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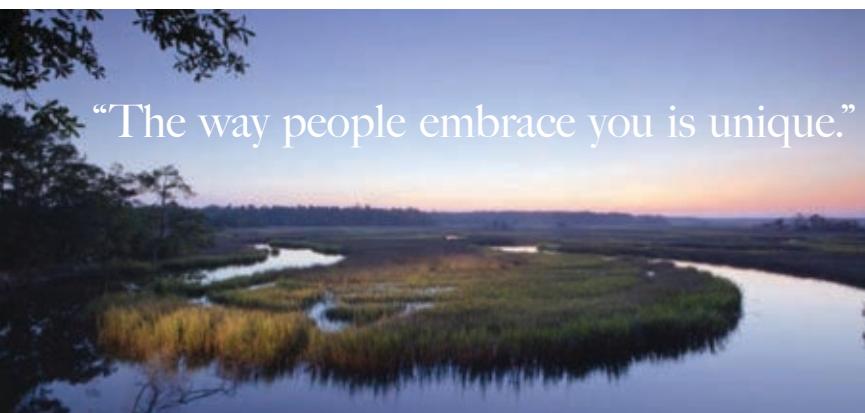




World Travelers Find a Place to Call Home in the Low-tax State of Georgia

Have you ever thought about selling all of your worldly possessions and traveling around the world? Jim and Fernanda Dorsey did just that and then ended up at Waterways in Richmond Hill, just 30 minutes outside of Savannah, GA.

In 2019, they sold their home in California along with 90 percent of their belongings and decided to pair down their lifestyle. They were on their world journey when COVID hit, so they spent a year on the island of San Miguel (known as the Hawaii of the Atlantic) off the coast of Portugal.



Fernanda says, “We consolidated our lives, optimized our finances, and learned to live with less. It was liberating to detach ourselves from the dependency of owning things.” According to Jim, “The idea of living with less makes you appreciate things 10 times more.”

While locked down in Portugal in 500 sq. ft., they had the time to research where they wanted their next adventure to begin. Simplicity became the order of their lives. Jim says, “We wanted to find a new way of living. We wanted to reinvent ourselves. And, here we are

now, building a new home in Waterways. To us, this is as exotic of a place as we’ve ever been.”

They had never lived on the East Coast of the U.S. before, and they ended up falling in love with Waterways. “The feeling that we got when we drove into Waterways was like we were home. It’s like when you meet your life partner. It’s a visceral feeling. It checked so many boxes for us, and it also stopped us from looking anymore,” says Jim.

For the Dorseys, the pace of life in Waterways is much more desirable than their lives just 25 miles from Santa Monica, CA. Jim says, “It could take us an hour and a half to get to the beach if we wanted because, in California, 150,000 people had the same idea at the same time.” Living in Waterways will enable them to enjoy traveling around the Lowcountry. They look forward to walking throughout the community, kayaking, and especially playing tennis. Jim says he is 66 and has the energy of a 30-year-old. Not to mention, the tax situation and cost-of-living is also substantially less than in California.

The Dorseys are most excited by the sense of community at Waterways. They already feel a part of the community and haven’t even broken ground yet. Jim says, “The way people embrace you is unique. No matter where people are from or how much money they have, everyone is on a level playing field. There is such a blend of different people; you can’t tell the backgrounds of people.”

It speaks volumes that the Dorseys chose Waterways after being in so many places throughout the world.