Answer These 22 Questions

Where would you like to live? In a mountain town By the beach In a city On an island
What kind of climate do you most appreciate? Four seasons (cold spells and even snow don't bother me) Temperate year-round with little humidity (for example, an average high of 75 F) I prefer cooler temps with highs averaging 60 F to 70 F Give me tropical heat (and the humidity that comes with it)
What will your monthly budget be? Less than \$1,200 Between \$1,200 and \$2,500 More than \$2,500
Healthcare—How important is it to have access to affordable, top-quality healthcare? Not all that important Moderately important Very important
How healthy are you? I have no health issues I'm relatively healthy but sometimes get sick I have mobility issues I'm on lots of medication
How important is "fitting in" for you? I like the unknown and am comfortable anywhere I go It would take time to adapt but I would embrace that I'd like an expat community where English is spoken and I can buy familiar items from home
Accessibility: How far do you want to be from the U.S.? Less than five hours Less than 10 hours I don't mind, I won't be going home that often
How important is being in an expat community to you? I don't want to meet many Americans or Canadians—I prefer a real local experience I would like to meet expats and locals alike I would rather be in a gated community with other expats

I would like to experience lots of cultural activities, with a nightly choice of restaurants,
theater, etc. I don't need to keep busy all the time, but would like to have options if I wanted to go
out Not important at all. I like a quiet life
How important is infrastructure for you—internet access, good roads, etc.? Most important, I'll need to be online every day Not so important
How often will you want to fly back home? Every few months Once a year Every two years or so
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Housing prospects: Will you rent or buy? I want to buy property I'd prefer to rent
What kind of housing would best suit you? A condo/apartment A house with a garden and space for visitors A farm to grow my own produce
What kind of visa are you looking for? A retiree visa An investor visa A working visa
How much time will you spend overseas? Less than three months About six months Full-time
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Do you have pets you'd like to take with you? Yes No
Do you live for shopping, need top-notch hair care and spa services, etc.? Yes, this is a major factor I could live without them but would like to have them from time to time

This isn't important
How important are safety issues to you? I am confident in my ability to stay safe just about anywhere I am moderately concerned I am most concerned about safety overseas
If you are bringing children, what kind of schooling are you looking for? I'm going to home-school I'm looking for a private international school with other expat children I'm looking for a local school
Will you need to earn an income? Yes, I'm looking for full-time work Yes, I'm looking for part-time work No, I'm ready to retire