

**Table 14.20-- COST OF LIVING FOR FOREIGNERS
IN SELECTED MAJOR CITIES WORLDWIDE: SPRING 2000**

[Rank of 1 indicates most expensive city. Based on a survey of 131 cities in March 2000. Data include. 200 items, including housing, food, clothing, utilities, transportation, and entertainment costs. New York City=100.0]

Rank	City	Index	Rank	City	Index
1	Tokyo, Japan	164.90	22	Beirut, Lebanon	86.20
2	Osaka, Japan	143.60	23	Amman, Jordan	85.90
3	Hong Kong	141.50	24	Jakarta, Indonesia	85.70
4	Beijing, China	138.30	24	Zurich, Switzerland	85.70
5	Moscow, Russia	136.10	25	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	85.60
6	Shanghai, China	128.00	26	Geneva, Switzerland	(NA)
7	Seoul, South Korea	111.10	31	San Francisco, USA	(NA)
8	St. Petersburg, Russia	109.70	34	Los Angeles, USA	(NA)
9	Guangzhou, China	107.90	36	Chicago, USA	(NA)
10	London, England	106.90	38	Warsaw, Poland	(NA)
11	Taipei, Taiwan	102.80	39	Honolulu, USA	(NA)
12	Shenzhen, China	100.10	40	Paris, France	(NA)
13	New York City, USA	100.00	42	Copenhagen, Denmark	(NA)
14	Hanoi, Vietnam	94.90	45	Mexico City, Mexico	(NA)
15	Singapore	94.70	47	Milan, Italy	(NA)
16	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	92.70	48	Vienna, Austria	(NA)
17	Cairo, Egypt	91.90	58	Sydney, Australia	(NA)
18	Buenos Aires, Argentina	91.00	73	Toronto, Canada	(NA)
19	Tel Aviv, Israel	88.70	125	Johannesburg, South Africa	(NA)
20	Abu Dhabi, UAE	88.20	130	Blantyre, South Africa	(NA)
21	Oslo, Norway	87.50	131	Quito, Equador	32.10

NA Not available.

Source: William M. Mercer Companies, LLC, Mercer USA Center: Corporate Resource Group *Honolulu Advertiser*, June 27, 2000 (p. B-8); and "Asian Cities, Moscow Top Latest Ranking of World's Most Expensive Cities", at <http://www.wmmerc.com/usa/english/resource/resource_news_topic062600.htm>, accessed June 28, 2000.