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**WAYS TO FINDING
ACCOMMODATION
ON A BUDGET — 
WHILE TRAVELING**



“One of the most common myths about traveling out there is that you have to have money in order to see the world. However, that is simply not true as the matter of the fact is that travelling around the world can be affordable when you get a little creative with your overnight accommodation. Here are six alternatives to finding accommodation on a budget:”

• BACKPACKER HOSTELS

Backpacker hostels are a popular choice for the budget-minded solo travelers. Rooms & bathrooms are shared, and the average room can hold between 4 – 10 individuals. It is often furnished with bunk beds, and personal lockers are available for securing your belongings. Hostels provide the perfect social platform for travelers to interact with one another.

Estimated Cost: RM20 – RM 80

Options can available at sites like: HostelWorld, HostelBookers

• SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Usually people with a spare room, or even with a whole house/apartment that they are not using may rent it out to travelers based on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. Apartments usually come fully furnished with equipped kitchens all for the price of a budget hotel. One of the perks of staying in a short-term rental house/apartment is the comforting homeliness feeling it provides.

Estimated Cost: RM40 – 200

Options can available at sites like: AirBnB, Flipkey

• HOUSE SITTING

Sometimes there are homeowners who are in need for people to look after their house while they're away on vacation or for work. With house sitting, you can be that person. Usually homeowners are looking for people to tend to their homes, plants, pets, and other minimal chores in exchange for free lodging, which varies between a few days to months. This is an ideal alternative especially if you're looking to find accommodation for free worth minimal effort.

Estimated Cost: RM0

Options can available at sites like: MindMyHouse, HouseCarers, TrustedHouseSitters

• GUEST HOUSE

A guesthouse provides a simple, affordable room without the perks or service of a bigger hotel. Compared to a hostel, you receive a decent sized private room, and the luxury of more privacy compared to a normal hostel all for a slightly higher cost.

Estimated Cost: RM40 – 170

Options can available at sites like: TripAdvisor

• WORK/VOLUNTEER EXCHANGE

Instead of paying for your accommodation, why not work for it? There are many opportunities out there that need volunteers to spare their time, effort, and expertise in exchange for room and board all over the world. Work exchange can be worthwhile as it teaches you new skills and provides insights into a foreign culture all while doing it for a good cause while you travel.

Estimated Cost: RM0 – RM100

Options can available at sites like: WWOOF, WorkAway, Help X

• COUCH SURFING

If you've never heard of couch surfing, it's time that you should. Built on a very large community around the world, people from all over the world open up their homes and apartments to travelers for free. They usually have either whole spare bedroom, or just a couch for you to crash on. Why do they do it? These are people who want to meet interesting people, share each other's cultures, and find potential adventure partners.

Estimated Cost: RM0

Options can available at sites like: HospitalityClub, WarmShowers