

# Europe's B&Bs: Rich experience, cheap stay



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Staying at a European bed-and-breakfast is a bit like having your own temporary mother while you travel. In the morning, your hostess might help plan your day, tipping you off to the best places for lunch and about the live folk music in the village pub that evening. She then sends you out the door with a smile, handing you an umbrella just in case it rains. The best B&Bs ooze warmth and local color, making these some of my favorite accommodations in Europe.

B&Bs generally are small, family-run places with fewer amenities but more character than a hotel. Most B&Bs offer as many as



Farmhouse B&Bs, such as this in Italy, allow farmers to supplement their incomes and thus continue producing food.

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