



Introduction to Booking Vacation Stays Online

Vacation Stays Basics

- Online platforms let homeowners (“hosts”) seek short-term renters (“guests”)
- “Live like a local” when traveling
- Download the app for added convenience during your trip

Features

- See photos and reviews before you book
- Use filters and map view when searching
- Rent an entire home or just a room
- Hosts and guests leave reviews



Popular Rental Sites

- [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com)
- [homes-and-villas.marriott.com](https://www.homes-and-villas.marriott.com)
- [booking.com](https://www.booking.com)
- [tripadvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com)
- [interhome.com](https://www.interhome.com)
- [vrbo.com](https://www.vrbo.com)

Alternatives to Rentals

- [freebirdclub.com](https://www.freebirdclub.com)
- [homeexchange.com](https://www.homeexchange.com)
- [trustedhousesitters.com](https://www.trustedhousesitters.com)

Search Engines

- [hometogo.com](https://www.hometogo.com)
- [tripping.com](https://www.tripping.com)

Safety Tips

- Always read reviews
- Communicate and pay via website or app
- Check for smoke / carbon dioxide alarms
- Share trip details with others
- Keep copies of travel documents
- Know local emergency numbers

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