



Where Should You Look?

Neighborhood Know-How

How to figure out where you actually want to live

First, Know Your Priorities

What do you want from your neighborhood?

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Walkable to work/school
- ☐ Near friends or family
- ☐ Quiet and residential
- ☐ Lively and social
- ☐ Access to public transit
- ☐ Dog-friendly / walkable green space
- ☐ Near grocery stores / essentials
- ☐ Affordable compared to surrounding areas
- ☐ Feels safe during day and night
- ☐ Close to restaurants, bars, or culture

How to Research Like a Local

Use these methods to go beyond Google Maps:

Method

What to Look For

Crime maps

Local police or sites like SpotCrime

Google reviews

Check local businesses, gyms, parks

Social media

Facebook groups/Nextdoor threads

Food/Delivery apps What's nearby and available late-night

Walk the Area

People out and about, noise levels

Visit at Night

Lighting, noise, safety vibe

Transit Test

Simulate your commute at rush hour



Gut Check

Which one feels the most *you*?

Which one makes you excited to explore?

Which one do you keep talking yourself *into*?

ChatGPT Prompt:

"I'm moving to [City Name] and value [e.g. walkability, safety, pet-friendliness].

What 2–3 neighborhoods should I consider based on that criteria, and why?"



Side-by-Side Comparison Table

Feature	Area 1 _____	Area 2 _____	Area 3 _____
Commute time			
Grocery/essentials			
Safety score			
Walkability			
Nighttime vibe			
Rent range			
Pet-friendliness?			
Overall feel (1–5)			

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