

Living in the city or in the countryside

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You will choose the city if you like going out, going to the cinema or the theatre, having lunch in a restaurant and shopping. Because in town everything is closer, no need to travel dozens of kilometres to find a shop, a nightclub or a cinema. But these are not the only activities that are much more accessible in the city than in the countryside. Cultural activities are particularly numerous. Museums, galleries, opera houses, concert halls or theatres, whatever you are looking for, you will find it.

But living in the city also has disadvantages, because the city never stops. Calm and silence are two notions foreign to city dwellers, as is the spirit of community. Although the meeting points are very numerous, people do not know each other and the links are woven less



naturally than in a small rural town. Plus, real estate prices are much higher than in the countryside. You don't have a lot of vital space when you live in a city. Houses are rarer, smaller and so are gardens. You will therefore have to settle for an apartment.

Conversely, the countryside is often an island of calm and greenery.

Rather than going out to a bar, you will meet your friends for a drink on the terrace of your house, on the edge of the lawn. There will probably be fewer outings to the restaurant, but nothing beats a barbecue in the garden in summer. Small pleasures that only a rural life can bring you. Moreover, housing in the countryside is much easier than in town. Rents are lower as are property prices. So much so that for the price of an apartment in the city center, you will probably have enough to pay for a pretty house with a garden, a much more pleasant setting for raising children.

However, the campaign also has drawbacks. First, it is very difficult to live there without owning a car, for which it will obviously be necessary to plan for a higher petrol budget than in town. Activities and outings will be much rarer since they will require journeys sometimes going up to several tens of kilometres. Finally, to go shopping, you will have to anticipate, because the stores generally close earlier than in town.