



Airbnb is an increasingly popular option for budget travelers, but what's the catch?

If you are travelling and are not willing to pay hundreds of dollars for accommodation, Airbnb can be a much cheaper option than hotels. Going this route does have its drawbacks. Here's what to look out for before you book that room on Airbnb.

01 Hidden costs

The advertised daily rate on Airbnb does not include costs such as "cleaning fees" and Airbnb's own "service fees" (see screen capture below). These fees are typically about 10-20% on top of the advertised daily rate.

8 Things to Know before You Book an Airbnb

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45 CHF x 3 nights ⓘ	136 CHF
Cleaning fee ⓘ	24 CHF
Service fee ⓘ	21 CHF
Total	181 CHF

 
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The host canceled this reservation 2 days before arrival. This is an automatic posting.

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