



## Black Expat Magazine Interview Questions

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Please take your time and answer the questions (relevant to yourself) on the following pages. We ask that along with the answers, you send your headshot or other photo as well as your pictures of your favourite local landmark/s to be included with your interview. Let us know who took the photos so we can give proper credit. If you have a website or blog please send that link as well.

if you do not want your last name included or prefer not to have your photo published, just tell us so. We will respect your privacy and are thankful that we can share you story.

When you have finished, your completed questions and relevant photos should be sent to:

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**Please note, it is not required that each one of these questions is addressed but each helps us provide a more thorough description of the country and your experience.**

**Please state your current city and country of residence:**

**Location where your expat experience took place if different from above:**

**Now, tell us:**

1. Where were you born and in which countries have you lived?
2. Describe your first trip abroad.
3. When did you realize that you had the Expat bug? That you wanted to live abroad?
4. What has been your most enlightening experience while living abroad?
5. What has been your most disheartening experience while living abroad?
6. What customs have you adopted in your new country?
7. Did you move with your family?
8. If you moved with your children how have they adapted to the expat life?
9. Did you marry a person from another country which led to your move?
10. Were your children born abroad? If so do they enjoy dual citizenship?
11. Which customs from home do you miss the most?
12. How important is it to know the local language? Do you have proficiency in the local language?
13. How have you gone about making friends?
14. Have you connected with the expat community where you live?
15. How do you keep in touch with family and friends from home?
16. Are you working? Is it difficult to find a job?
17. Are you an entrepreneur? Is it difficult to start a business?
18. Have you found that you have to live on less income? And if so how have you made the adjustment?
19. How hard is it to find a good place to live?
20. What are the opportunities to buy property?
21. What are the top 3 attractions or places of interest?
22. Where are the best places to vacation in your country or region as a single person? A couple? A family with children?
23. What goals have you achieved while living abroad?
24. What has living abroad taught you about yourself?
25. What would you say to a friend or relative who is considering moving abroad?
26. If you have moved home after living abroad how was the transition?

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27. Do you consider yourself a permanent expatriate? or...
  - a. (14a) - a temporary expatriate?
  - b. (14b) - an incidental expatriate?
  - c. And why?
28. How has your life as an expatriate changed who you are?
29. Do Blacks (or foreigners in general) in your view have any problems with adjustment or discrimination?
30. Will you describe the general composition of expat population (students, working, teachers, etc.)?

### **Cost of living and quality of life questions** (in local currency)

These can be listed at the end of your document for us to incorporate into your article, if you don't know all of them, that's fine.

1. Monthly rent (general range)
2. Cost for meals
3. Transportation costs (approximate)
4. Compared to your home country are most things cheap/same/expensive?
5. Recommended monthly living budget
6. How modern are basic amenities/infrastructure?
7. Any legal hurdles all foreigners have to face to live there?
8. Top 3 things you would recommend someone to bring when they come
9. Top 3 things you would recommend for someone visiting or living here to do

**Please feel free to cover any topic not raised in these questions. You can submit your answers by writing your text in an email or Word document and send to: [editor@blackexpat.com](mailto:editor@blackexpat.com)**

And if you would like to submit an article for inclusion in the Black Expat please do. Here are the requirements:

1. Must be your original work
2. If it has been published before, be sure that you own the rights to it
3. 1500 words or less
4. Topic must be related to your life as an Expat or be about a travel experience
5. Topic can be an abbreviated city or country guide based on where you currently live abroad or where you have lived abroad.
6. Article can be funny!



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