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### Project Proposal - Trip Recommendations

A mobile, social media application that would allow for a more direct method of discovering restaurants, tourist attractions, events, and sightseeing opportunities by connecting travelers with local experts. Experts would be able to chat with tourists and directly recommend locations based on the tourist's questions. Tourists would then be able to rate their recommender based on the quality of information provided so other tourists would be able to see which experts are the most reliable and trustworthy.

Another benefit of this app is that users can pinpoint locations where they have been, even locations that are not touristy or well known, and other users can see this. Contrary to other apps and websites, they are usually geared towards more popular and known locations. People who are local to this area can basically be like a tour guide. They can recommend some locations that are not very well known that they have experience with. This app gives users the ability to interact with each other possibly on a closer level, and may even strike new friendships.