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AARP the Magazine Reveals 2013 List of Best Places to Live the Good Life for Under \$30k

Daytona, FL; Pocatello, ID; Bangor, ME; Greenville, SC and Grand Rapids, MI Among Top Cities for Americans 50+ to Live on a Budget

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WASHINGTON (October 1, 2013) — Each year, *AARP The Magazine* hits the highway and travels across the country to discover the most desirable locales for people over 50. This year, our team of experts took the challenge a step further – to uncover the best places to live on a mere \$30,000 that offer great eats, fun freebies, sporting opportunities and a fulfilling experience for older Americans.

"Our readers are interested in living their best lives without spending a fortune," said Robert Love, Editor in Chief of *AARP The Magazine*. "Each year we aim to find new locations packed with affordable opportunities appealing to the 50+ audience and these are some of the places where this is happening."

The ten cities selected by AARP The Magazine as the most livable, budget-friendly places in the United States, where 50+ Americans can live in comfort, no matter the size of their savings account are:

Bangor, ME

Daytona/Deltona/Ormond Beach, FL

Erie, PA

Grand Rapids, MI

Greenville, SC

Louisville, KY

Pocatello, ID

Pueblo, CO

Sherman/Denison, TX

South Bend, IN

Five of these cities are featured in the October/November issue of ***AARP The Magazine*** (in homes October 1st), and the full list is available online now at www.aarp.org/magazine.

In determining the 2013 list, *AARP The Magazine* looked at a number of financial factors – including median prices for homes, property taxes and mortgage – as well as the intangibles such as wallet-friendly entertainment and the best local eateries. The following offers a glimpse into why each of our top ten made the final cut:

Bangor, Maine

Median home price: \$110,400

Median property tax: \$1,303

Great eating: Pop in to Geaghan's for Sunday breakfast; Maine blueberry pancakes cost \$5.59.

Favorite freebie: Every summer the American Folk Festival brings three days of free music to the Waterfront.

Daytona/Deltona/Ormond Beach, Florida

Median home price: \$108,900

Median property tax: \$1,161

Great eating: Try Tia Cori's Tacos on North Beach in Daytona; tacos start at \$1.50, margaritas are \$4.

Favorite freebie: The Art League of Daytona Beach

Erie, PA**Median home price:** \$106,600**Median property tax:** \$1,899**Great eating:** Don't pass on the pierogis at Dubrowski's Deli and Restaurant, where there are seven varieties of the ¼ pounders**Favorite freebie:** The 75-foot observation deck at Presque Isle State Park**Grand Rapids, MI****Median home price:** \$114,200**Median property tax:** \$1,830**Great eating:** Hoist a craft beer at HopCat, currently ranked the nation's No. 1 brew pub**Favorite Freebie:** The international ArtPrize competition brings world-class art downtown**Greenville, SC****Median home price:** \$127,600**Median property tax:** \$753**Great eating:** Munch on a petit pain for 65 cents at Legrand Bakery**Favorite Freebie:** Parking on Main Street, trolley rides, downtown Wi-Fi and admission to the Greenville County Art Museum**Louisville, KY****Median home price:** \$128,200**Median property tax:** \$1,116**Great eating:** Swing by Muth's Candies to savor the Bourbon Balls and famous Modjeskas, a marshmallow-caramel treat named after a 1920s Polish actress**Favorite Freebie:** Yoga classes offered in Cherokee, Shelby and Rubel parks**Pocatello, ID****Median home price:** \$127,500**Median property tax:** \$1,179**Great eating:** Try a latte and hear live music at the Co Ho**Favorite freebie:** Self-guided walking tours downtown offer an up-close look at historic buildings and architectural landmarks**Pueblo, CO****Median home price:** \$102,600**Median property tax:** \$765**Great eating:** Known for the distinctive Mira Sol green chile peppers that grow here, the city is famous for its sloppers—a cheeseburger slathered in green chili.**Favorite freebie:** Take in all three miles of the Pueblo Levee Mural Project, which holds a Guinness Book of World Records' distinction as being the world's largest continuous painting**Sherman/Denison, TX****Median home price:** \$79,400**Median property tax:** \$1,158**Great eating:** BBQ fans swear by the traditional pulled-pork sandwich at the Cackle & Oink**Favorite freebie:** Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge boasts an impressive 338 species of birds, 36 species of mammals, 60 species of reptiles and amphibians, and 61 species of fish**South Bend, IN**

Median home price: \$82,500

Median property tax: \$846

Great eating: Cheeseburgers at CJ's Pub are so beloved they're even sold in area supermarkets

Favorite freebie: Campus tours of Notre Dame, including its famous Grotto, Basilica of the Sacred Heart and "Touchdown Jesus"

Additional information on *AARP The Magazine's* 2013 list of the Best Places to Live can be found in the October/November issue or online at www.aarp.org/magazine.

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