

Living La Vida Local

Go locavore. Rent an apartment rather than staying in a hotel. Shop at the neighborhood market and cook your own meals (or at least breakfast). It's the best way to really immerse yourself in a foreign culture. **Paris Perfect** (*rates from \$1,785/week; parisperfect.com*) manages more than 35 luxury pieds-à-terre of varying sizes in the French capital, some with views of the Eiffel

Tower or within steps of the best restaurants and shops. In Florence, the new **Palazzo Vecchietti** (*rates from \$505/night; palazzovecchietti.com*) offers 14 immaculate apartments with full kitchens (some with kitchenettes) and butler service in a historic palazzo steps from the Piazza della Repubblica. And in Sydney, consider the **Molori Private Retreat** (*rates from \$5,000/night; molori.com*), a new, crazy-cool, three-bedroom rental that includes an infinity pool, multiple Jacuzzis, a gym and a gourmet kitchen. Located directly on the waterfront, the house comes with—get this—complimentary use of three boats (two speedboats and a yacht) and a BMW X5. The housekeeper and private chef are included as well, but groceries cost extra.



RENT JOYS From left: One of many luxury apartments in the Paris Perfect portfolio; spirited negotiations with the local butcher in Florence.