



HOUSING RESOURCES

Short-Term Housing

For the first few nights at your USA arrival destination, you may need short-term accommodation before settling into your longer-term housing. We suggest you make a reservation before you arrive at your final destination to ensure a bed or room upon arrival. Check the Internet for information on affordable accommodations. Housing costs vary across the USA but you can expect to pay 30% to 50% of your monthly income on housing. Be prepared, housing is not cheap!

Accommodations While Traveling

Youth Hostels: There are about 300 youth hostels (dormitory style rooms with shared amenities) operated by the American Youth Hostels Association, a member of the International Youth Hostel Federation, which are scattered throughout the USA. In order to use AYH facilities, you must be a member of the organization. The price of a membership is inexpensive and can be purchased over the Internet at www.iyhf.org.

Motels: There are many low-cost motel chains throughout the USA. Motels are also good for small groups, as you usually pay for the room, not per person. Most rooms contain two large-size beds.
www.motels.com
www.super8.com

Hotels:

www.orbitz.com
www.travelocity.com

Universities: Many universities and colleges offer budget accommodations in their student housing. If there is a college or university in the area you are visiting, contact the student housing office on campus. It is recommended that you call and make reservations in advance.

Campsites:

www.campsites411.com
www.koakampgrounds.com
www.acacamps.org

Long-Term Housing

Ask your employer or co-workers for suggestions of where you can find local housing prior to your arrival. You can also look on the Internet for housing in the town you will be living in. If you are staying in a large city in the USA you can check for housing through the Internet at www.craigslist.org. You can also use this website to find out about local events, local eateries and items for sale. Some employers will help you arrange housing. If this assistance is not available you might want to make a reservation for two to four weeks in short term housing. This will give you time to look in your local area once you arrive at your final destination.

Rent, Sublet, or Share

When you begin looking for a place to live, you will find apartments available to rent, sublet, and share. When you rent an apartment, you actually sign the lease with your landlord. Leases usually last a year, so you should avoid them. When you sublet an apartment, you do not sign the lease. You rent

the apartment from the leaseholder. When you share an apartment, you live with someone who has already rented the place, and you share the expenses with that person.