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Retirement Communities



The Peninsula of Charleston, opening in 2027, will sit on King Street, offering residents access to the finest culinary and shopping options the city has to offer.



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The Peninsula of Charleston boasts more than 40,000 square feet of luxurious spaces, including the well-appointed Club Room (top). In Acts Retirement-Life communities, its programming is influenced as much by the residents as the metropolitan areas nearby (bottom).

CITY SCAPES

Older adults are drawn to locales with great weather, strong communities and plenty of culture

by Kelly Bryant



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Acts Retirement-Life operates 27 retirement communities in the U.S. featuring resort-style living. Many of these campuses are located in quiet suburban areas that still have close proximity to the vibrancy of a major city.

Ask a Charlestonian what they love about South Carolina's Holy City and expect a lengthy answer. Charleston is overflowing with arts, culture, dining, shopping and ambience. Paige Crone, a native of the area, describes it as both "magical and charming."

Crone is the director of sales and marketing for The Peninsula of Charleston, a luxury senior living community set to welcome residents in 2027. The upscale property is situated in the middle of historic downtown Charleston on the main corridor of King Street. "We're an ownership-model community, so members buy their own condo," Crone says. "This allows a great deal of flexibility to sell your home when needed, or leave it as an inheritance. There's something for everyone, with square footage ranging from 700 to 2,800 square feet." Residences have one to three bedrooms, and many floor plans feature a den.

"The Peninsula of Charleston's location is certainly a significant draw for natives and newcomers alike," Crone says. "It's just a stone's throw from top shopping options and award-winning restaurants. Residents will also have access to the new Lowcountry Lowline, a 1.7-mile walkable and bikeable green park system. The park will connect to the city's newly defined Courier Square district, which will be home to The Peninsula of Charleston as well as new office space and residential offerings."

To prepare for its incoming residents, The Peninsula of Charleston is cultivating strong relationships with the arts and cultural institutions in the community. All of this is in an effort to capitalize on what brings people to Charleston in the first place.

"Aside from living in the heart of downtown Charleston, which is an amenity unto itself, residents will have access to a full continuum of care, as well as luxurious amenities like our heated saltwater pool, a gym, group fitness classes, a full salon and spa, a golf simulator, well-manicured outdoor spaces — including a Charleston courtyard — and a fourth-floor sunset terrace," Crone says. "The community will also include multiple dining rooms, a bar club and lounge, and a full social calendar."

MIDWEST METROPOLIS

Residents of Plymouth Place, a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) in La Grange Park, Illinois, reap the benefits of both quiet suburban living and proximity to nearby downtown Chicago.

Don Ahlm has lived at Plymouth Place for three years after spending four decades working in the tourism industry in downtown Chicago. While he is more than happy to leave the bustling city behind in favor of La Grange's greenery, Ahlm still appreciates the ease at which the community's residents can access all that the area has to offer if they so choose.

"The train is close by and I do have a senior pass," Ahlm says. "If I have tickets to the symphony orchestra, there's a bus

standing right outside Plymouth Place to take me there safely. We have excellent drivers that make us feel comfortable."

Ahlm refers to one of his favorite community activities as R.O.M.E.O. (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Once a month they visit a new restaurant in the area, giving the group a chance to experience something a little different off campus. However, for residents who are less mobile, Plymouth Place has plenty of diverse dining options on site, including Thirty North, a high-end restaurant overseen by an award-winning chef and sommelier.

"We really do have the best of the city and suburbs right here," says Siân Stevens, executive director at Plymouth Place. "Residents can walk out the door to some cute little restaurants, plus we have a classic cinema in La Grange that's walkable from here. And there's the wonderful La Grange Park library that is wrapping up an exciting renovation, just around the corner from us. The residents do take advantage of it all."

TEAM SPIRIT

With 27 different properties dotted along the east coast, Acts Retirement-Life Communities has a first-hand look at how a city or town can directly impact the character of a campus.

"The campuses close to Philadelphia are a great example of personality with respect to location," says Jim Petty, senior vice president of strategy and mission development at Acts Retirement-Life Communities. "Many of the residents spent their lives living in or near the city and are extremely loyal Philadelphia sports fans. They enjoy the camaraderie among the other fans in their communities, and Acts supports their enthusiasm for all things social in a myriad of ways, from providing trips to the city's world-renowned orchestra to offering cheesesteaks at one of our campus restaurants — the culture of the city permeates our community in unique ways."

Acts Retirement-Life's Buckingham's Choice campus in Adamstown, Maryland, enjoys a pastoral landscape, but the community is still an easy drive from Washington, D.C. It attracts residents who have retired from the military, the state department and many of the nearby museums and educational institutions.

"They are still close to the resources, people, places and activities they hold dear, while enjoying a gentler, less complicated way of life on a day-to-day basis," Petty says. "All of our communities offer regular opportunities for residents to enjoy their local metropolitan areas, but enjoy the peaceful aspects of a lovely suburban or rural campus."



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