

Buddychat

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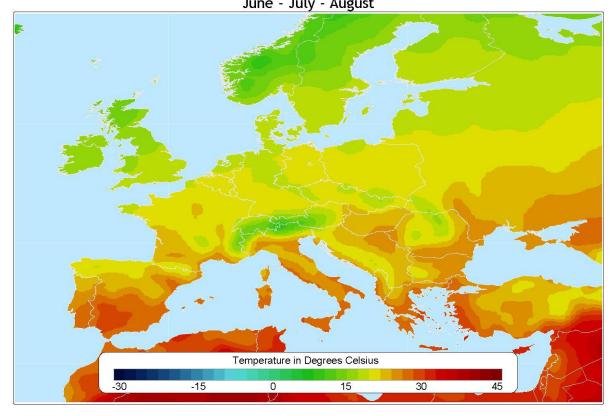


Weather in Europe





Average Temperature





Get your visa





Who can apply & when can you apply for a visa

- Any individual who wants to travel outside their country to any foreign country requires visa - this is an entry permit provided by that particular country.
- You can apply 90 days before your start date for visa in many countries and you can travel to the destination before 30 days of your start date.
- Some countries gives you permission to travel to that country and extend your visa after enrolling.
- Many countries ask you to register with local bodies before you start your part time work.



Visa Types

- Long stay visa (90 days & above)
- Short term Visa (less than 90 days)
- Visitors visa
- Work visa
- Business visa
- Study visa
- Etc...



Documents required to get your visa

- Passport or Travel Document (should be at least 6 months valid)
- Visa appointment letter with visa application form printed and signed
- Admission Letter/Offer letter/ I20 / CAS etc.
- Educational Documents like 10/12/ Diploma or Degree marksheets/Consolidated / Provisional or Degree certificate/IELTS or TOEFL or PTE, GRE or GMAT (ANY certificates that are considered by the college to provide you admission is required)
- Photographs with specific dimensions as described in visa checklist
- Accommodation proof and booked air ticket if required



Financial documents

- Bank loan sanction letter and agreement copy from the bank.
- If savings bank statement minimum 6 months with bank balance certificate.
- Fixed Deposit- FD receipt copy with a bank manager certificate.
- Current accounts is accepted but with a transfer to the student account.
- Other funds may be accepted based on the country.



Supportive documents

- Affidavit from the sponsored
- Self declaration if required
- Cover letter for visa
- IT documents or Form 16
- If Guarantor or sponsor is salaried then pay slips and salary certificate plus employee card
- If Guarantor or sponsor is a business person Business registered certificate, Business IT, Auditors balance sheet, Current account statement if funds transferred from that account, Directors consent letter if partnership company and company is sponsoring the student.



Other documents

- Few countries asks for CA statement and CE certificate of the sponsor
- Few countries ask for international bank debit card as proof of living cost
- Maintain the funds until you land in that country on a safer side even if you withdraw few amount for immediate use.
- Visa fee paid receipt, other payments for visa (if any)
- Birth Certificate translated if in regional language
- Few countries need apostilled documents
- Visa appointment letter



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How you'll find the right accommodation





The basics

What kind of living situation do you want?

- Are you looking to more deeply immerse yourself into the local culture by staying in a homestay?
- Do you want to know what it's like to live in a dorm with other foreign students?
- Maybe you want to work on your language skills by staying with a local in a shared apartment and surrounding yourself with local customs?
- Or you simply want to branch out on your own and make your own experiences!



Shared apartment

- Often the cheapest accommodation option
- Easy to make new friends and get to know the people you live with

Dormitory

- Usually located on / close to campus
- More privacy
- Easy to meet friends in common areas

Private apartment

• Freedom & space

Homestay

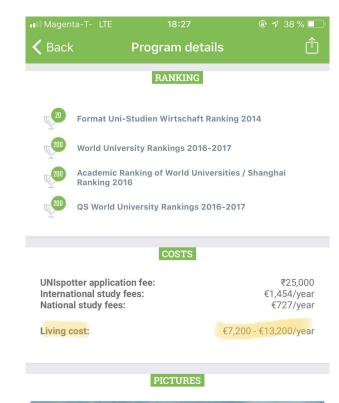
• Get a better insight into the local culture



Living costs

1) European living costs comparison tool: https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/gmaps.jsp

2) Check UNIspotter App for estimates





How to calculate your budget:

- 1) Determine a Time Span for Your Budget. You can create your budget for a month, academic year, or calendar year
- 2) Choose a Tool to Help You Manage Your Budget
- 3) Identify and Categorize Your Expenses
- 4) Save for Emergencies
- 5) Balance Your Budget

UNIspotter's Budget App Recommendation

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Shared / private apartment: Questions to ask your landlord

When you find your ideal accommodation, you'll be eager to get the ball rolling as soon as possible so as not to miss out. However, in all of your excitement, you may forget to ask your prospective landlord some fundamental questions that could make or break your decision. Here are some key questions to ask to avoid any surprises down the line:

- How do they want the rent paid?
- Does the rent include bills?
- Have they rented before (particularly to international students)?
- Are there any deposits or non-refundable fees? What are they?
- What is their sub-letting policy?
- Do they allow early contract terminations? If so, what are the fees?
- Will you be able to renew the contract if you want to?
- Are guests allowed to stay?
- Are there any additional rules to be aware of?



Don't sacrifice safety for costs

Lastly, don't sacrifice safety for costs -- especially in larger cities. Sure, it's appealing to save a few hundred dollars on rent, but a break-in could cost you a laptop, personal belongings, or worst of all -- your well-being. A dodgy area of town might seem like it would make for an interesting story, but while traveling abroad, safety needs to be your top priority.



Don't stress - you have got this!

There is a lot of information out there, and too many Google searches can sometimes send you into a tailspin. Don't get too overwhelmed! Finding accommodation abroad isn't as different as finding a place to live in your home university city. If you're still not finding the exact accommodation you desire, there are 'grass roots' options as well.

Call your abroad university for suggestions. Search out Facebook groups specific to your university's students or 'for rent' groups in the city you are studying in. Talking with local students can help you sort typical rent prices, the best areas of town for you (whether that be quiet parts to study, shopping districts or the club scene. Read local blogs for recommendations on the best areas for your age and interests!

This should be a fun process, and one that ultimately leads to your home away from home. Let the wanderlust begin!



UNIspotter step-by-step accommodation guide

Step 1: Check out what your new university offers

Support that universities offer regarding student housing for foreigners varies greatly, but they are always the first address you can turn to.

Step 2: Get booksmart

Internet sources like Google Maps, Street View or YouTube as well as travel guides can be a great starting point for your housing search. They give you a concise overview and convey a first idea of the place/area that is going to be your new home.

Step 3: Get a feel for the place

Give yourself a couple of days to get settled in: plan your arrival in the country before the semester and intro days start for your program.



Step 4: **Leverage your network**

That includes scanning the social networks for relevant housing and exchange groups and joining those.

Step 5: Know where to look for housing

List of best websites on next slide

Step 6: Know how to spot a scam

Whatever you do, do not ever pay money to anyone before seeing the apartment and signing a contract with a local landlord whom you have talked to in person! If you're unsure, you can always ask a UNIspotter Buddy.



Best websites by country

Name	Country	Link
Uniplaces	Europe	https://www.uniplaces.com/
UniversityRooms	Worldwide	http://www.universityrooms.com/
Bluestripe	Europe	https://bluestripeliving.com/
Beroomers	World & Europe	https://www.beroomers.com
Student Roost	UK	https://www.studentroost.co.uk/
Local websites		Ask your UNIspotter Buddy



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