

# GLOBAL HOSTEL MARKET TO EXCEED \$11 BILLION BY 2030



According to the "Global Hostel Market" report, the global hostel market reached \$7.2 billion last year. The market is projected to grow to \$11.04 billion, with an average annual growth of 6.5% from 2024 to 2030. This growth is attributed to hostels' affordable accommodation options and the rising demand for experiential travel and sustainability.

The report emphasizes that the global hostel market has experienced strong growth in recent years, primarily driven by the increasing demand for budget-friendly accommodation among travelers, especially millennials and Generation Z. **Hostels offer a unique combination of low-cost accommodation and social interaction**, making them the preferred choice for cost-conscious travelers seeking cultural experiences.

## Experiential Travel Drives the Hostel Market Growth

The rise of experiential travel is driving the growth of the hostel market. Today's travelers are prioritizing authentic, local experiences over traditional luxury tourism. As a result, there is an increasing preference for hostels that offer community-based activities, city tours, and collaborative spaces.

Many hostels are enhancing their services by providing modern amenities such as high-speed internet, co-working spaces, and curated local events. This integration of services has allowed hostels to attract a broader range of travelers, including digital nomads and solo adventurers, thereby supporting market growth.

Sustainability is another significant factor contributing to this growth. Many hostels have adopted eco-friendly practices, such as using renewable energy sources, reducing plastic use, and supporting local economies. These initiatives resonate with environmentally conscious travelers, making hostels more appealing in the global market. The rise of "green hostels" has gained momentum, with operators utilizing sustainable design and offering eco-friendly experiences as a part of their competitive differentiation.

## European Tourism Sector Continues Its Strong Recovery

Europe's tourism sector continued its robust recovery in the second quarter of 2024, with **foreign arrivals increasing by 6% and overnight stays rising by 7% compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019, according to European Travel Commission (ETC) figures**. This recovery reflects renewed confidence in international travel, as easing travel restrictions has boosted leisure and business tourism demand.

As international travel returns, particularly young tourists and backpackers seeking affordable accommodation, hostels are well-positioned to benefit from this rising demand. Hostels' affordability and communal atmosphere align with the preferences of budget-conscious and experience-focused travelers, allowing them to acquire a larger share of the growing tourism market.

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