Project- Part A: Airbnb Price Prediction and Insights

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import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, OneHotEncoder
from sklearn.linear model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor, GradientBoostingRegressor
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error, r2_score
from sklearn.model selection import RandomizedSearchCV
from datetime import datetime
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
# Load the dataset into a pandas DataFrame
df = pd.read csv('airbnb data.csv')
# Display the first few rows to understand the structure
print("First few rows of the dataset:")
print(df.head())
# Check data types and missing values
print("\nDataset information:")
print(df.info())
# Summary statistics for numerical columns
print("\nSummary statistics for numerical columns:")
print(df.describe())
First few rows of the dataset:
         id log_price property_type
                                            room_type \
   6901257 5.010635
                          Apartment Entire home/apt
  6304928 5.129899
                          Apartment Entire home/apt
1
  7919400 4.976734
                          Apartment Entire home/apt
3 13418779 6.620073
                               House Entire home/apt
  3808709 4.744932
                         Apartment Entire home/apt
                                           amenities accommodates bathrooms
0 {"Wireless Internet", "Air conditioning", Kitche...
                                                                          1.0
1 {"Wireless Internet", "Air conditioning", Kitche...
                                                                          1.0
                                                                7
2 {TV, "Cable TV", "Wireless Internet", "Air condit...
                                                                5
                                                                          1.0
3 {TV, "Cable TV", Internet, "Wireless Internet", Ki...
                                                                          1.0
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74111 non-null

74111 non-null

bool

object

9

10

cleaning_fee

city

11	description	74111	non-null	object			
12	first_review	58247	non-null	object			
13	<pre>host_has_profile_pic</pre>	73923	non-null	object			
14	host_identity_verified	73923	non-null	object			
15	host_response_rate	55812	non-null	object			
16	host_since	73923	non-null	object			
17	<pre>instant_bookable</pre>	74111	non-null	object			
18	last_review	58284	non-null	object			
19	latitude	74111	non-null	float64			
20	longitude	74111	non-null	float64			
21	name	74111	non-null	object			
22	neighbourhood	67239	non-null	object			
23	number_of_reviews	74111	non-null	int64			
24	review_scores_rating	57389	non-null	float64			
25	thumbnail_url	65895	non-null	object			
26	zipcode	73143	non-null	object			
27	bedrooms	74020	non-null	float64			
28	beds	73980	non-null	float64			
dtyp	es: bool(1), float64(7),	int64	(3), object	t(18)			
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None

Summary statistics for numerical columns:

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	id	log_price	accommodates	bathrooms	latitude				
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count	7.411100e+04	74111.000000	74111.000000	73911.000000	74111.000000				
mean	1.126662e+07	4.782069	3.155146	1.235263	38.445958				
std	6.081735e+06	0.717394	2.153589	0.582044	3.080167				
min	3.440000e+02	0.000000	1.000000	0.000000	33.338905				
25%	6.261964e+06	4.317488	2.000000	1.000000	34.127908				
50%	1.225415e+07	4.709530	2.000000	1.000000	40.662138				
75%	1.640226e+07	5.220356	4.000000	1.000000	40.746096				
max	2.123090e+07	7.600402	16.000000	8.000000	42.390437				
	longitude	number_of_rev	iews review_s	cores_rating	bedrooms	\			
count	74111.000000	74111.00	0000	57389.000000	74020.000000				
mean	-92.397525	20.90	0568	94.067365	1.265793				
std	21.705322	37.82	8641	7.836556	0.852143				
min	-122.511500	0.00	0000	20.000000	0.000000				
25%	-118.342374	1.00	0000	92.000000	1.000000				
50%	-76.996965	6.00	0000	96.000000	1.000000				
75%	-73.954660	23.00	0000	100.000000	1.000000				
max	-70.985047	605.00	0000	100.000000	10.000000				
	beds								
count	73980.000000								
	4 740050								

1.710868 mean std 1.254142 min 0.000000 1.000000 25%

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50%
           1.000000
75%
           2.000000
          18.000000
max
# Check for missing values in each column
print("\n>>> Initially Missing values in each column:")
print(df.isnull().sum())
>>> Initially Missing values in each column:
log price
                              0
property_type
                              0
room_type
                              0
amenities
                              0
                              0
accommodates
bathrooms
                            200
bed_type
                              0
                              0
cancellation_policy
cleaning_fee
                              0
                              0
city
description
                              0
                          15864
first_review
host has profile pic
                            188
host_identity_verified
                            188
host_response_rate
                          18299
                            188
host since
instant_bookable
last review
                          15827
latitude
                              0
longitude
                              0
name
                              0
neighbourhood
                           6872
number_of_reviews
                              0
review_scores_rating
                          16722
thumbnail url
                           8216
zipcode
                            968
bedrooms
                             91
beds
                            131
dtype: int64
# Handle missing values
# For numerical columns, impute with median
df['bathrooms'] = df['bathrooms'].fillna(df['bedrooms'].median())
df['bedrooms'] = df['bedrooms'].fillna(df['bedrooms'].median())
df['beds'] = df['beds'].fillna(df['beds'].median())
df['review_scores_rating'] =
df['review_scores_rating'].fillna(df['review_scores_rating'].median())
# For text columns, fill with empty strings
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df['host response rate'] = df['host response rate'].fillna('na')
df['neighbourhood'] = df['neighbourhood'].fillna('na')
df['thumbnail_url'] = df['thumbnail_url'].fillna('na')
df['zipcode'] = df['zipcode'].fillna('na')
# For date columns, use forward fill to handle missing values
df['first_review'] = pd.to_datetime(df['first_review'], format='%d-%m-%Y') #
First review date (Date)
df['first_review'] = df['first_review'].fillna(method='ffill')
df['host_since'] = pd.to_datetime(df['host_since'], format='%d-%m-%Y') #
Host join date (Date)
df['host_since'] = df['host_since'].fillna(method='ffill')
df['last_review'] = pd.to_datetime(df['last_review'], format='%d-%m-%Y') #
Last review date (Date)
df['last review'] = df['last review'].fillna(method='ffill')
# Convert categorical boolean columns ('t'/'f' -> 1/0)
bool_cols = ['instant_bookable', 'host_has_profile_pic',
'host_identity_verified']
for col in bool_cols:
    df[col] = df[col].map({'t': 1, 'f': 0})
# For boolean columns, using forward fill to handle missing values
df['host_has_profile_pic'] =
df['host_has_profile_pic'].fillna(method='ffill')
df['host identity verified'] =
df['host_identity_verified'].fillna(method='ffill')
df['instant bookable'] = df['instant bookable'].fillna(method='ffill')
# Print missing values count after handling them
print("After handling missing values in each column:")
missing values = df.isnull().sum()
if missing values.sum() == 0:
    print("(0) No Missing Values")
else:
   print(missing_values)
After handling missing values in each column:
(0) No Missing Values
# Verify Data Types and Units
# Ensure data types align with the data dictionary
# Convert columns to their correct data types
df['id'] = df['id'].astype(str) # Unique identifier (String)
df['log_price'] = df['log_price'].astype(float) # Log-transformed price
(Float)
df['property_type'] = df['property_type'].astype(str) # Property_type
(String)
df['room type'] = df['room type'].astype(str) # Room type (String)
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df['amenities'] = df['amenities'].astype(str) # List of amenities (String)
df['accommodates'] = df['accommodates'].astype(int) # Number of guests
(Integer)
df['bathrooms'] = df['bathrooms'].astype(float) # Number of bathrooms
(Float, as it can be fractional)
df['bed_type'] = df['bed_type'].astype(str) # Type of bed (String)
df['cancellation_policy'] = df['cancellation_policy'].astype(str) #
Cancellation policy (String)
df['cleaning_fee'] = df['cleaning_fee'].astype(bool) # Cleaning fee
(Boolean)
df['city'] = df['city'].astype(str) # City (String)
df['description'] = df['description'].astype(str) # Description (String)
df['first_review'] = pd.to_datetime(df['first_review'], format='%d-%m-%Y',
errors='coerce') # First review date (Date)
df['host_has_profile_pic'] = df['host_has_profile_pic'].astype(bool) # Host
profile picture (Boolean)
df['host_identity_verified'] = df['host_identity_verified'].astype(bool) #
Host identity verified (Boolean)
df['host_response_rate'] = df['host_response_rate'].astype(str) # Host
response rate (String)
df['host_since'] = pd.to_datetime(df['host_since'], format='%d-%m-%Y',
errors='coerce') # Host join date (Date)
df['instant_bookable'] = df['instant_bookable'].astype(bool) # Instant
bookable (Boolean)
df['last_review'] = pd.to_datetime(df['last_review'], format='%d-%m-%Y',
errors='coerce') # Last review date (Date)
df['latitude'] = df['latitude'].astype(float) # Latitude (Float)
df['longitude'] = df['longitude'].astype(float) # Longitude (Float)
df['name'] = df['name'].astype(str) # Listing name (String)
df['neighbourhood'] = df['neighbourhood'].astype(str) # Neighborhood
(String)
df['number_of_reviews'] = df['number_of_reviews'].astype(int) # Number of
reviews (Integer)
df['review_scores_rating'] = df['review_scores_rating'].astype(float) #
Review score (Float)
df['thumbnail_url'] = df['thumbnail_url'].astype(str) # Thumbnail URL
(String)
df['zipcode'] = df['zipcode'].astype(str) # Zip code (String)
df['bedrooms'] = df['bedrooms'].astype(int) # Number of bedrooms (Integer)
df['beds'] = df['beds'].astype(int) # Number of beds (Integer)
# Print the final data types to verify correctness
print("Final Data Types:\n", df.dtypes)
Final Data Types:
id
                                  object
log_price
                                float64
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object
property_type
                                  object
room type
amenities
                                  object
                                   int32
accommodates
bathrooms
                                  float64
bed_type
                                  object
cancellation_policy
                                  object
cleaning_fee
                                    bool
city
                                  object
description
                                  object
                          datetime64[ns]
first_review
host has profile pic
                                    bool
host_identity_verified
                                    bool
host_response_rate
                                  object
host_since
                          datetime64[ns]
instant_bookable
                                    bool
last_review
                          datetime64[ns]
latitude
                                 float64
longitude
                                 float64
name
                                  object
neighbourhood
                                  object
number_of_reviews
                                   int32
review_scores_rating
                                 float64
thumbnail url
                                  object
zipcode
                                  object
bedrooms
                                   int32
beds
                                   int32
dtype: object
# analyze trends and outliers
# Create subplots
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(18, 5))
# Visualize the distribution of the target variable (log price)
# Distribution of log_price with KDE plot
sns.histplot(df['log_price'].dropna(), kde=True, ax=axes[0], bins=30)
axes[0].set title('Distribution of log price')
axes[0].set xlabel('log price')
axes[0].set_ylabel('Frequency')
# Boxplot for numerical columns to detect outliers
# Boxplot of Accommodates
sns.boxplot(x=df['accommodates'].dropna(), ax=axes[1], orient='h')
axes[1].set_title('Boxplot of Accommodates')
axes[1].set xlabel('Accommodates')
# Count plot for categorical columns (e.g., room type)
# Count plot of Room Types
sns.countplot(x=df['room_type'].dropna(), ax=axes[2],
order=df['room_type'].value_counts().index)
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axes[2].set title('Count of Room Types')
axes[2].set xlabel('Room Type')
axes[2].set_ylabel('Count')
# Improve Layout
plt.tight layout()
plt.show()
                                                         Count of Room Types
                                                35000
 10000
                                                30000
                                                25000
                                                S 2000
#feature engineering and data transformation
# Count the number of amenities in the 'amenities' column (Safe Parsing)
df['amenities_count'] = df['amenities'].apply(lambda x:
len(str(x).strip('{}').split(',')) if pd.notna(x) else 0)
print(">>> Number of amenities in the 'amenities' column\n",
df['amenities count'])
# Convert 'host since' to datetime and calculate host activity (years since
joining)
df['host since'] = pd.to datetime(df['host since'], errors='coerce')
df['host_activity'] = (pd.Timestamp.now() - df['host_since']).dt.days / 365
df['host activity'] = df['host activity'].fillna(0) # Handle NaN values
safelv
print("\n>>> Number of years since the host joined\n", df['host activity'])
# Compute Neighborhood Popularity (Count of Listings per neighborhood)
df['neighbourhood'] = df['neighbourhood'].astype(str) # Ensure it's a string
to avoid mapping issues
neighbourhood popularity = df['neighbourhood'].value counts().to dict()
df['neighbourhood popularity'] =
df['neighbourhood'].map(neighbourhood_popularity).fillna(0).astype(int)
print("\n>>> Number of listings in each neighborhood\n",
df['neighbourhood popularity'])
# Calculate the length of the description
df['description_length'] = df['description'].apply(lambda x: len(str(x)) if
pd.notna(x) else 0)
print("\n>>> Description Length\n", df['description length'])
# Convert date columns to the number of days since the given date
def convert date(df, col):
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df[col] = pd.to datetime(df[col], errors='coerce')
    df[col] = (pd.Timestamp.now() - df[col]).dt.days
    df[col] = df[col].fillna(-1).astype(int) # Fill NaN with -1 to indicate
missing values
    return df[col]
date_cols = ['host_since', 'first_review', 'last_review']
for col in date_cols:
    df[col] = convert date(df, col)
>>> Number of amenities in the 'amenities' column
0
         15
1
2
         19
3
         15
         12
74106
          1
74107
         16
74108
         31
74109
         15
74110
         18
Name: amenities_count, Length: 74111, dtype: int64
>>> Number of years since the host joined
0
          13.082192
1
          7.846575
          8.495890
2
3
         10.016438
4
         10.150685
           . . .
74106
         12.087671
74107
         8.975342
74108
         13.304110
74109
          7.600000
74110
         12.410959
Name: host_activity, Length: 74111, dtype: float64
>>> Number of listings in each neighborhood
0
           111
1
         1299
2
         1374
3
          124
4
          298
         . . .
         2862
74106
74107
           80
74108
         2862
74109
          606
74110
          573
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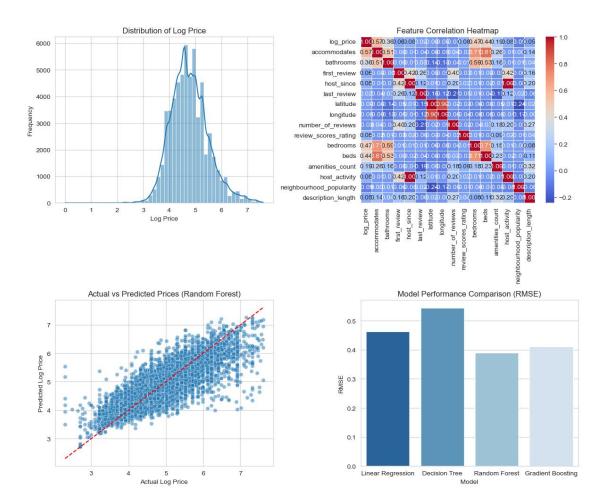
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Name: neighbourhood popularity, Length: 74111, dtype: int32
>>> Description Length
           211
0
1
         1000
2
         1000
3
          468
          699
74106
           24
74107
          302
74108
         1000
74109
          555
74110
         1000
Name: description length, Length: 74111, dtype: int64
# Model Development
# Define Features and Target Variable
X = df.drop(columns=['log_price', 'id', 'name', 'description', 'amenities',
                     'host_response_rate', 'first_review', 'last_review',
                     'host_since', 'neighbourhood', 'thumbnail_url',
'zipcode'])
y = df['log_price']
# Split Data into Training and Testing Sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2,
random_state=42)
# Convert Boolean ('True'/'False') to Numeric (1/0)
bool_cols = ['instant_bookable', 'host_has_profile_pic',
'host identity verified']
for col in bool cols:
    X_train[col] = X_train[col].astype(int)
    X_test[col] = X_test[col].astype(int)
# One-Hot Encode Categorical Variables
X_train = pd.get_dummies(X_train, drop_first=True)
X_test = pd.get_dummies(X_test, drop_first=True)
# Ensure X_train and X_test Have Same Columns
X train, X test = X train.align(X test, join='left', axis=1, fill value=0)
# Standardize Numerical Features
scaler = StandardScaler()
numerical_features = X_train.select_dtypes(include=['int64',
'float64']).columns # Select only numeric columns
X_train[numerical_features] =
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scaler.fit_transform(X_train[numerical features])
X test[numerical features] = scaler.transform(X test[numerical features])
# Model Development
# Models Evaluation using metrics RMSE, MAE and R<sup>2</sup>
# Define models
models = {
    "Linear Regression": LinearRegression(),
    "Decision Tree": DecisionTreeRegressor(random_state=42),
    "Random Forest": RandomForestRegressor(random state=42),
    "Gradient Boosting": GradientBoostingRegressor(random_state=42),
}
# Function to evaluate models and find the best one
def train and evaluate(models, X train, X test, y train, y test):
    results = {}
    best model = None
    best score = float("-inf")
    for name, model in models.items():
        model.fit(X_train, y_train) # Train the model
        y_pred = model.predict(X_test) # Make predictions
        # Evaluate performance
        mae = mean absolute error(y test, y pred)
        mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)
        rmse = np.sqrt(mse) # Calculate RMSE manually
        r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
        results[name] = {"MAE": mae, "RMSE": rmse, "R2 Score": r2}
        # Track the best model based on R<sup>2</sup> Score
        if r2 > best score:
            best_score = r2
            best_model = model
    return results, best_model
# Train and evaluate all models
results, best model = train and evaluate(models, X train, X test, y train,
y_test)
# Convert results to a DataFrame for better readability
results df = pd.DataFrame(results).T
print("Model Evaluation Metrics:\n", results df)
# Use the best model for final predictions
y_pred_best = best_model.predict(X_test)
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# Display final evaluation for best model
mse best = mean squared error(y test, y pred best)
print("\nBest Model:", best model. class . name )
print(f"Best Model RMSE: {np.sqrt(mse_best)}")
print(f"Best Model MAE: {mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred_best)}")
print(f"Best Model R2 Score: {r2 score(y test, y pred best)}")
Model Evaluation Metrics:
                         MAE
                                  RMSE R<sup>2</sup> Score
Linear Regression 0.347510 0.462752 0.583164
Decision Tree 0.392921 0.545817 0.420087
                 0.279446 0.389757 0.704296
Random Forest
Gradient Boosting 0.301487 0.411372 0.670589
Best Model: RandomForestRegressor
Best Model RMSE: 0.38975742040140987
Best Model MAE: 0.2794457364804364
Best Model R<sup>2</sup> Score: 0.7042959150374211
# Model Tuning - Optimized
from sklearn.model selection import RandomizedSearchCV
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error, r2_score
import numpy as np
# Reduced parameter grid for faster tuning
param dist = {
    'n estimators': [70, 100], # Reduced options
    'max_depth': [10, 15, None],
    'min_samples_split': [2, 5],
    'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2],
    'max_features': ['sqrt', 0.8] # Added for better generalization
}
# Initialize with warm start=False (default) and reduced n estimators
rf = RandomForestRegressor(random state=42, n estimators=100)
# Optimized RandomizedSearchCV
random search = RandomizedSearchCV(
    rf,
    param distributions=param dist,
    n iter=8, # Reduced iterations
    scoring='neg mean squared error',
    n jobs=-1,
    verbose=2,
    random_state=42
)
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print("Starting hyperparameter tuning...")
random search.fit(X train, y train)
# Get best parameters
best params = random search.best params
print("\nBest Hyperparameters:", best params)
# Train final model with best params
best rf = random search.best estimator # More efficient than re-fitting
# Evaluation
y_pred_tuned = best_rf.predict(X_test)
rmse tuned = np.sqrt(mean squared error(y test, y pred tuned)) # More stable
than squared=False
mae_tuned = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred_tuned)
r2_tuned = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_tuned)
print("\nTuned Random Forest Performance:")
print(f" RMSE: {rmse_tuned:.4f}")
print(f" MAE: {mae_tuned:.4f}")
print(f" R2: {r2_tuned:.4f}")
Starting hyperparameter tuning...
Fitting 3 folds for each of 8 candidates, totalling 24 fits
Best Hyperparameters: {'n estimators': 100, 'min samples split': 5,
'min_samples_leaf': 1, 'max_features': 0.8, 'max_depth': None}
Tuned Random Forest Performance:
 RMSE: 0.3870
 MAE: 0.2780
R^2: 0.7084
# Visualizations with Charts and Graphs
# Model Results DataFrame
results_df = pd.DataFrame({
    "Model": ["Linear Regression", "Decision Tree", "Random Forest",
"Gradient Boosting"],
    "RMSE": [0.4627, 0.5439, 0.3896, 0.4109],
    "MAE": [0.3475, 0.3917, 0.2794, 0.3013],
    "R<sup>2</sup> Score": [0.5831, 0.4241, 0.7044, 0.6713]
})
# Set style
sns.set style("whitegrid")
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(12, 10))
# Distribution of Log Price
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sns.histplot(y train, bins=50, kde=True, ax=axes[0, 0])
axes[0, 0].set(title="Distribution of Log Price", xlabel="Log Price",
ylabel="Frequency")
# Correlation Heatmap
numeric df = df.select dtypes(include=['number']) # Select only numeric
columns for correlation
sns.heatmap(numeric_df.corr(), cmap="coolwarm", annot=True, fmt=".2f",
linewidths=0.5, ax=axes[0, 1])
axes[0, 1].set_title("Feature Correlation Heatmap")
# Actual vs Predicted Prices (Best Model)
sns.scatterplot(x=y_test, y=y_pred_tuned, alpha=0.5, ax=axes[1, 0])
axes[1, 0].plot([min(y_test), max(y_test)], [min(y_test), max(y_test)],
color="red", linestyle="--")
axes[1, 0].set(title="Actual vs Predicted Prices (Random Forest)",
xlabel="Actual Log Price", ylabel="Predicted Log Price")
# Model Performance (Bar Chart)
sns.barplot(x="Model", y="RMSE", data=results_df, palette="Blues_r",
ax=axes[1, 1])
axes[1, 1].set title("Model Performance Comparison (RMSE)")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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Feature Importance

Feature Importance: room_type_Private room

Compute Feature Importance

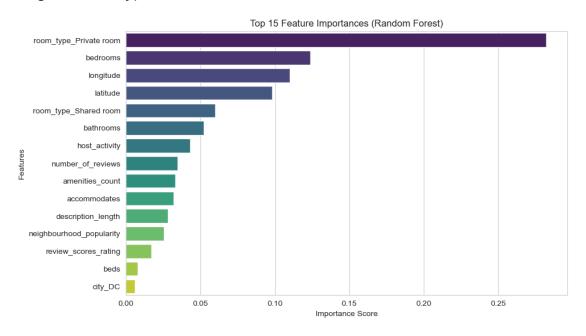
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feature_importance = pd.Series(best_model.feature_importances_,
index=X_train.columns).sort_values(ascending=False)
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# Print Feature Importance
print("\nFeature Importance:")
print(feature_importance)

# Plot Feature Importance
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.barplot(x=feature_importance[:15], y=feature_importance.index[:15],
palette="viridis")
plt.title("Top 15 Feature Importances (Random Forest)")
plt.xlabel("Importance Score")
plt.ylabel("Features")
plt.show()
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bedrooms 1.240488e-01 longitude 1.100723e-01 9.820304e-02 latitude room_type_Shared room 6.015859e-02 . . . 2.489575e-06 property_type_Earth House property_type_Parking Space 1.269353e-06 property_type_Cave 1.025104e-06 6.584714e-07 property_type_Chalet property_type_Casa particular 4.149111e-07 Length: 64, dtype: float64



Save the Preprocessed Data and Model
import joblib

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# Ensure df contains only processed data
df_processed = df.copy() # If necessary, create a clean version

# Save the preprocessed dataset
df_processed.to_csv('preprocessed_airbnb_data.csv', index=False)
print("Preprocessed dataset saved as 'preprocessed_airbnb_data.csv'")

# Save the trained model (Ensure 'best_rf' or final model exists)
joblib.dump(best_rf, 'airbnb_price_predictor.pkl')
print("Trained model saved as 'airbnb_price_predictor.pkl'")
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Preprocessed dataset saved as 'preprocessed_airbnb_data.csv'

Trained model saved as 'airbnb_price_predictor.pkl'

Video Link

 $https://drive.google.com/file/d/1riPSYEi_EVLIJepXAK_5vdqg_rz7UZ4D/view?usp=drive_link$