

# Free beds for stranded backpackers

*Hostelworld launches worldwide initiative for stranded travellers*

LONDON, 07 May 2020: Although travel is currently on hold, there are many backpackers overseas who need a safe place to stay and are struggling to cover the unexpected costs. The [Beds for Backpackers](#) initiative started by online booking platform [Hostelworld](#) aims to help those stranded abroad.

Partnering with hostels across the globe, Hostelworld is offering free beds to stranded travellers. Currently, over 70 hostels in 35 countries have signed up to support those in need with the numbers continuously increasing.

The global initiative supports all travellers, not just customers, by connecting them with hostels in their current location should they need a place to stay. In some cases, hostels may ask for a little volunteer support in exchange for the free stay, which is clearly labelled when travellers browse the list of participating properties.

Gary Morrison, Chief Executive of Hostelworld, commented: “We’re proud to work with such an incredible group of hostels who have turned their businesses into hubs that support frontline medical staff, local communities as well as stranded travellers. It serves as a great reminder that hostels are inclusive and welcoming communities who will open their doors to anyone looking for new and meaningful experiences.”

This initiative demonstrates the strength of the travel community and the willingness to come together at a time when it is needed most. Find out more information about the initiative [here](#).

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## **About Hostelworld**

Hostelworld, the global hostel-focussed online booking platform, 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 13 million reviews across 17,700 hostels in more than 179 countries, making the brand the leading online hub for social travel. Both the website and mobile app offer multi-lingual experiences and support.

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 and Porto.