

Cost Comparison *Worksheet*

Quick Price Guide

Print this price guide and bring it on your tours. Compare up to 3 communities easily.

Community Details

	Community 1	Community 2	Community 3
Name			
Date Visited			
Tour Guide			

Monthly Costs: Base Rent

Room Type	Community 1	Community 2	Community 3
Studio	\$	\$	\$
1 Bedroom	\$	\$	\$
2 Bedroom	\$	\$	\$

What's Included? (Check what's covered)

	Community 1	Community 2	Community 3
All Utilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Meals Daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housekeeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet/Cable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Move-In Costs

One-Time Fees	Community 1	Community 2	Community 3
Security Deposit	\$	\$	\$
Community Fee	\$	\$	\$
Other Fees	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL MOVE-IN	\$	\$	\$
Are deposits refundable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Important Policies

Key Questions	Community 1	Community 2	Community 3
Yearly rent increase?	%	%	%
Contract required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Notice to move out?	Days	Days	Days

Must-Ask Questions

During Your Tour, Ask:

Costs

- ☐ "Are there ANY other monthly fees not mentioned?"
- ☐ "What services cost extra?" (guest meals, extra cleaning, etc.)

Future Care

- ☐ "What if I need more help later?"
- ☐ "Can I hire outside caregivers?"

Daily Life

- ☐ "What time are meals served?"
- ☐ "Where does your transportation go?"

Red Flags to Watch For:

- ☐ Unwillingness to discuss all costs upfront
- ☐ Pressure to sign same day
- ☐ Vague answers about fee increases
- ☐ No current resident references

Your Quick Rating

Rate Each (1-10)	Community 1	Community 2	Community 3
Staff Friendliness			
Cleanliness			
Resident Happiness			
Overall Feeling			

Quick Notes

Top Choice:

Why?

Main Concern:

Follow-up needed:

Next Steps

- ☐ Get written cost breakdown
- ☐ Visit during a meal time
- ☐ Read contract carefully
- ☐ Check online reviews
- ☐ Talk with family
- ☐ Trust your gut feeling

REMEMBER: Take your time, ask lots of questions, and choose what feels right for YOU