

# What Are Pod Hotels And Can They Save You Money When You Travel On Vacation?

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The pod hotel concept is just in its infancy in the U.S. and Europe, but is growing by leaps and bounds as more and more business and holiday travelers demand this unique service. Entrepreneurs are responding by creating very small, pod-like hotel rooms that are usually rented by the hour, or number of hours at a fraction of the cost of regular hotel rooms.

Most pod hotel rooms are small, but comfortable and convenient, and they can have all the amenities of a regular hotel room. They can be a good choice for budget-conscious business travelers and vacationers.

Some pod hotels are located at airports such as the ones at Yotel.com, situated in London's Heathrow and Gatwick Airports.

EasyHotels.com have pod hotels in London, Zurich, Basel, and Budapest. QBICHotels.com have pod hotels located in Amsterdam and Antwerp. A New York pod hotel is the PickwickArms.com.

There is a new concept in pod hotels called Metronap Sleep Pods. These space age styled pods are springing up not only on the concourses of airports, but in strategic locations in office buildings. They are perfect for tourists and business travelers, as well as tired people and executives that just want to have a short nap. Even though these sleep pods are situated out in the open, they partially enclose for privacy, but are not claustrophobic. They are also equipped with noise canceling headphones. The rental cost is by the hour and is reasonably priced.

Although this brand new sleeping accommodation is actually a hostel and not technically a pod hotel it is worth mentioning especially if you are traveling with one or two other people. It is called The Jumbo Hostel. There is a very good reason for its name. You see, it is an actual real Boeing 747 Jumbo Jet airplane which has been converted into a twenty-five room hostel. Each room has three beds. The rooms are approximately six square meters (a little larger than six square yards) in size and about three meters high (about nine feet) from the floor to the ceiling. Each of the rooms has a flat screen TV and access to wireless broadband. There is also a luxury suite located in the converted cockpit that has a panoramic view of all the air traffic at the airport.

This Jumbo jet even has a neat café inside where vacationers can get a drink and a bite to eat. Travelers on holiday can even walk out onto one of the wings! Don't worry, you won't fall off as there is a railing.

If you are visiting, or on a stopover in Stockholm and stay at the Jumbo Hostel, you don't have to take a taxi to catch your flight as it's only a very short walk to the airport's main terminal. And if you are not planning to stay at the Jumbo Hostel it might be a fun adventure, especially if you are with children, to visit this magnificent plane and have breakfast or a meal or just a cup of coffee in the café.

And guess where this cool Jumbo Jet airliner landmark is located. At the entrance to Stockholm's Arlanda International airport where over seventeen million travelers pass through each year. This great concept has been created by entrepreneur Oscar Diones and is Arlanda's first hostel.

This is probably the only commercial airliner in the world where travelers are guaranteed not to get jet lag or have to worry about overcoming the fear of flying. To find out more about this unique alternative accommodation, visit [JumboHostel.com](http://JumboHostel.com).

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