

Identifying Housing Priorities

Use this chart to explore your housing preferences and priorities compared to your options abroad.

	Housing Considerations	My preference	Options/standards in host community	How important is this item to me
Accommodation	Type of housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hostel • Homestay • Dorm • Hotel • Apartment 			
	Amenities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity • Running water • Private/shared bedroom • Private/shared bathroom 			
Location	Access to classes, workplace or project site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking distance • Taxi ride • Bus 			
	Access to healthy foods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market • Grocery store • Restaurants 			
	Access to community interaction/activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community/cultural center • Coffee shops/restaurants • Gym/exercise facility 			
Safety	Safety of accommodation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locked bedroom • Locked windows • Security (guards, keys, gated) • Fire safety plans 			
	Safety of location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area is clean • Isolated/populated • Streetlights • Security (guards, keys, gated) 			

Reflection

Based on your preferences and the standards/options available in your host country, what housing priorities do you think you will have to compromise on? What strategies will you use to manage any discomfort you may experience as a result?

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