

What are "Blue Zones"?

Places around the world where people consistently live to be more than 100 years old.

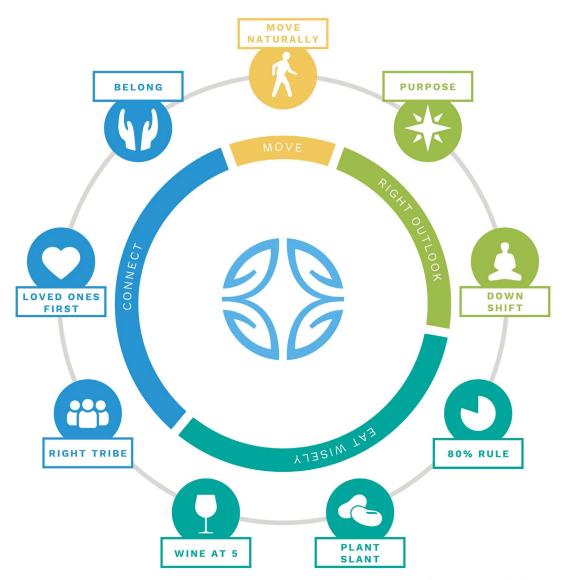
The phrase was introduced by Dan Buettner, a National Geographic Explorer and Fellow and journalist. With his team, Buettner traveled the world searching for communities where people not only lived longer, but also enjoyed a high quality of life in their old age.



There have been 5 blue zones identified:

- Sardinia, Italy
- Okinawa, Japan,
- Loma Linda, USA
- Nicoya, Costa Rica
- Ikaria, Greece

Dan's team discovered nine specific lifestyle habits that all the blue zone areas share.



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How to live to be 100+



Blue Zones in Saskatchewan

The Saskatoon Council on Aging Globe Walk theme for 2024 is "**Discovering the Blue Zones**". Participants will learn about the 5 blue zone regions and their populations.







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Resources:

- Blue Zones
- <u>"Why People in 'Blue Zones' Live</u> Longer Than the Rest of the World"
- <u>"Blue Zones: Lessons From the</u> World's Longest Lived"
- SCOA Globe Walk