

# A Place to Stay

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The texts (A–D) on page 2 are based on information from a website about hostels in different parts of the world. Use the information when you answer the following questions. Your answers must be in English.

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1 Mention one hostel where you can always stay as long as you want.

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2 What restrictions about age are there at *Micklegate House*?

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3 Which two hostels have places where you can sit outdoors within the hostel area?

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4 Two of the hostels share the same kind of problem, according to the text.  
What problem is that?

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5 What can be rented close to *The Cat & Moose*? \_\_\_\_\_

6 Which hostel is situated close to a train station? \_\_\_\_\_

7 Between what hours can you expect to find staff at the desk in  
*The Ottawa Jail Hostel* in December?

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8 Which hostel offers an extra service during the winter? \_\_\_\_\_

9 Name a hostel that was built in the 18th century. \_\_\_\_\_

10 In which of the texts (A–D) can you read about ...

- a beds that may be uncomfortable? \_\_\_\_\_
- b a room just for women? \_\_\_\_\_
- c special prices for visiting cultural places? \_\_\_\_\_
- d exciting nightlife near the hostel? \_\_\_\_\_
- e a picture of a writer? \_\_\_\_\_
- f sightseeing within the hostel building? \_\_\_\_\_

## A The Ottawa Jail Hostel

75 Nicholas Street, Ottawa, Canada



Number of Beds:	154
Age Range Allowed:	All ages
Minimum Stay:	1 night
Maximum Stay:	In the summer the max is 7 nights
Reception Hours:	October–April 7am–11pm; May–September 24 hours

### Location

The hostel's location right beside the Mackenzie King Bridge bus stop makes it hard to miss. It's a giant stone structure within walking distance of all the main attractions.

### History

Formerly the Carleton County Gaol (Jail), this historical landmark, built in 1862, offers an experience with character and charm.

### Rooms and facilities

Accommodation in converted jail cells. The rooms are clean and surprisingly cheery, considering their location, and there is a big kitchen and eating area downstairs. The bathroom on each floor only has one toilet, which leads to serious lineups. The hostel offers great packages that include sheets, meals and internet time. Discounted tickets to the Museum of Civilization, Museum of War and National Gallery are also available. It's a fantastic place to stay. Be sure to go on one of the evening prison tours, complete with ghost stories!

## C Micklegate House

88–90 Micklegate, York, England



Number of Beds:	136
Age Range Allowed:	All ages, but under 18 only with an adult
Minimum Stay:	1 night
Maximum Stay:	Unlimited
Reception Hours:	08.00–22.00

### Location

This friendly and attractive hostel lies near the edge of the city just a few minutes walk from the railway station. It may be a little hard to spot but look out for the sign.

### History

Built in 1752, Micklegate House offers you the opportunity to stay in a superb Georgian mansion with a stone-flagged entrance hall, grand sweeping staircase, vaulted cellars and a fabulous rococo ceiling featuring Shakespeare's head.

### Rooms and facilities

There are three floors of co-ed rooms (some dorms with up to 18 beds!). While the beds are warm and clean, make sure you get one with a new mattress or you will feel every spring all night long. Showers and toilets are only available on the second floor, which may lead to crowding. The bathrooms are frequently cleaned, as is the rest of the hostel.

## B The Cat & Moose

305 Long Street, Cape Town, South Africa



Number of Beds:	46
Age Range Allowed:	No one under 18
Minimum Stay:	1 night
Maximum Stay:	Unlimited
Reception Hours:	7am–10pm

### Location

Set against the backdrop of the majestic Table Mountain, you find The Cat & Moose within walking distance of the central bus station.

### History

Established in 1995, the hostel is housed in a building from 1792, one of the original Central Cape Town dwellings.

### Rooms and facilities

All rooms are situated on the 1st floor nestled around the common kitchen, dining area and TV lounge. The rooms and dorms are clean and cosy. Note that the path to the balcony passes through one of the dorms, so if you want to go to bed early at nights ask for one of the other dorms. There is a leafy and sunny courtyard with splash-pool. A nice balcony overlooks Long Street with trendy restaurants, bars and discos. Surfboard hire outlets are situated just around the corner, so don't leave some of the world's best surfing waves untried. Historical South African Museum, Planetarium, National Gallery and Holocaust Museum are all just a block away.

## D The Last Resort

6 Memorial Street, Queenstown, New Zealand



Number of Beds:	18
Age Range Allowed:	No age limits
Minimum Stay:	2 nights
Maximum Stay:	During peak season a 5 night maximum is imposed.
Reception Hours:	10.00–19.30. No arrivals accepted after 19.30

### Location

Located right by the center on the southeast corner of Memorial Street and Camp Street.

### History

The Last Resort can't boast a long history, but under new ownership it aims at becoming something special.

### Rooms and facilities

Your stay here is best compared to being a guest at a friend's house. You get excellent facilities including free tea/coffee. Accommodation in spacious four-bed dorms or one six-bed dorm. One of the four-bed dorms is specifically for female guests. Beds come fully prepared with linen, duvet and towels, with no hidden costs. Bathrooms are clean if simple. In the cold season, all rooms are heated and each guest is provided with a hot water bottle and additional fleece throw. A sun trap garden offers a great area for BBQs, reading, chatting or just topping up on that tan.