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GHO's Sawgrass Mediterranean exterior and below the builder's Barrington show home living space and a stunning master ensuite.

# New home communities shine in Florida

Setting up house in Florida is a retirement plan that many Canadians consider. Snowbirds have plenty of choices including new developments that offer amazing amenities, customized homes and a variety of locations.

If you want to live On Top of the World, simply head to Ocala, Florida.

Situated in the north central part of the Sunshine state, On Top of the World Communities is an expanding adult community on a massive 14,000-acre property.

Interestingly, though not surprisingly considering the area is known as horse country, the community is surrounded by an active, working cattle operation called Circle Square Ranch. The target market is the 55+ homebuyer who is seeking an active lifestyle within a gated community, according to director of marketing Linda Massarella-Aiosa. There are currently several distinct neighbourhoods on the Ocala property - voted one of "Where to Retire's" 50 best master-planned communities in the U.S. - and is only one-quarter developed.

There are 12 different home designs with a designated Design Studio filled with myriad options to personalize your own home and an interactive home design feature that allows you to determine what options you prefer.

The 10 decorated model homes and move-in ready, energy efficient homes all feature flexible floor plans and luxury features.

All homes offer quality fixtures and finishes,



open living areas and high ceilings. The estate homes also offer gourmet kitchens, guest suites and three-car garages, many with golf course or preserve views.

On Top of the World has more than 250,000 sq. ft. of amenities, highlighted by 54 holes of golf, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis and pickleball courts, racquetball and basketball courts, walking trails and a health club and spa.

There are restaurants, concerts, dances and more than 200 clubs, leagues, hobbies and learning opportunities at its award-winning Master the Possibilities Life-Long Learning Centre.

Ocala is close to major cities Orlando, Daytona and Tampa and to both east and west coast beaches.

If you'd like to 'taste' before you buy, On Top of the World invites you to experience the community first hand by staying at a guest villa for two-days, three-nights for \$189.

## GHO on the Atlantic side

Along a stretch of sand on Florida's Atlantic side is the Treasure Coast, the tranquil setting for 16 communities being built by GHO Homes.

GHO homes developed the Tailor Made program which allows homebuyers to customize their new homes with numerous options, built-ins and upgrades to ensure their unique lifestyle is reflected.

Large and small structural modifications can be accommodated to any plan. You can expand your pantry, add a workshop to the garage, raise the roof, perhaps add a half bath or expand the patio.

As Renee MacLees, GHO marketing director explains, homebuyers chose one of the existing floor plans, communicate their needs and wants, and customize both interior and exterior finishes.

As part of the Tailor Made Program, GHO Homes has interactive floor plans on their website so you can compare options and even place furniture in your house. GHO's new Design Studio has more than 3,000 sq. ft. of showroom space with a host of flooring, cabinetry and bathroom options.

Standard features in all GHO homes are the rounded corners on all interior walls, 8-foot interior doors, tile in all living areas except the bedrooms and den, and granite or quartz countertops in the kitchens.

"In addition to building in our communities, we build semi-custom homes for individuals on their lot which brings our home selection options from the \$200s to over \$800s," says MacLees.

Recently, GHO broke into the top 200 list at 195 when "Builder Magazine" ranked the top 200 builders, "a huge accomplishment for a local builder as this list is comprised mostly of national and regional builders," said MacLees.

As GHO Homes builds in only three counties, it was an honour for them to also receive the 2014 Fastest Growing Private Homebuilder 100-200 award from "Builder Magazine", she said.

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SIXTEEN TREASURE COAST COMMUNITIES FROM THE \$200S

# VERO BEACH

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Vero Beach offers some of the best amenities to be found on the Treasure Coast including easy access to beaches, fishing and boating on the Indian River Lagoon and an abundance of shopping, entertainment and dining opportunities – all within a relaxed, hometown setting within a brief, 20 minute drive to everything!

## BIG TRAVEL NEWS!

*Porter Airlines, a Toronto-based carrier, will soon begin nonstop flights between Melbourne and Toronto for under \$400, round trip. The Melbourne airport is only 45 minutes north of Vero Beach.*

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With 12 other Treasure Coast communities to choose from, GHO Homes has an array of lifestyles at price points to fit your needs. Visit [GHOHomes.com](http://GHOHomes.com) to preview communities, models, interactive floorplans and much more.

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