

Women's Solo Travel Safety

Which countries are the safest and most welcoming for female travelers?

Travel is now back open again for all and the ease in solo female travel that we saw before a pandemic looks set to resume.

But which nations are the safest for women looking to travel? To find out, [Bounce](#) has analyzed over 30 countries around the world on eight factors, covering things such as violence towards women, as well as wider gender equality indicators.

The safest countries for female travelers

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Republic of Ireland

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Austria

7.88/10 Overall safety score

In first place is the Republic of Ireland, which was amongst the top-scoring nations for almost all of the eight factors analyzed. The Emerald Isle scores particularly highly for the laws it has in place to protect women from violence, as well as when it comes to local attitudes toward violence against women.

Ireland is well known for its friendly and welcoming nature and is popular with travelers for its natural beauty and historic attractions in the capital of [Dublin](#).

7.70/10 Overall safety score

In second place is Austria, with an overall score of 7.70 out of 10. The country scores particularly high when it comes to the percentage of women who feel safe walking alone at night (79%).

Tourism to Austria is popular due to the spectacular Alpine landscapes, forests, lakes, and attractions such as the Belvedere Palace in [Vienna](#).

It's also generally a safe country for all genders, with low crime rates, so it's a perfect destination for solo travel.

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Norway

7.45/10 Overall safety score



Third place goes to Norway, with Scandinavia and other Northern European countries often ranking highly for social progressiveness.



That proves to be the case again here, with Norway scoring highly for the safety of women walking alone at night, its laws on domestic violence, and its female homicide rate.



More generally, Norway is known for being a very safe country with low crime rates and has long been an early adopter of legislation and policies supporting women's rights.














The best female travel safety destinations







KEY  Women who have experienced violence (%)  Female homicide victims (per 100,000 females)

 Safety index score (out of 100)  Women who feel safe walking alone at night (%)

 Attitudes toward violence against women (%)  Laws on domestic violence (0 = best, 1 = worst)

 Global gender gap index score (out of 1)  Overall safety score /10

Rank	Country							
▼	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
1	Republic of Ireland	15.0%	0.4	54.52	68%	1.0%	0.3	
2	Austria	13.0%	1.0	73.92	79%	3.0%	0.3	
3	Norway	27.0%	0.3	66.15	83%	9.9%	0.3	
4	Slovenia	13.0%	0.5	77.35	78%	15.8%	0.3	
5	Switzerland	9.8%	0.7	78.32	81%	15.2%	0.8	
6	Spain	13.0%	0.5	66.13	78%	9.6%	0.5	
7	Portugal	19.0%	0.9	69.42	62%	2.0%	0.3	
8	Canada	1.9%	0.9	57.05	71%	7.8%	0.3	
	9	Netherlands	25.0%	0.4	72.12	73%	6.4%	0.8
	10	Poland	13.0%	0.4	70.21	61%	7.9%	0.8
	10	Japan	15.4%	0.3	77.88	63%	8.9%	0.8
	12	Czech Republic	21.0%	0.6	74.46	60%	2.0%	0.8
	13	Estonia	20.0%	0.7	76.18	61%	16.9%	0.3
	14	France	26.0%	0.7	47.59	65%	6.6%	0.3
	15	Sweden	28.0%	0.7	51.00	64%	10.2%	0.3
	15	Greece	19.0%	0.5	52.59	49%	2.0%	0.3
	17	Slovakia	23.0%	0.9	69.82	54%	5.0%	0.3
	18	Finland	30.0%	1.0	72.75	75%	11.2%	0.8
	19	South Korea	16.5%	0.6	73.51	57%	18.4%	0.3
	19	Lithuania	24.0%	3.6	66.72	49%	2.0%	0.5
	21	Belgium	24.0%	1.4	54.62	58%	2.0%	0.5
	22	New Zealand	35.0%	0.5	56.70	53%	7.7%	0.8
	23	Italy	19.0%	0.4	54.80	52%	5.3%	0.8
	24	Australia	16.9%	0.7	56.15	50%	3.2%	0.8
	25	Germany	22.0%	0.9	63.63	68%	19.6%	0.8
	26	United Kingdom	29.0%	0.7	53.53	74%	10.2%	0.8
	27	Latvia	32.0%	4.1	61.35	51%	2.0%	0.8
	28	Mexico	14.1%	5.8	46.32	42%	5.0%	0.5
	29	Hungary	21.0%	1.4	65.71	46%	8.7%	0.8
	30	Turkey	38.0%	0.9	60.31	52%	13.3%	0.3
	31	Chile	6.7%	1.0	46.02	44%	10.3%	0.8
	32	United States	35.6%	2.2	51.84	62%	11.0%	0.5

Rank	Country						
33	Costa Rica	36.0%	2.3	46.14	41%	3.5%	0.8
34	Colombia	37.4%	4.2	42.29	41%	11.1%	0.3

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The country with the lowest rate of domestic violence

Canada

1.9%

Women who have experienced violence

The number of women who have suffered violence from a partner is a good indicator of the attitudes toward violence against women in a country, and the nation with the lowest rate is Canada.

In Canada, just 1.9% of women say that they have experienced violence from a partner in their lifetime, which is 20 times lower than in the worst country on the list.



Methodology

Each country was analyzed on the following factors, with each one being given a normalized score out of ten for each factor before an average across all of these scores was taken.



Women who have



Female



experienced violence

The percentage of women who have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner at some time in their life, according to [OECD Data](#) from 2019 (or the latest date available).



Women who feel safe walking alone at night

The percentage of women who feel safe walking alone at night in the area where they live according to a Gallup World Poll, sourced via the OECD's [How's Life?](#) report. Report from 2018 (or the latest date available).

homicide victims

The number of female victims of intentional homicide per 100,000 females according to the [World Bank](#) from 2018 (or the latest date available).



Attitudes toward violence against women

The percentage of women who agree that a husband/partner is justified in beating his wife/partner under certain circumstances, according to [OECD Data](#) from 2019 (or the latest date available).

Safety index score

A score out of 100 on the overall safety of the country according to Numbeo's [Crime Index](#) (as of May 17th 2022).



Laws on domestic violence

Whether the legal framework offers women legal protection from domestic violence. Laws on domestic violence are presented as values ranging from 0 to 1, where 0 means that laws or practices do not discriminate against women's rights and 1 means laws or practices fully discriminate against women's rights, according to [OECD Data](#) from 2019 (or the latest date available).



Global Gender Gap Index score

The country's score (out of 1) on the World Economic Forum's [Global Gender Gap Report 2021](#).

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