



# IMPROVING LIVEABILITY

## Australia

Cities that are more liveable, sustainable and productive will contribute to Australia's economy and social cohesion. To improve liveability, there needs to be cooperation between governments and communities to overcome problems such as climate change, a lack of affordable housing, traffic congestion and a growing, ageing population in some areas. In 2012 the federal government launched the 'Liveable Cities' program designed to help make Australia's 18 major cities more productive, sustainable and liveable. To improve the standards of liveability in these places, improvements are being made in many areas:

- Providing more low-cost housing for buying and renting
- Finding greener, sustainable ways to use water and energy
- Improving and enhancing transportation services to encourage people to leave their cars at home, reducing traffic congestion
- Enhancing urban designs to encourage walking and cycling
- Redesigning cities and urban areas to encourage community interaction and spaces that look good and feel safe to interact in
- Redesigning urban spaces to increase tourism in some areas
- Promoting healthier lifestyles and greater well-being

## Europe

Many European countries have shown a growing interest in improving their liveability and making their cities attractive and safe places to live. Cities like Vienna, Austria, are leading the way in the liveability ranks.

There are many reasons why Vienna's liveability is so high:

- Vienna is a city of culture and there are numerous activities in the area of theatre, music, art exhibitions, public readings, museums and operas, catering to all tastes
- It has many beautiful and historic buildings like Hofburg, Schönbrunn Palace, Belvedere Palace and the splendid buildings of the Ring Boulevard
- It is aesthetically pleasing with medieval narrow streets, a clean environment and open squares that allow for social interaction
- It is a safe city, with an excellent public transport network and options of underground trains, trams and buses
- Educational facilities are efficient and available to all
- It has a good economy, which provides its citizens with excellent value for money
- Moderate and mild climate. Average summer temperatures 20°C to 30°C, average winter temperatures around 0°C

The quality of life is generally very high in Vienna. With a thriving economy, a stable political system, Austria's beautiful countryside and its cultural diversity, all contribute to a high-quality lifestyle for locals and tourists alike.



Which four liveability criteria do you think are most important and why?

Liveability Criteria	Why do you think it's important?

Rank your town or city from 1 to 10 in terms of liveability:

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

List some things that contribute positively to your areas liveability:

Suggest some ways that you think your local area could improve it's liveability and encourage new people to live in your region:

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