

Rio or Tokyo? Living abroad

Pre-task:

Discuss in which countries / cities you would prefer living for a year:

Iceland or the Maldives?

London or Paris?

New York or Tokyo?

Norway or South Africa?

Brazil or New Zealand?

I would prefer living in... because ...

My favourite would be... since...

... has the advantage that you can...

If I had to choose a city, I would go for ... because...



Image 1

Task 1:

Would you like to live in another country? Compare your views and discuss the following aspects:

- Which countries would appeal to you? What do you find attractive about living in these countries? Are there particular cities in other countries in which you would like to live?
- Have you already visited any of these countries / cities? What was your experience of these places like?
- What do you think are the advantages of living abroad?
- What could be difficult about life abroad?
- What would like to do in another country? Studying, working, travelling, doing volunteer work, ...

- How long would like to live there? Forever or only for a limited amount of time?
- What would you miss if you were living abroad?

To find something appealing = to find something attractive

Living in ... appeals to me because...

I would find living in ... appealing because...

I would fancy (= I would like) living / working / studying / travelling in ... because...

I could imagine that...

Ideas for positive aspects:

Gaining experience abroad

Cultural immersion

Learning a new language

Gaining intercultural competence

Ideas for negative aspects:

Difficulties to adapt

Missing family and friends

Intercultural misunderstandings

Language barrier

Task 2:

Have a look at the following graphic to see which European countries international students found most attractive as a study destination, based on education, cost, and life & career. Discuss the findings with your partner.

Is the ranking as you would have expected? Is there anything you find surprising / striking?

How would your personal top five look like?

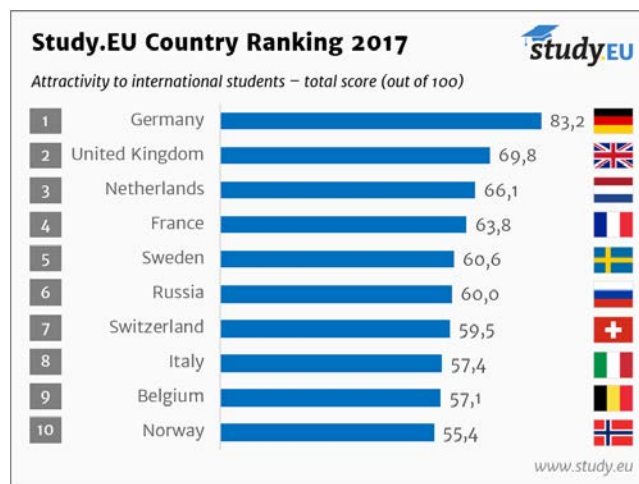


Image 2

Sources

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 Image 2 <http://www.study.eu/article/the-study-eu-country-ranking-2017-for-international-students>