

Senior Living Tour Checklist & FAQ

A simple guide to help families compare options, ask better questions, and feel more confident before making a decision.

Tip: Bring this guide with you when touring senior living communities. Use it to compare what is included, what costs extra, and whether the daily lifestyle feels like the right fit for your loved one.

At a Glance: Senior Living Options

Type	Best For	Questions to Ask
Independent Living	Active seniors who want meals, social life, maintenance, transportation, and amenities.	What is included? Are there on-site partners if extra help is needed?
Assisted Living	Seniors who need more regular help with personal care.	What care is included in base rent, and what costs extra?
Memory Care	Individuals living with advanced Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or memory-related conditions.	How is the community secured? What dementia training do staff receive?
Skilled Nursing	Seniors who need medical care, rehab, or 24-hour nursing support.	Is the stay short-term or long-term? What does Medicare cover?
Continuing Care / CCRC	Families who want multiple levels of care on one campus.	Is there an entrance or buy-in fee? Is any part refundable?

Tour Checklist: What to Compare

Monthly Cost & Contract

- What is the monthly rent?
- What services are included?
- Are utilities included?
- Is the lease month-to-month or long-term?
- Are there community fees, entrance fees, or buy-in fees?
- Are any fees refundable?
- Are there current move-in specials, discounts, or price match options?

Lifestyle & Community Fit

- What types of residents usually live here?
- Is the activity calendar built around active independent seniors?
- Are meals served daily?
- Can guests join residents for meals or events?
- Are transportation services available?
- Are there social spaces where residents naturally gather?
- Can my loved one try the community before deciding?

Support & Extra Help

- What happens if my loved one sometimes needs extra help?
- Are there on-site partners for medication reminders, housekeeping, laundry, bathing, or other activities of daily living?
- Can residents bring in outside support if needed?
- How are changing needs handled?

What services are not included in the monthly rent?

Apartment & Amenities

- What apartment sizes are available?
- Is maintenance included?
- Are common areas clean, bright, and easy to access?
- Are there fitness, wellness, or recreation amenities?
- Is Wi-Fi available?
- Are pets allowed?

Family Peace of Mind

- Who should families contact with questions?
- How does the community communicate updates?
- What happens if a resident needs to move out?
- Are there penalties for leaving?
- Would I feel comfortable having my loved one here?

Side-by-Side Notes

Community	Monthly Cost	What Is Included?	Overall Impression

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between independent living and assisted living?

Independent living is generally for seniors who are still able to live independently but want meals, activities, maintenance, transportation, amenities, and community. Assisted living is for seniors who need more regular help with personal care.

What if my parent is independent but sometimes needs extra help?

Ask whether the community has on-site partners or allows outside support for services such as medication reminders, housekeeping, laundry, bathing, or other activities of daily living.

Why does social connection matter?

Social connection supports healthy aging. Being around neighbors, activities, shared meals, and daily opportunities for conversation can help seniors stay more engaged.

Should I tour even if my parent is not ready?

Yes. Touring early helps families learn the options before a crisis. Adult children often help gather information and may need to help make decisions later.

What is a trial stay or experience stay?

A trial stay lets a potential resident experience community life before making a final decision. Ask Genesis Village about the Genesis Village Experience.

What should I ask about costs?

Ask about monthly rent, what is included, entrance fees, community fees, future increases, care-related charges, move-in specials, and whether any savings programs are available.

Next Step

Genesis Village invites families to tour, ask questions, and compare options without pressure. **Ask about the Genesis Village Experience, Move-In Specials, Good Neighbor Program, Price Match Program, and Community Membership options.**

Welcome to the neighborhood you've been missing!