

The Accommodation Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet has all of the best websites that you should use when looking for any type of accommodation abroad.

Whether you're looking to travel for a few days or a few years, this cheat sheet will help you find the perfect accommodation whatever your budget is.

Hostels/Hotels

While there are many different hotel and hostel booking websites out there, I've found the following to be the best.

- [All The Rooms](#) - My favourite accommodation website. It searches different websites and gives you the results from all websites in a single place so you can get the best price.
- [Hostel World](#)
- [Hostel Bookers](#)
- [Booking.com](#)
- [Hot Wire](#)

Free Accommodation

These are the most popular websites for free accommodation around the world. This is a great way to stay with a local and teach your hosts something new.

- [Couchsurfing](#) - Stay with locals on their couch, floor or spare bed
- [Global Freeloaders](#) - Similar to Couchsurfing
- [Hospitality Club](#) - Similar to Couchsurfing
- [Talk Talk Bnb](#) - Teach a skill/language and stay for free
- [Stay 4 Free](#)
- [Home For Swap](#)
- [Warm Showers](#) - Specifically for cyclists
- [Sleeping In Airports](#) - A guide to the best airports to sleep in when needed

Work For Free Accommodation

If you're happy to work a few hours everyday, you will be rewarded with free food and accommodation.

- [WWOOF](#) - Work on farms in exchange for free accommodation

- [Work Away](#) - A few hours of work per day for free accommodation and food
- [Help X](#) - Work in a variety of locations in exchange for free food and accommodation
- [Working Traveller](#) -Get volunteer and paid work as you travel using your skills
- [World Packers](#) - Exchange your skill for accommodation
- [List of Websites](#) - Here is a list of all the websites similar to Work Away

Au Pair

In exchange for babysitting as an au pair, you're given free accommodation and generally paid a decent wage. Unlike other accommodation options this is a full-time job.

- [Au Pair World](#)
- [Find Au Pair](#)
- [Great Au Pair](#)
- [Au Pair](#)
- [Easy Au Pair](#)

House Sitting

House sitting allows you to live in someone else's house for free in exchange for looking after pets and doing some gardening.

- [Trusted Housesitters](#) - Preferred house sitting website
- [Mind My House](#)
- [House Carers](#)
- [Luxury House Sitting](#)
- [Home Exchange](#)
- [IHEN](#)
- [Care Taker](#)
- [Nomador](#)

Lease An Apartment

If you're planning to travel for a longer period of time, it may be worthwhile leasing an apartment. It will make it easier to settle in and be cheaper in the long run.

- [Air Bnb](#)
- [Roomorama](#)
- [Wimdu](#)
- [Facebook Groups](#) - There is normally at least 1 facebook group for long-term housing for each city
- [Co Living](#) - Find others to share an apartment with
- [House Trip](#)
- [Home Away](#)

- [VRBO](#)

Monasteries

Monasteries are a great option if you're looking for somewhere cheap to stay. You are normally asked for a small donation by the monks and nuns.

- [Monastery Stays](#)
- [15 Monastery Stays Around The World](#)

Student Accommodation

The first thing you should do when looking for student accommodation is look for accommodation options offered by your university or school.

- [Study Abroad Apartments](#)
- [Uni Places](#)
- [University Rooms](#)
- [Comforts Of Home](#)
- [Be Roomers](#)
- [Sabbatical Homes](#)

Host Family

The first thing you should do when looking for a host family is to ask your university or school what they offer.

- [Home Stayin](#)
- [Homestay Finder](#)
- [GP Homestay](#)
- [Lingoo](#)
- [Homestay Web](#)