

20 Towns Where You Can Save on Living Expenses

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Carolina Trace

Sanford, North Carolina

The lure: After 30 years in the making, you might think Carolina Trace would have few surprises left, but the community in central North Carolina can always make room for something new. A clubhouse with fitness facilities, conference rooms and a pro shop is slated to open later this year. Other amenities include two 18-hole golf courses designed by Robert Trent Jones and a 315-acre lake and marinas. Homes nestle in 19 neighborhoods.

What residents say: "You would think we had lived here for years," says Liz LaFuze, noting how quickly she and husband Tom made friends after moving a few years ago from Wisconsin. "We drove into the Trace

and we said, 'Oh, my, this is exactly what we wanted,'" she recalls. Homes are much different from a "cookie-cutter" approach in other communities they scouted, Liz says. The couple, in their late 50s, especially enjoy the golf facilities, having taken up the game after moving to Carolina Trace. "It just turned out to be perfect," she says.

Prices: \$152,000-\$1.5 million for attached townhomes and single-family homes.

Status: 1,520 homes sold of 2,300 planned on 2,500 acres.

Age-restricted: No.

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