



The discount private rentals vs hotels offer lower-priced overnight stays. However, with success and corporate greed taking over, senior travelers should be aware of unadvertised extra Airbnb costs.

Hotels, resorts, cruises and other travel businesses have long been infamous for advertising low rates. Then at check-out time they tack on another 20 to 50% for so-called resort fees, local taxes and other rip-offs. Now the Airbnb homeowners are getting into the add-on routine.

For example, to the advertised fee of \$100 a night there will be added charges for cleaning, service fees, local taxes and other extras. It could make what comes out of your pocket \$150 a night or more. So, when you're making that great Airbnb deal, always ask and hope for an honest answer: Tell me the actual total of what I'll have to pay.