Hostels from around the world are opening their virtual doors

Hostelworld launches new platform for virtual explorers, <u>Virtuallyahostel.com</u>

LONDON, 10 June 2020: The online booking platform, <u>Hostelworld</u> has created a digital space to bring travellers and hostels from around the world together, during a time when travel has never been more disrupted.

<u>Virtuallyahostel.com</u> features five themed video chatrooms, where hostel owners are running interactive events that mirror the real-life experiences they host for guests. This digital experience is open to all who are craving a travel fix, and free to join.

The five hostel rooms are open 24/7 for anyone looking to meet other travellers, and weekly events led by hostels will teach virtual guests new skills from learning to make vegan sushi in Japan to a cocktail masterclass in Portugal:

- Hostel Speak-easy General chit chat to connect the backpacker community and a chance to learn a foreign language or two
- The Holistic Hostel Find your guru with some chilled-out yoga and let the Zen vibes wash all your worries away
- The Communal Kitchen Expand your taste buds and virtually eat the world
- Bar Crawlers Party Hostel -A place for happy hours and DJs to unite
- Gallery Hostel A creative corner for virtual explorers to try something new

New experiences from different hostels will be added each week, the full weekly calendar can be viewed online. Here is a selection of upcoming events:

- 11th June Salsa class by Viajero Cali Hostel
- 12th June Cocktail making by Gspot Party Hostel
- 15th June Tortilla de patata española cooking class by Kabul Hostel
- 16th June Yoga by YellowSquare
- 17th June Arabic lesson by Nomad hostel
- 22nd June Vegan sushi workshop by Emblem hostel
- 26th June Colombian DJ music set by Los Patios hostel

To support the wonderful community of hostels who are volunteering their time, guests have the option of making a donation* on the site.

Find out more about experiencing #Hostellife at virtuallyahostel.com here

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Notes for editors

*All donations are collected weekly and Hostelworld evenly distributes the funds to hostels participating that week. There is no financial gain for Hostelworld.

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 178 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. | |
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