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TOP 10 Most Peaceful Countries in the World

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Have you any idea, which are the most peaceful countries in the world? The concept of peace is difficult to define and measure. However, the word peace has been defined as the “absence of violence” by Global Peace Index since 2006, and has sought to determine what cultural attributes and institutions are associated with states of peace. The recent ranking made Iceland top to the most peaceful countries, followed by Denmark and New Zealand. According to the Institute for Economics and Peace, Global Peace Index, below are top 10 of the world’s most peaceful countries:

10: Belgium



Judging by the Global Peace Index, the tiny Belgium is one of the **best places to live in Europe**, as well as on Earth. Located in the heart of Europe, this beautifully small country holds some special places like Brussels. The capital of Belgium, Brussels, is home to the European Union and NATO. Belgium boasts medieval cities, beautiful town halls, majestic castles, and captivating natural beauty.

9: Sweden



Sweden ranks No. 9 among most peaceful countries by the Global Peace Index this year. Located in the far north of Europe, Sweden is one of the most beautiful Scandinavian countries on earth. The country has a low level of robberies (only 9,000 a year) compared to the United States (about 350,000 a year).

8: Canada



Having one of the best standards of living in the world, Canada is at No.8 on the list of most peaceful countries on earth. If you've ever been to Toronto or round a'bout Niagara Falls, you can see why Canada is so awesome, Clean, Crisp, Diverse, gorgeous and everyone seems to get along.

7: Finland



Finland. Why not we love this beautiful country that brought us Angry Birds? Amongst my all time most favorite places, Finland, considered as one of the most

peaceful and livable countries, which is not renowned for its combative nature.

6: Japan



Japan – one of the most fascinating countries culturally and traditionally. Having the third largest economy in the world, Japan is considered as the **happiest country** in Asia. Japan is safe in many aspects, has low crime and no major conflicts with its neighbors.

5: Switzerland



I personally suggest Switzerland should be on top amongst the world's most peaceful countries that have low levels of violent crime. In the heart of the European Union, Switzerland is renowned naturally fascinating place. The country is known for its neutral behavior in regional, international and global political issues. The country maintains strong diplomatic relations with many other countries around the world.

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4: Austria



The small landlocked South Central European country, Austria gain a place on the list of the most peaceful countries for its stance on international politics. Austria is doing very well. No austerity. And it's not being blamed like its neighbor Germany, for not saving Europe. This is why, when it comes to peace and prosperity, Austria is on the top 10.

3: New Zealand



Since 2007, New Zealand constantly ranks as the best and most peaceful country in the world. With a small percentage of its population in prison, limited military capability, strong relations with Australia and down-to-earth hospitality, New Zealand is a wonderful country to live in.

2: Denmark



Denmark hold second place on the list of the most peaceful countries in the world. Like New Zealand, Denmark and the rest of the North European countries consistently rank as the best in business and safety. Denmark is the most peaceful nation on continental Europe, despite being about the size of Massachusetts.

1: Iceland



Iceland tops the list of the most peaceful countries on Earth. No doubt, the country is really a safe place to live. The country is so cold and so small, and this is why it ranks top out of 162 nations. There is a lot of things to do, despite being peaceful, the country has many attractions (both in people and places). If someone really want to enjoy the beautiful moments, he should go there. See also; **10 Places That Look Imaginary, But Are Actually Real.**