



English version below

Tipps für die Zimmersuche auf dem privaten Mietmarkt

1. Sie sind noch zuhause im Heimatland

- verschaffen Sie sich im Internet einen Überblick über die Lage auf dem Münchner Immobilienmarkt (Preise!)
- suchen Sie Angebote über unsere Linkliste besonders auf der größten Seite „WG-gesucht“ und bewerben Sie sich
- suchen Sie nach Facebook-Gruppen von (Erasmus) Studierenden (die haben untereinander oft mehr Tipps)
- reisen Sie ein paar Tage früher nach München (Hotel/Hostel/temporäre Unterkunft), um vor Ort Besichtigungstermine vereinbaren/wahrnehmen zu können

2. Sie sind schon in München

- die Privatzimmervermittlung des StwM nutzen
- Schwarze Bretter in den Räumen der LMU / der StwM Mensen/Cafeteria absuchen
- ein eigenes Inserat aushängen ggf. in der Zeitung schalten
- Kontakte zu Mitstudierenden und Münchnern erweitern, um darüber an Zimmer zu kommen

3. Bewerbung auf WG- Portalen

- auf Portalen wie „WG-Gesucht“ findet man die günstigsten Angebote: www.wg-gesucht.de/en/
- Nutzen Sie die verschiedenen Filteroptionen insbesondere „Kurzzeitmiete“ und geben Sie den genauen Zeitraum an- viele Studierende untervermieten ein Zimmer für ein Semester
- Senden Sie so schnell wie möglich eine Anfrage, sobald die Anzeige hochgeladen wurde. Wenn die Anzeige schon mehrere Tage alt ist, lohnt es sich meist nicht mehr zu schreiben.
- Schicken Sie Anfragen an alle Zimmer, die für Sie in Betracht kommen. Viele Vermieter*innen antworten nicht. Geduld zahlt sich aus!

4. Allgemeine Warnung

Bitte beachten Sie, dass es inzwischen SEHR viele Betrugsfälle auf dem privaten Wohnungsmarkt gibt.

- Seien sie skeptisch gegenüber sehr günstigen Wohnungen in sehr zentraler Lage (unter 400€ im Zentrum ist NICHT glaubhaft) und die Vermieter sich scheinbar nicht in Deutschland aufhalten.
- Überweisen Sie kein Geld und senden Sie keine Passkopien, wenn Sie sich nicht sicher sind, ob das Angebot glaubhaft ist.
- Kommunizieren Sie nicht nur über Messenger, wie WhatsApp oder Facebook! Sondern verlangen Sie eine Telefonnummer und ein persönliches Telefongespräch. Deutsche Telefonnummern beginnen mit 0049....
- Nutzen Sie Videocall- Optionen!
- Die meisten Menschen sprechen Englisch. Zögern Sie nicht zu telefonieren!

5. Weitere Wohnangebote sind auf der Webseite des Studentenwerks StwM zu finden:

- <https://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/wohnen/weitere-wohnangebote/>

Viel Glück bei der Suche nach Ihrer Unterkunft!



How to find accommodation on the private housing market

1. When you are still at home

- get an overview of the situation on the private rental market in Munich via the Internet (prices!)
- look for offers with the help of our list of links and especially on the biggest platform "WG-Gesucht", send applications
- look for Facebook-groups of (Erasmus) Students (probably students can help students better)
- come to Munich some days earlier (Hotel/Hostel/stay with friends or relatives), in order to make appointments with landlords

2. When you are here in Munich

- use the Private Accommodation Service of the StwM (StwM /Munich Student Union)
- cast about for all notice boards in the LMU buildings and StwM /Student Union canteens
- place your own advertisement or notice on one of the boards or even in a newspaper
- extend your contacts to other exchange or German students who might know/have available rooms/offers

3. Application on "Shared Living" (WG) portals

- You can find the cheapest offers on WG portals such as "WG-Gesucht": www.wg-gesucht.de/en/
- Use the various filter options, in particular "short-term rental" and enter the exact period - many students sublet a room for one semester
- Send a request as soon as possible after the offer has been uploaded. If the offer is several days old, it is usually not worth writing anymore
- Send inquiries to all rooms that seem suitable for you. Many landlords do not answer, patience and a lot of searching pays off!

4. General warning

Please keep in mind that there are MANY cases of fraud on the housing market!

- Be skeptical towards very cheap and very central offers (less than 400€ in the city center is NOT reliable), especially where the landlords claim they are unfortunately not in Germany at the moment.
- Take care and do not send scanned copies of your passport/identity card or transfer money to prospective landlords if you have even the slightest suspicion that the accommodation offer might not be serious.
- Do not only communicate by messengers like WhatsApp or Facebook!
Ask for a telephone number instead and a personal call! German numbers begin with 0049...
- Use Video-options.
- Most people speak English very well, so do not hesitate to talk to someone on the phone!

5. Further housing options are available on the homepage of the „Studentenwerk“ (StwM)/ Munich Student Union:

<https://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/en/student-accommodation/further-accommodation/>

Good luck for your house hunting!



These are the **newest housing tips** from former incoming Exchange Students from our survey about Winter Semester 2024/2025, (about 120 students took part in the survey)

What would you recommend / advise for future students when looking for accommodation?

Start looking for accommodation **as soon as possible** after receiving the letter of acceptance, even if you have signed up for student housing at LMU. 40% of all exchange students recommend this!

Search for **as many options as you can**. Ask anyone you can to help you, connect people as much as possible, use social media to ask around for a room.

Always **stay in touch with the Housing Office!**

It takes some time. It's hard to find something, but don't stress too much, because it will always work out as long as you actively search for accommodation. **Have patience!** Be so persistent! Be reactive when you find an accommodation that matches your criteria.

Don't worry about distance from University as the subway functions well. **Do not focus too much on the center of Munich**, look for accommodation further from the city center but close to public transport stations (U/S-Bahn)

Search in the internet - not only send emails, better call the landlords! Try to write in German, if possible.

Don't have to high demands! Keep the options open regarding the facilities, amenities and prices that they are looking for in the accommodation.

Go to **see the apartments in person before paying** since they are often different from the pictures, and might be fake offers.

Be as skeptical as possible before paying any money.

Check the area and surroundings of your accommodation before deciding, if it is in a lively area or not.

Prefer searching for student dorms, (cheaper, more social contacts).

Go for shared flats (flat-sharing communities) they are much cheaper than apartments with own facilities.

Post a request for a place in **"WG-gesucht"**, consider buying **"WG-gesucht Pro"**, since it does speed up the process quite a bit.

Get in touch with other students from your home university and Erasmus+ students currently in Munich which may know of available places or even pass on to you their place in case they are leaving.

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How much did you spend monthly on your accommodation?	
300-400 € (in StwM student dorms only)	36
400-500 €	10
500-600 €	8
600-700 €	11
700-800 €	11
800-900 €	6
900-1000 €	9
>1000 €	10

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