



CHOOSING THE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

Seven helpful points to consider

Choosing a retirement community is one of the most important decisions you'll make for the next chapter of your life. But with differences in things like costs, amenities, services and more, choosing the community that's the best fit for you requires research.

To make comparing your options easier, we've narrowed down some important factors to consider and have created a convenient worksheet you can use as you visit the communities that interest you. Let's dive in ...

1. The four R's: ratings, reviews, referrals and residents

Research the community online and read ratings and reviews. Ask relatives, friends, and neighbors for referrals based on their experiences.

When you visit the community, strike up a conversation with some of the residents. Ask about their experiences living in the community. Is it friendly and welcoming? Are staff members attentive to resident needs? What do they like most? What would they change if they could? Residents who love their community are always happy to share their insights.

2. First impressions (and beyond)

When you call to schedule your visit, is your call handled professionally? What kind of impression do you get when you visit? Are you greeted warmly? Do you see staff interacting with residents? What are those interactions like? Do residents and staff members seem happy?

Attend an event to gain even more insight into the overall culture. There is a lot to be said for the feeling you get when you spend time at a community. Trust your gut.





3. Amenities you'll enjoy

Before your visit, take a moment to consider what types of amenities will be most important to you. Would you like to work out in a gym, swim laps in a pool or take group fitness classes? Do you enjoy art or woodworking? If you're a gardener, does the community have resident garden areas? Are planned activities like clubs, classes and trips important to you? Is transportation provided? What about social events? Are there opportunities to volunteer?

Be sure to ask about the things that matter most to you, check out a calendar of events, and tour the areas of the community that are devoted to activities and amenities.

4. Taking care of your health

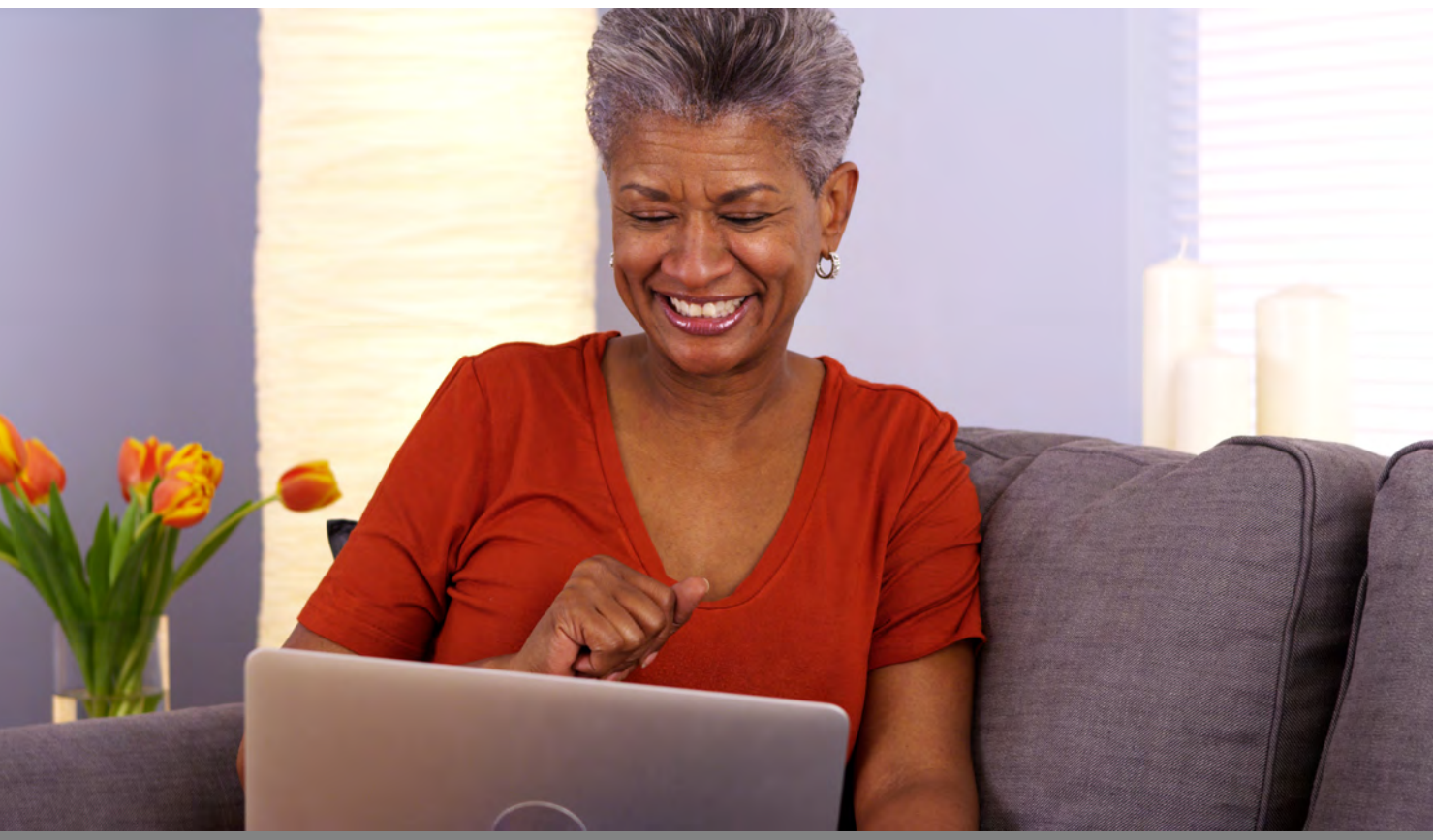
The best retirement communities empower residents to maintain and enhance their personal wellness. Does the community you're considering offer wellness programming? Does it have a health clinic for routine screenings, health maintenance and acute illnesses? What about transportation to medical appointments?

While most of us don't like to think about it, our needs are likely to change as we age. Does the community offer additional levels of care such as assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing and rehabilitation? Will you be able to continue living at the community if your health needs change? Planning for the future now can provide priceless peace of mind for you and your family.

5. Calculating the cost of living

For most people, the cost of living in a retirement community is an important consideration. Be open with the sales counselor about your personal financial picture. You may be surprised to learn that many retirement communities are more affordable than you originally thought when compared to the cost of owning and maintaining a home; paying for utilities, taxes and insurance; shopping for and cooking your own meals; and more. Plus, you'll have added benefits, services and opportunities you may not have in your home.





7. Use your imagination

As you research your options, use your imagination. Can you picture yourself living in the community, being happy, active, and taking advantage of the services and amenities offered? Do you look forward to making new friends and having the time and freedom to explore and learn new things? If you answer yes to all of these, then you may have just found your new home. Congratulations!

Choosing a retirement community is a process. Starting early can help make it an enjoyable experience and ensure that you have the time you need to make the best decision for yourself. You can even involve your family or trusted friends if having their insight would be helpful.

To get you started, we've created a worksheet on the following pages. Print a copy for each community you're interested in, fill out each one as you gain insight and information, and then put them side by side to compare your options. and be sure to reach out to the community's sales and marketing team with questions or to request additional information. They understand it's a big decision, and their job is to help you choose the community that's the best fit for you.

WHICH RETIREMENT COMMUNITY IS RIGHT FOR ME?

Community Name _____

Location _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Ratings and Reviews

Overall: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Neutral ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

Pros: _____ Cons: _____

Thoughts & Questions: _____

What Referrals Say

Pros: _____ Cons: _____

Thoughts & Questions: _____

What Residents Say

Pros: _____ Cons: _____

Thoughts & Questions: _____

My First Impressions

Overall: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Neutral ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

Pros: _____ Cons: _____

Thoughts & Questions: _____

Amenities

Important to me: _____

Community has: _____

Pros: _____ Cons: _____

Thoughts & Questions: _____

Wellness and Healthcare

Wellness Features:

Pros: _____	Cons: _____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

Thoughts & Questions: _____

Health care options:

Pros: _____	Cons: _____
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Thoughts & Questions: _____

Costs of Living

Pros: _____	Cons: _____
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Thoughts & Questions: _____

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Can I Imagine Myself Living Here?

☐ Yes ☐ Not sure ☐ No

Pros: _____ Cons: _____

Thoughts & Questions: _____

You want to feel confident in your decision, and an informative tour can give you a solid foundation to assess your choices. We're here to help every step of the way. We'd love to have you visit Robson Reserve at Sun Lakes, treat you to lunch, and answer any questions you may have. Simply call 480.883.2000 to schedule your personal tour. We look forward to meeting you!



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