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


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Guide to Extended Stay and Corporate Housing

How to avoid hotel room blahs on long business trips

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When out-of-town projects mean you'll face long stretches away from home, even the spiffiest hotel room can become boring, costly and a drain on your productivity.

If you dread lackluster hotel rooms and crave a few creature comforts, there are lodging alternatives out there that will:

1. Save you money over standard day rates
2. Offer studio apartment-or-larger lodging options with homey features
3. Give you and others in your company flexibility to come and go as needed.

Action Steps

The best contacts and resources to help you get it done

Define your needs. Staying a few weeks; months?

The extended stay concept makes sense if you want added features in a studio or suite setting and you can sign on for a minimum one-week stay. For longer stays (a month or more) or an open-ended lease, fully-furnished corporate housing is the way to go.

I recommend: To compare the two concepts, and see other helpful business travel resources, check out Biz-stay.com

Budget chains are widely available.

There are new players and venerable oldies in the budget extended stay arena. Features and geographic locations vary.

I recommend: Check out the details at [Value Place](#), [Extended Stay America](#), [Studio6](#) (the extended stay affiliate of Motel 6) and [Crossland](#).

Is luxury a top priority? There's no shortage of options.

If you want a suite outfitted with a pillow-top bed, fireplace or whirlpool bath, you'll find that and more at several upscale extended stay chains.

I recommend: Look into [Summerfield Suites](#) (a Hyatt chain), [Residence Inn](#) (Marriott), [Staybridge Suites](#) (InterContinental/Holiday Inn upscale) and [StudioPLUS](#).

For longer-term stays, look into corporate housing.

When ongoing projects keep you away for weeks, opt for fully furnished apartments with plenty of amenities in residential neighborhoods.

I recommend: Look into [Oakwood Worldwide](#), the largest serviced apartment provider in the world, and Marriott International's [ExecuStay](#) program.

Let others help you sort out the details.

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Useful
9.0
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Tips & Tactics

Helpful advice for making the most of this Guide

- Watch for ongoing reflagging and renaming of extended stay chains. Several hotel groups are spinning off that product or acquiring smaller regional groups to add to their mix.
- As a bonus, you might earn frequent guest points for your extended stay. Make sure you get credit if there's a program tie-in.
- Some corporate housing services offer pre-arrival grocery shopping.
- Housekeeping services can vary. Some include it in the price (though usually not daily); some offer it at an extra cost.
- Long-term corporate housing can include access to fitness centers, business office facilities or conference rooms.
- Need a rental car during your extended stay? Some car rental companies offer discounted extended lease agreements that allow you and your colleagues to drive the vehicle.

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On-demand full service travel agency for corporate travel.

[Travelocity: Business Travel](#)

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[Extended Stay America: Extended Stay Hotels](#)

Nationwide network of extended stay hotels and suites.

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Best Sites to Learn More

[Entrepreneur.com: Travel](#)

Articles and tips on getting the most from your business travel.

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[www.interimhousingsolutions.cc](#)

[Hoover's: Extended Stay Corporate Housing](#)

Provides in-depth business and public/private company information including profiles, industry over financials, officers, competitors news.

[www.hoovers.com](#)

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[Amrit Resort and Residences Florida Extended Stay](#)

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[www.amrit.com](#)

[Churchill Corporate Housing Corporate Housing in NJ](#)

Operates and lists corporate housing and extended stay properties in Jersey (NJ). Supplemental services include furniture rental and relocation.

[www.furnishedhousing.com](#)

[Anaheim-stay.com: Corporate Housing - Anaheim & OC](#)

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[www.VacationRentChicago.com](#)

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