

ACCOMMODATION GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CAMPUS BERLIN



Dear students,

We are looking forward to meeting you all very soon and would like to give you some information and tips for your accommodation search in Berlin!

The ISM itself does not have its own student boarding house. You may either apply at private or subsidized residences in Berlin or look for accommodation on the private housing market. You must know that the housing situation in Berlin is tight and apartments are high priced as many new people are moving into the area. We cannot guarantee a room in any of the residences on the following pages but we try with the help of this guide to assist you as much as possible. Within this guide you will find information about housing options and links that hopefully will be useful in your independent search for accommodation in Berlin. Please contact the International Office (eva.quel@ism.de) if you need more information or have any doubts.

Please note: It is often rather difficult for exchange students to find a room that suits their needs and is available for the exact dates of their stay in Berlin. Many students have very definite ideas about the kind of accommodation that they would like to stay in, however it is usually necessary to make compromises in order to find a room.

We recommend searching for accommodation on the private market through online forums or with the help of agencies specialized in short term accommodation. This implies that you arrive in Berlin a few days prior to semester start.

Prices for accommodation in Berlin can differ:

Shared-flats in private accommodations: **300 – 600€/month**

Private apartments: **500 – 1.000€/month**

- ➔ Look for announcements that tell you prices including heating “warm rent” (electricity, wifi, etc.)

PLEASE BE CAREFUL: not everyone is sincere and honest: **NEVER** pay anything in advance, unless it is a serious company with a real address and a bank account in Germany.

Be suspicious:

- If you receive an e-mail from a landlord that lives abroad and you are asked to pay the deposit in advance, don't do that!
- If they ask you to make a money transfer via MoneyGram or Western Union.
- If you ask to send a friend to see the apartment and they tell you they are not in Berlin at the moment (and don't offer another appointment).

GENERAL ADVICE

DO check for temporarily/ limited offers. Competition is very high. It will be much easier for you to find the perfect flat when you are not under the pressure of a specific timeline.

DO connect and ask around. Often it is easier and less complicated to ask friends and family that might know someone living in Berlin.

DO take part in Facebook groups for people who have just moved to Berlin, or groups like “*your nationality* in Berlin”.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

In Berlin you can find these types of accommodation offers

Shared flats:

called WG in German from the word 'Wohngemeinschaft', are the most popular option for students, they also offer the best value.

You will be invited to a "mass casting", where all applicants are invited at the same time and their preferred future flat mate is then selected.

Another option is to be invited to a short, individual interview.

- WG-gesucht
- Studenten-WG
- Badi
- Erasmusplay

Student dorm/ Studentenwohnheim:

Student dorms are offered by a service provider in Germany called Studierendenwerk (Berlin). This is a highly demanded and very often difficult to get option, since you will have to apply at least 6 months in advance.

Fully furnished, temporary rooms:

Ideal for short stays and run by agencies that take care of everything related to the apartment of your choice. This is usually the most expensive of all the options, but also the most comfortable one.

- Nestpick
- Stay2
- Fine and Mine
- Coming Home
- Uniplaces
- HomeCompany
- House-of-Nations
- Studentendorf-Berlin
- Spot a home
- Farawayhome
- Easy-Living
- Central Home
- Nido Student
- NeonWood
- The FIZZ
- student.com/de-de/de/berlin

Other options (websides/facebook):

- Dreamflat
- WG Zimmer frei in Berlin
- WG gesucht, WG Suche, WG Zimmer und Wohnungen in Berlin
- erasmusplay.com
- University living: <https://www.universityliving.com/country/germany>

You can also have a look at the ISM Facebook group "ISM Wohnungsmarkt":

www.facebook.com/groups/379026162218525

Here ISM students post flat/room offers in case they want to sublet it or are looking for roommates.

THE FIZZ

"At THE FIZZ you get an all-in living concept that leaves nothing to be desired. In addition to your own fully furnished four walls, you will also find versatile shared spaces where you can connect to a vibrant community and take part in ongoing events. More info you find here"

https://www.the-fizz.com/en/student-accommodation/berlin/?utm_medium=display&utm_source=ism&utm_campaign=ber_ism_0923&utm_content=en

BUDGET SHORT TIME ACCOMMODATION / FIRST DAYS IN BERLIN

WIMDU:

Wimdu is a platform for private accommodation worldwide and has more than 25.000 options in 100 countries, especially if you look for a room for the first days:

<http://www.wimdu.de/berlin>

A&O Hostels:

<https://www.aohostels.com/en/berlin/>

Hostels:

City Center

- Citystay: Rosenstraße 16
- Singer 109: Singer Straße 109
- Baxpax downtown Ziegelstraße 28
- Wombats City Hostels : Alte Schönhauser Straße 2

Schöneberg

- Berliner Bed & Breakfast: Langenscheidtstraße 5

Kreuzberg

- Riverside lodge hostel: Hobrechstraße 43

Friedrichshain

- Junker's Hotel Garni: Grünberger Straße 21
- Ostel: Wriezener Karree 5
- Eastern Comfort Hostelboat: Mühlenstraße 73-77
- Globetrotter Hostel Odyssee: Grünberger Straße 23

Prenzlauer Berg

- Meininger City Hostel & Hotel Prenzlauer Berg: Schönhauser Allee 19
- Circus Hostel: Weinbergsweg 1 A
- Seven Hostel: Schwedter Strasse 7
- Lette'm sleep: Letterstrasse 7

Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf

- Hostel City Bed 2: Pariserstraße 58
- sleepcheaphostel: Spandauer Damm 101

SHARED FLATS (especially for students):

If you are interested in a shared flat, we strongly recommend to have a look at <https://www.wg-gesucht.de/>

You can also announce your own request there so that other persons can get in touch with you if they have an appropriate offer.

Alternatively, you could also be thinking about sharing a flat with someone you know. There are some more expensive but sharable options, if you visit <https://wunderflats.university/int-school-of-mgt-berlin>. Their options to book a flat are transitorily as well as long term.

ROOMS/FLATS:

Homelike:

www.thehomelike.com/en (furnished apartments - Homelike's platform allows you to search, request, and book an apartment as well as sign the rental agreement 100% online. Apartments come fully-furnished, include all utilities + WiFi)

<http://berlin.studenten-wohnung.de/>

www.wohnung-jetzt.de

Airbnb:

Visit www.airbnb.de – a platform offering private rooms/apartments – normally for a short time – but it is often worth getting in touch with the people – as they are often willing to sublet for a longer period and also for an individual price!

Acomodeo:

Another ISM student works for the company “Acomodeo” which you can find here:

<http://www.acomodeo.com/>

Nidostudent:

<https://www.nidostudent.de/> - an internationally operating company providing housing to students in several major cities in Europe. There are three apartment compounds to be found in Berlin where students and young professionals can become part of a vivid and international community, while living in one of their fully furnished apartments – usually lent for a whole semester.

Erasmusplay:

An international housing platform for shared flats, single-room apartments and temporary housing solutions in Berlin, and beyond: <https://erasmusplay.com/de/>

INTERNET PLATFORMS (often not furnished):

<https://erasmusplay.com/de/>

<https://www.student.com/de-de/de/berlin>

www.immobilienscout24.de

www.immonet.de

www.city-wohnen.de

www.thehomelike.com/en (furnished rooms)

You can also have a look at www.ebay.de / https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/s-wohnung-mieten/berlin/c20313331?gclid=CjwKCAjw3POhBhBQEiwAqTCuBnFJ9Ukkweg_AAswG2UQTvVlnY0zsv-3sNoWDHGnGU4uSPVDwL8zMBoC2vMQAvD_BwE
or on Facebook in different groups for Berlin.

RESIDENCES

Uninest Student Residences:

They have a few rooms available and offer you a special contract (depending on availability). In addition, you won't have to pay the handling fee and they will enable you to move in September already (with a first rental payment in October).

Book your apartment now under the phone number +49 6131 693060 and use the promotion code "ISM2018". <https://unineststudents.de/en/locations/berlin/>

ACCOMMODATION AGENCY (one of the easiest options!)

Housing Anywhere:

HousingAnywhere is a housing platform where people can rent out rooms to international students. It originally started as a platform where outgoing exchange students can rent out their rooms when they go abroad. Incoming exchange students can rent these rooms. Nowadays, it's a global platform where demand & supply of rooms for international students meet each other.

<https://housinganywhere.com/s/Berlin--Germany>

Home Company:

If you would like to search for an apartment via agency, we can recommend <https://berlin.homecompany.de/de/index>. The application form can very easily be completed online and people at the agency speak English. They offer a wide range of short-term, furnished apartments, and you have to pay the commission only after you successfully signed the tenancy agreement.

Zeitwohnen:

You can also find offers (also in English and French) here: <http://zeitwohnagentur-berlin.de/> and see the exact address of the flats on google maps. Here you also have to pay the commission only after you successfully signed the tenancy agreement.

Living Hotels:

<https://www.living-hotels.com/>

Bridging Cultures:

If you are relocating for a short-term period of 1 or 2 semesters, a furnished apartment is the ideal solution for you. Bridging Cultures advises you on the most suitable options according to your individual requirements. Their aim is to provide you with the highest standard of cost-effective and flexible temporary accommodation.

Included services:

- Individual needs assessment
- Pre-selection of up to 3 short-term furnished rentals according to your individual requirements from which you can decide

- Securing the apartment
- Check of the rental agreement
- Summary translation of the rental agreement into English
- Collection of the signatures
- Coordination of the deposit payment and the payment of the 1st monthly rent

Contact: www.bridging-cultures.com

THE FIZZ:



Find your all-inclusive student apartments in Berlin!

<https://www.the-fizz.com/en/student-accommodation/berlin/>

Last Words of Advice

Once you have been assigned, you will get the contact details of your German Buddy by the International Office. You can of course contact them and ask them as well if they know someone in their group of friends who are looking for a roommate. It never hurts to ask 😊.

Should I hear about anything, or have any flat offers from our students going to their abroad semester, I will of course forward it to you all accordingly. So keep checking your emails.

Also, if looking online trust your common sense, do not act irrationally and better check everything more than once before agreeing and especially, do not send any money blindly to anyone!

We know that looking for independent accommodation is not easy and does require a considerable amount of effort. But it is not impossible! Try to remain hopeful and please always remain on the lookout for traps or not serious offers!

We wish you a successful room-hunting!

Your International Office Berlin