

# AROUND THE WORLD: LODGING

TRAVEL CONVERSATION  
SEMESTER 2, LESSON 018



# REVIEW

Use this photo as a useful way to review the previous topic and vocabulary. Students should use the vocabulary they have learned to describe the pictures.



# TABLE TOPIC

Choose and discuss one of these interesting table topic questions in order to get warmed up for the lesson!

## Table Topic:

What's a good or bad experience you had with lodging while traveling?

## Hypothetical Table Topic:

Imagine you found roaches in your hotel room. What would be your next move?



# IDIOM

Read and practice this useful idiom.  
It's great to use with this topic!

**crash at my place** - to informally invite someone else to stay at your place

Don't worry about trying to drive home tonight. You can **crash at my place**.



# USEFUL WORDS

Read and practice the vocabulary below.

**couchsurfing** - the practice of sleeping overnight in the houses of friends or fellow members of a social network, esp as an alternative to staying in hotels, hostels, etc

The best way to go **couchsurfing** is to use [www.couchsurfing.com](http://www.couchsurfing.com)

**homestay/farmstay**- a type of holiday or visit in which you stay in the home of a person you do not know ( at a farm stay you would be staying on a farm)

I like doing **homestays** when I travel because I get a chance to really get to know some of the locals.

**home exchange**- also known as house swapping, is an alternative means of travel accommodation, through which two parties agree to swap their homes for a set period of time, with no monetary exchange taking place.

The idea of **home exchanges** comes from low-cost vacation accommodation and are believed to date back to 1953.

Let's try out a **home exchange**. We won't have to spend any money on lodging!

**hostel/poshtel** - a cheap hotel where you can live when you are away from home/an upscale hostel which combines the "posh" style with the "hostel" sensibilities and price. A cheap & stylish hotel.

I'm low on money. Let's stay at a **hostel** or **poshtel** tonight.



# GUIDED CONVERSATION

Use these questions as a guide for conversation. Splitting into small groups for conversation is advisable. The teacher will inquire to see what the students have learned post-conversation.

What's a place you recommend for lodging in your own country? How about abroad/

What's your favorite type of lodging?

Have you ever had an interesting lodging experience while traveling abroad?

What do you think of **couchsurfing**? Would you be open to trying it?

What do you think about **homestays**?

What kind of lodging do you dislike? Why so?

Have you ever stayed at a **hostel**? What was your experience like?



# ACTIVITY

Use this activity to practice the vocabulary and idioms you have learned so far!

## Speed Conversation

Example situation: You are traveling together abroad, but you both prefer different kinds of lodging. Negotiate or argue with your conversation partner so that you can decide on your choice of lodging together.

Students should sit across from a classmate. The teacher will assign a situation for each group of students to talk over. Students should rotate partners every 2-3 minutes.



# HOMework

**Homework! Daily practice is essential for language learning.**

## **1 MINUTE PRESENTATION/SPEECH**

Talk about a place you recommend for lodging. Give a 1 minute speech presenting it (After the student is through, the teacher will quiz the other students about the speech so as to test their listening comprehension).

