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2019 Driving Cities Index

Study reveals the best and worst cities for driving across the globe, according to comprehensive data about infrastructure, safety, costs and driver behaviour.

- **Calgary, Canada**, is the best city for driving due to low congestion, fatalities and affordability, while **Mumbai, India** is the worst, scoring low in these factors.
- Survey results show that drivers in **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia** experience the most incidents of road rage, while drivers in **Osaka, Japan** experience the least.
- **Oslo, Norway**, has the **most expensive petrol** at US \$1.91 per liter, while **Lagos, Nigeria**, has the cheapest at 40c per liter.
- **Toronto, Canada** ranks **#51** out of 100 worldwide.

Lyon, France, November, 2019—European car parts retailer [Mister Auto](#) has released a study which reveals the best and worst cities to drive worldwide. Considering that drivers spend an average of two years of their lives in total behind the wheel, the vehicle parts specialists decided to take a deeper look into the numerous elements that impact the driving experience. From infrastructure and congestion, to associated driving costs and driver behavior itself, the result is a comprehensive study that reveals the cities which are successfully utilising infrastructure and legislation to improve driving conditions for their citizens.

How the study was conducted:

To begin the study, data was collected for hundreds of cities worldwide, and then narrowed down to a shortlist of 100 cities. Each of these provided reliable and extensive data which also allowed for a wide range of scores, from excellent to underperforming, with regards to their achievement in each factor. This ensured a range of results, allowing cities to stand out for their individual merits in comparison to other locations. It was then decided to divide the parameters of the study into three categories that are most important to making a city a good location to drive: infrastructure, safety and costs.

To determine a city's infrastructure, a number of factors were examined, such as the **number of cars per capita**, **traffic congestion**, **road and public transport quality**, among others. **Air quality** levels were also investigated in order to determine the city's commitment to providing fresh air and good visibility for its drivers and citizens alike.

Next, the **safety** of each location was analysed by the car accident fatality rate as well as the results of a survey focusing on incidents of **road rage**, in order to paint a picture of the aggressiveness and general driving culture brought to the city by its motorists.

Finally, the **costs** associated with driving in each city were evaluated, including not only the price of combustibles and **annual road tax** paid in each location, but also the **purchase parity** of each country to determine how affordable driving was for its inhabitants.

The final index combines a total of 15 factors to reveal the best and worst cities for car owners to drive-in across the globe.

Please find the complete methodology and full data set on the results page:
<http://www.mister-auto.co.uk/driving-cities-index-usd>

Findings:

The tables below reveals a sample of results for the **10 best and worst cities for drivers around the world:**

The top 10 best cities for drivers

1. Calgary, Canada
2. Dubai, UAE
3. Ottawa, Canada
4. Bern, Switzerland
5. El Paso, USA
6. Vancouver, Canada
7. Gothenburg, Sweden
8. Dusseldorf, Germany
9. Basel, Switzerland
10. Dortmund, Germany

The bottom 10 worst cities for drivers

100. Mumbai, India
99. Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
98. Kolkata, India
97. Lagos, Nigeria
96. Karachi, Pakistan
95. Bogota, Colombia
94. São Paulo, Brazil
93. Mexico City, Mexico
92. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
91. Moscow, Russia

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The tables below reveals a sample of results for the **10 cities with the least and most incidents of road rage:**

The 10 cities with the least incidents of road rage

1. Osaka, Japan
2. Tokyo, Japan
3. Singapore, Singapore
4. Dubai, UAE
5. Graz, Austria
6. Copenhagen, Denmark
7. Zurich, Switzerland

The 10 cities with the most incidents of road rage

100. Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
99. Moscow, Russia
98. Karachi, Pakistan
97. Kolkata, India
96. Lagos, Nigeria
95. Mumbai, India
94. Istanbul, Turkey

8. Essen, Germany
9. Dusseldorf, Germany
10. Bremen, Germany

93. St. Petersburg, Russia
92. Bogota, Colombia
91. Mexico City, Mexico

Toronto, Canada ranks #62 out of 100 worldwide.

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Further Findings by Factor:

Below you will find key findings from the study, according to category and factor. Where a factor is scored, all scores are out of 100. The higher the score, the better, with the exception of the Road Rage Score, where the lower the score, the fewer the incidents. All affordability scores are calculated in relation to the average national wage. **If you wish to see where your city ranks for each of these factors, please refer to the landing page here: <http://www.mister-auto.co.uk/driving-cities-index-usd/>**

Costs

- **The most expensive cities for parking / 2 hrs** are Sydney (\$39.23), followed by New York (\$38.54) and Brisbane (\$30.87), while the **least expensive cities** are Mumbai (\$0.45), followed by Kolkata (\$0.61) and Lagos (\$0.63).
- **The most affordable cities for parking** are Singapore (100), followed by Oslo and Bern (98.32), while the **least affordable cities** are Ulaanbaatar (1.00), followed by Sydney (50.66) and New York (55.53).
- The cities with the **most expensive petrol price / L** are Oslo (\$1.91), followed by Utrecht and Rotterdam (\$1.83), while the **cities with the least expensive prices** are Lagos (\$0.40), followed by Dubai (\$0.59) and San Antonio (\$0.64).
- The cities with the **most affordable petrol** are Boston (100), followed by Dubai (99.89), and San Antonio (99.7), while the **least affordable cities** are Ulaanbaatar (1.00), followed by Kolkata and Mumbai (9.18).
- The cities with the **most expensive annual road tax** are Rotterdam (\$578.33), followed by Melbourne (\$574.59) and Auckland (\$557.16), while the **least expensive cities** are Lagos (\$13.99), followed by Ulaanbaatar (\$14.34) and Karachi (\$24.12).
- The cities with the **most affordable annual road tax** are Miami and Orlando (100), followed by Philadelphia (99.77), while the **least affordable cities** are Mumbai (1.00), followed by Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo (18.49).

Safety

- The cities with the **most incidents of road rage (score)** are Ulaanbaatar (99.12), followed by Moscow (98.46), and Karachi (98.13), while the cities with the **least amount of road rage incidents** are Osaka (1.00), followed by Tokyo (2.54), and Singapore (2.65).
- The cities with the **highest fatality rate / 100,000 inhabitants** are Lagos (26.20), followed by Orlando (23.40), and Mumbai (22.6), while the cities with the **lowest rate** are Manchester (0.80), followed by (0.90), and Oslo (1.00).

Infrastructure

- The cities with the **highest air quality score** are Brisbane (100), followed by Salvador (99.53) and Stockholm (98.55), while the cities with the **lowest** are Lagos (1.00), followed by Karachi (25.09) and Beijing (26.05).
- The cities with the **most cars per capita** are Athens (0.77), followed by Seattle (0.68), and Turin (0.67), while the **cities with the least** are Karachi and Kolkata (0.05), followed by Tel Aviv (0.07).
- The cities with the **best daily average congestion score** are Malmö and El Paso (100), followed by Detroit (99.54), while the **cities with the worst congestion score** are Mumbai (1.00), followed by Kolkata (55.17) and Ulaanbaatar (62.95).
- The cities with the **best road quality score** are Geneva, Zurich, and Basel (100), while the **cities with the lowest score** are Lagos (1.00), followed by Bogotá (59.31) and Rio de Janeiro (59.70).
- The cities with the **best public transport score** are New York (100), followed by Singapore (99.86) and Tokyo (98.89), while the **cities with the lowest score** are Karachi (1.00), followed by Bogotá (16.94) and El Paso (60.77).
- The cities with the **best city speed sample score** are Calgary (100), followed by Glasgow (95.24) and Seattle (94.08), while the **cities with the worst score** are Mumbai (1.00), followed by London (28.80) and Kolkata (28.99).
- The cities with the **highest average car age** are Mumbai, Kolkata, and Athens (15.00), while the cities with the **lowest average age** are Dubai (5.20), Singapore (5.46) and Tokyo (6.00).

Quotes

“Despite advances in the accessibility of transportation, cars remain the most commonly used mode of transport in the world. Whether running on fuel or electric power, cities will continue to have to make adjustments so that they can accommodate the flow of vehicles,” comments Sébastien Rohart, Managing Director of Mister Auto. “Our study shows that while many cities already have the infrastructure and legislation in place, there’s still a lot of work to be done towards making driving safe and affordable across the board.”

“Everyone has witnessed or been a victim of road rage at some point in their lives, but certain cities tend to be more prone to these incidents than others. We knew we had to survey citizens about this aspect of driving in the study because the frequency of road rage is a very revealing indicator of a city’s overall driving culture,” says Sébastien Rohart, Managing Director of Mister Auto. “Firstly, it’s a measure of the aggressiveness of its drivers, and secondly, it exposes the level of frustration experienced due to stressful city driving conditions like traffic and congestion.”

“There are a number of cities in the world where you can’t even open the window while driving due to the amount of smog and pollution from cars, which make a huge impact on the health and safety of their drivers and inhabitants,” comments Sébastien Rohart, Managing Director of Mister Auto. “We included air quality in this study because we wanted to see which cities around the world are tackling the problem of air pollution, while making it safe for their citizens to get from A to B without having to risk their health doing so.”

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