we do provide asterisks to help you ascertain just what you get for your money. Asterisks \* are used to denote just how far your dollar will go. Five asterisks are max, the more asterisks mean you are getting the most for your money.

NOTE: Remember, these top ten “cheapest” viable countries come ONLY from our Overall Top 25 Survivable Countries. There are many other countries in the world that are cheaper, but do not have survivability. For example, Afghanistan is usually considered the “cheapest” country in the world by most authorities on the subject. But who would want to live in Afghanistan? It ranks #192 (out of 200 countries). Also, just because it is “cheap” does not mean there is anything worth *buying*! Most westerners would never consider living in a “typical” Afghanistan home without any or few basic conveniences, no matter how “cheap” it is. Likewise for food, transportation (mule and cart anyone?), and other basics.

### The Best Ten Countries in our Top 25

#1 Ecuador ***	VERY inexpensive and excellent value for the money. 3rd World.
#2 Bolivia	Very cheap, but extremely poor country with few modern conveniences.
#3 Peru*	Fairly good value.
#4 Paraguay	Inexpensive, but very little culture, 3rd world, few expats, just fair value.
#5 Uruguay ***	Relatively inexpensive and excellent value for your money.
#6 Costa Rica *	Resort areas are VERY expensive, but there are “out of the way” areas that are reasonably priced, especially for what you get for the money.
#7 Chile **	Good value
#8 Argentina***	Inflation is bad, but lower 1st World is a big plus.
#9 Panama	Fairly cheap, but hot, humid, and Central America.

#10 Nicaragua	Some expat communities are relatively inexpensive.
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We use several cost of living surveys from government agencies, retirement newsletters, expat websites and blogs, and various other medium (including investigating the countries in person). Somewhat amazingly, in most of these surveys, Argentina ranks as one of the cheapest countries in the world, along with such undesirable 3<sup>rd</sup> World countries as Kazakhstan, Bangladesh, Libya, Iran, India, and Pakistan. Yet Argentina is 1<sup>st</sup> World and one of the most desirable countries in the world. This is why Argentina received 5 asterisks

### LOWEST POPULATION DENSITY

#### ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SURVIVAL CATEGORIES

Here is the entire list of our top 25 countries (plus a few more worth looking at) and their statistics for population density. Remember that population density directly affects the ability for you to survive the next 5-15 years in nearly every way.

Asterisks are given on the basis for true population density and viable land use. Example: Australia has 22 million people living in an area of 7.7 million square kilometers. Even though Australia is our #1 least populated country, (with 3 people per square kilometer), 80% of Australia is virtually **uninhabitable**. The *true* population density of viable land therefore skyrockets to over 54 people per square kilometer (PPSK). Australia therefore does not get any asterisks.

On the other hand, let's look at New Zealand. There are mountains (called the Southern Alps) on the South Island. Yet much of New Zealand is uninhabited land (lots of sheep though!) Many more people could move to New Zealand and it would NOT seem crowded at all. Therefore New Zealand gets two \*\* astericks, because its land is viable.

These are ranked according to the population density, PPSK (People Per Square Kilometer). The ranking of our countries from #1 to #25 are placed in parenthesis after the name of the country. As an example: Australia is the #1 lowest population density country, but it is ranked eighth (#8) on our OVERALL Top 25 Countries to survive the next 5-15 years.

NOTE: To determine how many people per square mile, simply multiply the PPSK times 2.6. Example: 12PPSK would be the same as 31 PPSM (people per square

mile).  $12 \times 2.6 = 31.2$

#1	Australia (#8)	3 PPSK	Actual viable land - 54 PPSK (Uninhabitable out-back desert)
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#5	New Zealand (#6)**	14 PPSK	Actual viable land - 17 PPSK (Mountains)
#6	Argentina *** (#4)	15 PPSK	Actual viable land - 17 PPSK (Andes and Southern tip)
#7	Paraguay ** (#10)	16 PPSK	Actual viable land - Actual viable land - 17 PPSK (Mountains)
#8	Uruguay ** (#1)	21 PPSK	Actual viable land - 21 PPSK
#9	Chile (#2)	23 PPSK	Actual viable land – 39 PPSK (Desert north, Andes, southern)
#10	Peru ** (#8)	23 PPSK	Actual viable land - 25 PPSK (Andes)
#11	Brazil (#7)	23 PPSK	Actual viable land - 59 PPSK (Amazonia)
#12	Venezuela (#15)	30 PPSK	Actual viable land – 31 PPSK
#13	Madagascar ** (#20)	33 PPSK	Actual viable land – 39 PPSK (Mountainous highlands)
#14	South Africa (#25)	40 PPSK	Actual viable land – 62 PPSK (Northern desert and warring areas)
#15	Colombia (#14)	41 PPSK	Actual viable land - 47 PPSK (Andes)
#16	Nicaragua (#18)	44 PPSK	Actual viable land - 53 PPSK (Mosquito Coast and mountains.)
#17	Panama (#12)	45 PPSK	Actual viable land - 51 PPSK (Mountains)
#18	Ecuador * (#5)	55 PPSK	Actual viable land - 71 PPSK (Andes and Amazon in the east)
#19	Costa Rica (#3)	89 PPSK	Actual viable land - 91 PPSK (Nearly all viable except near volcanoes)
#20	Dominica (#23)	107 PPSK	Actual viable land – 113 PPSK (Some mountains)

#21	Tonga (#22)	140 PPSK	Actual viable land – 145 PPSK
#22	Switzerland (#21)	179 PPSK	Actual viable land - 261 PPSK (Alps)
#23	Italy (#19)	201 PPSK	Actual viable land - 222 PPSK (Alps)
#24	Trinidad & Tobago (#16)	257 PPSK	Actual viable land - 265 PPSK
#25	Mauritius (#17)	619 PPSK	Actual viable land – 630 PPSK

### **The Best SEVEN Countries of our Top Ten**

#1	Uruguay **	21 PPSK	Actual viable land - 21 PPSK
#2	Chile	23 PPSK	Actual viable land - 39 PPSK
#3	Argentina***	15 PPSK	Actual viable land - 17 PPSK
#4	New Zealand**	14 PPSK	Actual viable land – 17 PPSK
#5	Peru**	23 PPSK	Actual viable land - 25 PPSK
#6	Paraguay**	16 PPSK	Actual viable land - 17 PPSK
#7	Australia	3 PPSK	Actual viable land - 54 PPSK

Chart below shows other country's population density. Their # that is listed is NOT as above (least populated) but is the actual ranking they currently have in our TOP 50 Best Countries to Survive the next 5-15 Years.

#27	Iceland	3 PPSK	Actual viable land – 11 PPSK (Volcanoes, ice sheets, frozen tundra)
#33	Thailand	129 PPSK	Actual viable land – 135 PPSK
#40	Aruba	562 PPSK	Actual viable land - 574 PPSK
#49	Malta	1,301 PPSK	Actual viable land – 1,395 PPSK

NOTE: The US is the third (3rd) most populated nation on earth (behind China's 1.5 billion, and India's 1.2 billion). The continental US has just under 3,000,000 square miles or about 100 people per square mile.

### **BEST VALUE FOR THE MONEY**

## WHEN YOU WANT YOUR MONEY TO GO FAR

The following countries offer you the greatest opportunities to spend your money and feel as though you really “got what you paid for”. To some degree, in all of the countries you can purchase your security and survivability through purchasing a large plot of land (100 acres or more), with ideal weather (warmth, plenty of rain and sunshine to grow food), trustworthy employees that can protect you and your property, purchase everything you need to be off the grid (solar, hydro, wind power, water well, etc.), invest in a viable business, and be protected from harm (government, riots, famine, natural disasters, economic crises...) These countries are not necessarily the most expensive, but best value for every dollar spent. Luxurious living is not considered in this series (see below). However, QUALITY of living IS put into the equation.

Asterisks (\*) are used to denote the best security and survivability you can get for your dollar.

### **The Best Ten Countries in our Top 25**

#1 Chile***	Simply the best country in this category, by a small margin though.
#2 Uruguay ***	\$\$\$ can afford you independence, self sufficiency, and some luxury.
#3 Costa Rica***	Smart expats are living the high life on a budget.
#4 Argentina**	Spend some \$\$\$ on security and you can have a great life.
#5 Ecuador **	Volcanoes and earthquakes are the only thing you can't totally protect against.
#6 Panama*	There are pros and cons. If you like it hot, humid, and steamy, Panama may be it.
#7 New Zealand	Expensive, and can BIG \$\$\$ protect you against the Orwellian society?
#8 Nicaragua	Some nice expat communities for reasonable prices.
#9 Peru	Money can get you most things, but what about the political instability?
#10 Paraguay	Bush and Rev. Moon did it, so can you. But <i>do</i> you want <i>them</i> as neighbors???

### **The Best Four Countries of our Top Ten**

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**THE MOST SURVIVABLE**  
**WHEN STAYING ALIVE IS EVERYTHING**

This best of series is **only based on survivability**. No luxuries, beauty, scenery, culture, entertainment, or “fluff” is considered (though they *may* have them). The availability of security, living off the grid, barter system, plenty of food sources, water, low population density, friendly locals (won't turn you in), no/few problems with property taxes, no wars, riots, or conflicts, little/no government oppression, healthy climate, no/few natural disasters, RFID-less society (no forced credit card/identification system viable), lack of disease and vectors, and all the ‘less’ important survivability issues.

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**The Best Seven Countries in our Top 25**

#1 Costa Rica***	Incredibly peaceful, abundant food & water, sustainable, and a huge expat community to help you through the storms make it #1.
#2 Uruguay***	Just slightly ‘less better’ than Costa Rica.
#3 Argentina***	Best survivable for WW3, famine, and epidemics.
#4 New Zealand *	It is 1st World, but government oppression is a concern.
#5 Bolivia	Earthquakes, locals, riots, and oppressive government are a mild concern.
#6 Ecuador *	If it wasn't for the earthquakes and volcanoes, their ranking would be #2 or #3.
#7 Chile	Earthquakes, volcanoes, drought, population density, locals, monetary system are a concern.

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## **CULTURE & UPSCALE LIFESTYLE**

### **WHEN QUALITY LIVING IS IMPORTANT BEFORE THE COLLAPSE**

This Best Of series helps those that are used to a quality lifestyle and culture, and would like to keep it as long as it is possible. Also, for those who would struggle going from 1<sup>st</sup> World living to 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> World living will find this valuable. Security, cost of living, and survivability are not factored in (though simply because they are in the top 25 countries in the world, they do have security and survivability). NOTE: You are taking a risk on your survivability if you ONLY take into consideration this “Best Of” series. We include it in our “The Best Of” series in order to give you as much valuable information as possible. Most of these countries are viable only if you have lots and lots of money.

### **The Best Ten Countries in our Top 25**

#1 Italy	Without a doubt, the most cultured country in our top 25.
#2 Switzerland	It is expensive, but if you have the money, it is 1 <sup>st</sup> class and 1 <sup>st</sup> world.
#3 Australia tie	Upscale living, many choices, quality living, expensive and far away.
#3 New Zealand tie	1 <sup>st</sup> world all the way, but far away from the US and would take big \$\$\$.
#5 Norway	The most solidly 1 <sup>st</sup> world country on earth. Also the most expensive.
#6 Costa Rica	Luxurious 1 <sup>st</sup> World living at resort areas with lots of expats, and cheaper than the five countries listed ahead of it in this category.
#7 Argentina	Lower end 1st World, but struggling to find its way out of economic hardship.
#8 Chile	Some nice areas around the capital of Santiago and in the resort communities of Patagonia.
#9 Dominica	Beautiful island resorts, continually improving services, but upper 2 <sup>nd</sup> World.
#10 Mauritius	Gorgeous upscale beach resorts, good infrastructure, but VERY crowded.

### **The Best Four Countries of our Top Ten**

- #1 Australia
- #2 New Zealand
- #3 Costa Rica
- #4 Argentina

## **BEAUTY, SCENERY, WEATHER**

## WHEN LIVING IN PARADISE IS IMPORTANT

Want to wake up every morning to jaw dropping scenery? Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but some places are so gorgeous that it makes everyone drool. Weather? Most consider ideal weather as not too hot and not too cold and certainly not humid. But rain is needed to make things green and grow. We take into consideration the variety of landscapes and potential 'national park like' areas that can be visited for vacations or quick getaways. Countries with beautiful beach access, mountains, lush green valleys, great hiking, scuba diving, sailing, jet skiing, snow skiing, water sports, and the like are factored into this Best Of series.

### The Best Ten Countries in our Top 25

#1 New Zealand	No other country in the world has the overall beauty, weather, and paradise feeling.
#2 Australia	80% is the desert interior, but the coastal areas are varied and beautiful.
#3 Costa Rica	Lush green paradise, waterfalls, jaw-dropping green valleys and ideal weather up in the highlands. Many expats rate this #1.
#4 Ecuador	Perfect year around weather, lush valleys, beautiful mountains, gorgeous beaches.
#5 Italy	Tuscany, Capri, the Amalfi coast, the Umbria countryside, Lake Como, the Dolomites!
#6 Brazil	Incredible diversity, rain forests, spectacular beaches, mountains...
#7 Argentina	Very diverse country. The mountains of Patagonia, Iguazu Falls, Mendoza wine country, the Punilla valley of Cordoba, all beautiful.
#8 Madagascar	175,000 species of flora & fauna that exist nowhere else. Beaches & mountains.
#9 South Africa	Beautiful beaches, spectacular mountains, forests, African safaris. But sparse greenery.
#10 Switzerland tie	No beaches, but drop-dead gorgeous lush mountain scenery. Cold winters.
#10 Norway tie	Spectacular fjords, mountains, lush green valleys. Cold dark winters.

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## **THE HEALTHIEST**

### **HEALTHY LIVING & AVOIDING A TOXIC, HARMFUL ENVIRONMENT**

This series helps those that want to know where the best place is to live a natural, toxic & chemical-free, organic lifestyle. We take into consideration the following: A healthy populace. Pollution. Clean water availability. (NOTE: Many 3<sup>rd</sup> world and some 2<sup>nd</sup> world countries have horrible problems with disease due to lack of potable water, proper sewage facilities, and an unhealthy or diseased populace.) Life Expectancy. Availability of natural, organic, food. Availability of health care. Infectious diseases (including those by vectors such as mosquitoes). Fluoridated water (harmful.) GMO crops. Chemtrails. Electro-pollution.

### **The Best Ten Countries in our Top 25**

#1 New Zealand	A very clean, health conscious country all around.
#2 Costa Rica	Rated #1 in the world in most lifestyle categories, including healthy lifestyle, happiest country in the world, sustainable, natural living...
#3 Switzerland	A healthy lifestyle is available. Very clean. But it is Northern Hemisphere!
#4 Dominica	Dominica offers the most “natural” lifestyle of any Caribbean island.
#5 Uruguay	Fairly good in most categories.
#6 Australia	AIDS and some other diseases a problem. Not as educated populace on health issues.
#7 Tonga	The tropical paradise island that isn’t diseased riddled and has a fairly healthy lifestyle.
#8 Chile	Not the best and not the worst. Crowded areas of Santiago a problem. Countryside OK.
#9 Ecuador	Exudes a natural way of life. Disease is a problem. Less disease up in the expat desirable highlands.
#10 Argentina	Lower 1st World yet not improving. Clean water, southern hemisphere, and pulse of life are its best attributes.

### **The Best Four Countries of our Top Ten**

#1 New Zealand	A very clean, health conscious country all around.
#2 Costa Rica	Longer life expectancy than the US, totally natural and healthy lifestyles, one of the cleanest environments in the world...

#3 Uruguay	Fairly good in most healthy categories (except smoking.)
#4 Australia	A laid back, fun-loving country that is 1st World yet has some issues.

## **FREEDOM**

### **WHEN BEING FREE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING**

This Best Of series explores the countries that have the highest Freedom score. This includes little or no government intrusion, at all levels; federal, state, and municipal. We factor in the number of laws the country has and how harshly they are enforced. Civil liberties (freedom of speech, assembly, religion...) are the most important weight in this category. We also take into account the number of lawsuits and how litigious a society the country is. A libertarian political view ranks high (live and let live, “I won’t mess with you and you don’t mess with me”). Freedom of religion, parental rights, rights to make your own decisions in regard to health issues, do with your property whatever you want to do, etc. Finally, we take into consideration the attitude of locals and your neighbors – what chance will they “turn you into authorities” like many of the Germans did to their neighbors who ended up in the concentration camps.

### **The Best Eight Countries in our Top 25**

#1 New Zealand	No doubt here. Nearly always ranked #1 in freedom in the world.
#2 Uruguay	The most free of all the South American countries.
#3 Costa Rica	Friendly people, least corrupt Latin government, no military, welcomes expats, and rated happiest people on earth (for a reason - they’re free.)
#4 Switzerland	Is not very libertarian, but does rate high on the Human Development Index.
#5 Dominica	British common law, government welcomes expats, friendly people, libertarian.
#6 Australia	OK now, but the future is unsure.
#7 Argentina	Freedoms are slowly but surely being taken away.
#8 Chile	A fairly free country. Locals are a concern.

### **The Best Four Countries of our Top Ten**

#1 New Zealand	Ranked #1 in most surveys and official stats.
#2 Uruguay	The most free South American country.
#3 Costa Rica	Friendly people, passive government, fairly good across the spectrum.
#4 Australia	British common law, but the globalists may have other things in mind.

## **CRIME & EVERYDAY SAFETY**

### **WHEN CONCERNS ABOUT VIOLENT CRIME ARE A PRIORITY**

This category investigates the personal safety issues. We look at statistics that involve murder, rape, armed robbery, auto theft, burglary, drug use, sex crimes, pedophilia, kidnappings, gangs, slavery, human trafficking, porno, potential riots, racism, civil war, fights between factions (left/right, white/black, rich/poor, etc.), attitudes towards expats (especially American expats), and the overall mental health of the populace.

#### **The Best Seven Countries in our Top 25**

#1 Costa Rica	Huge expat community, lowest crime of any Central American country, good civil rights helps Costa Rica at #1
#2 Uruguay	Rates high on world democracy reports.
#3 New Zealand	Only petty theft a problem. Very safe for 1st World country.
#4 Ecuador	Friendly people with a libertarian influence. Democracy so-so. Theft a big problem.
#5 Mauritius	Scores high on nearly all freedom/democracy issues. Fairly low crime.
#6 Switzerland	Below average crime for Europe. Some muggings and burglaries.
#7 Tonga	Burglaries are common. However, most Tongans go to church regularly.

There are not three other countries in our top 25 that really merit the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> position in this category.

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#4 Ecuador	Extremely friendly people with a libertarian influence. Democracy so-so.

## THE LACK OF NATURAL DISASTERS

### Concerned about Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Hurricanes, Floods, Fires, Tornadoes

This Best Of series will inform you of the safest countries in regards to natural disasters. However, we need a bit of explanation to fully comprehend our ratings.

Let's do some comparisons. We'll start with the United States. How would the US rate? The US is a huge country. Some areas experience lots of quakes (Alaska and California) while some areas have few or none (like Texas). A devastating earthquake in one region may or may not affect the other regions of the country. So in regards to earthquakes, we look at the overall picture. If a country has none, then obviously, that is the best. If they only have small ones, rarely, or in isolated areas that are away from the best expat areas, then that is much better than large devastating ones that affect the entire country. In the US volcanoes are limited to the Pacific coast from California to Alaska and a caldera such as Yellowstone. However, when Mount St. Helens blew, it dramatically affected Idaho, Montana and other states as well. We take into consideration the worst case scenarios and the potential for increased activity. How will an eruption affect the country as a whole and the main expat areas of that country?

Though Texas does not have earthquakes and volcanoes, it does have tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, and fires. So just because Texas is basically earthquake and volcano free, it would not rate high on the "Lack of Natural Disasters" scale because **there are other** natural disasters.

Montserrat had a devastating volcanic eruption that sent  $\frac{3}{4}$  of its inhabitants fleeing the country. Two thirds of the country is now deemed uninhabitable. Now that is devastating!

For the worst countries for natural disasters, check out our "The Worst Of" series below.

### The Best 10 Countries in our Top 25

#1 South Africa	The only natural disaster is drought, which is common.
#2 Brazil	Periodic floods, some drought possible.
#3 Paraguay	Periodic floods, drought.
#4 Bolivia	Periodic floods, drought.
#5 Australia	Drought and fires can be a problem.
#6 Uruguay	Rare rapid weather changes, ferocious winds, periodic droughts and floods.

#7 Argentina	Western border has earthquakes. Some floods or drought in the northeast.
#8 Trinidad & Tobago	The very rare hurricane.
#9 Switzerland	Avalanches, landslides, and flash floods.

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## **CULTURE & UPSCALE LIFESTYLE**

#1 Australia	Upscale living, many choices, quality living, expensive and far away.
#2 New Zealand	1 <sup>st</sup> world all the way, but far away from the US and would take big \$\$\$.
#3 Costa Rica	Luxurious 1 <sup>st</sup> World living at resort areas, other areas somewhat limited.
#4 Argentina	Resorts, spas, golf, shopping, beaches, skiing, infrastructure – all top quality.

## **BEAUTY, SCENERY, WEATHER**

#1 New Zealand	No other country in the world has the overall beauty, weather, and paradise feeling.
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#2 Australia	The coastal areas are varied and beautiful.
#3 Costa Rica	Lush green paradise, waterfalls, jaw-dropping green valleys and ideal weather up in the highlands. Many expats rate this #1
#4 Ecuador	Perfect year around weather, lush valleys, beautiful mountains, gorgeous beaches.

## **FREEDOM**

#1 New Zealand	Ranked #1 in most surveys and official stats.
#2 Uruguay	The most free South American country.
#3 Costa Rica	Friendly people, passive government, fairly good across the spectrum.
#4 Australia	British common law, but the globalists may have other things in mind.

## **CRIME & EVERYDAY SAFETY**

#1 Costa Rica	Huge expat community, lowest crime of any Central American country, good civil rights helps Costa Rica at #1
#2 Uruguay	Peaceful, civil, and low crime except for petty theft.
#3 New Zealand	Very safe for a 1st World country. Theft is only major issue.
#4 Ecuador	Extremely friendly people with a libertarian influence. Democracy so-so.

## **THE LACK OF NATURAL DISASTERS**

#1 Brazil	Periodic floods, some drought possible.
#2 Paraguay	Periodic floods, drought.
#3 Australia	Drough and fires.
#4 Uruguay	Winds, periodic droughts, and some floods.

## **THE HEALTHIEST**

#1 New Zealand	A very clean, health conscious country all around.
#2 Costa Rica	Longer life expectancy than the US, totally natural and healthy lifestyles, one of the cleanest environments in the world...
#3 Uruguay	Fairly good in most healthy categories (except smoking.)
#4 Australia	A laid back, fun-loving country that is 1st World yet has some issues.

**Notice:**

The following statistics are noting those countries that made **one of the top four positions** (out of our top 10 countries) in our ten “Best Of” series. This certainly shows you the cream of the crop in these ten best of categories. Any surprises or amazing results? Obviously New Zealand, Costa Rica, and Uruguay shine very bright, way ahead of the competition, placing in at least 7 of the ten categories and taking the most 1st places! Chile comes in looking a bit disappointing with only 2 slots and one 1st place.

- New Zealand took 3 first places out of the 10 “Best Of” categories.
- New Zealand placed in the top four in 7 of the 10 categories.
- Costa Rica took first place in 2 of the 10 “Best Of” categories.
- Costa Rica places in the top four in 7 of the 10 categories.
- Uruguay had one first place.
- Uruguay made 8 out of the 10 “Best Of” categories.
- Australia took one first place.
- Australia made 5 out of the 10 “Best Of” categories.
- Ecuador took **first place** in 1 of the 10 “Best Of” categories.
- Ecuador made 4 out of the 10 “Best Of” categories.
- Argentina did not take a first place, but made 3 of the categories.
- Chile took one first place and made 2 of the categories.
- Paraguay took no first places and made 2 of the categories.
- Brazil took one first place and made 1 of the 10 “Best Of” categories.
- Peru did not make any first places and made 1 of the categories.