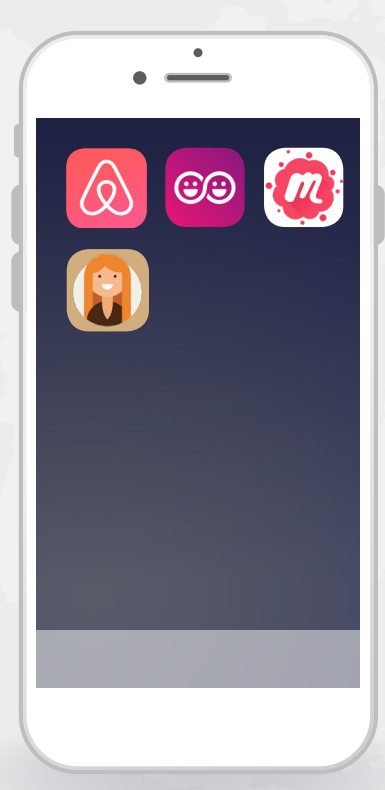




# TRAVEL LESS LIKE A TOURIST, MORE LIKE A *local!*

It's cool to catch the major tourist spots while you're on vacation, but take some time to also do it like a local. Get a more authentic experience and a deeper appreciation for the culture in your destination when you follow these tips.

- 1 Learn the customs before you go.** If the place you visit is weird about smiling, you'll want to know that before you start grinning at folks on the street. This helps with safety and respect!
- 2 Dress the part.** You don't need to go all out, but keep your couture relatively similar to the norm of the city.
- 3 Use a small notebook as your guidebook.** Write down spots to visit and relevant addresses or directions, and check it when necessary. It's way more discreet than a traditional guidebook or map.
- 4 Talk to the locals.** Strike up a conversation in a restaurant, pub or coffee shop. Find out their favorite spots and activities, and explore!
- 5 Check social media for hot spots.** By searching for your city's tagged locations on Instagram and Facebook, you can find what the expats or local lifestyle bloggers are up to, and add it to your itinerary.



## TRY THESE **APPS**

You can book or participate in experiences — kayaking expeditions, cooking classes, yoga classes — all with locals in the city you're visiting.

- **Airbnb - Experiences**
- **Meetup**
- **Withlocals**
- **Showaround**

## **TALK** LIKE A LOCAL — know some key phrases before you go:

- "Hello"
- "Goodbye"
- "Please"
- "Thank you!"
- "Do you speak English?"

