

Realities of Accommodation Choices

Simple Accommodations	Dormitory Accommodations	Hotel Accommodations
Low Cost – this should not be your only consideration	Medium Cost	Higher Cost
Schools, Churches, Sports Halls, tents (sleeping on floors or floor mats) or Host Families (you don't get to choose your simple location, you are assigned and don't know your assignment until about a month or so beforehand) No Air-conditioning	School Dorms (Rooms have one bed and second person sleeps on the floor in a sleeping bag) No Air-conditioning	3 Star Air-conditioned Hotels 2 or 3 people to a room (Hotel Husa Chamartin www.hotelhusachamartin.com or Hotel Convención www.hotel-convencion.com)
Can be up to 2 hours outside Madrid – however, your Caticatical sites will more than likely be close to your accommodations	Location TBD	Downtown Madrid
No breakfast included	No breakfast included	Breakfast included
No guided tour upon arrival or transfer from airport	Guided tour upon arrival and airport transfer included	Guided tour upon arrival and airport transfer included
Most times community showers (bathing suit required)	Not sure about the shower situation	Shower in your room – share with your roommate
Locations are often locked in the morning at about 9 or 10am and then opened around 5 or 6pm. Some simple accommodations will have curfews in the evening. – You probably will not be able to go back to your location if you get sick in the middle of the day.	Not sure if there will be a curfew or if they lock up the building during the day.	No curfew set by hotel
Experience the international aura times 100		You can experience the WYD night life in Madrid and night time concerts
Solidarity Factor – most of the world does simple accommodations at World Youth Day		
Trains might shutdown at night – so you have to leave the city by a certain time – you might miss evening world youth day activities and concerts		You will be in downtown Madrid, so getting back to the hotel any time shouldn't be too much of a problem
Food at dinner time is often difficult to find so we might be shopping at grocery stores to make PB&J and other simple meals for dinner – can make meals less expensive		Food can be more expensive in the middle of the city but it is easier to find and breakfast is included.
No air-conditioning and little relief from the 100 to 120+ degree weather	No air-conditioning and little relief from the 100 to 120+ degree weather	Air-conditioning and showers when you get in at night.
You must be ok with not knowing details and dealing with the unexpected	Dorms will not be available for sure, so you will have to wait to know and potentially pay more to stay in hotels if they are not available	Most of WYD is very unexpected, but this accommodation gives you the most information ahead of time
Very limited communication with family back home	Very limited communication with family back home	Communication back home will be a little easier because family could call you, there will be pay phones in the hotel and pay to use internet