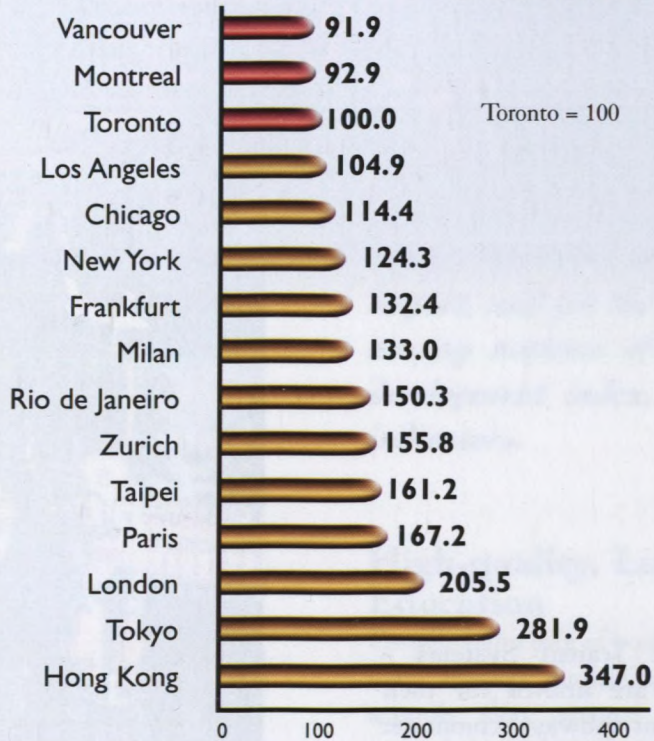


Cost of Living Index Selected Major Cities

International comparison



Note: Total annual costs combining housing, transportation, and goods & services expenditures.

Source: Runzheimer International, Wisconsin, U.S.A., 1997.



Photo: National Capital Commission

Open Spaces for Sports and Recreation

As the world's second largest country with the lowest population density among major industrialized nations, Canada offers unlimited opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Canada's national and provincial parks, encompassing an area larger than the entire national territory of Italy or Japan, include rugged mountain terrain, fresh-water lakes, scenic coastal areas, unique Arctic vistas, and vast stands of unspoiled forests. Many Canadian executives often own second homes in picturesque lake and mountain areas, just an hour or so from major cities.

Popular recreational sports include golf, fishing, swimming, cycling, skiing, hockey, baseball, soccer, hiking, sailing, and canoeing. Canada is also home to professional sports teams in major league baseball, hockey, football, basketball and soccer, as well as to professional and amateur events in golf, tennis, and other individual sports.



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