



## Hostels that help

- Hostelworld shares its pick of thirteen hostels that go the extra mile for the planet and local communities
- Hostellers who participate in hostel initiatives can gain a better understanding of global issues such as environmental conservation, renewable energy sources and food wastage
- Travellers can swap their time and skills for free organic meals and even free hostel stays

See the world through hostelling experiences that give back to global communities, whether it's through donating unwanted clothes, volunteering for an afternoon or going green at one of [Hostelworld's](#) hundreds of eco hostels.



### [28 Towpath on the Riverfront, Elizabeth, South Africa](#)

28 Towpath on the Riverfront supports local community initiatives in Port Elizabeth, along the Eastern Cape and throughout South Africa, meaning that between 28 Towpath's free yoga and windsurfing classes, hostellers can also volunteer their time to support projects including music therapy, permaculture and art and education programmes. The hostel also gives back to nature; excess shower water is used to feed banana and papaya trees in the grounds and cultivates its indoor garden.

**Average price per night:** £9.33 per person

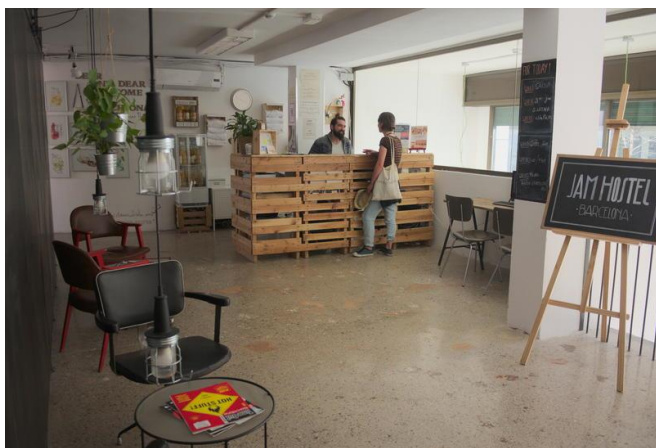
### [Bamboo Eco Hostel, Turin, Italy](#)

Italy's first environmentally- friendly hostel is Turin's Bamboo Echo Hostel, which in true green style is built almost entirely from refurbished and recycled materials. Green graffiti on the walls doubles up as an eco-education on the importance of making small changes, the Fuchsia Room was designed to celebrate Gay Pride and breakfast is a continental feast of organic goodies. Sightseeing (and working off breakfast) couldn't be easier with the city's bike sharing network called [TO]Bike just around the corner.

**Average price per night:** £20.43 per person



**Bamboo**  
eco hostel



### [JAM Hostel Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain](#)

JAM Hostel Barcelona aims to contribute to the promotion of responsible tourism in Barcelona through its ethos of reduce, recycle and reuse. Behind the scenes, state-of-the-art water and energy-saving measures are installed throughout and recycled materials have been transformed into works of art. The hostel's sun-soaked terrace and garden draws an early morning crowd for yoga sessions and Ayurvedic massages to increase energy levels; by night, travellers can pick fresh mint for sundowner Mojitos.

**Average price per night:** £20.43 per person





### [Pfefferbett Hostel, Berlin, Germany](#)

Berlin's Pfefferbett Hostel, housed in a former brewery, is a member of a citywide initiative that connects businesses with senior citizens and people with handicaps; more than 40% of the hostel's employees were recruited through this scheme and work in reception, housekeeping and kitchen roles. For travellers, Pfefferbett definitely goes the extra mile to impress with free tea and coffee, a free daily walking tour, eco-friendly bike rental, international matches of ping-pong and table football, plus its own garden oasis for chilling out and meeting new friends.

**Price per night:** from £20.13 per person

### [Fat Cat Travellers Community, Auckland, New Zealand](#)

Learn a new skill such as organic gardening, bread making or green building, or just listen and learn at one of the regular conservation workshops at Auckland's Fat Cat Travellers – there's something for everyone. Everyday, big vegan meals are made to feed the entire camp using produce from the organic farm; volunteers and hostellers sit together around an open fire to share stories, experiences and music. Nothing goes to waste here; solar panels power the showers, food waste is composted as food for the organic garden and even the washing machine is run off pedal power!

**Average price per night:** £17.23 per person



### [Grampians Eco YHA, Grampians, Australia](#)

Grampians YHA was architecturally designed to use solar hot water, rainwater tanks and greywater recycling, along with clever zoning techniques that require 50% less energy and generate 50% less waste than standard a hostel. Surrounded by nature, hostellers can collect free-range eggs from the hostel hens plus organically-grown herbs, vegetables and fruit from the garden; emus, wallabies and kangaroos can all be spotted from bedroom balconies. For adrenalin junkies, experience the best of abseiling, hiking, cycling and canoeing in the Victoria close to Grampians.

**Average price per night:** from £10.98 per person

### [Twentytu Hi-Tech Hostel, Barcelona, Spain](#)

Twentytu Hi-Tech Hostel is the winner of a sustainable tourism prize for its entrepreneurial design and was the first hostel in Barcelona to obtain the maximum qualification for energy efficiency. Hostellers can be responsible tourists with shower water, energy and heat recycled throughout the building; even the self-service check-in reduces the paper and power wastage of a traditional reception desk. With stunning views from the terrace, pedal-powered city tours and open mic performances, Twentytu is the coolest spot to save the earth from.

**Average price per night:** £17.67 per person







### [Planet Traveler Hostel, Toronto, Canada](#)

Planet Traveler takes its environmental responsibilities seriously and uses cutting-edge techniques to reduce carbon production, energy use and the hostel's overall impact on the planet. The proof of this can be seen in the smart energy meters dotted around the hostel, showing just how far reclaimed resources can go. Planet Traveler's wow-factor comes from its stunning views of the Toronto skyline, the rooftop bar, cosy lounge and daily activities. There's no rush to explore the ins and outs of Toronto as breakfast is served daily until 1pm and some of the city's biggest museums and galleries are just minutes away.

**Average price per night: £21.17 per person**



### [Chicago Getaway Hostel, Chicago, USA](#)

From the laundry to the lobby, Chicago Getaway Hostel's goal is to keep it as green as possible. Throughout the hostel, the eco-friendly ethos can be seen everywhere from reusable dishes in the kitchen to recycling bins in all guest rooms, energy efficient showerheads to reusable keycards. Breakfast in true American style with waffle and a cereal bar stations, sign up for one of the daily outings and hosted events including pub crawls, BBQs and live music, plus prime time movie nights and popcorn in the hostel media room.

**Average price per night: £19.02 per person**



### [The Local, New York, USA](#)

At The Local, you can ditch the NY guidebooks as the hostel staff produce regular 'what's on' guides to their Queens neighbourhood, taking you far from the tourist traps and into the heart of one of the Big Apple's artist and independent communities. From where to find the greenest vegan delights through to the best spots to watch the New York Marathon from, it's all online and lots of the recommendations are free. Not to be missed are the expertly-mixed cocktails from the bar; from here head to the roof terrace to watch the sun go down over New York's iconic skyline, or chill out in front of a blockbuster movie.

**Average price per night: £32.97 per person**

### [The Shelter City and Shelter Jordan, Amsterdam Holland](#)

Run by Christian volunteers from all around the world, Amsterdam's two Shelter hostels are not-for-profit properties that offer an alternative accommodation experience. Located in the heart of Amsterdam's historic quarter and Red Light District, Shelter is a hostelling haven away from the city's hustle and bustle; travellers seeking tranquillity and a place for reflection in between sightseeing and shopping can sign up for team games, bible meditation, open mic sessions, city walks, movie nights and local food tastings.

**Price per night: from £19.94 per person**





**Average price per night: £13.77 per person**

#### **[HI Point Montara, USA](#)**

With more than 50 HI Hostels spread across the USA, each is instilled with the ethos of bringing travellers and the local community together to discover new cultures and turn hostellers into global citizens. Every year in January and February, the Great Hostel Give Back Program offers groups of eight or more people an opportunity to receive one free night's stay at a HI USA hostel for each day its members spend volunteering at least two hours in the community surrounding the hostel. To date, more than 5,236 community service hours have been donated and 1,332 free overnight stays rewarded.

**Average price per night: £22.80 per person**



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