

Questions to help decide if Retiring Abroad is Right for You

Retiring abroad is a critically important life choice and there is a lot that needs to be considered before such a decision is made. I have come up with a list of questions to help people assess their needs and desires for retirement. The answers can help understand if retiring abroad is a good choice.

- Do you have responsibilities, dependencies and/or obligations where you are?
- Can you get comfortable in a different culture?
- Can you let go of what you know?
- Can you adapt to a different way of doing some things?
- Can you go with the flow?
- Can you let go of expectations?
- Can you shake things off?
- Can you deal with an extreme climate?
- Do you need all the conveniences of home?
- Are you willing to meet new people with very different lifestyles?
- Are you able to accept and respect those that are different?
- Is it simply a dream, not something you really want in reality?

Writing down the answers will help you remember how you responded and provide you with a baseline if you revisit your answers at a point in the future.

As life moves forward, our ideas and situations can change, so reviewing and updating your answers is a good idea. I strongly suggest that you review them often to ensure you are exploring your retirement options based on your current situation, and not how you felt when you first answered the questions. The whole process of planning for retirement seems to change direction, with both more possibilities as well as impossibilities, as we get more and more into our planning.

It's all good!

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