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Hostelling International Card

Welcome Stamps





Dear Hosteller,

in order to stay at a Youth Hostel, you need to present a membership card (or group membership card) issued by your home country's Youth Hostel association when checking in.

If you live in a country that does not have a national Youth Hostel association or have not yet signed up for membership, you will need to obtain a Hostelling International Card for yourself or your group, plus a certain number of Welcome Stamps for each night's stay.

The Hostelling International Card is valid in Hostels around the world for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase of your first Welcome Stamps. The Hostelling International Card is complete when it has 6 Welcome Stamps. Once complete, it becomes fully valid and you will not need to buy any additional Welcome Stamps when staying at a Youth Hostel.

Individuals: You will need to purchase one Welcome Stamp per overnight stay at a price of € 3.50 each. The Stamps are stuck onto the Hostelling International Card. The price for a completed Hostelling International Card with 6 Welcome Stamps amounts to € 21.

If you know you will be staying more than five nights, you can save by purchasing pre-stamped Hostelling International Card with 6 printed-on Welcome Stamps for € 18.

Families: Each parent needs to obtain their own Hostelling International Card. Children under the age of 18 travelling with their parents do not need to obtain their own Hostelling International Card.

Groups: The minimum size for a group is 10 members including the group leader(s). There is no maximum size for a group. The group leader must be at least 18 years old.

For each night's stay, a group needs to obtain 5 Welcome Stamps. A Hostelling International Card for Groups is complete when it shows 20 Welcome Stamps; after this, the group does not need to obtain any further Welcome Stamps. The price for a completed card is € 70.00.

If a group has fewer than 10 members, each group member needs to obtain their own personal Hostelling International Card.

We regret to inform you that the cost of your Hostelling International Card is not reimbursable according to the International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF)'s guidelines in the event that you have only had to obtain it because your own membership card has been left behind or lost.

We hope you enjoy your stay in the German Youth Hostels!

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