

THE 'HOSCARS' 2020: THE WORLD'S BEST HOSTELS REVEALED

- Hostelworld has announced the winners of its 17th annual HOSCAR awards
- The awards credit the best hostels in the world across over 250 categories, based on 1.1 million customer reviews from the past 12 months
- Hostels in Barcelona, Prague and Medellin are awarded the best accommodation for solo travellers abroad
- Portugal's capital is found to be the most popular destination for those taking a gap year or career break with [Yes! Lisbon Hostel](#) and [Home Lisbon Hostel](#) picking up awards

21st JANUARY 2020: As the stars of Hollywood compete for a host of golden trophies this awards season, [Hostelworld](#), the global hostel-focussed online booking platform, reveals the winners of the world's best hostels as part of its 17th annual [HOSCAR awards](#).

For over 17 years, the HOSCARS (Hostelworld Customer Annual Ratings) have acknowledged hostels from all four corners of the globe with the highest customer reviews and ratings. The awards showcase the hostels best suited to a wide range of travellers including gender, age, solo or group trips.

Solo travel has been on the rise, having grown more than 83% between 2015 and 2019* and [360 Hostel Barcelona Arts&Culture](#) has been crowned the winner for this hugely popular sector. [Hostel One Prague](#) has been recognised as the top spot for women travelling on their own, as female solo bookings have also increased by 88%*.

Hostelworld's [Evolution of the Hostel Traveller](#) report discovered that Asia continues to be one of the most in-demand continents to visit, second only to Europe, with South Korea (+276%) and Japan (+151%) being the most popular amongst millennials. Representing the best of the best in these two countries are [Busan Backpackers](#) was crowned top in South Korea and [Kyoto Morris Hostel](#) in Japan.

South America proved to be one of the biggest emerging destinations for 2019, with our own data revealing one in five (20%) of 16-21 year olds intend to visit within the next three years. Hostelworld booking data revealed Colombia and Peru account for a third of all bookings in the region. [Casas Viejas](#) in Minca and [Kokopelli Hostel Cusco](#) proved to be the favourites in these regions, with [Mapatagonia Outdoor Hostel](#) in Puerto Varas being crowned as best on the continent.

Portugal is the go-to destination for adults (25-30 year olds) looking to take a break from normality with [Yes! Lisbon Hostel](#) voted the best accommodation for working graduates. [Home Lisbon Hostel](#) came out on top for those taking a well-earned career break (31-years old and over).

Gary Morrison, Chief Executive Officer at Hostelworld, said: "Hostelling is about more than just finding a bed for the night, it's part of a journey to explore a world beyond our everyday life. By offering a transparent booking experience, where customers can access over 13 million reviews from a community of like-minded travellers, we're able to inspire adventurous minds through travel.

The importance of peer recommendations is constantly on the rise, as we're seeing that guest reviews have a greater influence on how customers choose a hostel. The HOSCARS reward the best hostels in the world and remain a trusted way for our customers to identify the experience they want from their travels, and where to find it."

Reviews from 1.1 million customers submitted over the past year determined which of the 17,800 hostels listed on Hostelworld would scoop a highly respected HOSCAR. Reviews are based on key criteria including overall customer experience, security, value for money, location, atmosphere, staff, cleanliness and facilities.

The categories are broken down by continent, top 129 countries and top 100 cities, as well as a number of unique awards including Best for Solo Travellers; Best for Pre-Uni Gap-Yearers; Best for Career Breakers; Best Location; Best Facilities; and Best Value for Money.

You can find full list of winners here: www.hostelworld.com/hoscars

Hostelworld's 2020 HOSCARS winners:

Best for Solo Travellers – [360 Hostel Barcelona Arts&Culture, Barcelona, Spain](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £15.33 per night
- **Rating:** 9.7
- **About:** Get a real flavour of the best of Barcelona when you stay at 360 Hostel Barcelona Arts&Culture. Snap arty photos of Gothic architecture on the free old town walking tour, satisfy your appetite at a paella-making class, or bond with fellow travellers over free tapas. For those looking to relax, there's a sun terrace and even a steam room. Wander to the bohemian El Born neighbourhood to explore boutique shops, quirky restaurants and cool bars.

Best Solo Female Hostel – [Hostel One Prague, Prague, Czech Republic](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £15.35 per night
- **Rating:** 9.6
- **About:** Situated in the vibrant and edgy district of Žižkov, Hostel One Prague is committed to providing a memorable experience where guests can mingle. There are walking tours and activities during the day, and the hostel's own bar aptly named The Rave Cave for those looking for start their night off right. For a quieter evening, guests can watch a movie, enjoy a guitar session in the communal lounge, or simply chill in the garden with a drink.

Best Solo Male Hostel / Best Large Hostel – [Los Patios Hostel, Medellin, Colombia](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £12.48 per night
- **Rating:** 9.5
- **About:** You'll find Los Patios Hostel Boutique nestled in a lush tropical valley. Each unique floor is designed to celebrate one of Colombia's natural wonders: the mountains, jungle, ocean and plains, while rooms are named after the country's most-loved destinations. Head to the rooftop bar to soak up some Colombian rays and share a drink with friends while taking in the jaw-dropping views, hit the onsite gym, or chill in the games room complete with a PS4.

Best for Pre-Uni Gap-Yearers (aged 18-24) – [The Hat Madrid, Madrid, Spain](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £18.32 per night
- **Rating:** 9.5
- **About:** The Hat Madrid prides itself on having a super friendly vibe with all the benefits of being located in the buzzing Plaza Mayor. Situated close to popular sites such as the Puerta del Sol, Grand Via and La Latina, there's plenty to do nearby. The Hat Madrid boasts an amazing common area, a restaurant and a bar, as well as an inviting rooftop terrace and solarium.

Best for Graduate Gap-Yearers (aged 25-30) / Best Medium Hostel – [Yes! Lisbon Hostel, Lisbon, Portugal](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £14.46 per night
- **Rating:** 9.6
- **About:** Yes! Lisbon Hostel is a fantastic spot for meeting like-minded travellers, with common areas including a cosy lounge featuring board games and a PS4, as well as an on-site bar for drinks. There's a free walking tour to explore the famous cobbled streets, and a restaurant for local cuisine and swapping travel stories with new friends.

Best for Career Breakers (aged 31+) – [Home Lisbon Hostel, Lisbon, Portugal](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £14.56 per night
- **Rating:** 9.6

- **About:** Home Lisbon Hostel is a 200-year-old building found in the famous Baixa neighbourhood in the heart of Lisbon. The hostel is home to lots of events designed to immerse guests in the city's history and culture, including nightly dinners for the best way to taste classic Portuguese home-cooking. Stroll the cobbled streets on a free walking tour, soak up some vitamin D on the patio or lounge around in the comfortable living room.

Best Hostel in Europe / Best Atmosphere – [5 Terre Backpackers, Cinque Terre, Italy](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £21.14 per night
- **Rating:** 9.9
- **About:** The 5 Terre Backpackers is close to the Cinque Terre National Park, an undiscovered paradise for lovers of relax and movement outdoors. Guests enjoy amazing panoramic mountain views while they can also dine in the restaurant and a bar to meet fellow travellers, or relax in the patio and garden area.

Best in Asia – [Cheerful Hoi An Hostel, Hoi An, Vietnam](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £4.62 per night
- **Rating:** 9.9
- **About:** Nestled in the heart of Hoi An Ancient Town, Cheerful Hoi An Hostel offers peaceful and centrally-located accommodation a short walk from the Hoi An Historic Museum and less than 2 miles from Bang Beach. Experience Vietnamese culture with local foods and even be taught the local language by staff in the garden.

Best in Oceania / Best Location – [Adventure Q2 Hostel, Queenstown, New Zealand](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £19.91 per night
- **Rating:** 9.7
- **About:** Adventure Q2 Hostel is all about providing its guests the best possible escapades in Queenstown, where guests can book a range of excursions including rock climbing, bungee jumping off Kawarau Bridge or hurling down Coronet Peak. The hostel will even lend explorers a GoPro to capture all their adventures. There are pub crawls and barbecues on the terrace, or those looking for a quiet evening can enjoy the lounge for movie nights and a game on the PS4.

Best in North America – [Maya Papaya, Antigua, Guatemala](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £9.23 per night
- **Rating:** 9.5
- **About:** The Maya Papaya is situated in Antigua Guatemala, a short walk from the Santa Catalina Arch and 5 miles from Hobbitenango. Guests can treat themselves to a traditional Guatemalan breakfast, take a drink at the bar and meet fellow travellers in either the lounge or garden area.

Best in South America – [Mapatagonia Outdoor Hostel, Puerto Varas, Chile](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £11.54 per night
- **Rating:** 9.9
- **About:** Mapatagonia Outdoor Hostel is located in a 100-year-old colonial house of Puerto Varas. Head out for days of outdoor activities including rafting, kayaking, biking and mountaineering before relaxing in the spacious garden for delicious barbecues and a spot of sunbathing.

Best in Africa – [Rodamon Riad Marrakech Hostel, Marrakech, Morocco](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £15.43 per night
- **Rating:** 9.5
- **About:** A short walk from Majorelle Gardens and Jamaâ El Fna Square, guests looking for an authentic Moroccan experience will automatically feel at home at the Rodamón Riad Marrakech Hostel. There's a rooftop terrace and bar with views of the Atlas Mountains and the Kotoubia Mosque, as well as a

restaurant and even an on-site swimming pool. Relax in the common areas with entertainment including TVs, games and laptops.

Best in England / Best in London – [Hostel One Notting Hill, London, England](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £20.88 per night
- **Rating:** 9.5
- **About:** The 19th century building is located in the heart of one of London's most beautiful neighbourhoods. Hostel One Notting Hill is a stone's throw away from tourist attractions including Portobello Market, Hyde Park & Kensington Palace. After a day exploring the historic capital, spend the evening relaxing and indulging in the free delicious dinner with your fellow travellers.

Best New Hostel – [Wombat's City Hostel Venice Mestre, Venice, Italy](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £13.71 per night
- **Rating:** 9.5
- **About:** The Wombat's City Hostel Venice Mestre is just a 10-minute train ride from the floating city and an easy bus journey to the airport, ideal for any traveller. This hostel combines the magnificence of Venice with the functionality of a hostel, offering a communal lounge and lively womBar to plan your next adventure.

Best Facilities – [The RoadHouse Prague, Prague, Czech Republic](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £15.80 per night
- **Rating:** 9.9
- **About:** The RoadHouse Prague is run by seasoned backpackers who have made Prague their home with the goal of creating lasting memories for others. There are daily activities and nightly family dinners designed to bring guests together in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. The comfortable lounge has a TV and a wide range of books and board games for those lazy afternoons, while the local neighbourhood is famous for its cafes, bars and restaurants.

Best Value for Money – [Tropical Valley Homestay, Phong Nha, Vietnam](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £2.70 per night
- **Rating:** 9.7
- **About:** Featuring river and mountain views, Tropical Valley Homestay in Phong Nha is run by a local family to guarantee a homely atmosphere. The hostel has a restaurant for local cuisine, a shared lounge and a large garden. There are daily walking and cycling tours through the caves and jungle to make this accommodation truly unique.

Best for English Travellers – [Cozy Nook Hostel, Da Lat, Vietnam](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £5.73 per night
- **Rating:** 9.6
- **About:** Cozy Nook Hostel is a family run accommodation with the sole aim of providing an authentic Vietnamese experience for their guests. This includes the option of dining with the family and taking part in a cultural exchange. Daily activities include canyoning, trekking, and motorbike tours to explore the beauty and relaxed vibe of Da Lat and its scenic surroundings.

Best Small Hostel – [Roy's Villa Hostel, Sigiriya, Sri Lanka](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £9.23 per night
- **Rating:** 9.9
- **About:** Roy's Villa Hostel is the ideal place for those looking to escape busy city streets and surround themselves in the heart of nature. This hostel offers fantastic nature experiences including the breathtaking views from both Lion Rock and Pidurangala Rock, as well as a lakeside view from each of the rooms. Roy's Villa is perfect place for excursions to Dambulla and the ancient ruins city of

Polonnaruwa, while travellers often spend time with local farmers in their rice fields or swim in the local natural lake.

Best Extra Large Hostel – [Wombat's City Hostel Vienna, Vienna, Austria](#)

- **Price:** Dorms from £16.07 per night
- **Rating:** 9.0
- **About:** The Wombat's City Hostel Vienna is in the heart of the city with Vienna's biggest market, Naschmarkt. Directly on its doorstep, this hostel is a great choice for guests interested in art and architecture as it's just south of the cultural quarter. Guests are welcomed in the womBAR for a drink and a game on the pool table, or head straight out to sites such as the Hofburg Palace and Vienna State Opera.

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Notes to editors

The HOSCARS (Hostelworld Customer Annual Ratings) have been running since 2002, and are determined based on reviews from one million customers made over 2019. Reviews are based on key criteria; overall customer experience, value for money, security, location.

Hostelworld commissioned the Evolution of the Hostel Traveller report which surveyed over 5,000 people across the UK, USA, Australia, France, Germany, India and Brazil.

* Hostelworld Group booking data is from April 2019 reflecting the previous 12 months.

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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 17,800 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.

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