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Rankings		City	Country	COL Index	
March 2009	March 2008			March 2009	March 2008
1	2	Tokyo	Japan	143.7	127
2	11	Osaka	Japan	119.2	110
3	1	Moscow	Russia	115.4	142.4
4	8	Geneva	Switzerland	109.2	115.8
5	6	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	108.7	117.6
6	9	Zurich	Switzerland	105.2	112.7
7	7	Copenhagen	Denmark	105.0	117.2
8	22	New York City	US	100.0	100.0
9	20	Beijing	China	99.6	101.9
10	13	Singapore	Singapore	98.0	109.1
11	10	Milan	Italy	96.9	111.3
12	24	Shanghai	China	95.2	98.3
13	12	Paris	France	95.1	109.4
14	4	Oslo	Norway	94.2	118.3
15	89	Caracas	Venezuela	93.3	79.3
16	3	London	UK	92.7	125
17	14	Tel Aviv	Israel	91.9	105
18	16	Rome	Italy	91.2	103.9
19	21	Helsinki	Finland	90.5	101.1
20	52	Dubai	UAE	90.1	89.3
21	19	Vienna	Austria	89.3	102.3
22	61	Shenzhen	China	89.0	86.3
23	55	Los Angeles	US	87.6	87.5
23	70	Guangzhou	China	87.6	83.9
25	16	Dublin	Ireland	87.4	103.9
26	65	Abu Dhabi	UAE	86.7	85.7
27	34	Douala	Cameroun	86.1	95.1
28	25	Athens	Greece	85.9	97
29	25	Amsterdam	Netherlands	85.7	97

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March 2009	March 2008			March 2009	March 2008
30	45	Bratislava	Slovakia	84.8	90.6
31	89	White Plains	US	84.7	79.3
32	30	Lagos	Nigeria	84.6	95.9
33	74	Tehran	Iran	84.1	82.2
34	51	Abidjan	Ivory Coast	82.5	89.6
34	41	Dakar	Senegal	82.5	92.2
34	78	San Francisco	US	82.5	81
37	28	Madrid	Spain	82.3	96.7
38	43	Luxembourg	Luxembourg	82.1	91.3
38	31	Barcelona	Spain	82.1	95.2
40	57	Algiers	Algeria	81.7	86.8
41	77	Honolulu	US	81.6	81.4
41	39	Brussels	Belgium	81.6	92.9
41	80	Beirut	Lebanon	81.6	80.8
44	44	Almaty	Kazakhstan	81.5	90.7
45	75	Miami	US	81.4	82
46	18	St Petersburg	Russia	81.3	103.1
47	37	Munich	Germany	81.2	93.1
48	40	Frankfurt	Germany	80.9	92.5
49	38	Berlin	Germany	80.8	93
50	84	Chicago	US	80.7	80.3
51	5	Seoul	South Korea	80.6	117.7
52	88	Amman	Jordan	79.8	79.6
53	23	Istanbul	Turkey	79.7	99.4
54	46	Dusseldorf	Germany	79.5	90.4
55	46	Riga	Latvia	79.4	90.4
56	50	Hamburg	Germany	78.7	89.9
57	101	Cairo	Egypt	78.5	75.9
58	91	Hanoi	Vietnam	77.7	79.0

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59	49	Zagreb	Croatia	77.5	90.0
60	99	Boston	US	77.3	76.5
61	63	Taipei	Taiwan	77.0	86.1
62	57	Lyon	France	76.6	86.8
63	98	Houston	US	76.4	76.8
64	57	Lisbon	Portugal	76.3	86.8
65	55	New Delhi	India	75.6	87.5
66	15	Sydney	Australia	75.5	104.1
66	107	Washington	US	75.5	74.6
66	48	Mumbai	India	75.5	90.3
69	100	Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam	74.9	76.3
70	29	Prague	Czech Republic	74.6	96.0
71	104	San Juan	Puerto Rico	74.4	75.4
72	25	Sao Paulo	Brazil	74.3	97
73	31	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	73.9	95.2
74	76	Tallinn	Estonia	73.8	81.6
75	109	Atlanta	US	73.7	73.5
76	111	Morristown	US	73.5	73.1
77	94	Kuwait City	Kuwait	73.2	77.5
78	68	Limassol	Cyprus	73.1	84.6
79	31	Stockholm	Sweden	72.3	95.2
80	81	Casablanca	Morocco	72.1	80.7
81	42	Kiev	Ukraine	71.9	91.7
82	112	Manama	Bahrain	71.8	71.1
83	85	Vilnius	Lithuania	71.7	80.2
84	113	Seattle	US	71.1	70.9
85	54	Toronto	Canada	70.9	88.1
86	123	Tianjin	China	70.8	67.9
86	115	Denver	US	70.8	70.5

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86	103	Nairobi	Kenya	70.8	75.7
89	66	Calgary	Canada	70.6	85.4
90	119	Riyadh	Saudi Arabia	70.5	68.7
90	82	Ljubljana	Slovenia	70.5	80.5
92	36	Melbourne	Australia	69.9	94.2
93	124	Panama City	Panama	69.4	67.3
93	64	Vancouver	Canada	69.4	85.8
95	96	Accra	Ghana	69.3	77
96	106	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	69.2	75
97	129	Cleveland	US	68.9	66
98	105	Bangkok	Thailand	68.6	75.1
99	120	St Louis	US	68.4	68.5
100	125	Blantyre	Malawi	68.3	67.1
101	95	Leipzig	Germany	68.1	77.1
101	97	Sofia	Bulgaria	68.1	76.9
103	72	Montréal	Canada	67.9	83
104	137	Santo Domingo	Dominican Republic	67.7	62.8
105	101	Lusaka	Zambia	67.5	75.9
106	82	Jakarta	Indonesia	66.9	80.5
107	71	Bucharest	Romania	66.5	83.6
108	61	Budapest	Hungary	66.4	86.3
109	132	Dacca	Bangladesh	66.1	65
109	128	Portland	US	66.1	66.2
109	126	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia	66.1	66.8
112	138	Buenos Aires	Argentina	65.7	62.7
113	35	Warsaw	Poland	65.6	95.0
114	127	Detroit	US	65.5	66.3
114	130	Colombo	Sri Lanka	65.5	65.9
116	57	Brisbane	Australia	65.3	86.8

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March 2009	March 2008			March 2009	March 2008
117	53	Perth	Australia	65.2	88.5
117	133	Pittsburgh	US	65.2	64.4
119	122	Guatemala City	Guatemala	65.1	68.1
120	87	Bogota	Colombia	65.0	80.1
121	85	Ottawa	Canada	64.9	80.2
122	115	Lima	Peru	64.6	70.5
123	120	Kingston	Jamaica	64.4	68.5
124	114	Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei	64.3	70.6
125	66	Birmingham	UK	64.0	85.4
126	110	Manila	Philippines	63.8	73.4
126	135	Winston Salem	US	63.8	63.5
128	92	Santiago	Chile	63.5	78.5
129	69	Glasgow	UK	63.3	84
130	73	Adelaide	Australia	61.3	82.8
131	136	Montevideo	Uruguay	60.9	63.2
132	139	San Jose	Costa Rica	59.5	60.6
133	118	Bangalore	India	59.2	69.2
134	133	Tunis	Tunisia	58.4	64.4
135	117	Chennai (Madras)	India	57.7	69.3
136	142	Quito	Ecuador	56.3	54.6
137	108	Mexico City	Mexico	55.5	73.6
138	78	Auckland	New Zealand	54.0	81
139	93	Wellington	New Zealand	52.3	77.6
140	141	Karachi	Pakistan	50.7	54.7
141	143	Asuncion	Paraguay	49.9	52.5
142	131	Monterrey	Mexico	49.8	65.8
143	140	Johannesburg	South Africa	49.6	60.4

(New York = 100)

Cost of living comparisons in £s – 2009

Selected cities worldwide

(NB purchases at medium-priced establishments)

	London	Dublin	Paris	Rome	Amsterdam	Berlin	Athens	Brussels	Madrid	Prague
Rent of a luxury two bedroom unfurnished apartment (per month)	2400.00	1153.59	1952.23	1419.80	1597.28	1064.85	931.75	1153.59	1242.33	935.06
Bus or subway ride	3.00	1.42	1.42	0.89	1.42	1.86	0.71	1.51	0.89	0.69
Music CD	11.99	15.97	15.08	17.30	17.74	15.08	16.86	16.87	18.59	18.05
1 issue of international daily newspaper	1.40	2.22	2.22	2.22	2.22	2.22	2.66	2.22	2.22	3.73
1 cup of coffee, including service	2.20	2.66	4.08	2.40	2.48	3.55	3.99	2.75	2.22	2.47
Fast food hamburger meal	3.89	6.34	5.15	5.06	5.46	4.87	4.61	5.15	4.88	3.40
One liter of gasoline, unleaded 95 octane	0.90	0.89	1.06	1.00	1.11	1.03	0.84	0.98	0.80	0.81
Milk, pasteurized whole milk, above 2.5% fat (1lt / 33.8 oz)	0.76	0.86	1.29	1.42	0.80	0.79	1.07	0.81	0.89	0.70
Spaghetti, pasta (1000 gr / 35.3 oz)	2.58	2.47	1.83	1.95	2.22	2.64	1.86	2.29	2.31	2.18

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	Warsaw	Zagreb	Tokyo	Beijing	Sydney	New York	Buenos Aires	Johannesburg	Vancouver	Moscow
Rent of a luxury two bedroom unfurnished apartment (per month)	1052.16	1015.65	3751.28	2532.35	1170.40	2977.71	1107.98	624.16	1059.89	3462.45
Bus or subway ride	0.53	N/A	2.25	N/A	1.44	1.38	N/A	N/A	1.39	N/A
Music CD	13.39	16.61	13.73	15.19	11.23	13.14	8.90	10.33	11.63	12.60
1 issue of international daily newspaper	2.01	2.39	1.35	3.34	3.13	1.73	3.56	2.22	1.85	5.31
1 cup of coffee, including service	2.01	2.39	4.50	4.56	1.80	3.05	1.38	1.25	2.22	4.85
Fast food hamburger meal	2.67	3.82	4.88	2.38	2.90	4.15	3.86	1.73	4.20	2.74
One liter of gasoline, unleaded 95 octane	0.77	0.87	0.84	0.54	0.48	0.46	0.64	0.44	0.62	0.40
Milk, pasteurized whole milk, above 2.5% fat (1lt / 33.8 oz)	0.55	0.85	1.79	1.82	1.31	1.09	0.75	0.66	0.89	1.29
Spaghetti, pasta (1000 gr / 35.3 oz)	2.49	2.39	6.27	3.65	2.05	2.74	5.91	3.21	2.47	2.52

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