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# Introduction to Hostelling for Girl Scouts

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# Thank you!

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# Today you will learn about...

- Hostelling and Hostelling International USA (HI-USA)
- How to take advantage of all the amenities at a hostel
- HI-USA Girl Scout programs
- How to find hostels online
- How to book rooms for a girl scout troop and group costs

What to take to the hostel (and what to leave home)



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# Introductions

- One youth from each troop will stand and tell us:
  - Her name
  - Her troop's program level (Junior, Cadette, etc)
  - Her troop number

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. We are \_\_\_\_\_ from troop \_\_\_\_\_.

Speak loud and clear – Use an OUTSIDE voice!

# What are hostels?

- Inexpensive, safe, clean accommodations for travelers
- Feeling of community with shared kitchens, living spaces and activities
- Small and remote to urban high-rise buildings
- Membership offers discounts and travel insurance



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# Characteristics of HI hostels

- Price
  - Overnight fees generally range from \$25 - \$50 a night depending on location, season and style of accommodation.
- Shared accommodations
  - Intentionally created common space to give travelers opportunities to interact
- Kitchens
  - Shared kitchens help people save even more money by not eating out all the time and provide a place to meet people



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# SAY HI TO THE WORLD

- Over 50 hostels in the United States
- Over 4000 locations worldwide

From Albania to Zambia  
Austin to Washington D.C.



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**Common Room at HI San Francisco, Fisherman's Wharf**

# Amenities

- Full, shared kitchen
- Free breakfast
- Information desk
- Laundry facilities
- Television, even some in rooms
- WiFi or internet access
- Tours, activities and events
- Table games, pool tables, and more



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**High-Efficiency Washing Instructions**

1. Use the correct amount of detergent.
2. Pre-treat stains before adding clothes to the machine.
3. Sort laundry by color and fabric.
4. Avoid overloading the machine.
5. Select the correct cycle and temperature.
6. Use the correct amount of fabric softener.

**Drying Instructions**

1. Sort laundry by color and fabric.
2. Select the correct cycle and temperature.
3. Use the correct amount of fabric softener.
4. Avoid overloading the machine.
5. Select the correct cycle and temperature.
6. Use the correct amount of fabric softener.

**FOR BEST RESULTS USE HIGH-EFFICIENCY DETERGENT**

**MAC GRAY** For Service Call: 1-800-MAC-GRAY (1-800-622-4729)  
Call today! Stop overloading your washer.

**USE LESS DETERGENT**

The High-Efficiency (HE) Washer is designed to use less detergent than a standard top-loading washer.

DETERGENT	REGULAR DETERGENT
1/2 cup	1 cup

Remember to always read the detergent label for the correct amount of detergent to use.

**MAC GRAY**



# HI – San Diego

## Hostels

- Downtown
- Point Loma









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- **Two great locations**
- **Dorm-style or private rooms**
- **Sheets and towels**
- **Free breakfast**
- **Local information**
- **Free tours and activities**
- **Clean, safe, and reliable**



# Cultural Activities

- Promote a greater awareness of local culture
- Culturally relevant tours
  - Downtown San Diego
  - Balboa Park
- Shared dinners



# HI – Santa Monica



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# HI - Waikiki



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# HI – New York



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# Find us online!

For San Diego hostels:

[www.sandiegohostels.org](http://www.sandiegohostels.org)

For hostels across the U.S.: [www.hiusa.org](http://www.hiusa.org)

For hostels around the world:

[www.hihostels.com](http://www.hihostels.com)



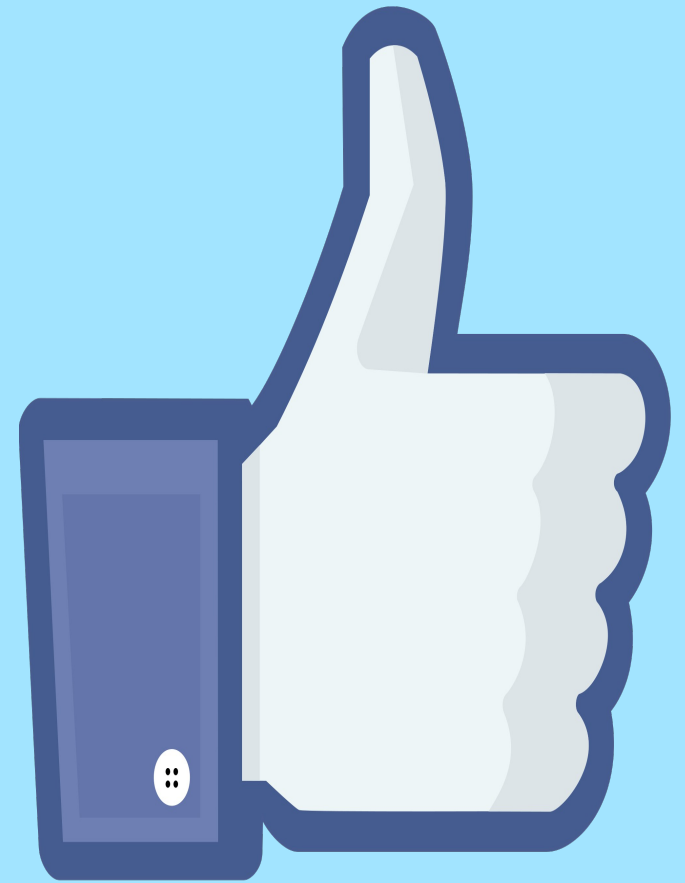
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# Where do you want to go?!



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# An activity...

Where would you like to go? Turn to the person behind you and tell them where you would go if you had a round-trip ticket to anywhere in the world.



Listen for the whistle



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# Girl Scouts Go:

- To the 4 Girl Scout world center
  - Cabaña in Cuernavaca, Mexico
  - Chalet in Adelboden, Switzerland
  - Pax Lodge in London, England
  - Sangam in Pune, India
- To San Francisco to “Bridge”







Cabaña in Cuernavaca, Mexico





**Chalet in Adelboden, Switzerland**

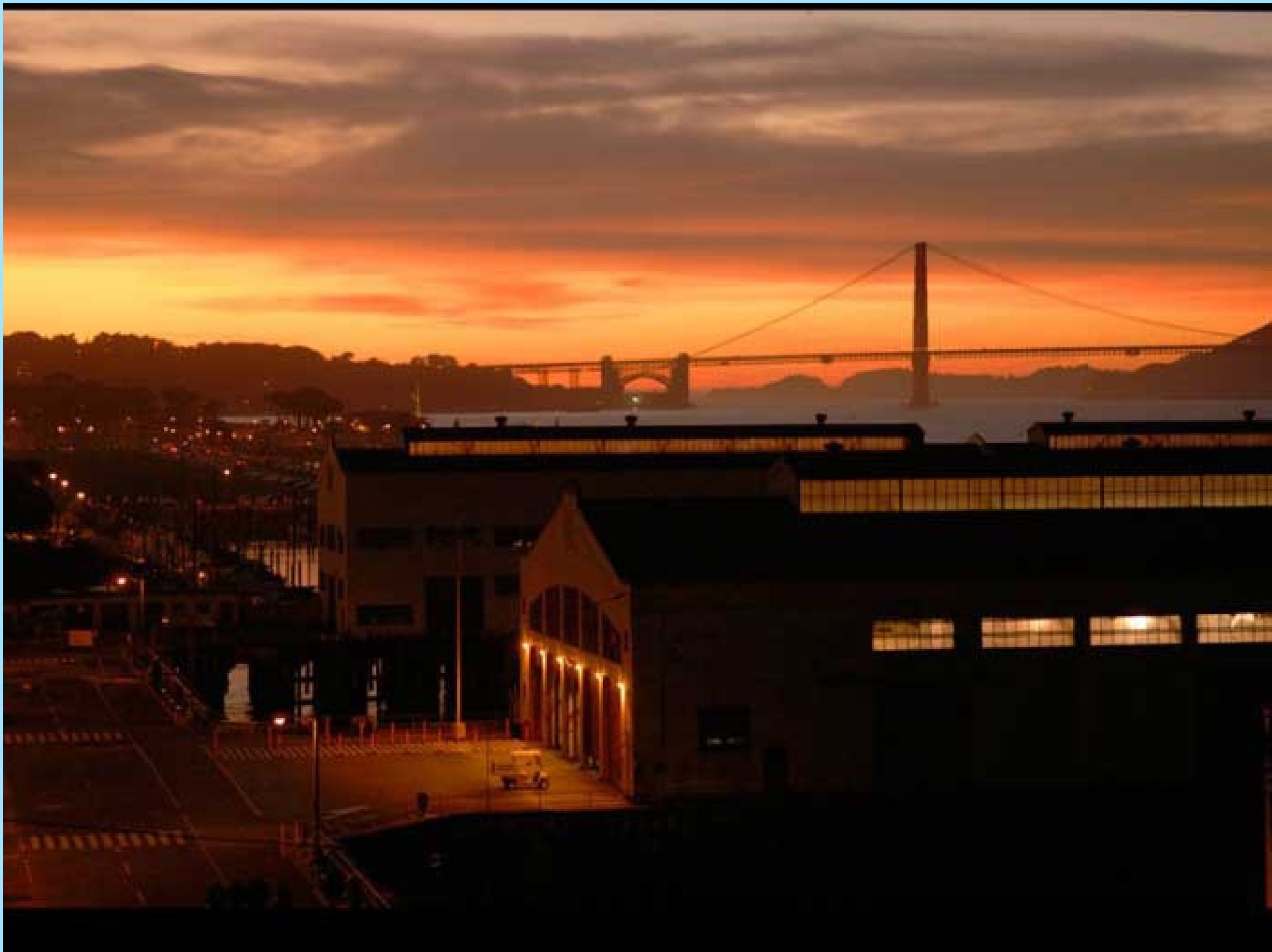


# Pax Lodge in London, England



# Sangam in Pune, India







# GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS





# World Travel 101 for Girl Scouts

This Hostelling International USA (HI-USA) program is excellent for troops that would like an introduction to travel and hostelling. Participants learn about hostelling, trip planning, packing, and traveling with an open mind. The two-hour workshop can occur in a hostel, at the troop location, or at Girl Scout headquarters and may be scheduled Monday through Friday. Participating girls receive a special youth membership to HI-USA.

**FREE**

# Cultural Kitchen

Participants in this program engage in a cross-cultural experience through hands-on activities and an overnight visit to a hostel. Troop leaders are provided with materials to lead girls through activities on cross-cultural identity and understanding. In advance of their hostel stay, troops explore a culture and plan a meal to share with guests. As part of the overnight experience, troops participate in discussions, activities, and meals. Girls receive a youth membership and the Discover the World: Girl Scouts

**Go Hostelling patch.** In San Diego, \$10 pp for the program + price of bed; price varies by hostel

Girls stay in dorm rooms that are reserved solely for your group.

Chaperones may stay in private rooms.

Bathrooms are normally shared with other guests.





# www.hihostels.com

HI - Hostel Search Results

www.hihostels.com/dba/list.php?lang=E

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**Check Availability**

Country: Mexico

City/Region: Cancún

Arrival: Thu 29 May 2014

Departure: Fri 30 May 2014

Nights: 1 Males: 0 Females: 6

More than 9 people?

Check

**HI Hostels in Cancún**

2 Cancún hostel result(s) for 1 night(s) on Thu, 29 May 2014 - Fri, 30 May 2014

Hostels

Map

Satellite

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**Cancún - Hostel Moloch 89% Customer Rating** ⚡ Travel Tips

Hostel Moloch is one of the HI network of hostels in Cancún, located right in the centre of Cancún. The hostel prides itself on peace, cleanliness and security and has great facilities including wireless internet, air conditioning, common areas, lockers, terrace...

Not Available

# Group Bookings

- Each hostel has someone who works with group bookings.
- Use the online booking system and click on “more than 9 people”.
- Once you complete the necessary information, a staff member will get in touch with you.



**Check Availability**

Country: USA

City/Region: Boston

Arrival: Thu 29 May 2014

Departure: Sat 31 May 2014

Nights: 2 Males: 0 Females: 9

[More than 9 people?](#)

**Check**



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# Book a troop overnight program in San Diego

Contact Group Sales Representative

Judith Garcia

619-525-1531

[judith.garcia@hiusa.org](mailto:judith.garcia@hiusa.org)

- Point Loma or Downtown
- We try to book two troops in one weekend, with a Friday and Saturday overnight.

# What to Bring With You

- Clothing

- Pajamas
- Walking shoes
- Shower shoes

- Toiletries

- Soap & shampoo
- Prescription meds
- Towel

- Miscellaneous

- Lock for locker
- Alarm clock
- Hand sanitizer
- Snacks

Playing cards

Reading material

Power cords

Ear plugs

Pocket change



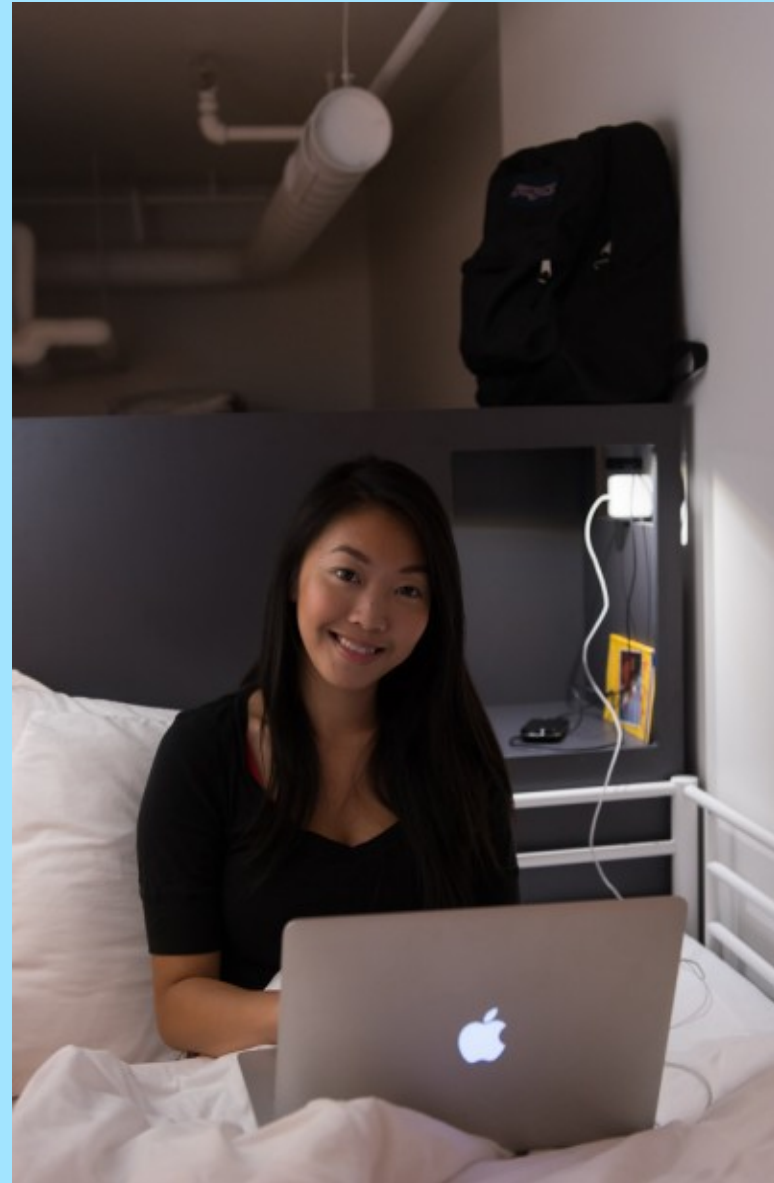
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# What NOT to Bring

- Bed sheets
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Blankets
- Music speakers









# Rules to travel by...

1. Don't seek a "home away from home,"
2. Be positive about cultural differences
3. Remember that you are one of many visitors
4. Be an active listener
5. Research and ask questions
6. Discover the richness of day-to-day, ordinary, ways of life
7. Be a respectful photographer
8. Share your culture



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# What does a rooster say?

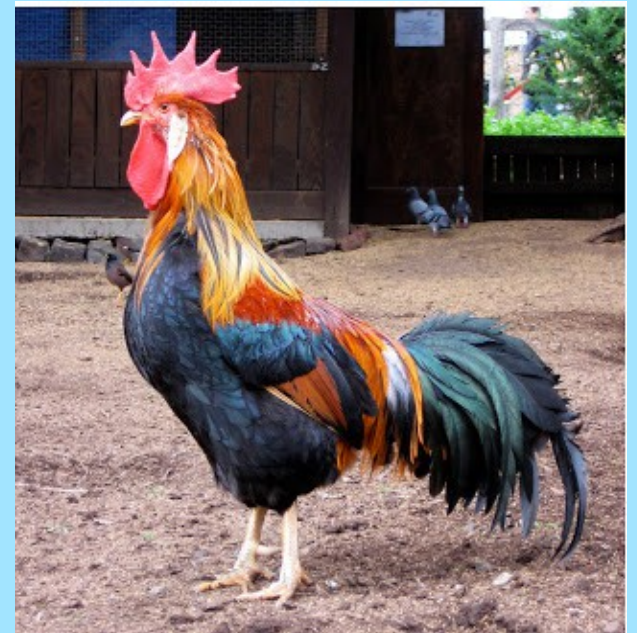
Japan: Kokekokkoo

France: Cocoriki

Italy: Kickeriki

Iceland: gaggala gaggala gú

Cock-a-doodle-do



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# Questions?



# Videos

- HI-USA what's a hostel?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcjxRCkcLfs>
- HI-Chicago Cultural Kitchen News Report
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFQENtZCpVg>
- Around the world in 100 hostels
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1h53FmpHfg>