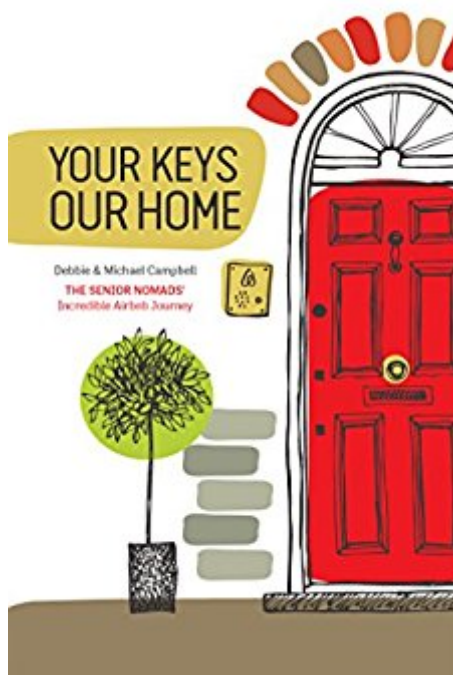


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Your Keys, Our Home.: The Senior Nomads Incredible Airbnb Journey



Synopsis

If you've ever dreamed of casting off your worldly possessions and traveling to your heart's content, this story about two intrepid seniors will inspire you no matter your age. Michael and Debbie Campbell felt they had one more adventure in them before considering retirement in the traditional sense, so they filled two rolling duffel bags with life's essentials (including their own pillows) and hit the road. Four years later, having sold their home in Seattle, their "Senior Nomad" lifestyle has no end in sight. Ride along as they share tales of living full-time in Airbnbs in over 50 countries and pay tribute to the many hosts who not only helped them live daily life, but also offered unique opportunities to experience their cities. From the barber's chair in Dublin and the dentist's chair in Split, to a wild motorcycle ride in Athens, a peek behind the Soviet Curtain in Transnistria, and the demise of a chicken for dinner in Marrakech, hosts made the Campbell's dream of adventure come true. Discover how Debbie and Michael find their next Airbnb, how they get there, and the many ways they enjoy their new city just as the locals do. Learn their tips and tricks for using Airbnb and how they get the most out of each stay, all while spending little more than they would have spent settled into their rocking chairs in Seattle.

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Customer Reviews

I heard about this couple while listening to the audio version of *The Airbnb Story*. As Michael and Debbie Campbell prepared to retire their daughter encouraged them to see the countries on their dream list of places to visit. They didn't think they could afford to do that but their daughter thought they could, using the inexpensive means of Airbnb. This book is the proof they made that happen. So far they've visited 152 cities in 50 countries and stayed in 110 different homes. In fact, I emailed the couple and found them in Zanzibar! This fun read tells how they selected which Airbnb's to stay in, and describes the adventures of finding the places in real life. They tell about the kind owners who took greeted them in the various countries. They give tips for being a good guest and a good host. For those with wanderlust, this is a highly entertaining and informative book.

Great for both hosts and guests, this book is a delight to read! As you follow along the Campbell's adventures you pick up tips on how to find a great place to stay, and how to be a great host, from using filters to narrow down your search and the importance of an introductory letter once you've found a place you'd like to stay (with examples of those letters) to insights into what key elements are most wanted by guests. There are even tips for both hosts and guests on how to ensure you get top reviews. The writers also included an appendix with the full list of Airbnbs they've stayed in during their 3 year journey. I'm ready to hit the road!

I enjoyed this book by Debbie and Michael Campbell, but I expected more. Somehow I expected it to be more organized on how to find Airbnb homes in which to stay, how to fill out a profile to make it appealing, and perhaps some kind of pricing included. The stories were fun and it was entertaining, it's just that I wanted more: How far ahead does one book a house? What is the tax involved now? How much is the cleaning fee? A percentage of the price? Do you write to everyone in English? What about a checklist, as in 1, 2, 3, and 4. Do you ask to use the car? What does one do about utilities? Are they included? How do you send payment? These people are definitely likable enough and they surely give an option for traveling comfortably.

I've followed Michael & Debbie's travels on BeSeniorNomads.com for several years so I was thrilled when they released their new book! It's a fun and enjoyable read, and a practical guide for anyone getting started (or doing more) traveling via Airbnb. It's written from their perspective of traveling

around the world from Airbnb to Airbnb, providing tips for hosts to provide a welcoming stay to the community's network of hosts. But as a guest looking to stay in host homes, I found their book to be a helpful how-to for how to pick the best spot when there may be hundreds of options in a single city, and how to ensure a successful trip abroad whether that's through Michael's savvy negotiating tactics to reduce nightly costs or stressing the importance of obtaining step-by-step instructions in how to reach your apartment from the airport. A critical component to travel when we stayed at a lovely Airbnb in Munich earlier this year without speaking much German! This book gives us the confidence to adventure more and travel and explore via Airbnb. Since reading this book, we've utilized some of the Campbell's booking suggestions for two more Airbnb trips in the coming year!

As my husband and I plan a similar retirement adventure, I was very much interested in what Debbie and Michael had to say about the actual AirBNB side of it. I didn't realize the book was written more for those interested in hosting, as opposed to to their guests (hence the title!). Still, it was helpful to see the advice they give to the hosts because it gave us an idea of what we should look for and ask for as we search for a place to stay, how to plan the meet-up, advice for travel day, etc. A quick and helpful read for those interested in pursuing AirBnB on either side. Debbie and Michael, may our travel paths cross one day!

I've been following the Senior Nomads on their blog for more than two years, so it was exciting to learn they were putting their adventures and knowledge into a book. I read this terrific little book in one sitting - couldn't put it down! The Campbells did a wonderful job of blending their personal travel stories with tips on how to find the right Airbnb match for yourself, and about traveling light. You can't read this and not be inspired to make your own journey. Debbie and Michael also offer an insightful and thought-provoking look at another way of doing retirement. As my husband and I will be beginning our own "great adventure" next year, I know we will be going back to this book again (and again) for both the tips and inspiration.

This book is a delightful journey through Michael and Debbie Campbell's adventure living out their dream retirement, all across the world, using only Airbnb. It's an entertaining travel narrative, as we are taken along their episodic adventures in Croatia, Moldova, Cyprus, Marrakech to name just a few. But rather than focusing on the sights they see they bring to life the people that welcomed them into their homes and the off the beaten path adventures that resulted. For anyone intrigued by Airbnb, this book is also packed with helpful tips and routines-- for travelers, for those

hosting-- from two of the most experienced practitioners of "home sharing" around. Written with soul, emotion and touches of humor, it also includes reflection on how traveling together can deepen a relationship, even after 38 years of marriage.

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