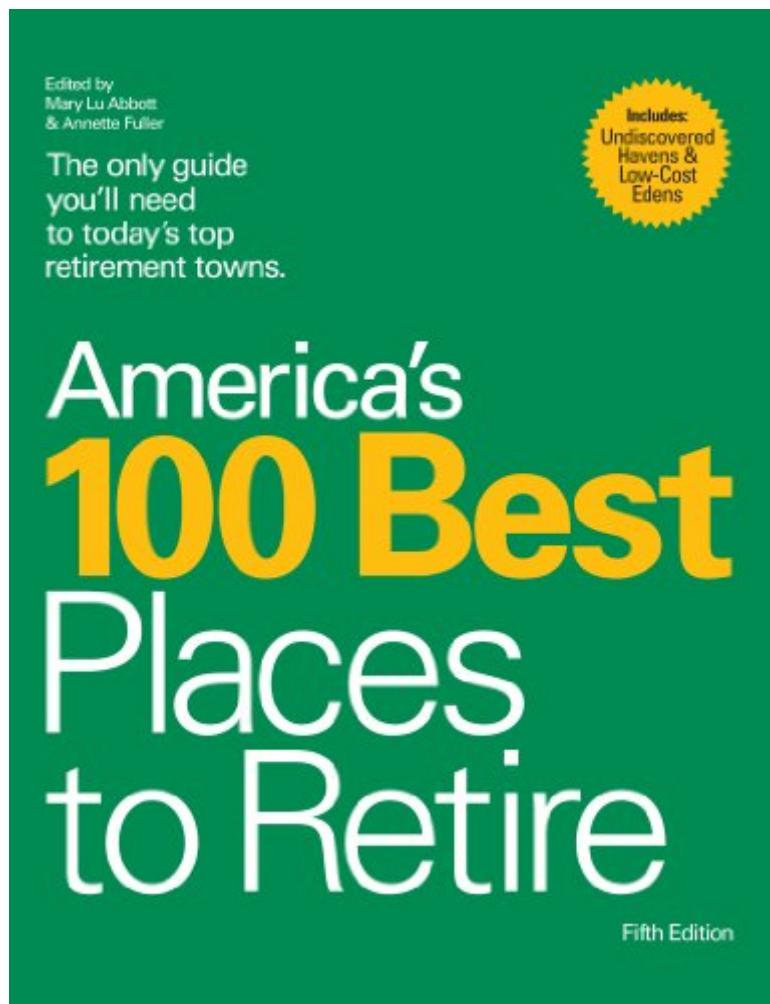


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# America's 100 Best Places To Retire



## **Synopsis**

This is the only guide you'll need to today's top retirement towns. Whether your relocation is around the corner or years away, this book is your gateway to 100 cities handpicked by the editors of Where to Retire magazine, the authority on retirement relocation since 1992. Delve inside and you'll find an assortment of possibilities in 34 states, written by great travel writers with a keen eye for the details that take a place from worth visiting to worth staying. Each city profile combines local knowledge, extensive research and in-depth interviews with retirees who have already made their own retirement relocation moves. You'll learn what they discovered along the way -- the positive as well as the negative. Also included is data on housing costs, health care availability, taxes, cost of living, education, transportation and additional information sources to help you compare and choose. The book also features lists of the 10 best arts towns, low-cost edens, lake towns, beach towns, small towns, college towns, mountain towns, undiscovered havens, four-season towns and Main Street towns.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is a compilation of previously researched cities and towns. But, each one has recently acquired information. What makes it different from others is the range of information it has and the format in which it's presented. There are human interest stories that typify each of the 100 selections. They reflect people that have the same concerns and interests as many of us as we think about our lives after a lifetime of work. Their reasons for selecting these locales may be meaningful to you, too. Information included within a boxed inset (for each of the 100 places) covers the typical but, these as well: cost of living; housing costs; sales tax; sales tax exemptions; state income tax; estate tax; inheritance tax; property tax; homestead exemptions; religion, education, walk(ability) scores; health care; housing, etc. It should be easy to produce your own spread sheet, plugging in the numbers for locations that interest you for retirement. This is a comfortable, logical method for narrowing down potential places to visit in your quest to find a new town and a new home.

The commentary was like a sales pitch for each place - more like something that could have been written by the local chamber of commerce. I was hoping for something a lot more objective that discussed the pros and cons of each place, not just the happy stories of the delighted folks who had decided to live there. There is more valuable and relevant information online than in this book. A waste of money.

Very good book; I would have liked a little more data about cultural events and crime rates in the Quick Facts area, but overall I found the information in this book to be very helpful. Once I decide upon the final potential destinations I will be considering for retirement, I'll look up additional information online.

I like this book as it has lots of information about great places to retire and what the climate, taxes, health care, housing, education, religions, and more. It has maps and lots of details regarding each community. I am very pleased with this book!

I like the updated version. Each example includes the climate, cost of living and housing, inheritance tax, estate and property tax, state income tax and sales tax, health facilities, etc. It includes things that most retirees would want to address. It is written like an interesting article about individuals/couples who relocated to that area and the positive aspects they found. Things to do and see in the area, festivals, events are included. Transportation is mentioned but people tell how easy

it is to walk, ride bikes, etc. Even if you will not be relocating, I find it helpful for places to visit.

My husband and I are still struggling with where we might want to purchase our second home (eventually our only home) upon his retirement in a few years. This book offers no surprises and is your typical, straight-forward "where to retire" book. The authors clearly state "their book is geared towards today's busy Baby Boomers" as that group reaches retirement age. The book gears itself towards those who desire somewhat of an "active" retirement lifestyle, I guess. The book sections cities and towns off in several ways, alphabetically and alphabetically by state, to name a few. The authors also list areas by "Best Beach Town," "Best Arts Town," "Best Main Street Town," etc." to name a few. One nice feature is the book doesn't just focus on your typical Florida and Southwest USA towns/states, as do many books on retirement. The book covers viable "retirement" locales in almost every state in the USA except for most Great Plains States (Black Hills North Dakota, Missoula Montana are reviewed), most "tornado alley" states and the mid-west (Ann Arbor Michigan is reviewed). The authors cover lots of areas in the Pacific Northwest, which is a bit unusual for a book that reviews retirement areas. This is not your "typical" retirement book in the classic sense that best tax rates, lowest fixed income tax rates, inheritance tax laws, etc, are thoroughly covered (although each listed locale has a side box briefly covering such items). Not sure where the authors got their data from...through personal travels & interviews with others, I think (primarily). All-in-all this is a pretty good book with few surprises and little new information about the "best" places to retirement. Kinda light & fun reading...nothing too deep or heavy here.

The book didn't really go into a lot of specifics for the city in terms of what it offered more of experiences from the viewpoints of a select number of retirees. I was more interested in facts rather than opinions.

This is one of the best. Well-researched, it contains a wealth of information.

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