

WHERE TO RETIRE

September/October 2015 Editorial Calendar

Closing Date: June 5

On-Sale Date: August 11

CITY PROFILES

GULF SHORES/ORANGE BEACH, AL

Retirees living in beachfront condos and affordable subdivisions here enjoy a moderate climate, low cost of living and easy access to high-quality medical care. The country's largest artificial fishing reef is off Orange Beach, and an economy once ruled by fishing and shrimping now incorporates tourism, drawing attractive shops and restaurants.

MELBOURNE, FL

East-central Florida, dubbed the Space Coast for its proximity to the Kennedy Space Center, also is close to Patrick Air Force Base. Veterans happily relocate to Melbourne and appreciate the easy access to uncrowded beaches. Its historic downtown is pedestrian-friendly and strolls along the boardwalk are rewarded with glimpses of manatees and dolphins.

FEATURES

TOUCHDOWN! 8 GREAT COLLEGE FOOTBALL CITIES

Heading to the stadium on a gorgeous fall day is part of the American experience. Tailgating is followed by passes, rushes and tackles. Being close to the gridiron is a goal for many retirees, and these eight cities are always ready for some football. Check out Athens, GA (University of Georgia); Austin, TX (University of Texas); Boise, ID (Boise State); Eugene, OR (University of Oregon); Starkville, MS (Mississippi State); Tallahassee, FL (Florida State); Tempe, AZ (Arizona State); and Tuscaloosa, AL (University of Alabama).

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.

PORTLAND, ME

Getting toes wet on the beach and hiking a tree-lined mountain trail both are possible within an afternoon when the starting point is Portland on Maine's southern coast. Downtown is equally luring, with a collection of inspired-menu restaurants and unique-item shops. Continuing-education classes at the University of Southern Maine stir passions.

SHERIDAN, WY

Wide-open spaces in Wyoming are shared with owls, eagles, bighorn sheep and elk. The sun rises and sets on the grandeur of the Bighorn Mountains, and explorations never end. The 1923 Wyo Theater brings cultural events, and the Brinton Museum features Native American art. Low property taxes, which retirees especially appreciate, are legendary in the state.

DEPARTMENTS

Financial Consultant: Financial Considerations for Owning Two Homes

Many people decide to buy a home that they may retire to one day, meanwhile taking trips to visit their second home for several months of the year or a vacation. Our story is a primer on what to look for — in terms of taxes, travel and more — before you leap into dual-home ownership.

Roads to Retirement: Western Oregon: Portland to Beaverton to Salem

Best Neighborhood: Carolina Colours in New Bern, NC