

# WHERE TO RETIRE

## January/February 2016 Editorial Calendar

**Closing Date:** October 9, 2015

**On-Sale Date:** December 15, 2015

### CITY PROFILES

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#### DURANGO, CO

Even the name sounds cowboy tough. Durango in southwestern Colorado — population 18,000 — still draws on its railroad and gold — mining history, with an excursion train ride that had its beginnings carting ore down the mountains. Mock gunfights take place downtown, which looks movie — set realistic, harkening back to the day of dusty cowpokes and muscled rangers. Today, a new library, recreation center and miles of trails make Durango retirees a happy lot.

#### FLORIDA KEYS

This 125 — mile chain of islands sits bravely on the edge of the Gulf of Mexico, with Key West being the southernmost spot in the continental United States. Some of the best fishing in the universe is here, along with classic Ernest Hemingway stories, Navy history and 42 bridges. Diverse people stretch their personalities here. One retiree reports that the Florida Keys life wondrously lifts “the weight of the world.”

### FEATURES

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#### 8 TAX-FRIENDLY CITIES

Don't believe that the words “tax” and “friendly” should be used in the same headline? We hear you and feel your pain. That's why we compiled these eight cities that deliver the goods for retirees without heavy taxation. Take a look at Granbury, TX; Greeley, CO; Lake Havasu City, AZ; Pensacola, FL; Rome, GA; San Juan Islands, WA; Summerville, SC; and West Feliciana Parish, LA.

#### YOUR NEXT HOME: SMALLER OR LARGER?

Some retirees buck the downsizing trend and opt to buy a bigger house upon their move. After all, it's only an empty nest until the children and grandchildren visit, and then nothing is more fun than the Family Motel. Others wish for less square footage, which means less to clean and a cheaper utility bill. Here are some pointers for both scenarios.

#### HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

What began as a planned development in 1956 has become a quintessential Atlantic coast resort town. More than 70 percent of Hilton Head Island is in one of 10 gated communities, where egrets and herons are spotted, rounds of golf are played and friendships are cultivated. An active Osher Lifelong Learning Institute offering more than 400 programs keeps life's batteries fully charged.

#### SIERRA VISTA, AZ

About 10 miles north of the Mexican border, Sierra Vista has low housing prices and a spacious view of the sky and stars at night. The U.S. Army Military Intelligence Museum provides a fascinating look at clandestine operations, and Fort Huachuca Museum is dedicated to the African — American buffalo soldiers as well as the Native Americans who settled the area. The Huachuca Mountains have winding trails that lead to sightings of rare birds, especially hummingbirds.

### DEPARTMENTS

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#### Financial Consultant: Preparing Your Home for Staging and Sale

Shedding excess pounds of household goods is liberating, all relocation experts agree. But doing so also can mean making some money. Our story tells you how to get rid of what you no longer need to make the move lighter and less costly. Here's what you might expect from sales platforms such as an estate sale, online auction, garage sale and consignment store.

#### Roads to Retirement: Western Nevada: Reno, Carson City, Lake Tahoe area

#### Best Neighborhood: Lakes of Mount Dora in Mount Dora, FL

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