



As hotel rates continue to jump from grossly overpriced to outright robbery, many savvy seniors look for other options when they roam. There's [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com), where you can find private city and beachside homes that rent out to traveling families for \$100 a night. They include several bedrooms, kitchens, pools and other comforts that would cost a family of four \$600 nightly and more.

Along with Airbnb's growing success, a similar service is now available, named [TrustedHousesitters](https://www.trustedhousesitters.com). It requires guest travelers to take care of the homeowner's pets during their stay. There's no charge by the homeowner, but it involves an annual, one-time membership fee. It's \$119 each for the homeowner and the visitor. For \$148, you can sign up as both homeowner and visitor.