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By Eric Pawlakos App: TripAdvisor by TripAdvisor LLC For: iPhones and Android phones Price: Free

The rapid growth of social media has really been a blessing to anyone who likes to go out and explore different places. This is due to the ease of accessing the reviews and opinions of others. There is no doubt that when you are looking for someplace new to experience, it is really helpful to know what other people have to say about a particular place. And, if you want the app that has the most extensive and useful reviews, TripAdvisor is simply indispensable. Wherever you are, this app helps you access over 100 million user reviews, opinions, and photos to find the best hotels, the best restaurants, and fun and interesting things to do. It also helps you to find flights and compare airfare. Use the 'Near Me Now' feature to instantly find out what is close to any address that you enter. This feature will list all nearby hotels, nearby restaurants and nearby things to do, including detailed information, price range, and the type of establishment. The best feature, of course, is the ability to read the numerous reviews and opinions of other travelers to help you make your decision. You will learn the good, the bad, and the ugly and with practice will be able to know which reviews are the most accurate and applicable to you. If you like to travel, whether close to home or in foreign lands, immediately downloading the TripAdvisor app to your smartphone is a wise decision.

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