

# Posh Hostels – Luxurious Yet Affordable

For many travelers hostels today are the best choice when traveling alone. The new range of upscale, luxury hostels, sometimes called “poshtels”, provide the comforts of a star hotel. Generator Venice for instance has all the luxuries one would expect in a boutique hotel – it serves a scrumptious continental breakfast and the café dishes out some excellent Venetian-style tapas. The interiors spell of class and sophistication, and it has a classy bar as well. The dorm style accommodation is budget friendly, but a private twin sharing room is also available. The building was once a grain house and the rustic architecture adds to its charm.



The high point of the stay in the Giudecca hostel is often meeting likeminded travel enthusiasts looking to explore the same things. Hostels are no longer cheap halting joints with filthy hallways, awful food and maverick backpackers. Over the years the whole outlook of hostels has changed; with more and more hostels working at making the stay memorable for its guests. A number of properties offer yoga classes, meditation, live concerts and more.

Luxury hostels are available almost everywhere now. Among the well-known examples is the plush mountain lodge hostel called The Bivvi in Breckenbridge, Colo. Another place is the Freehand hostel in Miami. It is one of the most spectacular hostels according to many. To begin with it is a vintage building dating back to the 1930s, in art deco style. Palm trees line the pool area. Too add to it the interiors are tastefully done up with handmade rugs from Peru and brightly colored Mexican throws. It's a hostel with a difference, where art classes are conducted for guests, and a lot of leisure activities on offer.

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Concept hostels first cropped up in Lisbon, where old decaying structures were carefully restored and converted into hostels. It is a trend that has caught on globally. Another example can be found in Reykjavik, Iceland. The Kex hostel has private rooms starting at just \$80 a night. This hostel is run by former soccer players and filmmakers who turned a cookie factory into this beautiful place to stay. It has an art gallery and a movie theater.

More such high-end hostels are in the offing as Generator is investing an estimated \$13 million to refurbish its London's King's Cross property. It has plans afloat to spread to touristy locales in Paris and Rome as well. Luxury hostels are witnessing a mercurial rise and Generator will shortly open new

hostels in New York City, Washington DC and Miami.

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