



Best places to retire

Level A2+/B1

Warm-up

- What comes to your mind when you think of retirement?
- Do people in your country look forward to retirement? Why / why not?
- At what age do people usually retire in your country?





Where is the best place to retire?

Share two advantages and two disadvantages for each place.

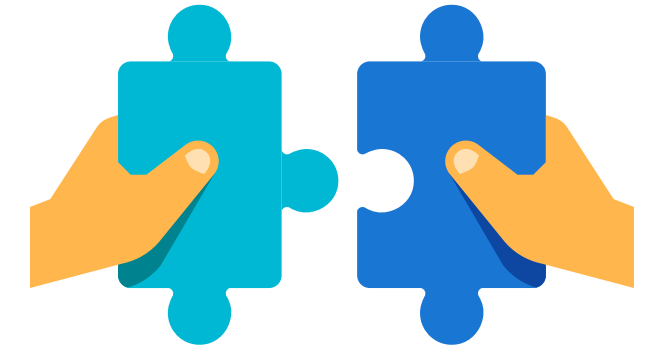
- seaside
- mountains
- countryside
- big city
- close to your friends & family
- far away from your family
- abroad

Think about:

- cost of living
- access to healthcare
- quality of life
- building/roads/public transport



Vocabulary Match



1. ranking
2. cost of living
3. healthcare
4. friendly
5. lifestyle
6. discount
7. modern
8. retiree

- A. money you save when something is cheaper
- B. how much money people need for daily life
- C. list that shows the best and the worst
- D. medical care for people
- E. person who has stopped working because of age
- F. kind and nice to other people
- G. the way people live
- H. new and well developed

Vocabulary talk!

1. Is the **cost of living** high or low in your country?
2. Is **healthcare** good where you live?
3. Do you know any **retirees**? What kind of lifestyle do they have?
4. Do tourists get any **discounts** in your city?
5. Are people in your town **friendly**?
6. Would you like to live in a **modern** city or a quiet village?





Before we read

We're going to read about the three best countries to retire in 2026. The list is based on the ranking made by **International Living**. The countries in the ranking are from all around the world. **What do you think are the best countries or cities to retire in?** Share your ideas!





The Best Places to Retire in the World

Each year, experts create rankings to show the best places to retire in the world. They look at many important factors before choosing the top countries. They check the cost of living, healthcare, climate, safety, and how comfortable life is for older people. They also think about friendly people, transport, and free-time activities.



This year, the country ranked number one is Greece. Many retirees choose Greece because life is not very expensive, the weather is warm, and the healthcare system is good. People enjoy the slow pace of life, fresh local food, and beautiful views of the sea and mountains. Greek people are often friendly and welcoming, which helps retirees feel safe and relaxed.

Source: <https://internationalliving.com/the-best-places-to-retire/>

The second best country to retire in is Panama. Panama is famous for its special program for retirees called “Pensionado.” Thanks to this program, retired people can get discounts on transport, medical care, and entertainment. The weather is warm all year, and the country is modern and safe. Many retirees say they can live comfortably in Panama for a lower price than in their home countries.



The third country on the list is Costa Rica. Retirees choose Costa Rica because of its beautiful nature, peaceful lifestyle, and good healthcare. It is a very green country with beaches, forests, and mountains. Many people who retire there want a healthy life close to nature.

For many people, the best place to retire means good weather, low costs, safety, and friendly people. But the perfect place is different for everyone.

True or False

1. The ranking only looks at the weather.
2. Greece is number one in the retirement ranking this year.
3. Retirees in Greece enjoy slow life and local food.
4. Panama is the third country in the ranking.
5. Retirees in Panama get special discounts.
6. Panama is described as unsafe in the text.
7. Costa Rica is known for its green nature.
8. Costa Rica is the second country in the ranking.
9. The perfect place to retire is the same for everyone.



Retirement Blog

You are retired and you have started your own blog. Write a short article (80–120 words) about your last adventure after retirement.

- Where did you go?
- Who were you with?
- What did you see there?
- What was the weather like?
- What was your favourite moment?
- Do you recommend this place to other retirees?



Let's talk!

1. Is retirement exciting or scary for you? Why?
2. Would you like to retire abroad? Where?
3. Is the retirement age in your country fair?
4. Should people work after retirement if they want to?
5. What do people usually miss when they retire?
6. What would your perfect retirement day look like?
7. Is it better to retire in a city or in nature?
8. What is more important in retirement: money or free time?
9. Do young people think enough about their future retirement?
10. Is retirement today different from retirement 30 years ago?
11. Would you personally choose Greece, Panama, or Costa Rica? Why?





Thank you!

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