

# Comparing Retirement Residences

Keep track of your visit with this comprehensive tour checklist. It will help you track your options, ask the right questions, and record your answers so you can find the best retirement community for you.

## Retirement Residence: Name & Address & Contact Name

#1 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_

#3 \_\_\_\_\_

	#1	#2	#3
<b>First impressions of residence?</b>			
I was greeted and feel welcome.			
Does the residence have a welcoming, vibrant atmosphere?			
Are the common areas well maintained?			
Are staff knowledgeable and friendly?			
Is the building attractive, up-to-date, nicely landscaped and homelike?			
Is there a receptionist or concierge, what are the hours and is there a sign in/sign out procedure?			
Is the noise level appropriate and is it as busy or quiet as I would like?			

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<b>What's included?</b>			
A suite layout that works for me			
A kitchen or kitchenette			
Plenty of natural light or a view			
A patio or balcony			
Utilities including electricity, heat and water			
Telephone			
Wifi			
Cable			
Housekeeping – weekly or daily service			
Linen and towel laundry			
Personal laundry			
24-hour security			

Notes:

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<b>How is the neighbourhood?</b>			
The Residence is in a central location close to shopping and amenities.			
The Residence is well-served by public transit.			
Available parking at the Residence and surrounding neighbourhood.			
Is the building in a safe area?			
Is the location close enough for my family and friends to visit?			
Is the residence easy to get for me or my loved ones?			

<b>What's the culinary experience like?</b>			
Are there multiple dining options with unique menus?			
Fresh and delicious chef-prepared food			
Flexible dining hours throughout the day			
Private dining rooms to host guests			
Licensed to serve alcohol			
Are there special dietary needs catered towards me?			
Are there special dinners and mealtime events?			
Are the food portions large enough?			
Does the menu change often?			
What training does the chef have?			
Is it open or assigned seating?			
Is there a 24-hour snack area if I am hungry outside of meal times?			

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<b>What does Health &amp; Wellness look like here?</b>			
Personalized health and wellness services that meet my needs now and in the future.			
Personalized consultations designed to meet my goals.			
Are staff available 24-hours?			
Do any medical professionals come on-site for visits? Lab visits?			
Are there short-term respite services available if I have a short illness?			
Is there a registered nurse on duty 24/7?			
Can I continue to use my own doctor?			

<b>Do I have access to the things I enjoy?</b>			
Library			
Barber/ Beauty Salon			
Spa			
Theatre			
Pet-friendly activities and services			
Outdoor spaces - walking paths, gardens and courtyards			
Art Studio			
Fitness Centre			
Opportunity for volunteering			
Local community pool			
Transportation for personal appointments			