



Staying in our Youth Hostels

Our teams are available to provide a warm welcome, clean and comfortable accommodations, and assist with any needs you may have. Our dedicated teams are trained in safety policies and procedures, ensuring that every guest feels safe.

WELCOME!

We foster an inclusive environment where guests feel welcomed, regardless of their culture, language, or background. We believe in creating meaningful connections, allowing guests to experience the spirit of hostelling and become a part of our vibrant community.

Who else will be staying in the Youth Hostel?

If you have not booked the whole hostel as a "Rentahostel", you can expect to be sharing the facilities with other guests from Scotland and around the world, including independent travellers, families with young children, schools, tour groups, couples, hikers, and anyone who wants to stay with us, of all ages. Some of our hostels are dog friendly too. We think this element can be a highlight of staying in a Youth Hostel but it is a good idea to prepare your group for this.



Group Supervision

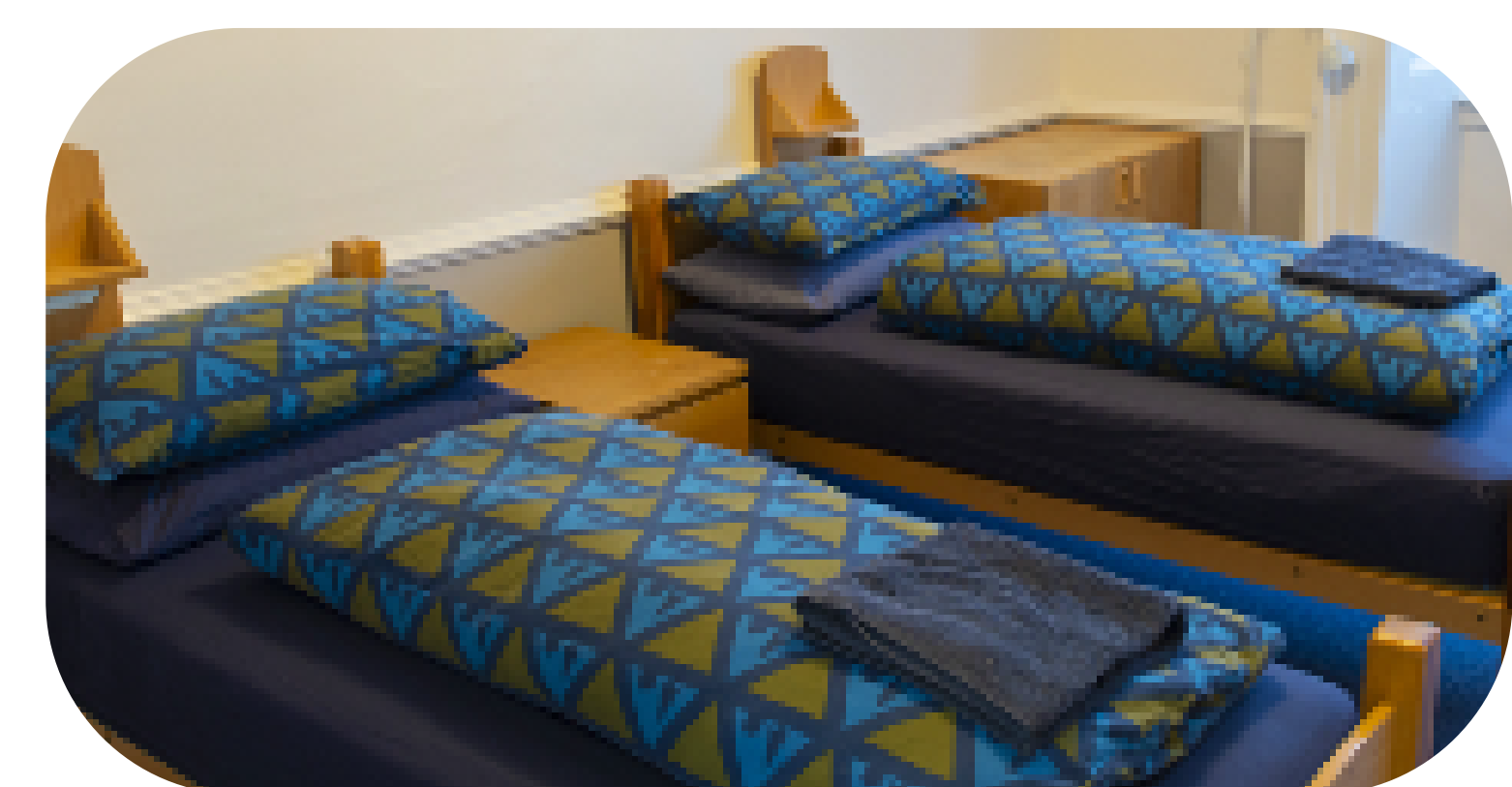
Group leaders are responsible for young people and families in their care at all times, and for ensuring that participants understand and follow the Hostelling Scotland Code of Conduct and any house rules.

Most hostels have quiet times; these are normally from around 10.30pm until 7am. Hostels ask that during these times groups are quiet both in the bedrooms and in corridors to the bedrooms, and respect that other guests may be sleeping.

Please get in touch if you require the Hostelling Scotland Child Protection policy, or our Group Risk Assessment.

Bedrooms

In our Youth Hostels, we have various rooms from singles up to eight-bed rooms. Children and Young people will be in shared single gender rooms, with leaders in separate rooms. Room may be ensuite, or the bathroom facilities may be shared. *Travel cots may be available on-site if needed*



Common areas

Our hostels have the lounge areas where you can relax on sofas and find books to read, information on the local area, children's toys, fun board games and more. It may be possible to arrange exclusive use of a lounge or communal area for your group in the day or the evening for a short period.

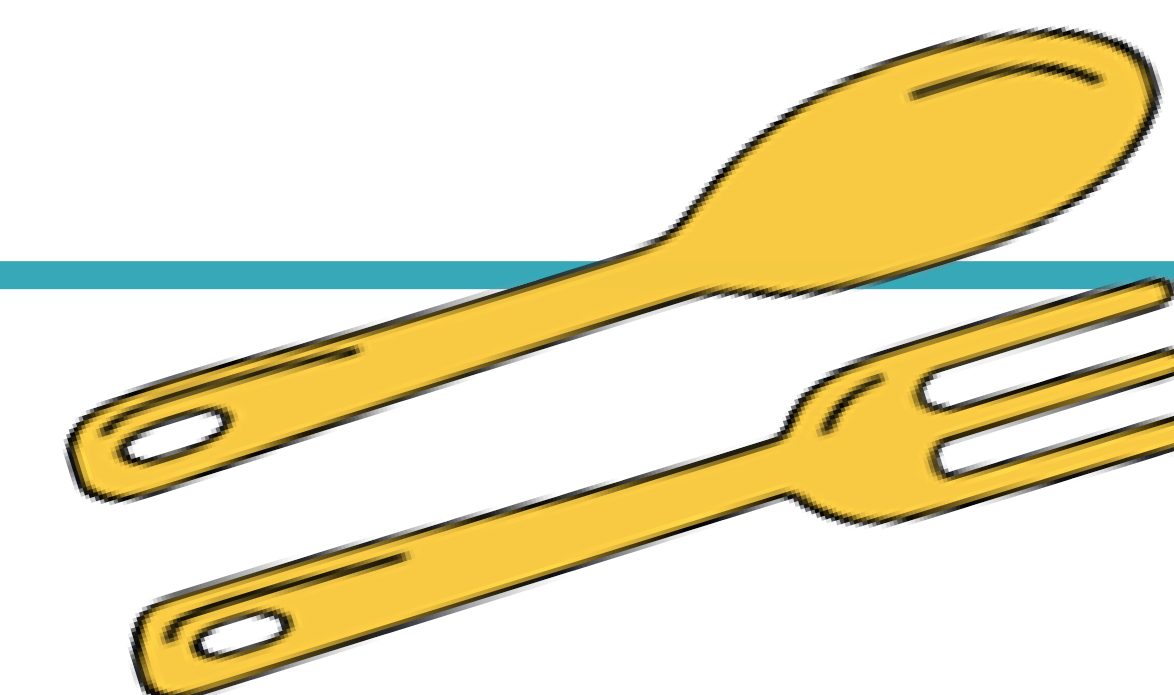


Self-catering Kitchen



Our hostels have self-catering kitchens and dining areas so you can cook your own meals if you wish. They have all the mugs, plates or pans you may need, just remember to bring the ingredients, and clean up everything after yourselves.

Meals



Our 'Wee Breakfast' offers you a choice of hearty cereals served with a side of fresh yoghurt from Scottish farmed milk accompanied by a berry, coconut & seed topper. Bloomer toast is served with butter and jam followed by a piece of fruit to complete the meal. Enjoy all this with a choice of fruit juice or a mug of breakfast tea or filtered coffee.

If you have booked any other meals, they will be served in the dining room at the times you have agreed with the hostel. In most hostels, we ask our guests help by clearing away their plates when they finish.

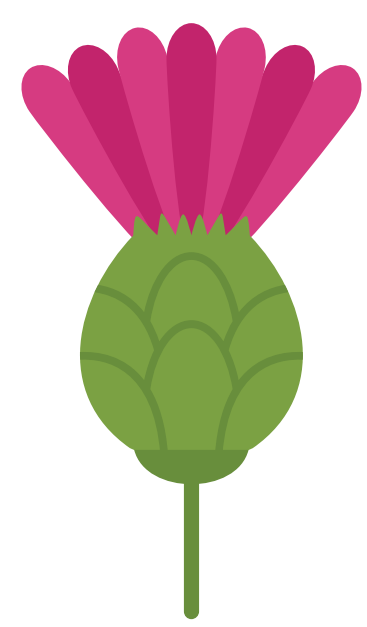
For more information about staying in our Youth Hostels you can also visit our Website pages: [FAQs](#) and [Our 2024/25 Handbook](#)

Design your break

Our Youth Hostels are located across Scotland, offering a diverse range of exploration, from the breathtaking scenery of the Highlands, Lowlands, and Islands to the vibrant cities, with endless opportunities to consider as you design your break.

To encourage a variety of break themes, we invite your group to apply to one or two of the Happy Hosteller Breaks categories. We trust your expertise in designing a break that is relevant and meaningful for your group, but we also want to offer our support by suggesting some interests and activities related to the different categories.

Nature & Environment



Landscapes
Sustainability
Eco-system
Conservation
Wildlife
Ecology
Geology
Natural Resources

Forestry
Farming
Agriculture
Fishing
Astromomy
Climate
STEM

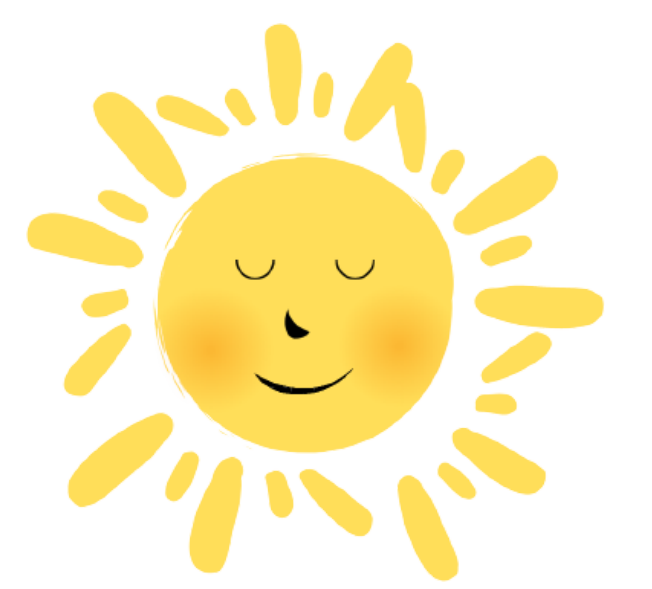
Culture & Historic Heritage



Arts
Traditional craft
Myths & Legends
Architecture
Food culture
Gaelic language
Celtic Traditions
History
Literature & Poetry

Dance
Music
Cinema
Drama
Street art
Fashion
Archaeology

Wellness & Play



Adventure Sports
Watersports
Walking and hiking
Climbing
Cycling
Snow sports
Traditional Sports & Games
Outdoor free play

Creative Play
Playful Learning
Team-building
Activities
Wellbeing practices
Relaxation
Nutrition
Mindfulness
Self care

Celebrating season change

Observing lanscapes colors

Animals watch

Salmon leaping

Astronomy

Watching stars

Eco-challenge

Picking up plastics on a beach

Visits:

- Museum of Rural life
- Wildlife Reserve
- Farm

City exploration

Architecture and street art observation

Story telling

Listening to Scottish Myths and Legends

Food experience

Cooking a traditional Scottish dish

Cultural events

Going to a show or festival

Visits:

- Museums and Galleries
- Castles and historic monuments
- Handcraft workshops

Sportive experience

Initiation to an outdoor sport like golfing

Traditional Games

Participation to Highlands Games

Group game

Organizing a tresor hunt

Wellbeing retreat

Healthy nutritional plan & wellness practices

Visits and events:

- Football museum
- Sportive competition
- Play Park

Budget and Network

We understand the challenges you may face in covering the additional costs of your break. We encourage you to apply for other funds or grants to cover your transport, activity and food costs.

If the participants in your group haven't already applied for YoungScot, it could be a great way to access discounts or benefits.

Regarding activities, we recommend contacting activity providers to request group discounts, and you can explore "Free things to do" options available online.

Depending on the purpose of your trip, you could also consider reaching out to visitor centers, charities, and local associations for advice and potential partnerships. Many organisations offer online resources to help you plan your trip at a low cost.

Here are few links we suggest you to explore:

Young Scot card

<https://young.scot/>

ScotRail

[Kids for a Quid](#) | [Cheap Train Tickets for Kids](#) | [ScotRail](#)

[Kids Visit Free Deals](#)

[Offers](#) | [2FOR1 Attractions](#) | [Kids Go Free](#) | [Discounts](#)

Other

[Lower-cost models - Learning Away](#)

[Free Attractions & Days Out in Scotland](#) | [VisitScotland](#)

[What's on — Glasgow Life \(filter free or free for Scot card holder\)](#)

[Charity Worker Discounts: Exclusive Discounts, Offers & Codes](#)

[Discounts For Teachers: Exclusive Discounts, Offers & Codes](#)

[Tickets For Good](#)

[Aged 16-24? Get your nature hit – for free!](#)