

The Lonely Planet Guide to My Flat

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So I chanced upon **this**, and thought it would be amusing to write a version of my own LP Guide. Just for giggles. So here we go:

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ORIENTATION

Practically a studio in size, My Flat is not for the claustrophobic. After customs demands your shoes from you, you are encouraged to settle at once on the large mustard-colored couch. Keep in mind, though, that what My Flat lacks in space it makes up with style, with walls smothered in gaudy postcards and sagging bookshelves. Tourists often find a nice relaxing atmosphere at the two-chaired counter adjoining the food district, where the intrepid can discover assortments of cheese, pesto, and the occasional flavored nori. Opposite the entrance is a cozy, where one can see all the sights of the lovely 84 East, and the local homeless veteran that charms the neighborhood with his creative signage. Hotels are typically to south, comfortable, cool, and generally in the two-star range.

WHAT TO BRING

As My Flat is intended for the more daring explorers, travelers are encouraged to bring their own toothpaste, shampoo, and even toilet paper—though of course buckets of lemonade will always be provided. Be aware as the locals are typically the pro-international and pretentious lot, English-language texts are usually unavailable; instead, French, Hawaiian, Maori, and Japanese

periodicals are ubiquitous. Other alternatives you might see include: military time, Celsius degrees, or bundles of useless Euros lying around. As My Flat is very poor, please also come strapped with cash, hugs, or cider, as all of these are acceptable modes of currency.

WHEN TO GO

The best time to travel to My Flat is generally in the afternoon, as the locals tend not to be morning people and might even be in their pajamas until eleven o'clock. Laziness is an increasing disease in the couch-infested areas, and these are best to be avoided until the French press has made its way around the neighborhood.

LOCAL CUSTOMS

The population of My Flat tends to engage in ritualistic made-to-feel-good habits, such as *grumbling, cooking, and/or watching a Bollywood film*. Other practices such as pouting or teasing may occur without provocation, and it is generally best to ignore these and help yourself to a smoothie until the storm has passed. Warning: random bouts of singing, hugs and/or tickling may also occur.

SOCIETY & CULTURE

The inhabitants tend generally to be enthusiastic, hard-working and adventurous, with bouts of insecurity and defensiveness that strike without warning. Travelers are generally advised to take part in extreme cultural traditions—such as adorning a lampshade and walking around like a chicken—until the inhabitants snap out of their self-absorbed pity party. Other suggestions include engaging in local impromptu dance parties with inspiring musical artists, such as Jet, Everclear or Muse, particularly helpful in rekindling the native spirit of awesomeness.

DANGERS

Due to the poverty and relatively youthful population in My Flat, travelers must be aware of crime. Petty theft, such as the unauthorized use of your shampoo, your spoon, or your blanket, is not uncommon. Con artists generally strike around sandwich shops, where tourists are encouraged to watch their wallets lest they be parted from their hard-earned cash.

VOLUNTEERING

Entry into My Flat is particularly helpful to volunteers, who for a sleeping couch may work in kitchens, laundry, vacuum, or organization fields. Visas with Toilet Scrubbing proficiency can occasionally receive discounts on food.

THINGS TO DO

With piles of films, books, and CDs, the traveler may never feel bored in My Flat. Movie screening occurs almost every night. Like the outdoors? Step onto the dusty balcony dotted with tomato plants. Keep in mind, however, that getting items out of the country is near impossible.

WEATHER

In July, temperatures have run to about 100 degrees Fahrenheit, though since the installation of air-cons around the ports this has been reduced by about 20 degrees. Diners still maintain a high degree of sunlight, due to their situation on the west end.

EXCURSIONS

A short walk in any direction will bring the tourist to renown cafés, sketchy gas stations, and Irish sports bars. During holidays, traffic tends to be obnoxiously cluttered. When absolutely necessary, thought not publicly endorsed, ginger or chocolate can always be used to bribe any inhabitant of My Flat to provide driving tours.