

Accommodation Details:

- Please find list of the landlords and their contact details as given below. These numbers are provided by past students. Some numbers may work, and some may have changed and hence may not work.

- You can contact these landlords over WhatsApp or give them a call. You may see that many of the landlords do not reply when you contact them with overseas phone number. On arrival at London Heathrow airport, you should take a local UK SIM and call the landlords. They will usually reply when you call with a local UK number.

- Accommodation cannot be finalised from India / overseas as you must sign a contract with the landlord. You also need to see the house in person before you make the deposit payment to the landlord. The landlord also has to meet you in person before he rents out his property to you.

- We have noticed that if you call from Indian / Overseas (non-UK) numbers, the landlords quote rates higher rental rates than if you call with a UK local number. Always, remember that rates are negotiable. So, bargain with the landlord instead of agreeing to whatever rate he quotes. Remember that landlord will always quote a higher rate upfront leaving some room for negotiation (normally 5 – 10%).

- Better way is to stay for first night in a budget hotel in Southampton as you would be tired after 15 hours of travel (starting from home to airport, waiting at airport in India, flight travel, immigration clearance in London and then bus travel to Southampton) and mind will not work properly in such a tired state. So, rest for one night, then view at least 5 houses the next day before deciding which house to take. We are sending a list of some budget hotels where you can sleep for the first night before you finalise your accommodation the next day.

- Do not send any advance deposit money from India to the landlord and do not go by only photographs of houses sent by the landlords as photographs can be deceptive. By only looking at the photographs you can't make out if the house heating system is working properly or not or if the beds are comfortable to sleep or not. Always check the house heating system before you sign the contract.

□ It is cheaper to take a big house for e.g. 6 BHK which you may get for £2,200 monthly and share the cost with other students. The 6 BHK for e.g. will have 5 single bedrooms which will house 1 student each and one master bedroom which can house 2 students. So total of 7 students but at times landlords may allow 1 student more. There will also be one big living room / hall for common use. Dividing £2,200 by 8 will give you a rental of £275 per person per month. If you take smaller houses like 2 BHK or 3 BHK, the cost will go up higher per person per month to somewhere around £350 per month.

□ If your flight reaches London before 10 AM, you can travel to Southampton and keep your luggage in the University and search for houses till the University closes at 5 PM. If you arrive at London airport after 3 PM, by the time you reach Southampton, it will be almost 7 PM considering immigration will also take time. Then you will have to stay for one night in a budget hotel. Else, you can sleep in the airport only in London and take the next early morning 7 AM bus to Southampton.

The first 1 - 2 days in the UK will be tiring because of the long flight travel time, jetlag, house search and settling down. Things will normalise in a week's time as you get used to the weather and food as well as University studies pick up speed. Life will be very hectic as you must study, make food, clean the house and may also be working part-time during weekends if you are on a student visa (work is not allowed if on a visitor visa). Expect to be able to finalise your house in about 3 days after arrival in Southampton.

Some contacts of landlords are given below:

Ms. Navida Khan - 00 44 7926572624

Mr. Baldev Singh - 00 44 7882865130

Mr. Pravin Patel - 00 44 77032 45857

Mr. Rafiqui - 00 44 77668 25344

Ms Geeta Uppal - 00 44 2380331992

Mr Paul Singh - 00 44 7724221130

Mr Singh - 00 44 7828659152

Mr Harpal - 00 44 7888664922

Mr Singh - 00 44 7817787899

Mr Steve Athwal - 00 44 7894064139

Mr Yougesh Vashist - 00 44 7971079035

Mr Singh - 00 44 7794251243

Mr. Mitrajeet Rath - 00 44 78287 69000 ; mitrajeet.rath@yahoo.co.in

Mr Jo Bhakar - 00 44 79137 99450 ; jobhakar@hotmail.co.uk

Ms. Anu Mehak - 00 44 7402 489098 ; anumehak19@yahoo.com

Mr Iain Macdonalad - 0044 7415729935

Home Life Properties - +44 7720 200455 ; enquiries@homelifeproperties.co.uk

Mr. Bhavik - +44 7538 533518

Angel Homes +44 7856 900 625

Unknown +44 745995 0304

Unknown +44 23 8033 7775

Unknown +44 758456 8314

Unknown +44 79600 68482

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Estate agent +44 23 8033 2230

Jaz +44 79799 16259

Rafique +44 7766 825344

Unknown +44 787315 8607

Estate Agent +44 23 8022 3170

The best option to search for a house is through housing portals. One of the more popular portals is <https://www.spareroom.co.uk/>

Budget Hotels close to the University:

Ibis Budget Hotel

Address: 3 W Quay Rd, Southampton SO15 1RA, United Kingdom

Phone: [+44 23 8022 7705](tel:+442380227705)

Premier Inn

Address: 6 New Rd, Southampton SO14 0AB, United Kingdom

Phone: [+44 333 321 9006](tel:+443333219006)

Travelodge Southampton Central

Address: Castle Way, Southampton SO14 2BW, United Kingdom

Phone: [+44 871 559 1869](tel:+448715591869)

Glenmore Guesthouse Southampton

Address: 34 Hill Ln, Southampton SO15 5AY, United Kingdom

Phone: [+44 23 8022 3082](tel:+442380223082)

Gurudwara daily langar Service:

- Nanaskar Gurudwara, 3 Peterborough Road.
- Singh Sabha Gurudwara, Cranbury Avenue

These are about 10 minutes walking distance from the University.