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7 Free Apps That Can Make Planning Your Next Vacation Easy



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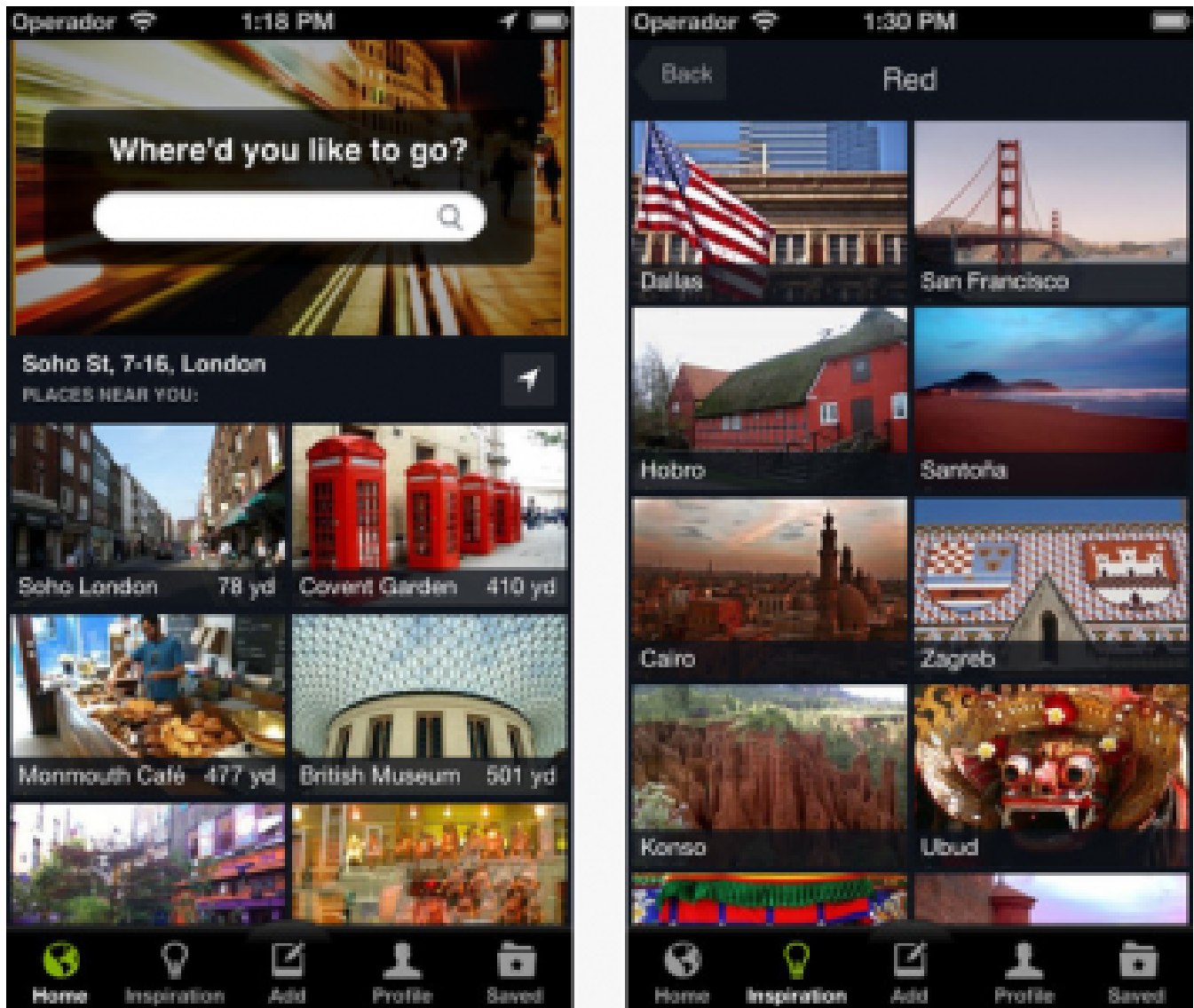
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We're fresh into the new year but we're already daydreaming about our next vacation.

A number of apps are more than capable of helping you plan your next trip. Use them to save a bundle on flights, hotels, and car rentals -- then use them again to find fun stuff to do once you've arrived at your destination.

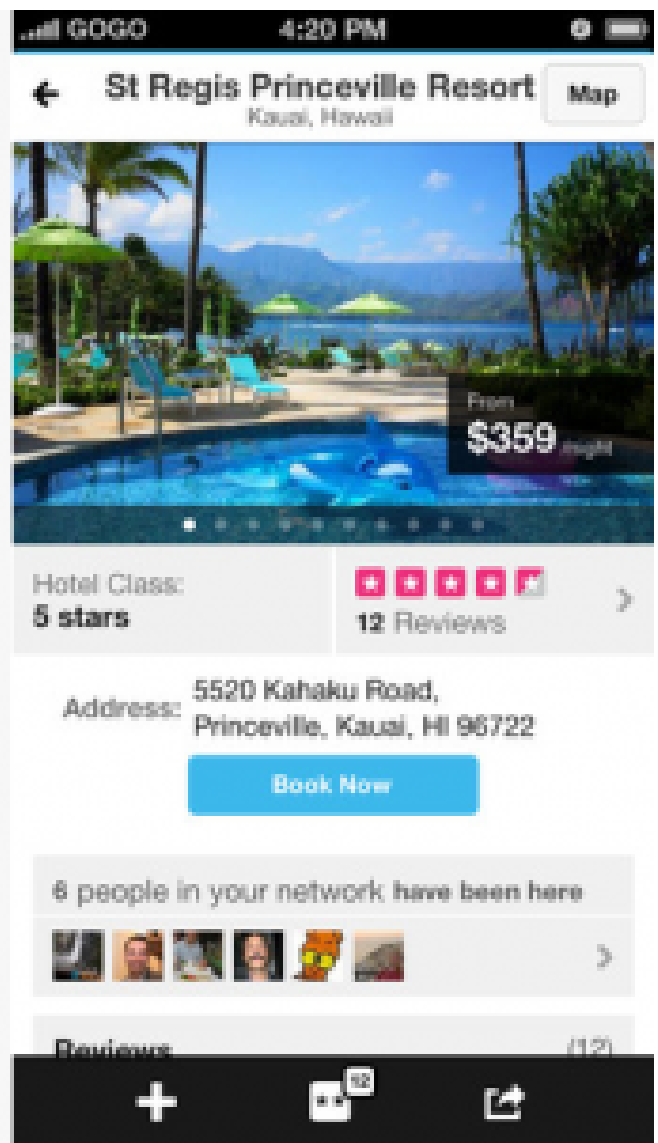
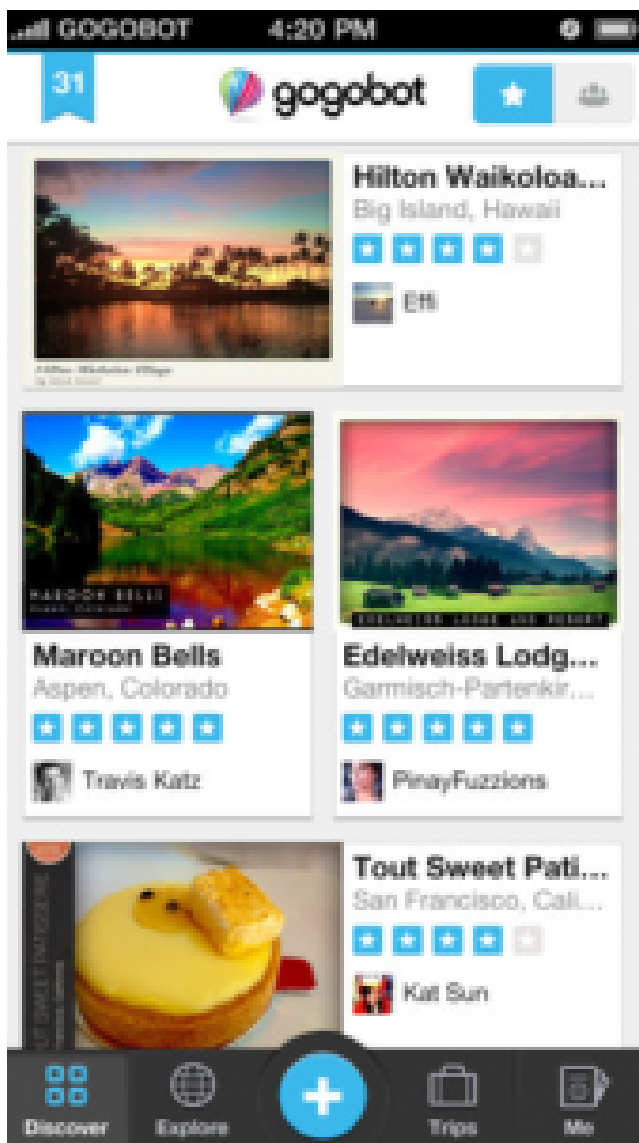
Minube



Not sure where you want to go yet? Use [Minube](#) to browse pictures and video of destinations to get inspiration on where to take your next big trip.

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Gogobot



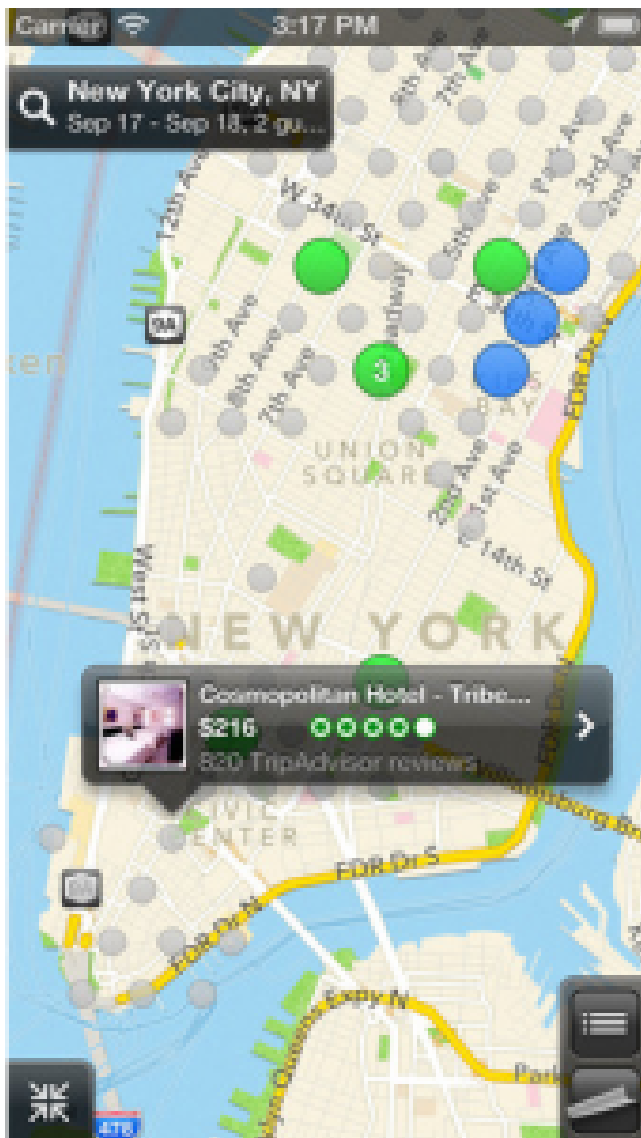
Here's another app to help you brainstorm fun travel ideas. It lets you lay out a potential itinerary and share your plans with friends when you're done.

Kayak



Paying for your travel is one of the biggest costs associated with any vacation. [Kayak's app](#) comes to the rescue by scrounging up the best deals to get you where you want to be when you want to be there.

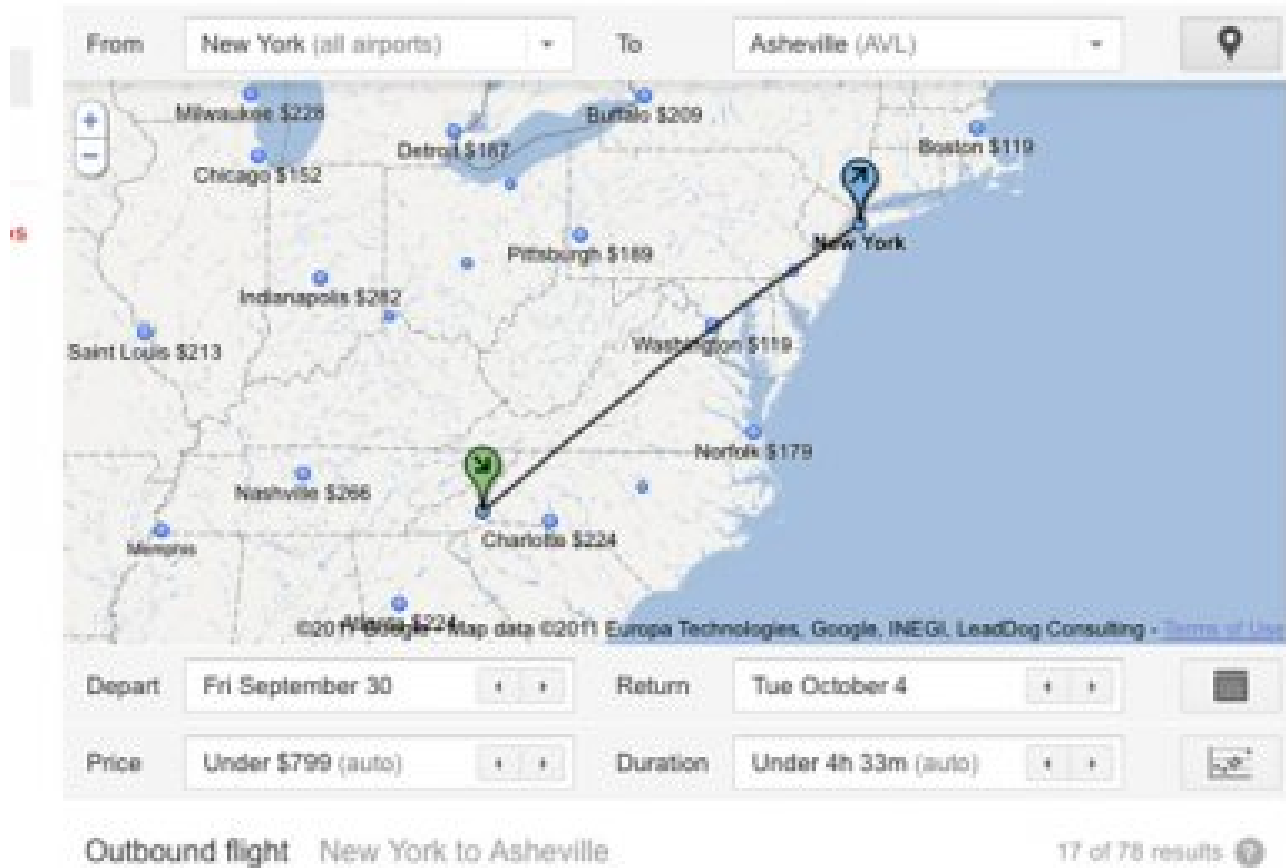
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This app is another great venue to help you find cheap travel. It's wonderfully user-friendly and can suggest less expensive times to fly if your itinerary is flexible.

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Google Flights

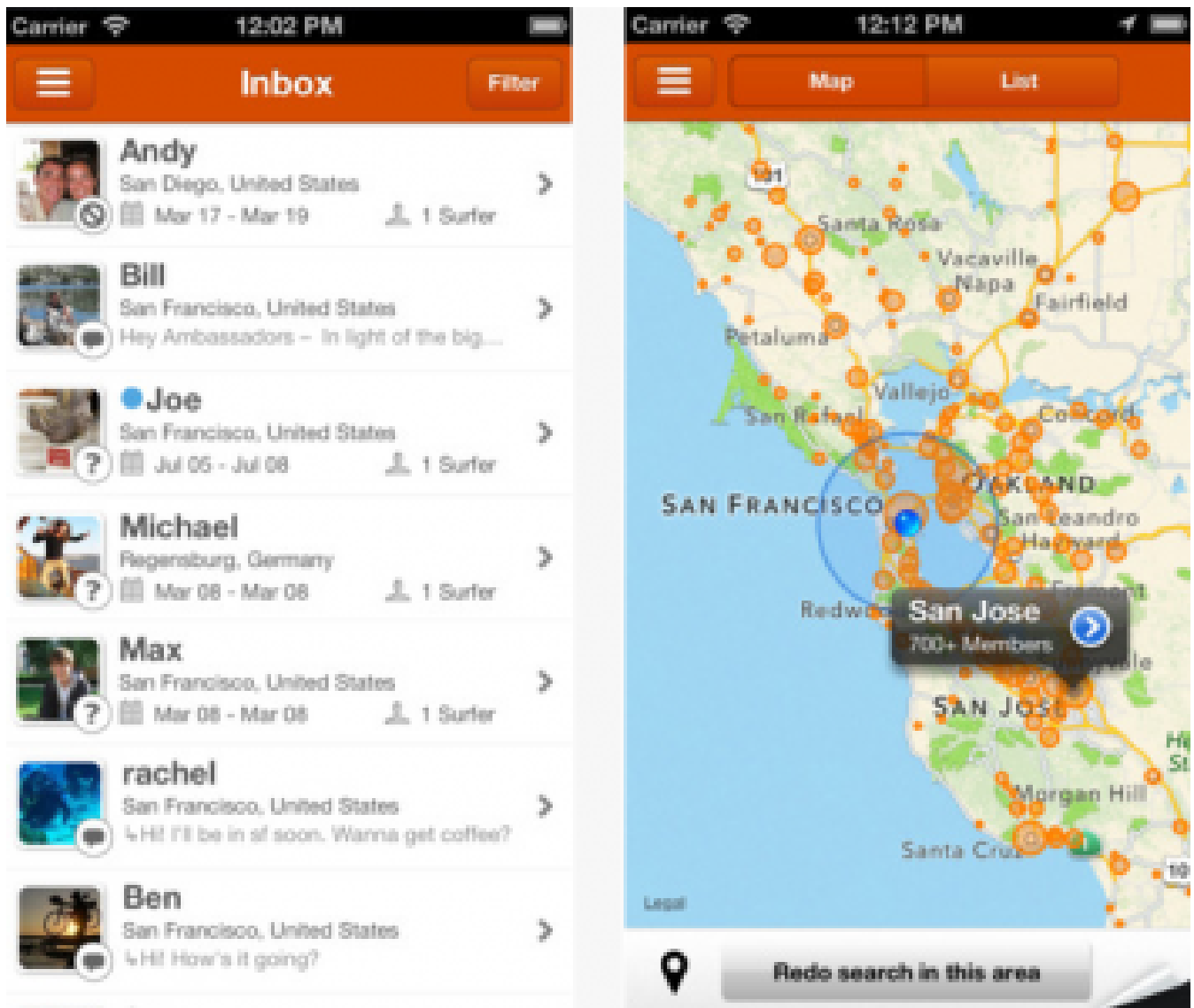


The screenshot shows the Google Flights interface for a search from New York (all airports) to Asheville (AVL). The map displays flight prices to various cities: Milwaukee (\$228), Chicago (\$152), Detroit (\$167), Buffalo (\$209), Boston (\$119), Pittsburgh (\$189), Indianapolis (\$282), Washington (\$119), Saint Louis (\$213), Nashville (\$266), Norfolk (\$179), Memphis, and Charlotte (\$224). The search parameters are: Depart: Fri September 30, Return: Tue October 4, Price: Under \$799 (auto), and Duration: Under 4h 33m (auto). The results show 17 of 78 results for the outbound flight New York to Asheville.

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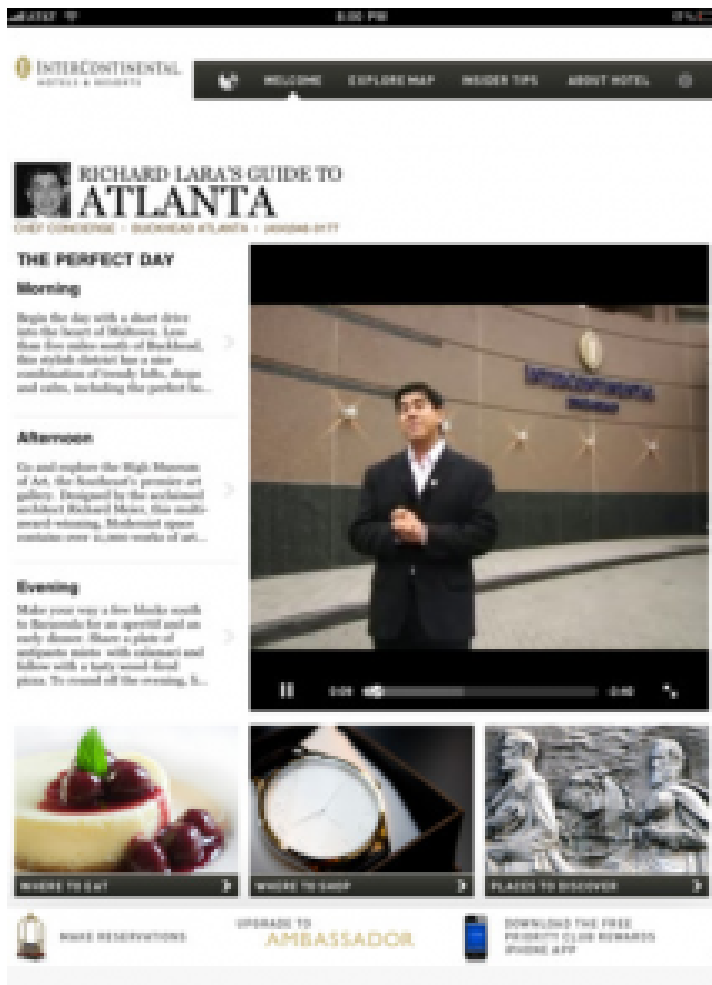
The quest for inexpensive travel continues with [Google Flights](#). It offers one more exhaustive way to comb the airlines for the most affordable way to get to your destination.

CouchSurfing



Why worry about cheap when there's "free?" [CouchSurfing](#) connects you with people around the world who are willing to let you stay in their homes (and in some cases, even serve as your tour guide).

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The concierge at a hotel always knows great places to recommend you check out while traveling. [This app](#) brings the concierge directly to your iPad.

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