

Student accommodation

Dear student

In a few months you'll be arriving in Antwerp. That means you need to arrange accommodation to make sure you have a comfortable stay during your studies. To help you in your search for a student room, we have listed all important information below. Students can search for accommodation through the database called Kotweb. This website offers the largest database of student accommodation in Antwerp. Landlords who advertise their accommodation through this website comply with the statutory regulations in terms of quality, fire protection and urban development.

Aside from Kotweb, the IOB also cooperates with the International Home for Foreign Students, ITBS. ITBS is not listed on Kotweb as they have a special status as student accommodation provider. They however comply with the aforementioned regulations. You can contact the ITBS directly: <https://www.itbsantwerpen.be/en/itbs.html>.

Important note! It is highly recommended to inform the IOB of your future address and landlord prior to signing a rental agreement or agreeing upon a student room. We had some bad experiences with certain landlords in the past but we are not authorised to disclose the names of these landlords but we can advise through a personal conversation. Therefore, check with IOB before signing a lease: send an e-mail to greet.annaert@uantwerp.be providing the address of your student room and contact details of your landlord. If all is well, you can proceed. If we suspect a problem, then we will give you a call.

How to find your ideal student room

You can already book student accommodation before you arrive in Antwerp. We advise all our students to use Kotweb to find suitable accommodation. It offers the largest database of student accommodation in Antwerp. Owners can advertise their property on the site and manage their data themselves. Students can search the entire database quickly and free of charge.

[Go to Kotweb](#)

The International Home for Foreign students also provides student rooms but is not listed in Kotweb. Feel free to contact them directly: <https://www.itbsantwerpen.be/en/itbs.html>

Find a room with a green quality label

As a student, you cannot just rent any flat, bedsit, room or house. Accommodation for students must comply with certain statutory regulations in terms of quality, fire protection and urban development. The city of Antwerp inspects all student accommodation in Antwerp. Based on this inspection, the city services assigns a quality label to each student property. If you search on any other website, you won't be able to see the result of the safety inspection, the quality label, and won't know whether the student accommodation has been approved by the city of Antwerp.

[The green quality label](#)

Ensure you have a model lease

Rental agreements for student rooms are different from traditional renting contracts. If the landlord uses the model lease, you can be sure it is a contract with a good legal basis and corresponds to this rental law. The model lease is provided in Dutch and in English and can be checked online.

[Model lease](#)

Extra tips

Here are some tips to help you in your search for suitable accommodation:

- **Room or studio:** A room has a shared kitchen and a shared bathroom. A studio is a room with a private bathroom and/or private kitchen.

- **Costs:** Be aware that the average price for a student room with shared bathroom and kitchen is 390 EUR/month. The average price for a studio with private bathroom and/or kitchen is 450 EUR/month. In most cases cost like internet, water, gas, electricity and heating are not included. Your landlord can charge a fixed amount for utilities such as heating, electricity, water etc. or work with a provisional charge. The provisional charge is paid in advance and actual usage amounts are calculated at the end of the lease.
- **Deposit:** A landlord might ask you to pay a deposit up to 2 months' rent. The deposit is not a way to pay your last month's rent. Since 01.01.2019 you need to pay by bank transfer and you cannot pay in cash. **Never pay rent or deposit through Western Union!** Note that the payment of a deposit is a binding acceptance of the contract. Read the contract carefully before signing or paying. You will read that if you break something, the landlord has the right to deduct the costs from your deposit.
- **Flemish rental decree:** The new Flemish Rental Decree includes a specific regulation for student rentals. It came into force on 1 January 2019. It applies to all leases signed on or after this date. More information can be found on [Kotweb](#).

[Read all about the extra tips](#)

How to search on Kotweb

Kotweb has everything to find suitable accommodation. Watch the explainer video or read the manual to get started right away!

[Check the kotweb explainer video](#)

[Download the Kotweb manual](#)

Temporary accommodation

If you wish to search for accommodation while already in Belgium, then you can book temporary accommodation. Please refer to the list of budget friendly accommodation on the next pages.

COVID-19

Before booking a student room or student studio, please make sure you are able to travel to Antwerp by checking the travel advice in your country. Keep in mind that confirming a room by email, paying a deposit or signing a rental agreement is a binding acceptance of the rental agreement.

[More info on COVID-19](#)

Need help?

Do you need assistance with finding accommodation or do you have questions that remain unanswered?

Contact greet.annaert@uantwerp.be.

BUDGET FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATION 2020

A-STAY Antwerp

Description	A-STAY is a stay for all kinds of people, with all kinds of reasons. With us, you're welcome to bring your own purpose. Whether you'll be having a loooong, short or undefined stay. Whether you'll be all by yourself, together with loved ones or newly-made friends. The 192 rooms have either two or one bed, and some even have a pull-out sofa for that unexpected friend you met downtown. Create a mood with the lights, controlling it from your phone. Adjust the temperature on the TV. Each room has superfast WIFI, for working, researching your dinner plans or streaming your favorite series.
Price	Price depends of the type of room. Discount codes: "UniversityVisitor" for 0-30 nights ➔ 59€/night - including 3 day-cleaning and end cleaning "UniversityMid" for 30-90 nights ➔ 30€/night - including 3 day-cleaning & end cleaning
Contact information	Phone number: +32 3 53 53 553 Website: www.a-stay.com Email: antwerp@a-stay.com
Address	Pelikaanstraat 86 – 2000 Antwerp

Antwerp Central Hostel "Pulcinella"

Description	Antwerp Central Hostel, also known to locals as "Pulcinella", has a modern and clean look. With its large windows, airy rooms, amazing roof terrace and relaxing lounge, bar and dining room, the hostel perfectly reflects the hip and youthful vibe of the city of Antwerp. The hostel's location in the old city centre provides the perfect base for a city trip in this metropolis.
Price	Breakfast and sheets are included in the rates. https://www.jeugdherbergen.be/en/antwerp/rates
Contact information	Phone number: +32 3 234 03 14 Website: https://www.jeugdherbergen.be/en/antwerp Email: antwerpen@vjh.be
Address	Bogaardeplein 1 – 2000 Antwerp

The ASH (Antwerp Student Hostel)

Description	The Antwerp Student Hostel (ASH) offers different options, go for the privacy of your own double/twin room with ensuite bathrooms or select a bed in one of our dorms. They offer female only dorms as well as mixed dormitories from 3 to 12 guests. All with bedside lamps, lockers, luggage storage, communal areas, kitchen, courtyard etc. And free WIFI of course! Public transport within a walking distance of 5 minutes. Supermarkets and grocery stores nearby.
Price	Price depends of the type of room. https://www.ash-antwerp.com/short-term-stay
Contact information	Phone number: +32 3 500 88 17 Website: https://www.ash-antwerp.com Email: myreservation@ash-antwerp.com
Address	Italiëlei 237/239 – 2000 Antwerp

Antwerp Hostel

Description	Antwerp Hostel is a small and very cozy place right in the center of Antwerp. The Rubens House, Cathedral of Our Lady Antwerp, Museum aan de Stroom – it is all nearby. We are situated in Jodenstraat, which is one of the central streets of Antwerp. In few walking minutes you will discover shopping mall, brand stores, gyms, restaurants, car and bicycle rent, etc. Comparing to large and always overloaded hostels, we have small rooms starting from 4 persons to 12 max. We provide individual service to every guest, we can provide with information about the city, public transport, taxi services, best restaurants, or any other information or you need.
Price	Price depends of the type of room.
Contact information	Phone number: +32 497 48 48 66 Website: www.antwerphostel.be Email: info@antwerphostel.be
Address	Jodenstraat 48 – 2000 Antwerp

Antwerp City Hostel

Description	Antwerp City Hostel is a new and friendly hostel in the heart of the historic city center. The hostel is set in a monumental building at the Grote Markt, main square of Antwerp. Best location for those who want to discover the city. The so-called 'Red Borgh' house is a protected monument and one of the oldest preserved examples of Baroque guild houses Antwerp. It is believed that the house was built in the 12th century as a simple construction. Evidence is the basement is in Roman style. The current façade was built in 1644 by allied guilds of tanners and shoemakers and has a special architectural and historical value. For your comfort, we offer all the facilities that can be expected. Free Wi-Fi all around, bar, shared kitchen, lockers, luggage storage, vending machines (hot drinks, snacks). Breakfast is included in the online rates, it's served daily from 8.15 am till 10.30 am., weekends we serve lazy breakfast from 8.30am till 11.00am.
Price	Price depends of the type of room.
Contact information	Phone number: +32 3 500 50 40 Website: www.antwerpcityhostel.be Email: info@antwerpcityhostel.be
Address	Grote Markt 40 – 2000 Antwerp

Other possibilities for short term stay

Hotels www.booking.com

Airbnb www.airbnb.be