

*10 Truths about Independent Retirement
Community Living*

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Regardless of whether you have ever even considered moving into an Independent Retirement Community, there might come a time when you do need to make a decision about future living arrangements. You might decide that your current home is not senior friendly or that you simply want to live closer to your adult children. It's important to have a basic understanding of the facts regarding Independent Retirement Communities.

1. **Independent Retirement Communities are for active adults who want to live life to the fullest.** Independent Retirement Communities offer the best in living options, and keep people young at heart. The more active and social you are, the longer you live, and the healthier you remain.
2. **Independent Retirement Communities are more affordable than you ever imagined!** If you add up the cost of annual repair and maintenance on your home, along with taxes, lawn care costs, etc, you might find that living in an Independent Retirement Community is the same cost or less! (Click [here](#) to see an easy way of comparing your cost of living with the cost of a senior living community.)
3. **A wide variety of services and amenities are offered.** Some communities offer indoor/outdoor swimming pools, recreation centers, exercise rooms, libraries, craft studios, laundry services, housekeeping, transportation, onsite shopping, salon services, spas, onsite dining, coffee shops, life enrichment, fitness centers, wellness programs, and excursions.
4. **Independent Retirement Communities increase socialization and help residents make new friends!** From the moment you arrive, the sense of community and togetherness will be apparent. Although there is plenty of time for relaxation in your own apartment, condo, town home, or villa, there also are activities arranged to bring residents together -- women's groups, men's groups, bridge clubs, tennis groups, quilting, reading, you name it!

5. **Transportation is included.** Some people prefer to drive for many years, and others prefer not to drive. Either way, you will feel right at home. Transportation to the grocery store, doctor appointments, and local shopping malls are weekly events. However, you can bring your car along if you are still driving and come and go as you please.
6. **Your adult children will feel great about your choice to live in an Independent Retirement Community.** They will love knowing that if anything happens to you, help is not far away. The fact that you have so many people looking out for your safety and health will help your adult children have peace of mind. The level of activity and sense of community is second to none.
7. **The food is remarkable!** Today, Independent Retirement Communities offer the option of cooking your own meals, or dining in their restaurant style dining rooms, coffee shops, and internet cafés. Many have snack stations and happy hour celebrations as well.
8. **Moving to a new home doesn't have to be complicated or overwhelming.** Many Independent Retirement Communities can connect you with resources that will assist with arranging your move, and even help arrange packing, furniture placement, measuring to see what will fit, and storage options.
9. **Taking a tour of several communities is the key.** Most communities will take you on a tour and possibly even invite you to join them for lunch. You are welcome to bring your adult children to get their reaction to your new environment.
10. **The current residents of any Independent Retirement Community will tell you the same thing over and over again. "I should have done this ten years ago, it was the best decision I ever made!"**

Call and make an appointment for your personal tour of an Independent Retirement Community. It could be the best "move" you have ever made!