



Accommodation Sites Information (UK Wide)

General Information Sites

Information on private renting is available from **Gov.UK** at:
<https://www.gov.uk/search?q=housing>

Shelter (homeless and housing charity) advice on renting privately in England:
http://england.shelter.org.uk/get_advice/finding_a_place_to_live/renting_privately

Shelter (homeless and housing charity) advice on renting privately in Scotland:
http://scotland.shelter.org.uk/get_advice/advice_topics/renting_rights

Scottish Government – information from the Scottish Government
www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/Housing/privaterent

Welsh Government – information from the Welsh Government
<http://www.wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/housing/private/renting/?lang=en>

Birmingham City Council - frequently asked questions (FAQ) for private tenants:
www.birmingham.gov.uk/privatetenants

Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) - Advice guide on finding accommodation:
http://www.adviceguide.org.uk/england/housing_e/housing_finding_a_place_to_live_e/finding_accommodation.htm#Looking_for_accommodation

Accommodation Search Sites

The following websites are useful as they include properties to buy or rent advertised through a large number of estate agents and letting agents:

Rightmove: <http://www.rightmove.co.uk/property-to-rent.html>
 Zoopla <http://www.zoopla.co.uk/to-rent/>
 Prime Location <http://www.primelocation.com/to-rent/>
 The Move Channel: <http://www.themovechannel.com/directory/property/rentals/uk/>
 London Property Guide: www.londonpropertyguide.co.uk/

Sharing a House / Flat

This has become increasingly popular and can be one of the cheapest forms of renting accommodation in the UK. Good places to look are:

Spareroom.co.uk: <http://www.spareroom.co.uk/flatshare/search.pl>
 Loot www.loot.com
 London Evening Standard www.thisislondon.co.uk



Living in London

Property in London is expensive. London has 6 travel zones, with zone 1 being the most central and generally speaking the closer to zone 1 the property is situated the more expensive it will be. Other factors for example could include proximity to transport links, and how fashionable an area is, will also impact upon the rents charged.

Rooms in shared houses are a cheaper option, particularly important in London due to very high rent levels. Expect to pay from £400 a month for a room with shared bathroom, kitchen and other communal areas.

London Rental Map – average private rental costs by property type and area
www.london.gov.uk/rents

London Student Housing Guide

Although aimed at students, it contains advice and guidance which could be useful to non-students also: <http://housing.london.ac.uk/cms/about/london-student-housing-guide-pdfs/>

Hostels

Hostels will have beds in communal rooms from around £12.00 per night, and are very basic, but can be useful for very short stays:

www.hostelbookers.com

www.astorhostels.com/

www.piccadillyhotel.net/

www.studios92.com/

www.ocallaghans.co.uk/

www.londonnet.co.uk/ln/guide/accomm/budget_hostels.html

www.travelstay.com/london_hostels.htm

Accommodation with families – London

www.host-family.co.uk

www.londonhostfamilies.com

www.hostfamilylondon.com

www.homestaybooking.com

www.britanniatravel.com

The sources provided are for information only and **should not** be seen as a recommendation for any of the sites or properties advertised on them by the Department for Work & Pensions or EURES. There are many other sites available to access and this should only be used as a starting point.

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