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Interested in Retiring in Another Country?

There are many excellent reasons to enjoy a complete change of scenery during your retirement years. However, there are also many issues to evaluate before selecting a destination and making a move. Carefully consider all the questions below to help ensure you'll love your retirement country and home.



RESIDENCY

What are your visa options and are there any restrictions?



HOUSING

What are the costs associated with buying (or renting)? Are there any restrictions on foreign ownership? How does financing a home purchase work in a particular country? (an all-cash transaction may be preferable)



TAXES

What are the income tax rates? (for U.S. citizens, foreign income is also taxable in the U.S.) What should you budget for property and sales taxes?



SECOND CAREER

Are there any restrictions on accepting a local job? Or starting a new business?



HEALTHCARE

Will you have easy access to quality care? At what cost (including medical insurance)? If government healthcare is offered, does this extend to foreign residents?



OTHER FINANCIAL

What are the potential impacts of currency fluctuations? Will you have easy access to banking services? Are there restrictions on moving money in/out of the country?



SAFETY

Will you feel safe? Is the country's government stable?



LANGUAGE

Will you be able to communicate easily with locals and/or are you willing to learn a new language?



CLIMATE

Will you enjoy year-round living? Or would you prefer a seasonal retirement?



TRANSPORTATION

How easy is it to fly in/out of the area and to get around locally—whether in a car, on foot, or using public transportation?



TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Will you be able to communicate easily with friends/relatives back home, and enjoy in-home entertainment, etc.? This will depend on access to high-speed Internet, cellular service, and potential time zone differences.



THINGS TO DO

Does the area offer good dining options and entertainment venues? Access to recreational activities? The ability to meet people, both locals and other expats?



SHOPPING

Will you be able to purchase familiar and/or new grocery items? What are the local retail shopping options? Will you be able to receive online shipments?

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