

2017 HOSCAR WINNERS ANNOUNCED: SHOWCASING THE WORLD'S BEST HOSTELS

- *Hostelworld reveals award winning hostels based on one million customer reviews made in the past 12 months*
- *HOSCAR awards honour an array of hostels from design-led to gastro, treehouse to boutique*
- *Lisbon is the La La Land of the hostel world with more wins and nominations than any other city.*
- *Lub d Phuket bags Best New Hostel whilst Goodmorning Lisbon clinches Best Atmosphere*

With the January blues in full swing we look to Hollywood and the awards season to lift our spirits. But why gaze down the red carpet at inaccessible celebrities when you could be feeding your wanderlust at the 2017 HOSCARS (HOSTelworld Customer Annual Ratings) – where [Hostelworld](#), the world's largest hostel booking platform, honours the top hostels in the world right now.

What makes a truly great hostel? Some would say the one of a kind elements from in-house swimming pools, cinema rooms, breweries and ball pits. Where others would say it's the swanky private rooms, social dorms, roof terraces, free Wi-Fi and the chance to meet fellow travellers from around the globe. Whatever it is, hostels are social hubs that bring people together and break down international barriers through laughter, pool games, beer pong championships, and much more and it's these elements the HOSCARS celebrate.

Bringing together the reviews from one million travellers over the last year, 33,000 properties from every continent (bar Antarctica – not even we've managed to find a hostel there) competed to take home a coveted HOSCAR. The reviews are based on the following criteria: overall customer experience, value for money, security, location, staff, atmosphere, cleanliness and facilities.

The categories are broken down into property size, continent, country and city, as well as a number of special awards including Best Chain, Best New Hostel and Best Hostel Chain.

This year, in addition to individual accolades Lisbon emerged as a veritable hostelling paradise walking away with an astonishing six out of a possible 10 awards in the Best Medium Worldwide category, as well as the HOSCAR for Best Atmosphere, [Goodmorning Lisbon Hostel](#).

Feargal Mooney, CEO at Hostelworld, said: "The HOSCARS are the ultimate seal of approval within the hostel industry, showcasing the most innovative, social and truly stunning hostels that the world has to offer based on more than a million customer reviews made in the past year – meaning these really are the best hostels in the world right now."

A selection of the winners (for a full list visit <http://www.hostelworld.com/hoscars>)

Best Hostel in England

A Regency villa in the heart of London's East End captured best hostel in England this year. The new boutique hostel, [Park Villa](#) won the support of guests with its welcoming atmosphere, wonderful location and clean and comfortable dorms and Family Rooms. Continental breakfast is included and guests can enjoy the restored villa and coach house that reflect its original character and charm.

Best Hostel in Europe and Best Small Hostel Worldwide

Continuing its run of success from 2016, [Soul Kitchen](#) in St Petersburg once again won Best Hostel in Europe and also Best Small Hostel Worldwide. Beautifully designed throughout, Soul Kitchen perfectly represents the new wave of hostels globally. Found in a 150 year old New-baroc building on Moika river embankment guests can take their pick from ensuite private rooms and custom bunk beds. Soul Kitchen also walked away with accolades for Best Staff and Best Facilities.

Best Medium Sized Hostel Worldwide

The city of Lisbon once more dominated this category, taking 6 of the top ten spots, and a clean sweep of the top 4. [Home Lisbon](#), where travellers can enjoy delicious dinners cooked by the owner's mother each night, won this coveted award for the fifth year running and was voted third best hostel overall in Europe.

Best Large Hostel Worldwide

After a brief sojourn to Brazil, the Best Large Hostel HOSCAR came back to Europe this year thanks to the [Ostello Bello Grande](#) in Milan. Always a firm favourite Ostello Bello Grande has secured the Best Hostel in Italy every year since 2013. This could be down to the many extras the hostel includes in your stay from breakfast, to a welcome drink and a the traditional Italian Aperitivo.

Best Extra Large Hostel Worldwide

Just two blocks from Michigan Avenue, and housed in a classic building from 1927, [the Freehand, Chicago](#) was last year's Best New Extra Large Hostel and as the team have bedded in, their popularity has grown becoming this year's Best Extra Large Hostel Worldwide. The hostel boasts not one but two places to enjoy food and drink, whether you'd rather some small bites or an award winning cocktail you'll be well looked after at Café Integral or the Broken Shaker cocktail bar.

Best New Hostel

The lure of South East Asia for backpackers shows no sign of calming, and presents great opportunities to hostels new and old alike. [Lub d Phuket Patong](#) is one of those hostels making the most of this by

providing excellent levels of service and facilities in the bustling heart of Patong, a well-deserved winner of this year's Best New Hostel HOSCAR. Your most difficult choice will be whether to chill by the pool and sample the smoothie or drinks bar, or make the mere 5 minute walk to the beach.

Best in Africa

Leading the way for South Africa and Africa as a whole [The B.I.G.](#) in Cape Town is a stunning boutique hostel that has been transformed into a friendly and inviting space just a short walk from the world famous Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Continental breakfast is included and guests are welcome to use the latest addition to The B.I.G. – it's very own pizza oven.

Best in Asia

Nestled between the sea and mountains Nha Trang is an unashamedly high energy beach resort in Vietnam, and [Mojzo Inn](#) is the launch pad from which to enjoy it. The Mojzo Inn provides you with free wifi, free breakfast, and free beer between 5pm – 6pm, what more could a traveller need? A combination of stunning rooftop views, eco-credentials and incredible staff saw Mojzo Inn rightly win the award for Best in Asia.

Best in North America

There are times when travelling that there is no place like home, and Hostel [Mama's Home](#) is where this is most true. A quirky space with outside hammocks to relax in and an amazing breakfast served on the stunning terrace each morning, you'll feel like part of the family in no time.

Best in Oceania

Literally a true oasis of calm for the traveller, [Traveller's Oasis](#) in Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef allows you to shelter in your private room or dorm, or be a part of the action by the pool and traditional Aussie BBQ. Let the team look after you with free tour bookings and a great book exchange or relax with access to over 1500 movies on a shared hard drive

Best in Latin America

Moving from 3rd to grab the top spot in Latin America is the [Chili Kiwi Lakefront](#). The hostel now offers unique double rooms, two of which can be found up a tree in the garden giving the guests a full view of the lake right at their feet.

Lisbon: A Hostel Paradise

Not always on the traveller's hit list of destinations, Lisbon is again showing the world how hostels should be run by dominating the medium sized worldwide HOSCAR category. Whether it's new found

friendships that spark chats long into the night, or reminiscing about last night's parties at breakfast, the core of any Hostel is its social space and hospitality that brings open minded people together. In this category Lisbon's famed hospitality shines through as [Goodmorning Lisbon](#) wins the HOSCAR for Best Atmosphere, as review after review applauds the staff for going above and beyond to make this a hostel you'll want to come back to.

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Hostelworld Group is the leading global hostel-booking platform with Hostelworld, Hostelbookers and Hostels.com in its portfolio operating in 19 different languages. Connecting young travellers with hostels around the world, Hostelworld has over 8 million reviews across 33,000 properties in more than 170 countries.

Hostelworld's customers aren't your average tourists; they crave experiences not souvenirs and want to be in the heart of the action. They want to Meet The World, and it's the social nature of hostels that facilitates their travel adventures.

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