

SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION

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Short term accommodation in London can often be quite pricey, but there are cheaper alternatives to hotels. Should you need a place to stay, from one night to a few weeks, an option is to stay in a hostel. Here are the details of some close to the RCM, and larger institutions. Student Services advises that you apply early as accommodation is limited and in high demand. Bookings and applications are made online, so check websites first. Some hostels are for 18-35 year olds only, some have a wider age range, and most don't allow under 18s to stay, so do check if any of your party is outside this age group.

Short Term Accommodation Listings

Indian YMCA

41 Fitzroy Square W1T 6AQ
020 7387 0411

www.indianymca.org

A variety of accommodation available throughout the year. Fully catered (breakfast and dinner). Warren Street tube (Northern, Victoria). Fees are currently from **£105–£250** per night. Long term student accommodation also available on application.

Lee Abbey International Students Club

57-67 Lexham Gardens, W8 6JJ
020 7373 7242

www.leeabbeylondon.com

This mixed residential club, staffed by a Christian Community of mainly young people, is very popular and only a 20 minute walk to RCM. These halls are for long stay and short stay full time students and have recently been refurbished. A beautiful Georgian building just a short walk to RCM, Lee Abbey have a great selection of room types to suit all needs and budgets. The wide range of rooms – from en-suites to triple shared rooms – have all the space you need for studying and relaxing. Grand piano available. They also have a wheelchair accessible room on the ground floor. All accommodation is fully catered with vegetarian options and packed meals for days you may have late rehearsals. There is also a fully equipped kitchen for you to use. Facilities include a launderette, 2 TV rooms, games room, wireless broadband, coffee bar and 4 practice rooms. There are many social activities organised for you to take part in, meet fellow residents and staff are always on hand for full pastoral care and support.

3 night minimum booking. Prices from **£179 per night**

Affordable Accommodation 4 Students

Well Street Hall

150 Well Street E9 7LQ

www.aa4s.co.uk/summer-accommodation/well-street-hall-summer

132 newly refurbished single rooms with wash basin & mini-fridge. Parking, internet, self-catering kitchens available. Shared but very private shower facilities. Breakfast, bed linen and cleaning provided. Bethnal Green tube (Central). **Summer break only. £50** per night.

Claredale House

Claredale Street E2 6PE

www.aa4s.co.uk/summer-accommodation/claredale-house-summer

59 2-7 bed flats with fully furnished rooms with wifi and lockable doors. Share kitchen, shower and WC facilities. Communal spaces in each flat. You will need to provide all linen and kitchenware. Minimum 8 week stay. **Summer break only. £206 - £218** per week. £200 deposit.

Imperial College

www.imperial.ac.uk/summeraccommodation

A range of self-catered and B&B accommodation for the summer period, including Beit Hall & Princes Gardens nearest to RCM. **Summer break only.** From £131 per night with discounted longer stays of 7+ nights.

International Students House

229 Great Portland Street W1W
020 7631 8310

www.ish.org.uk

Continental bed and breakfast with Wifi included. No self-catering available, but a bistro on site. Rooms will be allocated in either Great Portland Street building or Regents Park building 5 minutes away. Note that female dorms have staircase access to the bathrooms only, so not suitable for those that find stairs a difficulty. Great Portland Street tube (circle, H&C, metropolitan). Fees from **£50 per night**. 21 night maximum stay.

St Christopher's Hammersmith

Hammersmith Broadway W6
020 8600 7500

www.stchristophers.co.uk

B&B accommodation with bar, restaurant, internet, laundry available. Hammersmith tube (Hammersmith & City, District, Piccadilly). Fees are from **£12.25** per person per night.

Astor Hyde Park

191 Queensgate SW7 5EU
020 7581 0103

[Astor Hostels - London & York - Best Rates Guaranteed](#)

B&B accommodation with self-catering kitchens available. Common room, Sky TV, internet and laundry. Gloucester Road tube (District, Circle, Piccadilly). Fees are from **£18.90** per person per night.

St Christopher's Shepherd's Bush

13-15 Shepherd's Bush Green W12 6PH
020 8600 7500
www.st-christophers.co.uk

B&B accommodation with a bar, restaurant, internet & laundry available. 10% discount on food & drink with key card. Shepherd's Bush tube (Hammersmith & City, Central). Fees are from **£12.25** per person per night.

Astor Kensington

45 Queensborough Terrace, W2 3SY
020 7229 7782
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A variety of private, dorm and female only dorm rooms, close to the park and a short walk from RCM. Fees are from **£16.20** per person per night.

Smart Hyde Park Inn Hotel

48-50 Inverness Terrace W2 3JA
020 7229 0000
www.smarthostels.com

Dormitory accommodation only, but inclusive of continental breakfast, WiFi & bed linen. Discount voucher scheme for surrounding businesses & attractions. Fees are from **£18.05** per person per night. 14 night maximum stay.

Smart Hyde Park View

16 Leinster Terrace W2 3EU
www.smarthostels.com

Just a short distance from Smart Hyde Park Inn, this hostel provides similar dormitory and private room accommodation, all en suite. Price includes a continental breakfast and bed linen. 24hr internet café, free WiFi, 24hr reception, lockers, common rooms with TVs and a late night bar. Bayswater tube (District, Circle), Queensway tube (Central). Fees are from **£29.66** per person per night.

William Temple House

29 Trebovir Road SW5 9NQ
020 7373 6962
www.williamtemplehouse.co.uk

38 rooms consisting of single, twin, triple & quad rooms. Shared bathroom & kitchens. TV lounge. Garden. Laundry. Music room with piano. WiFi. Schweiny the cat in residence. Earls Court tube (District, Piccadilly) **Summer break only**. Rates from £715pm. 4 week minimum. £150 deposit. Apply online.

Liberty Living

Locations across London
www.libertyliving.co.uk/summer-accommodation-london

Modern en suite studios with kitchenettes. Good locations. Price includes bedding and kitchen pack. Some residences also include gym access. Farringdon tube (Hammersmith & City, Circle, Metropolitan) or Oval tube (Northern). **Summer break only**.

The Stay Club Willesden

5J Nicholl Rod NW10 9AX
020 8838 5728
www.thestayclub.com

Purpose built en suite studios with kitchenettes and rain showers. Willesden Junction tube (Jubilee). **Summer break only.**

Goldsmiths House, Camden & Helen Graham House, Holborn

[Group and summer bookings \(optimostudents.co.uk\)](http://optimostudents.co.uk)

Single & shared rooms with shared facilities. Self-catering kitchen amenities are available. **Summer break only.**

Homes for Students

www.wearehomesforstudents.com

A hub for various student accommodation across London for stays from 2–51 weeks. Short term accommodation throughout the academic year and summer break available.

Private Accommodation

Fully furnished rooms are available in RCM alumni & professional musician's home near West Ham Park. Flexible short term lets from 2 nights, £39 - £55 per night, reductions for longer stays. Practice welcomed; Yamaha U3 piano, vintage Hammond organ and many guitars available to play. Contact Stevon Russell for information 07749 899947.

Alternatives

You can also try www.hostelworld.com, www.studystay.com or www.hostellondon.com for tailored searches to your requirements and online booking for halls throughout London. You may also prefer to try www.airbnb.co.uk for rooms available in private accommodation, not only just in London, but across the UK.