

## Student guide to finding accommodation in Rotterdam

Finding housing in Rotterdam is a hassle, everyone goes through it at some point. Not only is there a shortage of affordable, livable accommodation, but also there is a great deal of uncertainty amongst newcomers on how to navigate this market. Due to this shortage, you may be more prone to falling for a housing scam if you don't have the right information. Thankfully, the Erasmus University Rotterdam has put together a great deal of resources to help you find accommodation from trusted websites. In this article, we've compiled those resources for you to have everything in one place with tips on how best to use these resources.

### Reserved accommodation

The first step is to look for the reserved accommodation for international students offered by the university. At the moment, they offer up to 1200 rooms, and you have to meet a small set of criteria (listed below) to qualify for these rooms.

1. A first-year international student at EUR
2. You have a non-Dutch nationality
3. You are not older than 30 years

If that is you, [click here](#) to find reserved accommodation for international students. This should be the go-to page to find trusted, and most convenient housing offered by the university.

For the reserved housing, apply as soon as the applications open, as the rooms fill out very quickly!

### Other options

Don't lose hope just yet if you don't meet the criteria above, as there are other equally good options available. The university also has a list of trusted websites you can visit [here](#). From this list, start with these sites, as they have a wide selection of accommodation throughout the city:

- Stadswonen
- Housing Anywhere
- Roomplaza

### The private market

In case you don't find anything suitable there, you can always refer to Facebook groups, Housing Agencies and Housing Platforms, via [this link](#). This page especially has a list of several agencies and platforms to contact. Might also be worth looking into the new development projects opening in the fall of 2022, as they might have something to offer!

With the private market, be a cautious of making any financial commitments before you feel comfortable with the terms, as some landlords may try to fool you. You can always

ask for a contract and schedule a viewing to be sure you are not being scammed!

As a bonus, check out some of the other pages regarding [living costs](#) and some [practical matters](#) that will help you plan better for finding an accommodating in Rotterdam.

Remember, the key is to start your search early and keep track of those application dates. As a first-time international student, it can be challenging to navigate the infamous Dutch housing market. I hope this short guide helps you get a better feeling of what to expect when looking for accommodation.

Good luck!



Relevant Links:

Reserved Accommodation: <https://www.eur.nl/en/education/study-rotterdam/living-here/housing-international-students/reserved-accommodation>

More housing providers: <https://www.eur.nl/en/education/study-rotterdam/living-here/housing-international-students/other-accommodation-providers>

Private Market: <https://www.eur.nl/en/education/study-rotterdam/living-here/housing-international-students/other-accommodation-providers/private-market>

Cost of living: <https://www.eur.nl/en/education/practical-matters/financial-matters/costs-living-nl>