

WHERE TO RETIRE

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CITY PROFILES

GAINESVILLE, FL

In north-central Florida, Gainesville has its share of Sunshine State beauty with a bit of college-town added value. The University of Florida, which opened in 1906, now has more than 52,000 students, and the whole city cheers on the Gators. Downtown is one to remember, with Spanish moss-draped trees, concerts in the Bo Diddley Plaza and professional plays at the Hippodrome Theatre. State parks here do their part for ecological preservation.

GREATER CHARLOTTE, NC

North Carolina's largest city is being reborn for retirees, particularly in its suburbs, where active-adult communities are flourishing around picturesque lakes and stands of trees. Home of big-time banking and pro sports, Charlotte has not lost its Southern gentility; retirees from the Northeast report that the locals are super friendly. Always growing and on the move, the city also has NoDa, a revitalized historic district that exudes cool with galleries, shops and eateries.

FEATURES

8 INVIGORATING OUTDOORSY TOWNS

Most people spend their careers inside a building with walls. Retirees revel in throwing open the doors and heading out into the light of day. We found these eight cities, each with a lovely, multifaceted outdoor life: Brevard, NC; Chattanooga, TN; Florida Keys; Glenwood Springs, CO; Idaho Falls, ID; Missoula, MT; Ogden, UT; and Port Angeles, WA.

SINGLES SCENE IN ACTIVE-ADULT COMMUNITIES

Many singles say: Couples have it easy when it comes to socializing. When a foursome — or other even-numbered group — gets together, that's a real gathering. But as more singles buy homes in master-planned developments, the social landscape is evolving. Confident, sensational solo acts are finding friends, a sense of belonging and activities just for them.

JACKSON HOLE, WY

One exuberant retiree to the Jackson Hole area in northwest Wyoming says: "We ski right to my front door and call it a great day." Winter can last eight months here, but that's a good thing. Nonskiers delight in fly-fishing, whose nonedible benefits include curious passers-by of elk, coyotes and beavers. Wyoming long has been considered a friendly tax state for retirees, and the nearby national parks — Yellowstone and Grand Teton — are among the country's best.

NANTUCKET, MA

Off Massachusetts' Cape Cod is the island of Nantucket, a familiar name for most Americans. Living here is unquestionably expensive, but retirees get real cobblestone streets, real historic preservation, real visits from international celebrities — and no stoplights. Three seasons, by all accounts, are stunningly beautiful, while winter brings an excuse to hibernate a bit. But most come out for the exquisite decorations of the Christmas Stroll, a heartwarming tradition since 1973.

DEPARTMENTS

Financial Consultant: 8 Budgeting Lessons for Retirement

Is your retirement investment portfolio hefty enough that if you withdrew 4 percent each year, the money would last? That's one of the principles financial experts give. Clearheaded advisers also warn: You'll spend more than you think. Look your post-career years straight in the eye with our eight budgeting guidelines.

Roads to Retirement: Tennessee Heartland: Tri-Cities (Kingsport, Bristol, Johnson City), Knoxville, Crossville

Best Neighborhood: Talking Rock Ranch in Prescott, AZ