

ACCOMMODATION IN BRIGHTON & HOVE

(ABC - S02)

FAMILY ACCOMMODATION

Details are enclosed of how to apply to stay in bed and breakfast accommodation with host families through the English Language Centre.

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Private accommodation cannot really be arranged until you are in Brighton. You need to visit agencies and view the accommodation available in person. Students tend to stay in temporary/short-term accommodation while looking for somewhere more permanent. Low-cost hostel/guest house accommodation is available at, for instance:

Abbey Hotel, 14/19 Norfolk Terrace, Brighton.

Tel: (0)1273.778771.

£80 per week single; approx. £55 sharing twin. (weekly rate only)

Baggies, Oriental Place, Brighton.

Tel: (0)1273.733740.

£70 per week (or £11 per night).

Brighton Backpackers, 75 Middle Street, Brighton.

Tel: (0)1273.777717. Email: Backpackers@fastnet.co.uk

£11-12 per night

Friese Green, 20 Middle Street, Brighton.

Tel: (0)1273.747551. Email: Steve@Friese-Green.demon.co.uk

£60 per week (or £12 per night)

When making your own independent arrangements to rent furnished accommodation, you should be aware that rents can be quite high and most landlords will demand a deposit sum for breakages etc. (for a large flat or house this may be as much as one month's rent, which will be returned if you leave the place in a satisfactory condition). You will normally have to pay a period of rent in advance (usually 1 month). You are often asked to show proof of your student loan as a financial reference (or perhaps a bank statement) and they may require a confirmation letter from the Gothenburg school office in Brighton that you are studying here.

Gas, heating and electricity are more expensive than in Sweden. Find out whether these costs are included in your rent or not.

If you receive a bill for local Council Tax, see the School Office for a letter which will entitle you to 100% exemption.

Accommodation agencies

Ashcroft & Dean, 33 Western Road, Hove

Tel: 777133

Brighton Accommodation, 23 Richmond Place, Brighton.

Tel: 607891

Good Deal, 126 Western Road, Brighton.
Homelets, 47 Norfolk Square, Brighton
Property Moves, 109 Church Road, Hove
Wm. Prior, 90 Western Road, Hove.
Sun Property Services*, 57 Church Road, Hove.

Tel: 771300
Tel: 747485
Tel: 321333
Tel: 772385
Tel: 202021

* This agency requires your financial guarantor to be UK based, which may represent a problem for you.

The above are just a few of the many agencies used by previous students to find rooms, flats or houses. If you go to the Norfolk Square area of Western Road (on the Brighton/Hove border) there are many more letting agencies which could help you.

Note: You will probably be asked to sign a 6-month Tenancy Agreement and you will need to negotiate a one-month notice release clause which will enable you to vacate the accommodation earlier. ***Not all agencies are prepared to incorporate this clause so it is important to check this at the time.***

The local newspaper, ***The Argus***, has a special supplement every Monday where accommodation agencies advertise the properties they have available to rent. Advertisements for properties can also be found in the free weekly publication, ***Friday Ad***.

On other days, private landlords advertise under the 'Accommodation to Let' or 'Houses and flats to Rent' classified sections of the newspaper.

Most landlords are honest, but not all: Please be very careful if making arrangements direct with a private landlord (as opposed to through a letting agent). If you do not have a written agreement, you can be in a slightly vulnerable position when negotiating matters regarding deposits, breakages, maintenance work etc.

University of Sussex Housing Office

University-managed campus accommodation is only available to University of Sussex first-year students on a yearly basis (not to Gothenburg students).

However, every Wednesday, the Housing Office in Bramber House publishes a list of rooms/flats/houses to let in the Brighton, Hove and Lewes area with private landlords. This list is available to all students and can be obtained from the Housing Office in person, or via their Website address:

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/housing/local.shtml>

(You can only access this site once you are here on campus and connected to the university network.)