

Buying a Second Home: What to Consider

At some point, many people consider buying a second home.

This new property might be your vacation getaway or an addition to your investment portfolio. But, just like buying your first home, such a large purchase requires careful consideration.

These four questions can help guide you as you weigh the potential benefits and challenges of purchasing another house.

## 1. What will be the costs associated with owning a second home?

When you have the disposable income to buy a second home, it's still important to carefully calculate all of the costs involved. Will you be buying the home outright or taking out a mortgage? As the homeowner, remember you'll also be responsible for taxes and maintenance of the property.

## 2. What are the potential tax advantages?

You may be able to realize tax benefits when you own a second home. Depending on your situation and how you use the property, you may be able to deduct <u>rental expenses</u>, mortgage interest and property taxes.

## 3. What are the risks involved?

Real estate is not a risk-free investment. When you rent out the home, you have the responsibilities of a landlord, which include assuming the risk of tenants who do not pay and potential damage to the property. Possible housing market fluctuations are another detail to consider.

## 4. What are a few best practices to be aware of?

- Develop a detailed budget that takes all costs into consideration.
- Do your research on local tax laws.
- If you plan to rent out the property, consider homes that will be attractive to potential short-term or long-term renters.

If you see a second home in your future, we're here to answer your questions about the financial implications. Reach out anytime.

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