

WHERE TO RETIRE

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Closing Date: August 7

On-Sale Date: October 13

CITY PROFILES

DADE CITY, FL

About 35 miles northeast of Tampa, Dade City is a different kind of Florida — more rural, with farms, rolling hills, citrus groves and space to breathe. Golf communities, manufactured-housing developments and even ranches are residential options here. The 22-acre Wild Things zoo draws about 50,000 each year to see its 200 animals, and uncrowded Gulf Coast beaches are just minutes down the road.

POCATELLO, ID

Retirees in Pocatello in southeastern Idaho have been known to repeat: “No humidity, no hurricanes, no tornadoes and lower taxes.” Skies are big here, and sunsets splash blazing color over the Rocky Mountain peaks. Fishing results in tasty trout for dinner, and Idaho State University brings the cultural bonanza of the Stephens Performing Arts Center, with evenings dedicated to theater, dance, music and lectures.

FEATURES

8 APPEALING LOW-COST CITIES

Retirement relocation doesn't just mean a change of scenery; it can mean a change of economy. Living more inexpensively is on the requirement list of most people heading out from under full-time work. Offering lesser costs for everything from a hamburger to the electric bill, these eight low-cost cities are worth considering: Augusta, GA; Bowling Green, KY; Colorado Springs, CO; Dothan, AL; Georgetown, TX; Jackson, MS; Sumter, SC; and Tampa, FL.

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.

SPRINGFIELD, MO

The southwestern Missouri city of Springfield is a “big small town,” one retiree says. About 200 miles southwest of St. Louis and 40 miles north of Branson, the city also provides many reasons to stay home: some 24,000 students at Missouri State University keep the culture, food, art and spirit vibrant. Housing prices are low here in Ozark country, and country music and antiquing have strong footholds here.

WINSTON-SALEM, NC

In central North Carolina is Winston-Salem, a city forever changed by a cigarette magnate named R.J. Reynolds. Today, its reputation goes far beyond its tobacco roots. Home of Wake Forest University, Krispy Kreme doughnuts and HanesBrands' T-shirts and socks, the locale has a rejuvenated downtown and a heavy focus on the arts. Four mild seasons mean beautiful backdrops year-round, and heading west to the mountains and east to the beach are easy jaunts.

DEPARTMENTS

Financial Consultant: Selling Home Goods Before a Move

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: Northern Florida: Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Gainesville

Best Neighborhood: SaddleBrooke Ranch in Oracle, AZ