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DIVA MARIAH CAREY STAYS IN *HOSTEL* ON TRIP TO BARCELONA

- ***Mariah Carey stayed in a hostel on a recent trip to Barcelona***
- ***She was in the city starring in a short travel film about hostels***
- ***Footage and images available upon request***

LONDON, 10th April 2018: Legendary diva, Mariah Carey, took a break from her lavish lifestyle to join backpackers on a recent trip to Barcelona – and actually stayed in a hostel. Known for outlandish diva demands, from ordering dog chauffeurs to demanding 20 white kittens and 100 doves for a performance and even having bodyguards watch her eat, Mariah surprised everyone when she exclaimed the hostel was “fabulous”!

Swapping her luxury £25,000-a-month (£830 per night) mansion for a room in the [Casa Gracia](#), where prices start from just £30 a night, Mariah took advantage of all the facilities on offer, including the fully equipped kitchen with free 24-hour coffee, cocktail bar with resident DJ, and of course a private room.

She was in the Spanish city filming a short film for global hostel-booking platform [Hostelworld](#) about the huge changes that have occurred in the budget travel industry over the past decade and how today hostels have fantastic, modern features to meet even the biggest diva’s demands.



Photo credit: *Hostelworld* – Mariah Carey hangs out in a hostel with fellow backpacker

In the film, which can be viewed in full [here](#), Mariah's initial shock at being booked into a hostel is swiftly turned on its head as she is taken on a tour of the Barcelona hostel's fantastic modern features. She experiences a dormitory for the very first time, before marvelling at the communal living space with free Wi-Fi, and is then finally shown to her private room with immaculate bed linen and en suite. She rounded the day off by enjoying a drink in the cocktail bar with backpackers from around the world, before dancing on a table to her own double platinum hit 'Fantasy', complete with gold sequins and white doves.

Commenting on the film, Mariah Carey said: *"For some reason, someone thought it would be funny to book me in a hostel. To mine and everyone's surprise, the hostel was fabulous! It was super clean, modern and spacious. I say give hostels a go, it could be a great choice for all you world travellers out there!"*

Marek Mossakowski, Global Head of Brand at Hostelworld, said: *"Many people still don't realise just how much hostels have changed over the past decade. Now they've got all the facilities you'd expect from expensive accommodation, but with at an affordable price and with a ready-made community of likeminded travellers to share experiences with."*



“That’s why we booked a genuine diva into a hostel – to show that even people with the highest standards, and who aren’t afraid to show it, can become hostel believers – and divas don’t come any bigger than Mariah Carey!”

There’s thousands of hostels fit for divas on Hostelworld, here’s our top suggestions for all the divas out there: <https://www.hostelworld.com/blog/mariah-carey-in-a-hostel/>.

Please see here to view the full video of Mariah’s first hostel experience:
https://youtu.be/nsYIDBbtE_A

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About Hostelworld

Hostelworld, the largest online hostel-booking platform sparking social experiences, inspires passionate travellers to see the world, meet new people and come back with extraordinary stories to tell. Hostelworld customers are not your average tourists; they crave unique experiences that Hostelworld facilitates with the best choice of hostels around the world. It’s the social nature of hostels that turbo-charges their global adventures and empowers them to Meet the World.

Hostelworld has more than ten million reviews across 36,000 properties in more than 170 countries, making the brand the leading online hub for social travel. The website and mobile app operates in 19 different languages.

The Hostelworld Group went public in November 2015, listing on the main London and Dublin stock exchanges. Headquartered in Dublin, Hostelworld has offices around the world in London, Shanghai, Sydney, Seoul and Porto and was recently recognized as a Best Workplace for 2016 by the Great Places to Work Institute.