

# Travel with ease: housing tips for every journey



## Identify your housing resources

### Recruiter:

Ask if they have insights from travelers on housing leads in the area

### Housing discounts:

Reach out to your recruiter for exclusive Fusion discount codes

### Good friend Google:

Use search terms like “long-term hotels,” “short-term apartment rentals,” etc.



## Start your reach outs

**Call the lodging leads you collected from your recruiter and web search to gather more information about your options.**

- Confirm availability of your desired dates
  - Write down the first and last name of the person you’re talking to
  - Find out their minimum rental terms (i.e. one month, three months, etc.)
  - Learn the cost of monthly rental payments\* and if utilities are included
- \*Don’t be afraid to negotiate!

**Or reach out via email using a format like this:**

*“Hello! I’m a traveling medical professional and will be helping [facility name] from [start date] to [end date]. I’m traveling [alone/with others, and provide names] [without/with, and name type, breed, weight] any pets and I’m searching for lodging that aligns with a budget of [\$budget]. Please let me know if this unit is available for these terms. Thank you! [Your name and contact information]”*



## Key questions to ask hotel managers, landlords, and other property owners

- Do you offer a medical traveler or long-term stay rate? Or do you offer a weekly or monthly discounted rate?
- How much advanced notice do you need for me to end my stay?
- Are there any fees I should be aware of (i.e. admin fees, amenity fees, furniture delivery/set up fees, short-term fees, etc.)?
- What type of amenities are included (i.e. microwave, gym, pool, etc.)?
- What does the parking situation look like?
- Do you allow pets and if so, what's the deposit amount?
- Are there laundry units on-site? If so, is it free or coin-operated?
- Will my rental unit have a full kitchen or kitchenette?
- Is snow removal and/or lawn care included?
- (For hotels) do you have a rewards program?



## Things to consider

### Your needs

- Proximity to work
- Desired amenities
- Level of privacy
- Safety
- Comfort
- Budget

### Lease terms

- Are they flexible?
- What's the penalty, if anything, for moving early? Can you get a refund if you cancel before or during your stay?

### Online reviews

*Pay attention to online reviews, including the age of the review and if there's a property response to negative comments.*

- Assess hotels using sites like TripAdvisor, Booking.com, and Hotels.com
- Check out apartment ratings on Apartments.com
- Learn more from Yelp and Google reviews





## Pre-lease-signing housekeeping

- Double-check any rental cost flexibility
- Carefully review the lease or reservation terms to understand dates, deposit, and potential fees



## Moving to-dos

- Forward your mail
- Manage subscriptions and regular deliveries
- Secure renters' or homeowners' insurance to protect your belongings
- Pack your bags!  
*Remember to bring comfort items that make your temporary living situation feel like home.*



## Temporary housing tips TLDR

- You won't get what you don't ask for, so be sure to negotiate costs along the way!
- Take inventory of your new living space and photograph any damages or maintenance items before you move in
- Protect yourself from surprise move-out costs and ask a manager to walk through your rental a few days before you leave
- Make the most of your adventure and have fun!