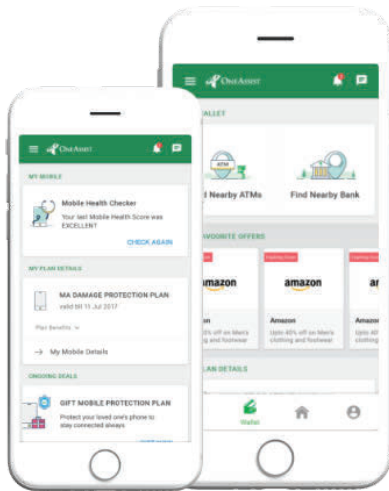


4 MUST-HAVE APPS FOR SOLO WOMEN TRAVELLERS

AS SOLO WOMEN TRAVELLERS SWELL IN NUMBER, HERE ARE SOME APPS THAT WILL HELP THEM ON THEIR JOURNEYS. BY BINDU GOPAL RAO

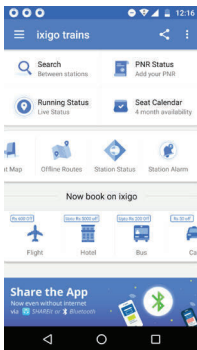
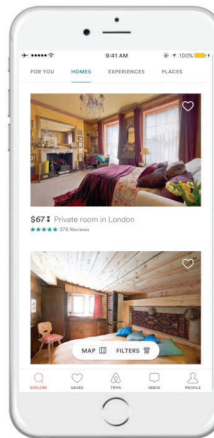


ONEASSIST

Travelling to a new place comes with its share of indulgence. The excitement of trying the local cuisine, the joy of buying memorabilia may soon evaporate if one were to misplace one's wallet. If you are someone who likes to be safe than sorry, then this app is just for you. The app gives you complete control by offering assistance and protection for wallets in case of card frauds and theft. With just one call, you can block all your cards. It also assists with hotel bill settlement, return ticket arrangement and cash assistance of up to ₹25,000.

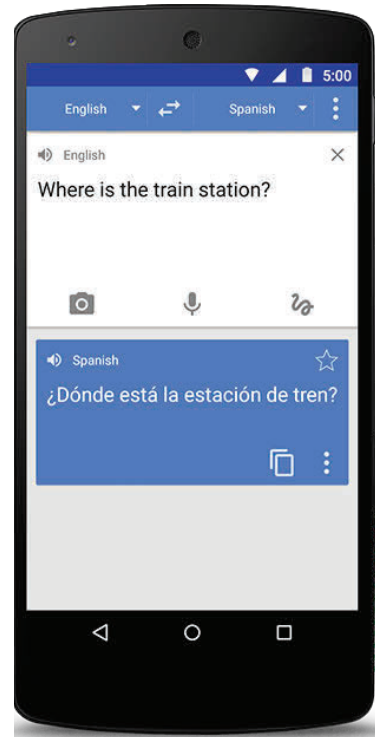
AIRBNB

There's no better way to discover a place than immersing yourself in local culture and Airbnb gives you the chance to live in a local neighbourhood to make you feel like you belong there. With Airbnb, you can find diverse stay options in the home of a local, to gain authentic insight into the local way of life. The extensive filters on the app let you customize whether you share your accommodation, or have an entire apartment to yourself with the amenities you want. In addition, the app lets you choose from over 4,500 unique curated experiences with local experts, across passion points like food, shopping, local art and architecture, nature, adventure and even social impact.



IXIGO

This is an all-encompassing travel meta search engine, offering myriad travel-related solutions. The ixigo app is packed with a whole lot of goodies. It helps women travelling alone find good accommodation by providing a 'Travel Solo' option. Features like Flight Fare Alert, Flight Auto Web Check-in and Flight Status help enthusiastic travellers chart out and book flights and hotels. Basically, planning an ideal holiday is made simpler by ixigo as everything happens 'under the same roof', leaving no room for uncertainty at all.



GOOGLE TRANSLATE

When you are in a different city, the first hurdle is the language. Well, with this app, you can translate between 103 languages. Simply copy text in the app and your translation pops up. The app also works offline and you can translate in 59 languages even when you have no Internet. You can also use your camera to translate text instantly in 38 languages. The app also has a conversation mode and offers two-way instant speech translation in 32 languages. Offline translation, including instant translation from English to most Indian languages (including Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu) are available.