

WHERE TO RETIRE

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CITY PROFILES

LOUISVILLE, KY

As the northernmost Southern city, Louisville is much more distinctive than its Kentucky Derby every May, when spectators sip crushed-ice mint juleps. It has the oldest Shakespeare festival in the country, arguably the best bourbon in the world and the University of Louisville with 16,000 undergraduates. Situated abreast the Ohio River and near the 6,500-acre Jefferson Memorial Forest, Louisville gives its residents daily excuses to indulge in its scenic seasons.

MYRTLE BEACH, SC

This city's downtown is oceanside — a boardwalk complete with an old-fashioned Ferris wheel, souvenir shops and salty breezes. Some 17 million tourists come and go each year, while relocated retirees enjoy the shore and Calabash-style fried seafood any day of the year. Fishing, golfing and taking in country music shows are all perks of Myrtle Beach living. "It's hard to wake up in a bad mood around here," one retiree says.

FEATURES

8 TAX-FRIENDLY TOWNS

Thousands of cities across the United States are attractive to retirees, but the number gets smaller when only those with light taxation are considered. Our staff evaluated taxes on everything from property to purchases to Social Security and selected these eight: Elko, NV; Hattiesburg, MS; Pensacola, FL; Ruston, LA; Scottsdale, AZ; Thomasville, GA; Vancouver, WA; and Williamsburg, VA.

ASSESSING THE POLITICAL CLIMATE OF YOUR NEW TOWN

When predicting how happy they will be in a new city, relocating retirees often take into account the political leanings ensconced there: liberal, conservative, Democrat, Republican or Libertarian. Our story outlines ways you can gauge the viewpoints and voting records of the population, giving you a better chance to feel at home.

PORT CHARLOTTE, FL

This southwestern Florida Gulf Coast city is doing its part (and then some) for environmental protection. Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park has 30,000 acres dedicated to shoreline and mangroves, home to hardy trees and shrubs growing in shallow salt water that act as a bulwark against storms. The Cultural Center of Charlotte County, which opened in 1960, has facilities for educational, recreational, fitness and social activities.

PRESCOTT, AZ

Winding lakes and red-rock granite dells — geologic stone formations that jut into the sky — grace this part of central Arizona, about 100 miles north of Phoenix. The 1.25 million-acre Prescott National Forest has numerous trails and the Verde River. Downtown is defined by the Yavapai County Courthouse square as well as historic Whiskey Row, featuring The Palace saloon, which dates to 1877 and serves Arizona Sunrise Margarita and Scorpion's Tail cocktails.

DEPARTMENTS

Financial Consultant: Finding the Right Financial Adviser

When retirees relocate, should they switch financial planners? Who actually needs a financial planner? What about robo-advisers? Our story evaluates the role of financial planners, who can be hired on a fee-only or "assets under management" basis, meaning a charge that's a fixed percentage of your portfolio.

Roads to Retirement: Carolina Crossroads: Greenville, SC; Spartanburg, SC; Charlotte, NC

Best Neighborhood: Encore at FishHawk Ranch in Lithia, FL

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