# Affordable Solo Lodging

This playbook provides a structured approach to finding safe and affordable accommodations for solo travelers. It outlines the process of researching and choosing various lodging options, such as hostels and short-term rentals.

### Step 1: Budget Setting

Determine your budget for accommodation. Consider all aspects of your trip expenses to set a realistic budget for lodging.

### Step 2: Research Hostels

Use hostel databases and review sites like Hostelworld or Hostelbookers to find hostels in your destination. Look for options that have good reviews, necessary amenities, and security features.

### Step 3: Check Rentals

Explore short-term rental platforms such as Airbnb, Booking.com, or VRBO for affordable private rooms or apartments. Ensure to filter for 'entire place' or 'private room' and stay within your budget.

### Step 4: Read Reviews

Thoroughly read reviews of the potential accommodations. Pay attention to mentions of cleanliness, safety, and the host's responsiveness.

### Step 5: Confirm Safety

Verify the safety of the neighborhood where you will be staying. Utilize online forums, local tourism websites, or contact local authorities if necessary.

### Step 6: Contact Host

Reach out to the accommodation host to ask any questions, clarify details, and express any concerns. This can also give you a sense of the host's responsiveness.

### Step 7: Book Accommodation

Once satisfied with the accommodation's safety, amenities, and the host's communication, proceed to book the lodging within your budget.

## General Notes

### Local Laws

Be aware of local housing and rental laws which might affect short-term stays. Some cities have regulations on the length of short-term rentals.

### Travel Insurance

Consider purchasing travel insurance that includes accommodation coverage in case of last-minute cancellations or other unforeseen events.