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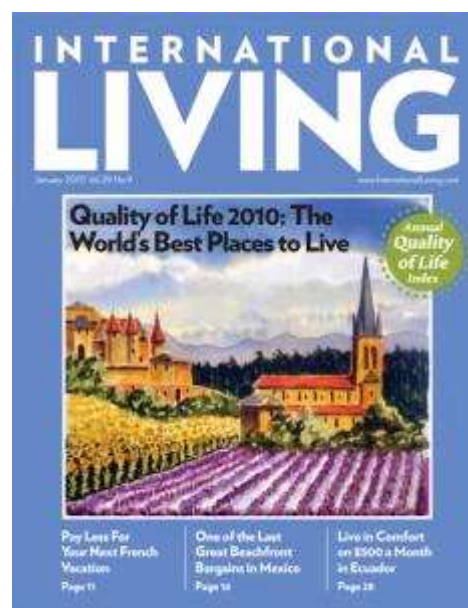
**Republic of Macedonia**  
**Rank: 59 of 194 countries**

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Republic of Macedonia was ranked 59th at annual list of world's best places to live which is traditionally released by "International Living" internet magazine.

The creators of this list used nine categories in order to make this ranking and those are: cost of living, culture and leisure, economy, environment, freedom, health, infrastructure, safety and risk, and climate.

The best ranking Macedonia has in the area for climate, safety and environment and worst for economy and infrastructure. For the fifth year running, France takes first in our annual Quality of Life Index, followed by Australia, Switzerland, Germany and New Zealand. Top 10 in this year's Quality of Life Index also include Luxembourg, the USA, Belgium, Canada and Italy.



Somalia was listed last, with Yemen, Sudan, Chad and Afghanistan also near the end of the 194-country list. The highest quality of life from the countries in the region has Slovenia ranked 27th, Greece - 28th, Croatia - 37th and Bulgaria - 44th. Macedonia is followed by Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina ranked at 65th i.e. 66th and Turkey - 72nd.

### Republic of Macedonia

Cost of Living 66  
Leisure & Culture 64  
Economy 45  
Environment 72  
Freedom 67  
Health 62  
Infrastructure 44  
Risk & Safety 79  
Climate 79  
**Final Score 63**