

UC San Diego

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International Programs

HOUSING GUIDE





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WELCOME TO UC SAN DIEGO!

We are very excited that you are considering UC San Diego as your study abroad destination!

This Housing Guide provides useful information on San Diego area housing options and tips on how to get started.

Our dedicated Health and Welfare Team assists students with housing questions and concerns, as well as issues related to health, well-being, and transportation. With the exception of Summer On-campus Housing, our Health and Welfare Team does not make housing arrangements or collect payments. For housing advice, you can contact them directly at iphousing@ucsd.edu.

Please note the housing options listed in the Housing Guide are not affiliated with UC San Diego, with the exception of Summer On-campus Housing.

Warmest Regards,
The Health and Welfare Team

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STEP ONE: CREATE YOUR BUDGET

1. Calculate your total income.
2. List all certain and possible expenses you will have in San Diego.
Consider the cost of living in San Diego is likely higher than in your home country. See this [website](#) to get an idea of the current cost of living in San Diego.
3. If you are not experienced with budgeting, sit down with family to get assistance, especially if they are paying for part or all of your studies.
4. Plan for emergencies. Save up to have some money to set aside for an emergency, trip, housing changes, etc.
5. If you don't have money leftover when you compare your income and expenses, calculate how to reduce the expenses and/or plan for how to increase income. (Ask family for help, choose a different housing or transportation option, etc.) Plan this ahead of time! This could make for a lot of stress and hardship if you discover this while you are already abroad.

BUDGETING TIPS

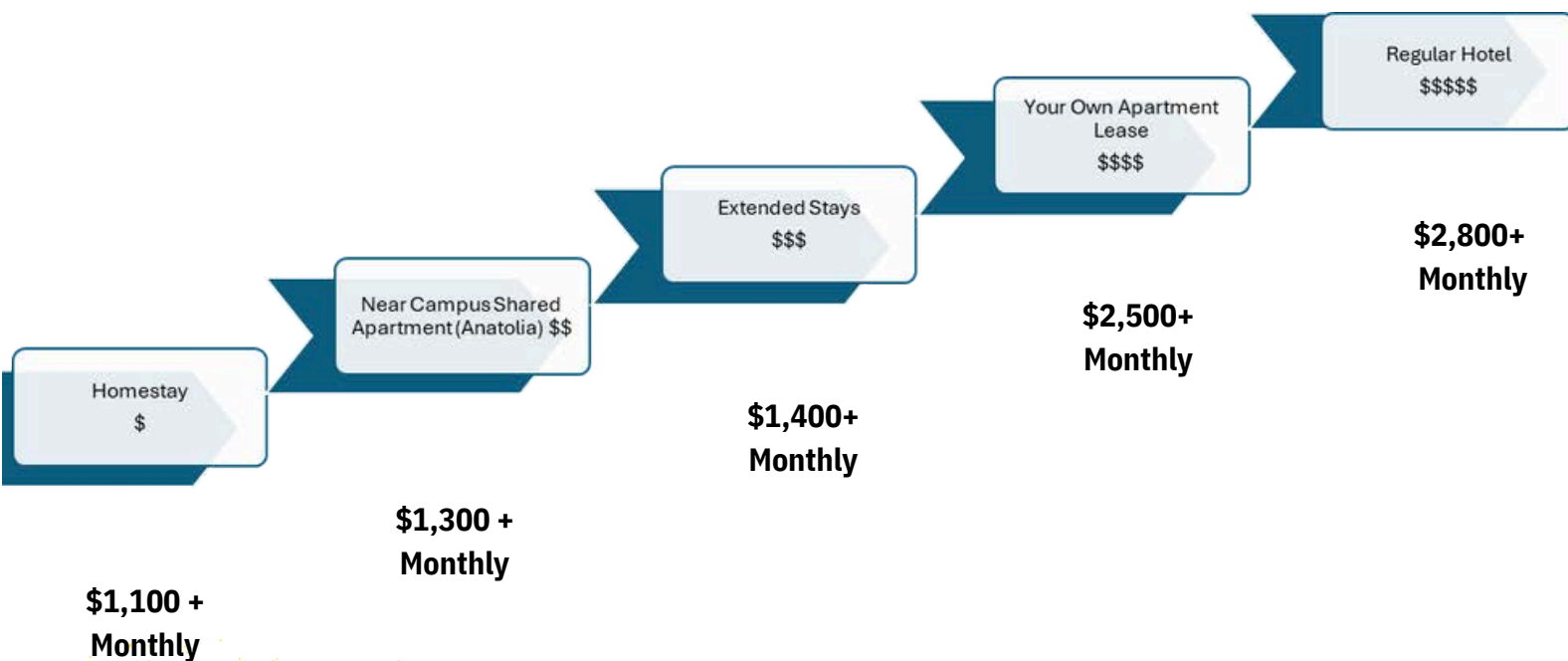
- Start to search for housing as soon as possible (at least two months before arrival).
- The cost of living is high in San Diego. Expect to pay \$3,000 + on a one-bedroom apartment near campus.
- Avoid searching for housing on Facebook, Craigslist, or other unfiltered websites. Students have been scammed and have lost thousands of dollars this way. It also poses safety risks when you deal with unknown people.
- Never send money or personal information to an unverified person.
- Consider safety, proximity to campus, transportation options, & documentation needed to rent.

STEP TWO: CHOOSE YOUR HOUSING TYPE

Make sure you consider all aspects of different housing types, not just cost. You should consider proximity to campus, whether you will have a car or use public transportation (and if so, closeness to bus/trolley stops), whether you want roommates, whether you want meals provided (homestays might be a good option), whether you want a fully furnished space, and whether you are coming with friends (extended stays are good deals for those looking to share a space with friends).

Housing Costs Scale

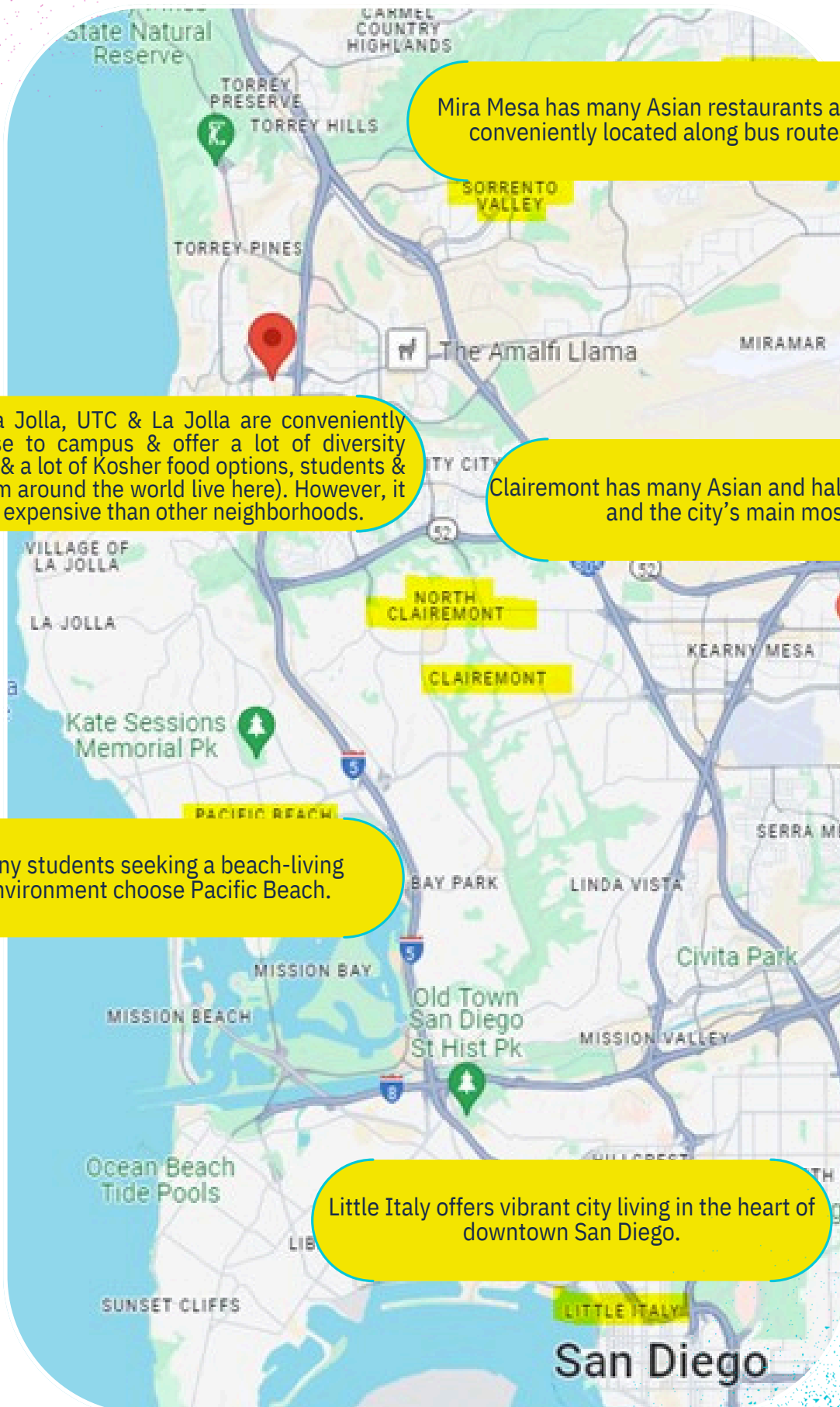
Please note that these are estimates and not exact costs!



Remember that apartments and hotels in the UTC and La Jolla area (close to campus) are significantly more expensive than those in other areas. The exception would be Anatolia's near-campus apartments.

STEP THREE: DECIDE WHERE YOU WANT TO LIVE

NEIGHBORHOODS NEAR UC SAN DIEGO



Mira Mesa has many Asian restaurants and is conveniently located along bus routes.

Village of La Jolla, UTC & La Jolla are conveniently located close to campus & offer a lot of diversity (some Halal & a lot of Kosher food options, students & scholars from around the world live here). However, it can be more expensive than other neighborhoods.

Clairemont has many Asian and halal supermarkets and the city's main mosque.

Many students seeking a beach-living environment choose Pacific Beach.

Little Italy offers vibrant city living in the heart of downtown San Diego.

STEP 4: CONTACT HOUSING VENDORS

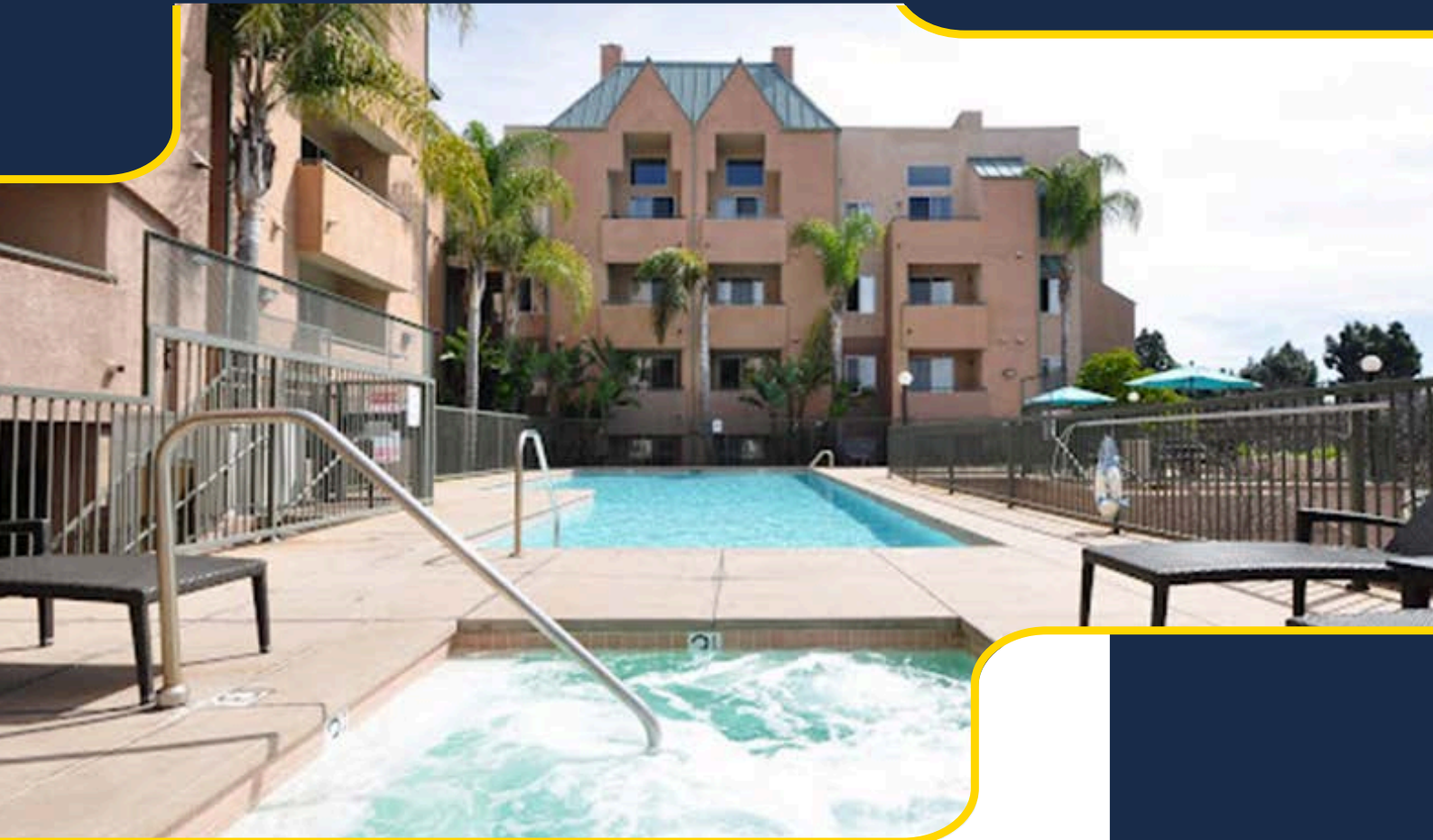
QUESTIONS TO ASK A HOUSING COMPANY OR LANDLORD

- Can I show a bank statement or an I-20 as proof of funds, or is credit history required?
- What utilities are included in the rent? (Water, garbage, gas, internet?)
- Do I have to pay extra for a parking space?
- Is there a security deposit I must pay?
- Am I required to have renter's insurance?
- Will I have a roommate?
- What are my responsibilities as a renter?
- Are there bus/trolley stops nearby?
- Do you offer airport pick-up/drop-off services for an additional fee?

TIPS TO AVOID SCAMS

- If something seems very cheap/ "too good to be true" – it probably is a scam.
- Don't send payment to a property owner before verifying that they truly own the property they are advertising.
- Read applications and reservations carefully.
- Don't make multiple bookings with different vendors and cancel.
- Follow cancellation policies. Otherwise, you will be responsible for the cancellation fees.

STEP 5: Read & Sign Housing Agreements



NEAR-CAMPUS APARTMENTS

[Anatolia Corporate Housing](#)

Email: info@ac-housing.com

Phone: 1-800-716-3416

- Close to the campus, shopping, and bus/trolley stations
- Fully furnished, self-catering
- Pool and fitness center in complex

ON-CAMPUS APARTMENTS

Available for Summer 4-Week Program Students ONLY.
Email iphousing@ucsd.edu for more information.

Prices and applications usually become available on our website
February each year.

If you want to live with a friend, make sure you make the request on your
application (dependent on availability).



EXTENDED STAY OPTIONS

Extended stays offer apartment style living with hotel amenities. Many extended stay hotels have free breakfast, snacks, and other events and perks!

Residence Inn La Jolla

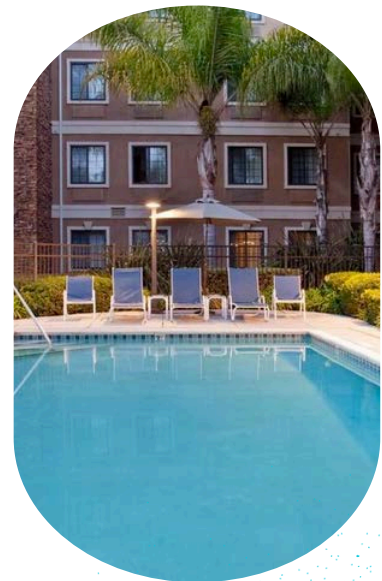
Located Right at The foot of Campus. Book Special UCSD Rates [here](#).

For Special discounted rate for stays of 90+ Days, contact Michelle.Shullo@marriott.com.



Sonesta Suites

Conveniently located in Mira Mesa along bus routes. Near a shopping and restaurant center. Contact SHAI.VALENZUELA@sonesta.com for UCSD Discounted Rate.



MORE EXTENDED STAY OPTIONS

7+ day, 30+ day & 60+day discounts!

Close to bust stops in Sorrento Mesa.

Extended Stay America- Sorrento Mesa



Vantaggio Suites

The Little Italy and Hillcrest Locations are in urban areas, close to trolley stations.



Homewood Suites

Most suitable for students with cars. Located in Mira Mesa.

For UCSD discounted rate contact vantonio@excelhotelgroup.com



HOMESTAY/LIVING WITH LOCALS

FA Homestay
info@fahomestay.com
Phone: 1-619-839-9661

Universal Student Housing
contact@usaish.com
Phone: 1-310-824-4908

Homestay Match
contact@homestaymatch.com
Phone: 1-619-631-4128

DRA Homestay
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carol@andrettosolutions.com
Phone: 619-218-1722

The companies listed in this document are options, NOT recommendations. Use caution and do your research on any housing company you choose. UC San Diego and its affiliates are not liable for harm or damage that could arise from a student's choice of housing providers.

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Education Abroad
(Japanese Speaking Staff)

Education Bridge
(Japanese Speaking Staff)

StudentRoomStay

Homestay.com

RoomChazer

Tip: After move-in, check your room/apartment for any damages, and report them to your landlord/leasing office or vendor so you are not charged.

