



YHA Brighton – Access Statement

Introduction

When visiting this most vibrant of UK cities, you need accommodation to match and that's where YHA Brighton comes in, offering budget accommodation prices but with luxury hotel features. With its kitsch bohemian interior, this majestic former Royal York Hotel building boasts a fantastic location in the city, just a stone's throw from the attractions of Brighton Pier and famously cool shopping district The Lanes.

With 51 bedrooms and 180 beds that are all en-suite, we aim to cater for every need. We have one accessible bedroom with an accessible en-suite bathroom located on the first floor directly opposite our lift and two accessible WCs on the ground floor.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01629 592700 or email customerservices@yha.org.uk. You can also take a virtual tour of our hostel at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/brighton.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest railway station is Brighton which is 0.8 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is directly opposite the hostel
- Brighton runs a wheelchair accessible taxi scheme. [Click here to visit Brighton And Hove Council website](#) for more information.
- The hostel is in the city centre just off a main road near to the beach; the approach is level, with tarmac pavement and street lighting.
- The nearest shopmobility is 0.6 miles away; Brighton Shopmobility Centre, Churchill Square Car Park 1, Level P3, Regency Road, BN1 2RF.
- The hostel's details can be seen on YHA's website www.yha.org.uk; please scroll down to the Maps and Directions section to view a map and transport options.
- You can contact the hostel by phone and e-mail (please see contact information).

Car Parking and Arrival

Unfortunately we do not have a car park and parking in Brighton can be expensive. We recommend using public transport as we have direct links to and from London.

If you do decide to travel by car our nearest car park is five minutes' walk away on Black Lion Street and costs £25 for 24 hours. This car park has been awarded a Park Mark for safer parking. Blue Badge parking bays are available but Blue Badge holders are not entitled to park here for free.

There is free parking at Brighton Marina, which is approximately 2 miles along the seafront.

We have an area at the front of the hostel available for drop offs at the kerb. From there it is a short walk on flat pavement to the hostel entrance. If you let us know what time you are coming we will do our best to provide assistance moving to and from cars.

Main Entrance and Reception

The threshold into the hostel is level. There is a set of manual double doors (755mm opening width per door) which open inwards, these are fairly heavy. The entryway has a fixed welcome mat.

There is level access over to the reception and there is level access through double doors to the café/bar which are often propped open.

Seating is available in the reception area. The flooring from the main entrance through reception is tiled. The reception desk is at a height of 1085mm, with a lower section of 740mm. The reception is brightly lit with hanging orb lights and a chandelier.

Reception is open 24/7. Access to rooms is guaranteed from 2pm, however we aim to offer early check in when possible, so feel free to arrive in the morning and we will store luggage if we cannot offer bedroom access. Check-out is at 10am on the departure day. Late check out is available up until 12pm at a rate of, £3 for an individual, and £5 for a private room.

Public Areas

Halls, Corridors and Lifts

Ground floor halls and corridors are all level and are lit with ceiling lights and chandeliers. The ground floor is a mixture of tile, carpet and laminate with just a very small change in level when walking towards the meeting room due to the change of flooring. There is a good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building.

We have a lift; the effective clear door opening width is 800mm. The lift car dimensions are 1000mm x 1200mm. There are handrails in the lift and a mirror is set into the back wall. There are raised numbers on the lift buttons.

We have four floors and stairs leading to each. The staircases are carpeted and they are fitted with a non-continuous handrail. Steps between each floor:

Ground to first: 29

First to Second: 22

Second to Third: 20

The upper floors are short pile carpet. There are some steps to certain bedrooms and we can provide exact floor plans upon booking.

Public WCs

On the ground floor there are two sets of male and female WCs with level access from the reception area. One set is just next to reception and the other is through the café/bar. Each of these locations has a disabled access WC with grab rails and low level sink. Both disabled access WCs have emergency pull cords, are well lit and have tiled flooring.

Cafe/Bar

The café bar is located next to reception with level laminate flooring throughout. Seating is varied with sofas, armchairs, upright chairs without arms and tall bar chairs. Space in between the furniture is limited but chairs and tables can be moved and we would be happy to assist with this.

The café bar is lit with ceiling lights, orbs above the bar and chandeliers.

Food and hot and cold drinks are served from here. The bar has a low level service section (750mm high) and menus can be found on the tables. With prior notice we can cater for any dietary need and have vegetarian options on our café bar menu.

Groups Dining Room

The dining room is located on the ground floor and has level access via double doors which can be propped open to make easier access to the diner. The room is level throughout with laminate flooring. The room is well-lit with ceiling and wall spotlights.

We have square dining tables with benches. Space in between the furniture is limited but chairs and tables can be moved and we would be happy to assist with this.

The server is adjoined to the dining room. Access is via an open doorway. Space can become limited during serving, but we would be happy to arrange table service if required.

Self-catering Kitchen

The self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor and has level access from the entrance. It is accessed from the café area next to reception through two single leaf doors. The flooring is laminate and the room is well lit with natural light and ceiling fluorescents.

A section of the kitchen has a lower positioned work surface (810mm), sink, electric hob, and microwave. The ovens have drop down doors and the sinks are fitted with lever taps.

Crockery and glass are stored at high and low levels.

The dining area within the kitchen is formed of 4 tables, 2 square and 2 rectangular. These will accommodate 12 to 14 people on benches and stools.

Conference and Meeting Rooms

The small meeting room is located on the ground floor. It is accessed via a narrow single leaf door, which may not be suitable for some wheelchair users. The access route is level, though there are small changes in elevation across different floor types. The classroom is level throughout, with carpet tiles.

The classroom is well lit with natural light as well as ceiling lights and blinds are fitted. A portable hearing loop is available within the property.

We offer hard plastic straight backed chairs and tables. Tables seat four comfortably. All tables and chairs are moveable and we would be pleased to help accommodate any specific layout requirements.

We also use the dining room as a meeting space; access is as described above.

The nearest WC from the meeting room is 5 metres down the corridor on the left hand side. The nearest accessible WC is located off the café/bar, also on the ground floor, on the opposite side of reception.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

There are a range of bedrooms available at YHA Brighton. All of the bedrooms are en-suite. All rooms are well-lit with ceiling lights and most have individual bunk lights or lamps. All bedding is provided, and all beds are made up with a lower sheet and a duvet.

All of the bathrooms are well-lit and have tiled floors. Rubber non-slip bath mats are provided in all dorm rooms and all double rooms have towelling bath mats.

All standard shower units are set above ground and have a step up to enter. All baths are set above ground and have a step up to enter.

Due to the age and history of this building, there are a number of steps up and down on the three floors of bedrooms.

First Floor

There are 29 steps on the main staircase to the first floor.

There is one accessible room on this floor which is located next to the lift. This room has a single bed and a double bed with a single bunk above. The bathroom is well-lit with non-slip flooring and is accessible, with left-handed transfer. The bathroom sink has a lever tap. This room has a turnaround area of over 3 metres.

There are also a variety of bedrooms which sleep 1-8 people. Some of these contain double beds.

Most of the bathrooms have showers over a bath with a glass hinged door. One room has no shower and just a large bath. Two rooms have shower units and no bath.

Second Floor

There are 22 steps on the main staircase to this floor.

We have a variety of bedrooms which sleep 2-6 people. Some of these contain double beds.

Most of the bathrooms have showers over a bath with a glass hinged door. One room has a shower unit and a separate, large bath. Another room has no shower and just a large bath.

Third Floor

There are 20 steps on the main staircase to the first floor.

On this floor there are double bedrooms and one twin room. Most of the bathrooms have showers over a bath with a glass hinged door. One room has a shower unit and a separate large bath.

Additional Information

- We do not permit pets, but assistance dogs are very welcome.
- We do not permit smoking anywhere in the hostel.
- A member of staff is always available in the reception, including at night.
- Our signage around the building is in black font on a brass background with pictograms included.
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms fitted. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or any emergency requiring evacuation. We have an evacuation chair on each floor and staff are trained in its use.
- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.
- Mobile phone reception within the hostel is good.
- We provide free internet access.

Contact Information

- Address: YHA Brighton, Old Steine, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1NH.
- Telephone: 0345 371 9176

- Email: brighton@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey Map 122; Grid reference TQ3125203943.
- Hours of operation: reception is open 24 hours.
- Local buses: 55, 59, 60, 78, 79, 700 all stop outside the front of the hostel.

We welcome your feedback to help us to continue making improvements. Please contact us directly if you have any queries or if you would like to make any comments.