

# Philippines ranked 8th in Best Places to Retire in 2018



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**The Philippines is included in the first-ever list of the best retirement destinations in the world by the *International Living Australia*. Of the 15 countries cited, the Philippines landed on the 8<sup>th</sup> spot.**

It is the first release of the Global Retirement Rankings for Australians, which as per the team, took years from its planning to execution. The team looked into various criteria that would be relevant to Australian boomers. They assessed that each destination on the list is a place where one can enjoy the most out of one's money because of the low costs of living and worthy real estate investments. Evaluated were healthcare and infrastructure of the country, proximity from the homeland, availability of direct flights, English language proficiency of the locals, the population

of the existing expatriate communities, ease of getting a long-term or residence visa, and overall quality of life.

Malaysia topped the list, followed by Thailand, Mexico, Cambodia, Indonesia, Ecuador, and Panama. The results of the comprehensive questionnaire sent out to in-country expatriates were added to the other resources and researches in order to complete the rankings.

The Philippines also ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the 2017 Annual Global Retirement Index of International Living with over 24 other countries listed.

Commendations such as this, and the increase of the number of aging societies worldwide, make it more reasonable for the country to maximize its potentials as a preferred retirement destination among expatriates.

Among the cumulative 51,000 retiree-members of the Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA), the Australians are always part of its Top Ten Nationality Enrollees. The PRA acknowledges the needs of this market and others, as it provides services that will attest to the country's reputation as one of the world's best retirement havens.