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**Tourism services — Hotels and other  
types of tourism accommodation —  
Vocabulary**

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 18513:2003), which has been technically revised.

The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- all terms are now listed in one clause ([Clause 3](#));
- some terms with no translation in English have been deleted;
- new terms related to types of accommodation and types of rooms have been included;
- related terms have been included under [3.8](#).

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## Introduction

This document contains definitions of a number of terms commonly used in the tourism industry. The document is designed to facilitate understanding between the users and providers of tourism services.

Assisting consumers to make an informed choice about tourism services has the potential to increase the likelihood of expectations being met and of satisfactions being enhanced. The tourism industry will also benefit from better-informed consumers.

This document is also intended to be of value to those developing other tourism and travel standards, to facilitate relations between different actors in the tourism market and to aid policymakers.

Formulating standard tourism definitions is a difficult task, because of cultural differences. Therefore, some terms and definitions have not been included within this document because they are:

- unknown in some parts of the world; or
- incapable of being accurately translated, described or defined.

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# Tourism services — Hotels and other types of tourism accommodation — Vocabulary

## 1 Scope

This document defines terms used in the tourism industry in relation to the various types of tourism accommodation and their related services.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1 General

#### 3.1.1

##### **accommodation**

provision of at least sleeping and sanitary facilities

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#### 3.1.2

##### **accommodation rating**

grading or classification scheme system providing an assessment of the facilities, services or both provided by tourist *accommodation* (3.1.1)

Note 1 to entry: Typically within five categories, often indicated by one to five symbols.

Note 2 to entry: The assessment system can be organized by international, national or regional authorities, tourist boards, trade associations or guide publishers.

### 3.2 Type of accommodation

#### 3.2.1

##### **hotel**

commercial establishment providing at least reception, *accommodation* (3.1.1) and daily cleaning, recognized or registered as such in the applicable legislation

Note 1 to entry: A hotel may also offer a food and beverage service and other ancillary services.

#### 3.2.2

##### **all-suite hotel**

*hotel* (3.2.1) where *accommodation* (3.1.1) is provided only in *suites* (3.3.6)

#### 3.2.3

##### **aparthotel**

apartment *hotel* (3.2.1) where *accommodation* (3.1.1) is provided in *studios* (3.3.7) or *apartments* (3.3.8)

3.2.4

**apartment complex**

commercial establishment consisting of several units of *studios* (3.3.7) or *apartments* (3.3.8) dedicated to tourist accommodation exclusively

3.2.5

**serviced apartments**

commercial establishment consisting of several units of *studios* (3.3.7) or *apartments* (3.3.8) dedicated to extended stays, with a limited range of services

Note 1 to entry: Examples of services include changing of linen or towels and cleaning.

3.2.6

**motel**

*hotel* (3.2.1) located on a major road with nearby *parking* (3.7.17) facilities, designed for tourists travelling by road

3.2.7

**pension**

establishment offering *accommodation* (3.1.1) where meals are available mainly for accommodated guests

Note 1 to entry: Usually pensions provide fewer services than *hotels* (3.2.1).

3.2.8

**hostel**

establishment where *accommodation* (3.1.1) in *multiple-bedded rooms* (3.3.10) or *dormitories* (3.3.11) and other type of rooms, with a limited range of meals, self-catering facilities or both, is provided

Note 1 to entry: Accommodation is usually sold per bed.

3.2.9

**bed and breakfast**

**B&B**

**guest house**

private house where tourist *accommodation* (3.1.1) and breakfast are provided commercially

3.2.10

**holiday flat**

**holiday house**

private house in which tourist *accommodation* (3.1.1) is provided in a *studio* (3.3.7), an *apartment* (3.3.8) or the entire house

3.2.11

**homestay**

room for rent in a resident-occupied house or flat

Note 1 to entry: Sanitary facilities are shared with the host, other guests or both.

3.2.12

**couch-sharing**

type of *accommodation* (3.1.1) consisting of the use of a sleeping facility (e.g. couch, bed) in a resident-occupied house or flat and without any guarantee of privacy

Note 1 to entry: Sanitary facilities are shared with the host, other guests or both.

3.2.13

**rural accommodation**

**lodge**

**holiday cottage**

type of *accommodation* (3.1.1) located in a rural environment



**3.2.14****farmhouse**

type of *rural accommodation* (3.2.13) on an operating farm

**3.2.15****holiday camp****holiday centre****holiday village**

holiday establishment, usually providing *accommodation* (3.1.1) in chalets, bungalows or *mobile homes* (3.2.21) and providing on-site entertainment facilities, shops and catering facilities

**3.2.16****campsite****caravan park****holiday park****touring park**

establishment with common sanitary facilities providing *accommodation* (3.1.1), or the space for this, in the form of *tents* (3.2.23), *touring caravans* (3.2.20), *motor homes* (3.2.19) and *mobile homes* (3.2.21), with or without central entertainment and sports facilities, shops and catering facilities

Note 1 to entry: In some cases, *accommodation* (3.1.1) is provided in alternative facilities such as safari tents, pods, yurts, shepherd huts or similar, which is often considered as *glamping* (3.2.17).

**3.2.17****glamping****glamorous camping**

outdoor *campsite* (3.2.16) with luxury services and amenities

**3.2.18****mountain refuge**

isolated *accommodation* (3.1.1) located in the mountains, staffed or not, generally offering *dormitories* (3.3.11)

Note 1 to entry: Refuges are generally used for short-term stays.

**3.2.19****camper van****motor home****caravanette****micro van**

self-driven motorised recreational road vehicle, providing sleeping and self-catering facilities

**3.2.20****caravan****touring caravan**

mobile *accommodation* (3.1.1) with self-catering facilities on a wheeled trailer that can be towed on the road

**3.2.21****holiday caravan****mobile home**

*caravan* (3.2.20) which is basically static but capable of being transported, stationed on a pitch, usually in a *holiday park* (3.2.16)

**3.2.22****rigid folding caravan**

*caravan* (3.2.20), the body of which is of rigid material and folds or is telescopic for transportation

**3.2.23****tent**

shelter made of fabric which can be dismantled and folded up for ease of transport

**3.2.24**

**trailer tent**

tent (3.2.23) mounted on a trailer and designed to be towed behind a road vehicle

**3.2.25**

**house boat**

static (docked) or mobile (for cruises) boat providing accommodation (3.1.1) and self-catering facilities

**3.3 Type of room**

**3.3.1**

**single room**

room with sleeping facilities for only one person

**3.3.2**

**double room**

room with sleeping facilities for two persons in a double bed or two adjoining single beds

Note 1 to entry: A double bed for two people can have one or two mattresses.

**3.3.3**

**twin room**

room with sleeping facilities for two persons in separate beds

**3.3.4**

**family room**

room with sleeping facilities for three or more persons, at least two of which are suitable for adults

Note 1 to entry: Cots or baby beds (beds with high sides for an infant or a very young child) can be provided in family rooms.

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**3.3.5**

**junior suite**

accommodation (3.1.1) with extra living space in one room

**3.3.6**

**suite**

accommodation (3.1.1) providing separate but connected sleeping and living spaces in at least two rooms

**3.3.7**

**studio**

accommodation (3.1.1) in one room with a kitchenette (3.7.2)

**3.3.8**

**apartment**

accommodation (3.1.1) providing separate sleeping and living facilities with a kitchenette (3.7.2)

**3.3.9**

**duplex**

suite (3.3.6) or apartment (3.3.8) on different floor levels with an internal connection

**3.3.10**

**multiple-bedded room**

room with sleeping facilities for three or more persons

**3.3.11**

**dormitory**

**dorm**

multiple-bedded room (3.3.10) shared with other guests