

Here are some apps I recommend checking out (but is by no means an exhaustive list!)

1. Dropbox (File Sharing)
2. Evernote (Cloud-based notepad)
3. Skype (Video call and messaging)
4. WhatsApp (Instant messaging)
5. Yelp (Restaurant reviews)
6. Waze (GPS with real-time traffic updates and even police speed traps location)
7. Shazam (help you identify the song you are listening to automatically)
8. Word Lends (real-time visual translation)
9. RedLaser (barcode scanner for products)
10. Google Chrome (Tabbed web browsing with privacy “incognito” mode)
11. Google Earth or Maps (GPS and maps)
12. Audible (audio books)
13. Google Hangouts (video chat)
14. Google Translate (useful translation app)
15. Photosynth (create photo panoramas)
16. Mailbox (simplified email experience that connects to Gmail)
17. GasBuddy (find cheapest nearby gas stations)
18. CamScanner (turns your smartphone camera into a scanner and create PDFs)
19. MyFitnessPal (easy way to keep track of your diet)
20. BigOven or Panna (cooking/recipe app)
21. Flipboard (e-reader that lets you aggregate different magazine, blogs and news sources into a magazine format)
22. YouTube (watch YouTube streams)
23. Uber (quickly dispatches a taxi to your GPS location—convenient but might be pricier than typical cab)
24. Kindle (Amazon’s reader app that lets you access your Amazon Kindle ebook library)
25. Songza (concierge music streaming allows you to pick music selections by mood or activity)

Please note:

Most of these are free but some apps like WhatsApp or the cooking apps may require an annual subscription to access more content or keep the service and the price could vary depending on whether you are on Android or iOS so please verify that before you download. With that said, happy app-ing!

Regards,
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