

Interview mit Nigel, Couchsurfing-Gast, persönlich, 27.05.2017
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Luise: Okay, you agreed that I record our conversation: So, just to let you know what it is all about again, yeah. As I already said, I'm a PhD student doing my sociology PhD researching Airbnb and Couchsurfing in terms of the notion of home, in terms of their communities and their hospitality. So this is it. Just for a brief start: in general, what do you associate with Couchsurfing? So what would you think is the idea behind Couchsurfing? #00:00:38-7#

Nigel: I think the idea of, behind, of Couchsurfing – it's a community, it's sharing life experience and sharing idea with others. I think it's, it's not for only staying somewhere, staying in someone's house. It's more than a stay. It's sharing your knowledge, sharing your experience, sharing your lifestyle with other one. And after stay someone's house and if you have really great time, you have a bunch of information about where did you stay in city, in his or her culture, everything you learn. It's not about staying somewhere for free. It's more than ((this one)). #00:01:39-4#

Luise: Yeah, yeah, that's right. So why did you become a Couchsurfer? Why did you decide to join the platform? #00:01:47-1#

Nigel: Hmm, because I left, I like the, be part of communities. In Couchsurfing, they have really a big community in Couchsurf. And I think all of the Couchsurfer same, same people, you know? When I talk with some Couchsurfer, I know he or she people like me, not so different. ... What I like to do, I think, he or she like to do same thing. Living life and some, and do something, be friends, share your moments, all of the Couchsurfer are same. And I like to be part of this community because sharing, I love sharing. #00:02:49-9#

Luise: Yeah. So do you have any particular situation or moment in mind which was like super awesome or super crazy or super// #00:03:02-2#

Nigel: Ah, super awesome? #00:03:03-5#

Luise: Like your most favorite Couchsurfing moment or something like that. #00:03:07-1#

Nigel: Yeah. It it's not my mere favorite, but I like this one. When I came, first came to United States, I came alone, I didn't know anyone in San Francisco, I'm complete stranger. I opened Couchsurfing Apps and I see there's anyone for going Golden Gate Bridge. ... I went the place, beach our meeting, then I sent message to them, but I can't reach them. I saw their pictures and I tried to find, figure out them ((myself))// #00:03:52-6#

Luise: Oh really, so you just did go there? #00:03:55-9#

Nigel: Yeah, then I saw a man and I know he's creator of the event. And I say "Hi", then we start befriend, we start going Golden Gate Bridge, then we became friend, we do bunch of things with him. Just only from picture and just on the friendly "Hi". And this guy is really a funny guy and he love to drink beer like me// #00:04:28-3#

Luise: (laughter) #00:04:30-0#

Nigel: And he ((always has)) a six-pack behind the car// #00:04:35-3#

Luise: Oh really? #00:04:36-0#

Nigel: And every time he offered a beer to me. That's really cool because I didn't know anyone in here and a friendly "Hi" it's really good if you are strange ... in somewhere. It's really good. #00:04:54-4#

Luise: Yeah, so do you often use like the hang-outs function of Couchsurfing or was it// #00:05:02-2#

Nigel: No, do you know "events"? #00:05:04-2#

Luise: Yeah. #00:05:03-9#

Nigel: Yeah, I did so, their "events". But I saw last-minute, they already went there, do that. I saw last-minute and that's the, I say only "Hi" and all of sudden it begins. #00:05:22-0#

Luise: (laughter) #00:05:23-6#

Nigel: He do a lot of free ride for me. #00:05:25-7#

Luise: Oh nice. #00:05:26-9#

Nigel: Yeah, he offered going somewhere at, [where] his grandparents live, yeah. #00:05:35-4#

Luise: Super cool. So but did you already try out the hang-out function, hang-out app? #00:05:39-6#

Nigel: Yeah, yeah yeah. I tried the hang-out function in San Diego. I went San Diego with my friend, but when we go there we argued with, I argued with her and we separate our rooms, we separate our// #00:06:00-0#

Luise: Oh really? #00:06:00-7#

Nigel: Yeah. #00:06:00-6#

Luise: Okay. #00:06:01-5#

Nigel: Yeah I, I was lonely again (laughter) and I opened the hang-outs, I wanna go La Jolla. There was a guy sent me "Hi", sent me text "Hi" and he, he was working in La Jolla. She, she offered me, "Come my store", I went his store and he offered me the, the place, we good, really good places with him, yeah, it was a really nice. He offered me coffee or something. #00:06:37-9#

Luise: That's super great. #00:06:39-5#

Nigel: Yeah, just only ... I write "I wanna go La Jolla tomorrow" and he sent me text. #00:06:49-7#

Luise: So nice, yeah. But would you say, is there anything like, have you ever had a bad experience that something didn't work out so well? #00:06:59-9#

Nigel: I can only say good things because// #00:07:01-8#

Luise: That's that's cool, you know. #00:07:02-7#

Nigel: I have never, I have never, I have never experienced a bad thing in// #00:07:04-9#

Luise: Okay. #00:07:05-8#

Nigel: Couchsurfing. I have always ... lived really good things. They always try to help me, even my English not perfect, even my knowledge is really lower than other guys, they always help me. And I really appreciate all of it. #00:07:30-6#

Luise: Yeah, but that's great, you know. #00:07:33-2#

Nigel: Yeah, yeah. That's really great. #00:07:36-5#

Luise: So what would you say, how would you describe the ideal Couchsurfer?
#00:07:39-7#

Nigel: The ideal Couchsurfer? #00:07:41-5#

Luise: As a host, as a guest, the perfect Couchsurfer. What would that mean?
#00:07:46-5#

Nigel: Never say no. #00:07:47-1#

Luise: (laughter) #00:07:48-3#

Nigel: Yeah (laughter). Never say no. And ideal Couchsurfer hoster is ... the, the hoster should be ... not only host you. They, I think, he or she should give you the ... experience of the city. #00:08:16-1#

Luise: Yeah. #00:08:17-3#

Nigel: If they do that, they will became a perfect host. #00:08:23-9#

Luise: That's right. #00:08:24-3#

Nigel: If you are hosted, you shouldn't be – how I say? First of all, you should be honest and you don't be rude and you should respect their life. #00:08:45-2#

Luise: Yeah. #00:08:46-2#

Nigel: You shouldn't be a real part of his or her life. Because they always want to share with you their life. #00:08:54-2#

Luise: That's right. #00:08:55-6#

Nigel: But you don't push them, "Host"// #00:08:58-5#

Luise: Yeah. (laughter) #00:08:58-8#

Nigel: "Do that! ... Show me the city! Go with me the club!", you don't ... want that. You don't push them. #00:09:10-3#

Luise: That's right. #00:09:11-6#

Nigel: If you be polite and be modest with them, they always offer really cool stuff to you.
#00:09:19-7#

Luise: Yeah. You could, should keep in mind some boundaries. #00:09:22-6#

Nigel: Yeah, yeah, yeah. #00:09:24-5#

Luise: Not be too demanding. #00:09:26-9#

Nigel: Yeah. #00:09:26-2#

Luise: Yeah. Okay. #00:09:27-5#

Nigel: Don't demand anything, they will ask everything, I think. #00:09:32-3#

Luise: Yeah. So what do you consider before you send a hosting request? What are you looking for exactly? #00:09:41-0#

Nigel: Actually, it really depends of where I'm going. If you// #00:09:48-3#

Luise: Sure, yeah. #00:09:48-6#

Nigel: If you are going somewhere, some place, you have bunch of ... of options because they, in some place you have way too much ... hostel. #00:10:06-4#

Luise: That's right. #00:10:08-0#

Nigel: But if you are going somewhere less, you have no, you have not more chance. But usually, I look ... his or her review. #00:10:19-1#

Luise: Yeah. #00:10:19-8#

Nigel: Yeah, it's really important, I think. And I look at the page what he or she likes to do. #00:10:30-3#

Luise: Yeah. #00:10:31-2#

Nigel: And stalking// #00:10:32-9#

Luise: (laughter) #00:10:33-8#

Nigel: He or she from other social medias. #00:10:37-1#

Luise: Alright. Okay? #00:10:37-3#

Nigel: I'm a little stalker. I like stalking. #00:10:39-7#

Luise: (laughter) So what would a profile include that you would be like, "Oh, maybe I don't send her a hosting request"? #00:10:51-1#

Nigel: Sometimes I feel some hoster ... using Couchsurfing as a Tinder. #00:11:00-2#

Luise: Yeah, I experienced that as well. #00:11:02-9#

Nigel: And I don't like it. I, you ((can clear)) when you look his page or her page and I don't like that. I try to avoid this kind of situations. That's only, I only look that, not too many terms [like], "I wanna see, he or she must do that, must offer ... to me". I don't really care what he or she// #00:11:40-1#

Luise: Yeah, but you are not looking for a dating experience. #00:11:46-8#

Nigel: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I don't wanna be dating. Because I think it's rude. #00:11:51-8#

Luise: Yeah, yeah, that's right. So what do you keep in mind when you write a hosting request? What should it include? #00:12:00-3#

Nigel: Hmm. #00:12:00-5#

Luise: Do you have like a standard message you would send to your host or do you try to// #00:12:04-8#

Nigel: No, no, no. Not standard. I try to explain myself, why I'm going there, why I need hosting. Because they – I have to say about me and why I'm going there because, you know, the world is a little bit crazy// #00:12:26-8#

Luise: Yeah, that's right. #00:12:27-8#

Nigel: And you don't know who came your house and stay in your maybe room, maybe with you. And I have to say something about me: why I'm going there and why I need Couchsurfing and why I choose the Couchsurfing, because if you pay a little bit, you can stay in hostel. #00:12:54-5#

Luise: That's right. #00:12:54-4#

Nigel: You can easier find a hostel at really, really good price. But why I wanna go there, I wanna explain myself. #00:13:04-7#

Luise: Yeah. #00:13:05-7#

Nigel: But it, I send standard message? It's not ... I don't, it's disrespectful. #00:13:14-0#

Luise: Yeah, that, yeah, that's right. #00:13:15-1#

Nigel: Yeah, I try to be ... specialize my message. #00:13:20-7#

Luise: So was it always easy for you to find a host? #00:13:27-9#

Nigel: Nah. Nah. #00:13:27-1#

Luise: Oh, yeah? Because I experienced when I came here to San Francisco, I didn't find one. #00:13:31-4#

Nigel: Actually, it's really hard to find, I think. Because, as I said, some of them wants really – if they are men, they want a woman, and if they are boy, they want a girl. And sometimes I, you don't feel it in ((all)) United States, but some people, I think, they have some – how I can say? ... They, they are a little bit racist. Not too much, but little bit. #00:14:14-7#

Luise: Oh, they are? Okay. #00:14:15-7#

Nigel: Yeah, they little bit racist. And I'm from Turkey and they, some of them think, we are living in desert with camels. #00:14:27-0#

Luise: What? (laughter) #00:14:29-9#

Nigel: Yeah, but it's not true. ... But in San Francisco? I didn't feel that. #00:14:37-7#

Luise: Okay. But that's crazy. #00:14:41-7#

Nigel: Yeah, that's crazy. In Turkey: no camel, you can't find that, no desert, you can't find it. (laughter). #00:14:46-8#

Luise: Yeah. And even if they think, it would be like that, I think it is worth trying to get to know you and to find out if that is like a real, a true stereotype or not. What? (laughter) That's crazy. Okay, when you found a place to stay you are invited in a stranger's home, like an actual place where they live. So how does that feel? How do you treat the place? Because normally, you know, this place is just for friends, relatives, but you are, yeah, someone who they've only met online, through the internet. #00:15:35-0#

Nigel: I'm a ... see the place only for sleeping. #00:15:40-1#

Luise: Yeah, okay. #00:15:40-6#

Nigel: I, I don't expect too much things. #00:15:43-7#

Luise: Yeah. #00:15:44-8#

Nigel: And it's like a hostel or something. It's not totally different than others. You're just going for sleeping and after sleep if he or she want to do something// #00:16:00-8#

Luise: Yeah. #00:16:01-8#

Nigel: Yeah, I focus always this part. #00:16:05-2#

Luise: Okay. #00:16:06-0#

Nigel: I always focus experience of doing something together. #00:16:10-6#

Luise: Yeah. #00:16:10-3#

Nigel: I don't really care to stay in which part of city is it, is it really dangerous or is it a better place, or where I sleep, I didn't care, I don't care. #00:16:28-5#

Luise: But, you know, when you are in this places like all this personal belongings, it's a place of privacy, of intimacy. How does it feel to you to actually like get an, get an entrance into this kind of personal space? #00:16:45-7#

Nigel: At the first, you are completely stranger, but maybe little bit more, you know your space and you, you know your limits. #00:16:56-7#

Luise: Yeah, that's right. #00:16:57-3#

Nigel: And if you like home, it's not totally different. Because just a little bit, maybe one hour is enough for you, you know where you stay and you know your limits. Everything is normalized for you. #00:17:14-7#

Luise: Yeah that's right. Okay, so// #00:17:16-0#

Nigel: But when you first enter the house, you don't know what are you doing. You don't // #00:17:22-0#

Luise: Yeah. #00:17:23-0#

Nigel: You do, you want to figure out what I should do. #00:17:25-8#

Luise: Yeah. #00:17:26-8#

Nigel: What// #00:17:27-5#

Luise: How to behave. #00:17:28-0#

Nigel: Yeah, yeah. If I do that is, it rude for him or her? #00:17:33-6#

Luise: Yeah. #00:17:34-7#

Nigel: It's ... overthinking to do something. #00:17:39-2#

Luise: Yeah. And, you know, it's always the little things. Like you come to this place and you were like, "Oh, I'm super thirsty", can you go and grab a glass of water or do you have to ask? Is it alright, if you like feel free to move around, can you explore the place? Stuff like that. #00:17:56-8#

Nigel: In my opinion, you don't have to ask for everything. Because, as I say, at the start you asked, if they ((letted)) you, ... you can do all this stuff. You don't have to be over polite. #00:18:17-7#

Luise: Yeah. #00:18:18-0#

Nigel: You just have to be polite. #00:18:21-3#

Luise: Yeah, that's right. Okay. #00:18:22-7#

Nigel: Because sometimes if you are over polite, it's a little bit ... – how I say? It's little bit strange, you know? Because in Couchsurfing community, they don't wanna be all polite. They ... if I host someone, I respect a little bit polite, a little bit kindness, not too much. Because I, I look him or her for like a friend. #00:19:00-1#

Luise: Yeah, especially with friends, you are not super polite because you are so close to each other. Yeah, that's right. Yeah, okay. ... So, yeah, you are looking for personal interaction. As you already mentioned, it's not like, for you, a cheap way of staying in the city, you would want to engage with your host and get to know some, something about their lives. Did you keep or do you keep in touch with fellow Couchsurfers or hosts, your hosts after the stay? #00:19:34-7#

Nigel: Yeah. #00:19:34-6#

Luise: Would you say you have some friends you met through Couchsurfing? #00:19:40-0#

Nigel: After Couchsurfing? #00:19:42-4#

Luise: Yeah. #00:19:43-6#

Nigel: If you ... get in touch, if you have a good time with him or her, you became their real friend, I think. It's easy to become friend. In real life, you can't easily befriend someone, maybe it takes one month to be friend, maybe more, maybe less. But you became real friend maybe one day, maybe two days, you completely became friends. After that, you start in social media contact. If you go, after, if you go his city or her city you ... get in touch again, maybe you stay in his or her room again, and if they came your city, you try to be really, really kind to him or her. #00:20:43-0#

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Luise: [An den Kellner gewandt] That's alright. Thank you. #00:20:46-6#

Nigel: If you, if you can host, you can host// #00:20:51-2#

Luise: Yeah? #00:20:52-8#

Nigel: It's really easy to befriend, I think. #00:20:54-9#

Luise: Yeah, but you said you haven't hosted so far. So, why's that? #00:20:58-0#

Nigel: Because in Turkey, it is ... after I figured out Couchsurfing, I moved to my parents home. #00:21:11-7#

Luise: Ah, okay. #00:21:12-5#

Nigel: I lived with my parents. And ... I think it's not good idea. #00:21:18-8#

Luise: But, but why not? #00:21:21-8#

Nigel: Because of ... my ... how I say? My Home not too close to city. And ... if you come to Turkey as a stranger, you want to be part of city. #00:21:41-4#

Luise: Yeah, okay. #00:21:41-7#

Nigel: And my ((home)) is a little bit too far and my, I'm living with my family. And I didn't think about to be a host. #00:21:56-4#

Luise: Yeah, alright. #00:21:56-4#

Nigel: But if, before, when I was in university, or before when I live in with my girlfriend, if I know the Couchsurfing.com, I'm really sure about it, I would become, I would become a host. #00:22:13-4#

Luise: Okay. #00:22:14-3#

Nigel: Yeah. #00:22:14-0#

Luise: Okay. #00:22:15-8#

Nigel: Because it's ... I think it's really cool because someone come into your home and sharing with ... idea, sharing, sharing his or her experience with you, I think it's really cool. For example, if you come to my house and you cook something to me, I will be happiest guy ever, I think, because it is something very different. #00:22:45-9#

Luise: Yeah. And it's such an easy way to get to know each other. You don't have to actually do something for it. Yeah, that's right. So maybe in the future you will host someone? #00:22:56-9#

Nigel: Yeah, yeah, yeah absolutely. Even here if my ... my ... my house owner let me became Couchsurfer, I will became Couchsurfer, I will became a host. But they don't give// #00:23:19-8#

Luise: They don't allow it? #00:23:20-6#

Nigel: Yeah, they don't allow that. #00:23:22-9#

Luise: Okay. #00:23:23-7#

Nigel: But as I say: two of the sides, being hoster or being hosted, I think it's really fun wherever you are. #00:23:35-1#

Luise: Yeah. That's right. #00:23:35-9#

Nigel: There's ... other themes. I went around with, in San Francisco. And there was a Chile, there was a guy from Chile, (*name of the Chilean guy*), and we hanging around with others. And after this event, he gave a souvenir to all of us. #00:24:01-1#

Luise: Oh, wow. How nice. #00:24:04-0#

Nigel: From Chile, yeah. It's for keys, but a souvenir! And I will save it all of my life. #00:24:09-1#

Luise: That's super nice. #00:24:11-5#

Nigel: Yeah, yeah. That's really nice. From Chile! #00:24:17-0#

Luise: Yeah. #00:24:17-9#

Nigel: Yeah, it's really nice. #00:24:20-0#

Luise: That's cool, yeah. #00:24:20-6#

Nigel: Yeah, yeah. #00:24:22-1#

Luise: So, I think a lot of this Couchsurfing community is built on trust and safety, so I think the references and the review system is like a really important tool for establishing this trust. But what do you think about the Couchsurfing reference system in general? So you already told me that if you look for a host, you would always look through their reviews, but// #00:24:49-6#

Nigel: It is to figure of when, who you are staying with. It's really help ((throughout)). Yeah, I, I like the reference system. It's really nice because you can easily figure out who you are staying with. One of my friends, his girlfriend came Turkey from Russia, and she try to be Couchsurfer in Turkey. And she, first night, she went while staying with someone, host, guy tried to impolite, to do something sexual. And she get, she write this reference. It's best way to protect our community from this kind of people. #00:25:53-8#

Luise: That's right, yeah. #00:25:55-6#

Nigel: Then she met with my friend and now she are ... girlfriend and boyfriend.
#00:26:02-0#

Luise: Oh really? They are a couple? That's cute. #00:26:05-1#

Nigel: They met in Couchsurfing, they will married after they do all paper stuff.
#00:26:14-9#

Luise: What a beautiful story. But they met through Couchsurfing? Wow, that's nice.
#00:26:19-7#

Nigel: Yeah, they met in Couchsurfing. #00:26:22-6#

Luise: Cool. So what would you say it is, it is, is it – sorry! Is it important for you to receive a positive reference? #00:26:31-0#

Nigel: Yeah. #00:26:32-4#

Luise: So if you like would meet with another Couchsurfer and after your stay they won't write you a reference. How would that feel like for you? Would you be like, "Hey, come on!"? #00:26:47-6#

Nigel: Actually, it's ... not so bad thing because he want or she, he or she wants to see something in his page and I think it's not impolite. And if they ask me, I always write them. Even if they don't ask me, I try to write something. #00:27:17-2#

Luise: But you wouldn't mind if they don't do it for you? #00:27:17-7#

Nigel: Yeah, it's no problem. #00:27:19-1#

Luise: Okay. #00:27:20-3#

Nigel: But if they want from me, it's no problem. It's not hard thing, you know?
#00:27:27-0#

Luise: Yeah, yeah of course. #00:27:29-6#

Nigel: Your own writing, whatever you leave in there. And I try to be honest for all of community. I'll write, writing about people. #00:27:42-5#

Luise: Okay, that's cool. But you know at the same time, I think, especially, when you start being a Couchsurfer, it's super important to get some good references. So others know, "Okay, he or she is trustworthy". #00:27:53-9#

Nigel: Yeah, yeah, yeah. #00:27:54-9#

Luise: So especially at the beginning I think it's very important to always write a reference after you meet each other. #00:28:04-5#

Nigel: But I have not really asked anyone to write me ... something about me. Actually, I have only two review maybe. #00:28:13-5#

Luise: Yeah. #00:28:14-8#

Nigel: Yeah. #00:28:13-7#

Luise: And who wrote it down for you? Was it like some friends or some hosts?
#00:28:18-2#

Nigel: One of them it my host that we became friend and he host me several time. Maybe//
#00:28:27-9#

Luise: Oh wow. #00:28:29-4#

Nigel: Yeah, maybe, yeah, he host me several times in Turkey. But one of them in San Francisco// #00:28:38-9#

Luise: Yeah? #00:28:39-6#

Nigel: We go with events together and// #00:28:42-2#

Luise: Yeah, that's nice. And so you've never received a review or reference that you found unfair or inappropriate? #00:28:55-7#

Nigel: I don't, I don't find that. #00:28:57-1#

Luise: Okay. So nearly, you are nearly done ... what would you consider when writing a reference for someone? #00:29:05-9#

Nigel: Actually, I ... first, I ((construe)) about my English because sometimes I have problem. #00:29:14-4#

Luise: Oh but I can totally relate to that. #00:29:17-7#

Nigel: I think – isn't it right? #00:29:18-7#

Luise: Yeah. #00:29:19-6#

Nigel: That ((made)) ... I only share what I lived with him or her. And, and as I say, I try to be honest. And I try to be, describe his or her personality. Just not too much details, but I, really what, what I learn from him or her. #00:29:46-2#

Luise: Okay, that's nice. So do you think you behave different because you know that your Couchsurfing host or guest will write a reference for you after your encounter?
#00:30:02-2#

Nigel: Nah. #00:30:03-4#

Luise: So that doesn't have any influence? #00:30:05-5#

Nigel: No. #00:30:06-4#

Luise: Okay. #00:30:08-0#

Nigel: It's not, I have never experienced that. #00:30:09-3#

Luise: Okay. So one last big question. What do you think about Airbnb? Because, I think, they just took like the Couchsurfing idea and made it commercial. So do you use Airbnb?
#00:30:25-6#

Nigel: Yeah, I used Airbnb in Santa Cruz. Airbnb, I think, Airbnb has some good things. Like in Airbnb, you're staying somewhere with your money. It's, end of the day it's commercial, ... it's about money. But you can meet someone in ... home like you, like you, like Airbnbers. And my, my host was really kind. He share everything in house with me, even bike, even ... food. Before I came here, I have never eat pancakes// #00:31:28-4#

Luise: Yeah. #00:31:32-7#

Nigel: In Turkey. #00:31:29-3#

Luise: (laughter) #00:31:30-6#

Nigel: And I said him, "I have never eat pancakes, do you know any place?", ((and he))// #00:31:37-2#

Luise: Yeah. #00:31:37-7#

Nigel: "Moment, I will do that for you in the morning". #00:31:39-0#

Luise: Oh, really, he did? #00:31:41-6#

Nigel: Yeah. #00:31:40-2#

Luise: That's super sweet. #00:31:44-4#

Nigel: Yeah. And ... I like Airbnb, I prefer always Couchsurfing, then Airbnb, but not hotel. #00:31:54-6#

Luise: Okay. #00:31:55-2#

Nigel: Yeah. #00:31:56-1#

Luise: So why no hotel? #00:31:56-4#

Nigel: I don't like hotels, you know, in hotel ... some people want go vacation in five stars hotels, but I like going camping. I don't like staying hotel in person because I'm using place only for sleep. #00:32:20-4#

Luise: Yeah. #00:32:21-6#

Nigel: That's it, it's not ... I don't expect really too much things. #00:32:26-9#

Luise: Okay. #00:32:26-9#

Nigel: I only expect a bed. #00:32:28-6#

Luise: Yeah. #00:32:29-8#

Nigel: In Turkey we have a really cool island Bozcaada. I went there with my friends. I stayed in, in the bank, the bank in street. #00:32:41-9#

Luise: Okay. Really? #00:32:48-2#

Nigel: Yeah, it's not big deal because// #00:32:45-4#

Luise: Wow. #00:32:46-8#

Nigel: It's – I only expect sharing something with my friends, enjoy the time. Staying something, staying somewhere for one night? It's not important. #00:32:59-2#

Luise: Yeah, but wasn't that kind of dangerous? #00:33:05-9#

Nigel: No, why? #00:33:03-3#

Luise: Wasn't that on the street? #00:33:04-2#

Nigel: Yeah. #00:33:09-6#

Luise: Really? #00:33:06-1#

Nigel: Yah, yah, in island. #00:33:07-3#

Luise: Wow. #00:33:07-8#

Nigel: You know, all the island peoples are really kind, always. #00:33:11-7#

Luise: Yeah, that's right. #00:33:12-7#

Nigel: Yeah. And it, never happend. #00:33:16-3#

Luise: Okay. Wow. #00:33:17-1#

Nigel: But when I opened my eyes, bunch of dogs around me. #00:33:21-4#

Luise: Oh no. #00:33:22-3#

Nigel: But I liked that. Yeah, they didn't do anything and// #00:33:26-0#

Luise: Okay. Wow. #00:33:26-1#

Nigel: I think they tried to, they tried to protect me from others. #00:33:29-5#

Luise: (laughter) Maybe they were looking for some food as well. #00:33:34-4#

Nigel: I had no food. I eat all of that, I love eating. #00:33:37-9#

Luise: Okay. So yeah, but you don't feel like betrayed of the Airbnb business model? #00:33:48-5#

Nigel: I like Airbnb business model. #00:33:50-4#

Luise: Yeah, okay. #00:33:50-9#

Nigel: I think it's really cool ... idea. But as I say, Couchsurfing always better. #00:34:00-0#

Luise: Yeah. #00:34:01-5#

Nigel: Because Airbnb, end of the day, it's about money. #00:34:07-1#

Luise: Yeah, that's right. #00:34:09-7#

Nigel: But in Couchsurfing it's not about money. And if you have ever stayed in Airbnb, sometimes they have really, really too much rules. #00:34:19-4#

Luise: Yeah, that's right. #00:34:20-5#

Nigel: "Don't do that, don't do that, you can't do that". And I don't like too many rules. You don't have to say something to me, because I won't want to do something really rude, really unkind to you. I know my limits. You don't have to say to me. #00:34:41-7#

Luise: Yeah, that's right. #00:34:43-0#

Nigel: I, I don't like that feeling. #00:34:45-6#

Luise: Yeah. #00:34:46-7#

Nigel: But ... always Airbnb better than hotel. #00:34:54-2#

Luise: Yeah. But would you mind staying in hostels? Because in hostels, you have, yeah// #00:34:56-3#

Nigel: Yeah hostel. Hostel is better than hotel, but Airbnb better than hostel. #00:35:03-6#

Luise: Yeah, alright, okay (laughter). #00:35:05-0#

Nigel: If, if it is a rank: 1. Couchsurfing, 2. Airbnb, 3. Hostel// #00:35:10-5#

Luise: Alright, okay. #00:35:12-4#

Nigel: 4. Hotel. #00:35:13-4#

Luise: Yeah. #00:35:13-2#

Nigel: Even motels better than hotels. #00:35:17-7#

Luise: Wow, alright. #00:35:16-5#

Nigel: Yeah. #00:35:18-0#

Luise: So I'm out of questions, but if you have anything, any story, you think, "Oh, I have to share this one or I have to mention this one", feel free. #00:35:28-5#

Nigel: Oh that's// #00:35:28-6#

Luise: Is there anything you would like to add? #00:35:30-0#

Nigel: I think it's not. #00:35:31-6#

Luise: Alright, okay. So I will stop the recording. #00:35:36-2#