



**Northern lights illuminate the night sky over the Levi region in Lapland Finland, in December 2025.**

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# Happy

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## What is the happiest country in the world?

For the ninth year in a row, Finland is the happiest country in the world.

### Top 10 happiest countries

1. Finland
2. Iceland
3. Denmark
4. Costa Rica

5. Sweden
6. Norway
7. Netherlands
8. Israel
9. Luxembourg
10. Switzerland

## Do U.S. citizens need a visa to visit Finland?

U.S. citizens do not need a tourist visa to visit Finland, according to the U.S. State Department.

The same goes for the other European countries in the top 10 for stays under 90 days and Costa Rica for stays under 180 days. Of the 10 happiest countries, only Israel requires a visa or Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA-

IL). However, starting in late 2026, European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) approval will be required for visa-exempt travel to 30 European countries, including Finland, though an exact start date hasn't been announced.

## What is the U.S. ranked in happiness?

The United States came in 23rd on the report, two spots above Canada.

## Is Mexico happier than the U.S.?

According to the World Happiness Report, yes. Mexico is ranked 12th this year.