

Cape Cod has long been regarded as a premiere retirement community by many over the years and has made several Top Retirement lists by AARP, Forbes, Market watch, Top Retirements, Coastal Living and more. Cape Cod 's allure includes world renown golf, fishing, boating, beaches, rich history, eclectic shops, dining, antiques and fabulous arts & culture. Because of it's remarkable arts & cultural scene, Cape Cod has also been home to and has inspired numerous artists, musicians and actors such as Norman Mailer, Julie Harris, Carly Simon, James Taylor, Patti Page, Kurt Vonnegut and Henry David Thoreau.

While Cape Cod is indeed a fabulous community, would it be the perfect retirement destination for you? As a successful Senior Real Estate and Retirement Specialist, I would suggest that anyone looking for the perfect retirement community consider a few very important factors that would qualify a community as the right choice for them. Choosing where to retire is an important "life decision." and should be entered into carefully and thoughtfully. With proper planning and research, you can determine what is important to make sure your choices will help keep you happy, active, fulfilled and supported as you age in place. I always recommend the following important rules of thumb:

1. Buyers under 50 yrs. tend to purchase the "house" itself. A space for the big TV, pool, big upgrades, lots of yard, etc. 50+ buyers typically purchase not just the home, but the community as well. As we age, we need a community with supportive amenities and services such as solid transportation, good medical care, shopping and more, to help us remain independent as long as possible and hopefully age in place.
2. When purchasing a new home, make sure the property will fit your needs today, tomorrow and in the next five or ten years. People tend to buy a home based on how they're feeling today, but its important to make sure the property will support their needs as they age. Not ready for a downstairs Master? Consider buying a home with that option as you may not want to move again in six years.
3. Make sure to hire an experienced Senior Real Estate and Retirement Specialist who also has their Accredited Buyer's Representative designation, so they may best advise and represent you as they are experts in this field. They will know all of Cape Cod's Retirement communities inside and out and will help target the community best suited to you and your needs. This is a free service, and you deserve to be properly represented.