

# RetireCoast® Senior Living Decision Checklist

A practical lifestyle guide for evaluating senior living, independent communities, and next chapter housing options.

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## ■ Housing & Living Space

- ■ Private apartment, condo, cottage, or duplex
- ■ Single residence or small community setting
- ■ Private bathroom
- ■ Small kitchen or kitchenette
- ■ In-unit or accessible laundry
- ■ Patio, balcony, or outdoor sitting area
- ■ Guest accommodations available
- ■ Visitors welcome without restrictions

## ■ On-Site & Nearby Amenities

- ■ Fitness center or gym
- ■ Walking or nature trails
- ■ Swimming pool (indoor or outdoor)
- ■ Golf course nearby
- ■ Restaurant or dining facilities
- ■ Café or coffee area
- ■ Community garden or planting space
- ■ Pond, lake, or fishing access
- ■ Beach access or beach shuttle

## ■ Lifestyle & Activities

- ■ Organized social activities
- ■ Clubs or hobby groups
- ■ Fitness or wellness classes
- ■ Entertainment or live music
- ■ Movie or theater room
- ■ Religious or spiritual services
- ■ Outdoor gathering spaces

## ■ Transportation & Access

- ■ Scheduled transportation provided
- ■ Transportation to shopping and dining

- ■ Transportation to medical appointments
- ■ Access to public transit
- ■ Resident and visitor parking

## ■ Health, Safety & Support

- ■ Registered Nurse (RN) on staff
- ■ 24/7 staff availability
- ■ Emergency call systems
- ■ Medication management support
- ■ Assisted living services available
- ■ Memory care available if needed
- ■ Secure or gated community

## ■ Pets, Personal Freedom & Lifestyle

- ■ Small pets permitted
- ■ Dog walking areas
- ■ Gardening or planting allowed
- ■ Space for hobbies or collections
- ■ Ability to personalize living space
- ■ Barn or animal-friendly options nearby

## ■ Financial & Flexibility

- ■ Transparent pricing
- ■ Utilities included
- ■ Maintenance included
- ■ Month-to-month or flexible contracts
- ■ Clear move-out terms
- ■ Ability to age-in-place

**RetireCoast Tip:** You don't need to check every box. Focus on what supports independence, comfort, health, and happiness—today and for the years ahead.