

Vacation Rental Online Resources

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In these Covid times, many people are rethinking whether they travel at all, or, if the decision is “yes”, how they travel. Rather than flying to exotic places and staying in hotels or resorts, road trips and staying in vacation rentals have become very popular during the pandemic. But which online service to use? In the 1990s and 2000s, VRBO (Vacation Rental By Owner) and HomeAway were the main options, then AirBnB came on the scene in 2008. Now there are many more options. Vacation rentals are “hot” right now, and local governments’ increased restrictions on short-term rentals in some areas have contributed to fewer rentals, leading to higher prices.

VRBO is one of the largest sites. Homeaway is now owned by VRBO. They have been around since 1995, trusted by both hosts and travelers. A wide variety of dwelling options are for rent and can be filtered by location, type of dwelling, price, rooms, and other amenities. www.vrbo.com

Airbnb has become very popular. The company’s name comes from “air mattress B&B.” The site connects people wanting to rent to those who want to travel to that locale. Airbnb is unusual in that a room in a house where the host lives might be rented. Or an entire house may be rented. www.airbnb.com

Vacasa offers property management and real estate services directly and through its subsidiaries, offering full-service vacation rentals with a more hands-on approach than other companies. www.vacasa.com

This is an interesting article that lists other sites and their “specialties,”

www.gearpatrol.com/home/a36165994/best-vacation-rental-sites/:

Getaway - quiet getaways near urban areas <https://getaway.house/>

Plum Guide - luxury homes worldwide www.plumguide.com

Marriott Homes & Villas - family space www.marriott.com

Outdoorsy - RV rental specialist www.outdoorsy.com

Sonder - urban neighborhood experience in 30 cities www.sonder.com

Tripadvisor - beach vacations www.tripadvisor.com

Expedia - network of travel sites for the overall experience www.expedia.com

HipCamp - alternative camping sites www.hipcamp.com

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