Any Birkenstock sandal listed as CORE means it has a classic cork footbed (unless otherwise noted) and is a synthetic upper. These options are generally around \$100 for a pair, a little more for Soft Footbed and a little more for true Leathers. They synthetic options can be listed as a Birkibuc or Birkoflor by Birkenstock. Both are similar synthetic materials and have a felt backing on the underside. Very comfortable and look like they are leather but are not. Also very lightweight and durable. You will love them. The main difference with Birkibuc and Birkoflor is that they have different textures imprinted on them at very close inspection. To the normal mortal person, this will mean nothing to you so don't worry about this as its almost imperceptible. As for leather options, you will find many options all listed with Leather in the description. This is a personal preference. Some people want nothing else but true natural leathers touching their feet.