

Are you more of a FIT?

Hostelling International

If you're a Fully Independent Tourist (FIT) and traveling Europe with a tour company is not your thing, you may want to backpack independently or with friends. Backpacking or hostelling may just be the experience you have been waiting for so that you control where you go, what you see and when you go. Continue your Webquest by exploring how travellers can experience the cultural diversity of Europe by hostelling.

Go online to: <http://www.hihostels.com/>

1. Click on "About Us" on the top right of the screen. What is Hostelling International and explain its history and philosophy/ mission? You may want to click on the icons at the bottom to get the full overview.
2. Go to "Inspire Me" and then select "Featured Hostels." Choose two different types of hostels (Ski Hostels, Green Eco- Hostels, etc.) and explain why they are unique. Provide an example of where we can find these types of hostels in Europe.
3. Why would hostelling appeal to a FIT?
4. What are some benefits and drawbacks to staying in hostels while you travel Europe compared to other forms of accommodations (e.g. hotels or motels, B&Bs)?

BENEFITS	DRAWBACKS

5. Click on "HI Memberships." What are some benefits of becoming an HI member?
6. Go "Hostels," then "Hostels Worldwide." Select Europe and find a hostel in a country that interests you. Complete the information below:
 - a) Country and capital:
 - b) Currency:
 - c) Hostel Name:
 - d) Location:
 - e) Rating (percentage):
 - f) Click on "Travel Tips" and see what others have to say about what to do in the area.
 - g) What features of this hostel interest you?