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Ballin' on a Budget: A College Student's Guide to International Travel

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Tips and Tricks

Instead of covering a particular country this week, we are going to cover a tool that I have found handy for making any vacation affordable.

Right off the bat, [Airbnb](#) will be your new best friend. Local hosts offer vacation rentals of various sizes that fall within every price point. An Airbnb opposed to a hotel will provide more convenience in terms of appliances for cooking and comfort. You can save money on eating out and go grocery shopping for what you need instead!

Airbnb also offers “experiences” from several different categories such as Art and Culture, Food and Drink, Sports, Nature and Outdoors, Sightseeing, etc. Based on my personal experience they tend to be more affordable and away from tourist swarms than what you would find offered at a resort. This means not only will you be getting an authentic experience, but also a good deal.

Lastly, you can be confident you will be in good hands with your hosts as they have background checks performed and a number of ratings and reviews under postings for credibility. The app is easily accessible online or on mobile devices via the Airbnb app and offers rentals and experiences in [over 220 different countries](#). Before you book anything anywhere else, check Airbnb!