

METAFORA
studio arts



ACCOMMODATION LIST

WEBSITES, ACCOMMODATION AGENCIES, HOTELS AND HOSTELS
IN BARCELONA

LIVING IN BARCELONA CAN BE A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE.

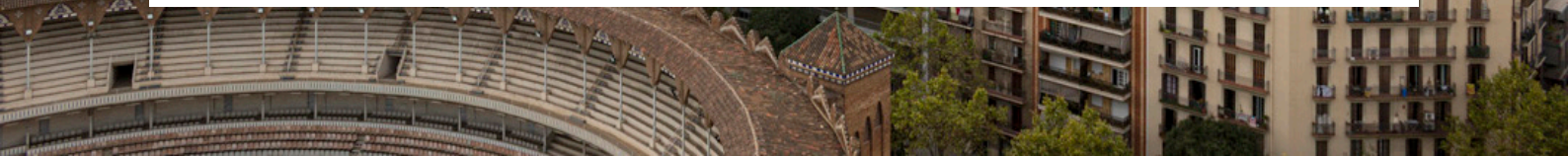
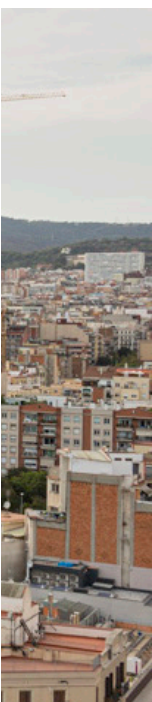
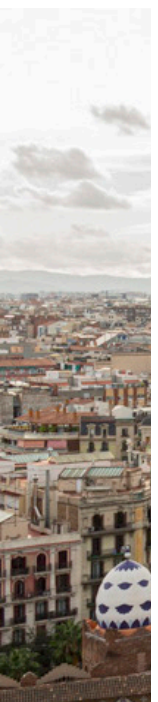
Finding a room or a suitable place to live, however, can be difficult. Our accommodation list gives you suggestions for finding a place to “land” when you first arrive and how to find the perfect place for your stay in Barcelona.

It is our experience that most of our students move at least once during their time at *Metáfora*, often because they choose to find somewhere together in small groups, or because they hear by chance about “that perfect room, for very cheap, in the most wonderful area of Barcelona” . . . This is why we normally recommend that students simply find somewhere quick and take a few weeks to “ponder the territory”.

Barcelona is a small city and transport time to the school will be 10-45 minutes by metro or bus, depending on how far you live. Check out the map at www.bcn.es to know where the school is situated in relation to your temporary stay or flat.

When you first arrive, landing in a youth hostel is a good option for a few days/weeks while searching for the right flat. There are a few hostels very close to the school with reasonable prices. AirBnb and Couchsurfing are also options for temporary stays.

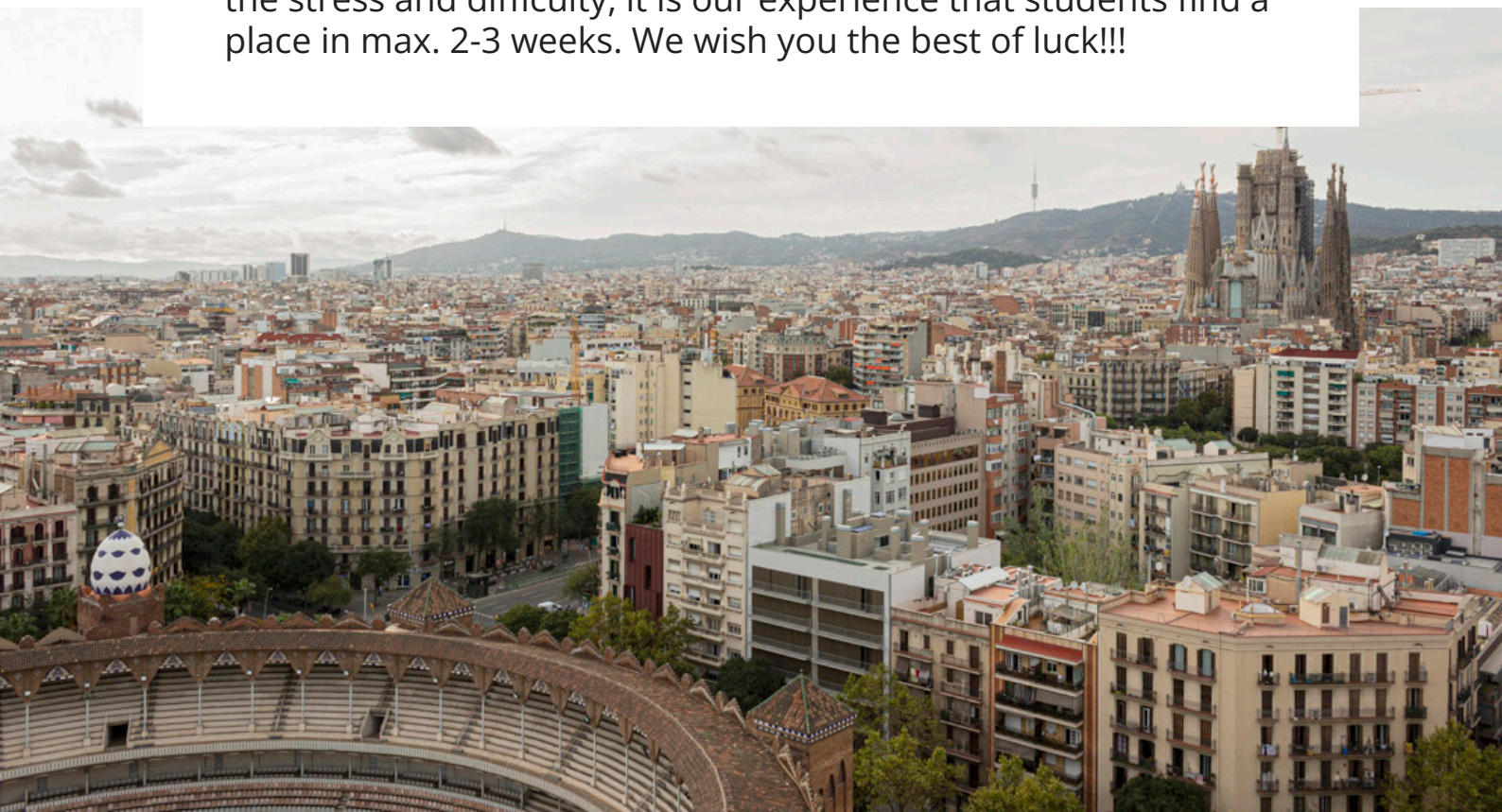
Once you find a more permanent option, remember not to pay a deposit for more months than you are willing to stay. A room in a shared flat will normally cost from 400€ to 500€ a month (bills included, etc). Renting a flat with 2-4 rooms will cost anywhere from 900€ to 1.200€. Many landlords ask for 6 months rent for the deposit if you are renting an entire flat. Remember that most agencies are closed during August. Some rooms do not have a window (at least not one leading to the outside) – something which is difficult to understand for many foreigners. When you check the ads on the internet or by phone, remember to ask if the room is “exterior” or “interior”. The “interior” apartments tend not to have bedroom windows to the outside of the building.



BASIC VOCABULARY

Alquiler – rent
vender - sell
habitación – room
dormitorios - bedroom
individual – small (room)
doble – double/large (room)
todo incluido - all bills included
piso a compartir – flat to share
amueblado – furnished
calefacción - heating
salón/comedor – living room
cocina equipada – equipped kitchen
reformado - refurbished
exterior – rooms with windows leading to the outside
interior – no windows / windows leading to the inner patio
particular – owner, private rent
agencia – estate agency
atico – top floor
terraza - terrace
inmuebles – houses, flats, estates

It is easy to feel discouraged when navigating your way through the urban jungle of estate agencies and flats to rent. Despite the stress and difficulty, it is our experience that students find a place in max. 2-3 weeks. We wish you the best of luck!!!



LISTINGS

We know it may be a bit daunting to look over the entire document, so here is a quick list of the most popular places to check for housing. When you are ready, take the time to look over the remainder of the document for more details and options.

www.badi.es

(community website with listings of rooms and flats to rent)

www.pisosestudiantesbarcelona.com (community website listing flats for students) www.airbnb.com & www.homestay.com (short term rentals of rooms and flats completely furnished with travelers in mind)

HOSTELS NEAR SCHOOL

Hostel One Sants: www.hostelworld.com

Dream Cube Hostel: <http://www.dreamcubehostel.com>

SmartRoom: www.smartroombarcelona.com

Hostal Sans (Pension Sants): www.hostalsans.com

Other recommended hostels:

Sant Jordi Hostels: www.santjordihostels.com

(Numerous locations, nicely appointed, some even boutique style, welcoming and fun atmosphere)



USEFUL WEBSITES

www.badi.es - Rooms in shared flats

<http://es.habitoom.com> - A social network for finding roommates and sharing flats.

www.couchsurfing.com - You need to join the online community with an email address. It's nice for a short stay while you are looking for a more permanent option

FLATS AND HOUSES FOR RENT AND SALE IN AND AROUND BARCELONA.

This is where a native person would look for a new flat. None of these sites have English translations. The web sites are run by communities of estate agencies and individuals who want to rent /share their flats.

www.pisos.com

www.idealista.com

www.fotocasa.es



STUDENT AGENCIES

Centre d'Informació i Assessorament per Joves: Carrer de Sant Oleguer, 6, 08001 Barcelona 934 42 29 39 Opening hours: Monday to Friday. From 10:00 to 14:00 and from 16:00 to 18:00

Habitatge Jove

www.habitatgejove.com

This place is good for flat hunting. It is an information center for young people from Generalitat de Catalunya (catalan government) and many students advertise here when they need new flatmates.

Barcelona Allotjament

www.barcelona-allotjament.com

Carrer Pelai, nº 12 pral B 08001 Barcelona Telf. 93 268 43 57

English speaking. This agency offers different options of accommodation, including shared flats, small apartments and accommodation with Spanish families, all around the city but mostly in the center. The agency will be closed in August. The agency charges an initial fee for its services.

Habit Servei

www.habitservei.com

Carre Muntaner 200 2º 3ª Telf. 93 240 50 23

English speaking. This agency offers shared flats for students, apartments, and accommodation with families. Costs range from renting an apartment from 700 to 1200€/month (water, elec. not included). Accommodation with Spanish families will cost around 350 euros (breakfast included) or 480 euros (breakfast+dinner). The agency charges an initial fee for its services.



STUDENT RESIDENCES

Sant Jordi Piso Uniuersitaris

www.pisos-estudiantes-barcelona.es

Duration of stay: October through June (1 month minimum stay) Private rooms 499€, Double (per person 449€) Cost includes cleaning in common areas. Food not included, though meal plan available for extra cost. Related expenses: Utilities 399€, Deposit 600€ and Contract expenses 160€

Melon District Student Housing

www.melondistrict.com

There are two complexes, one located in Poble Sec and the larger one at Marina district. Short and long term stays are available. Both with a rooftop pool, sleek decor, resident assistant, lounge and study space, food for purchase at the Melon Cafe, outdoor spaces with wifi, laundromat and 24 hour reception desk. Rooming may be a bit expensive but it provides a warm, inviting atmosphere with other student residents friendly and eager to help.



HOSTELS AND HOTELS

Hotels and apartments of all categories. For apartment and hotel bookings in Barcelona. Various prices

www.athome-barcelona.com
www.inside-bcn.com
www.hostels.com

Dream Cube Hostel

www.dreamcubehostel.com/en

14-18€ a night with 6-12 person shared dorms

Av. de Sarrià, 67, 08029 Barcelona, +34 933 15 48 28

Located in Eixample, 20 minutes walk to school

Hostel One Sants

Calle Casteras 9 +34 933 324 192 Book online through

www.hostelworld.com or

www.districthostel1.com/barcelona-sants-2

12-28€ (2-6 person shared dorms) Close to the school.

Mambo Tango Backpackers Hostel

C/ Poeta Cabanyes 23, Book online through

www.hostelworld.com or www.santjordihostels.com

26-28€ (4-10 person dorm)

No Limit Hostel Graffiti

C/Arago 527-529 Pral. 931 86 3397 Book online through

www.hostelworld.com 9-17€ (shared dorms)

Alberg Palau (city centre)

C/ Palau, 6 Tel: (+34) 934125080 <http://www.barcelona30.com/>

es/ 2 pax – 15-29€

Sant Jordi Gracia

Carrer de Terol 35 93 342 41 61 www.santjordihostels.com

13-35€ -new hip, modern boutique hostel in a charming

neighbourhood, 30 minutes by metro to school.

Sant Jordi Sagrada Familia

C/ Freser 5934 46 05 17 www.santjordihostels.com

13-38€ large, designer hostel with many rooming options, including a 3 bedroom suite.

Sant Jordi Aragó

C/ d'Aragó 268, principal 1ª 93 215 67 43

www.santjordihostels.com 12-28€ mixed rooms for 4- 10 people, fully equipped kitchen, convenient location

PENSIONS (CHEAP HOTELS)

Pension Sants

Very close to school!!! C/Antoni de Campmany 82

www.hostalsans.com Tel: (+34) 933313700 29€ -68€ (w/ and without individual bathrooms)

Pension Alamar

C/Comtessa de Sobradiel Tel: (+34) 933025012

www.pensioalamar.com 22/28€ (single), 36/45€ (double)

Hostal Levante (city centre)

Baixada de Sant Miquel, 2 Tel: (+34) 629369950

www.hostallevante.com 40€ without bathroom; 100€ triple

Also available: Apartment rentals 1br - 4br Min 3 nights - 10 months stay 1200€ - 1800€ fully equipped with 3 double bedrooms.



MID-CATEGORY

Hostal Central Barcelona

C/Diputacio 346, pral 2a Tel: (+34) 932451981 Fax: (+34) 932318307 www.hostalcentralbarcelona.com 35-45€ (single w/ out bathroom), 60-85€ (double w/bathroom)

Hostal Goya Principal (city centre)

C/Pau Claris 74, 1 Tel: (+34) 933022565 Fax: (+34) 934120435 www.hostalgoya.com 60-92 (double)/110

Hostal Opera (city centre)

C/Sant Pau Tel: (+34) 933188201 www.hostalopera.com 43/60€ (single) 63/90€ (double),

HIGHER-CATEGORY

Hotel Espana (city centre)

C/Sant Pau 9-11 Tel: (+34) 933181758 Fax: (+34) 933171134 www.hotelespanya.com standard double 130/150

Banys Orientals (city centre)

C/Argenteria 37 Tel: (+34) 932688460 Fax: (+34) 9326884 www.hotelbanysorientals.com-hotel.com 82€ (single), 98€ (double)

Hotel Actual

C/Rossello 238 Tel: (+34) 935520550 Fax: (+34) 935520555 www.hotelactual.com 113-135€ (single), 125-149€ (double)

Hotel Constanza

C/Bruc 33 Tel: (+34) 932791910

All prices indicative and are subject to seasonal changes