

## ACCOMODATION

The University of Szeged does not provide you with accommodation in a student dormitory, so you need to find a good flat/house. The good news is that our foreign students have almost all found an appropriate place to stay within 3 days, with a few exceptions for whom it took a week at the most.

You are welcome to check out available flats for rent on your own and you will likely find a large number of advertisements on the Internet. However, please bear in mind that finding housing online can have drawbacks, and we would like to help you avoid any inconvenience and disappointment. Important points to consider include: Photos in ads are often taken by professional photographers so the photos and reality can be very different. Meeting and talking to the owner of the apartment or the agent in person is a better idea than trusting the ads. It is vital that you check how well the apartment is furnished before making your decision. For instance, the washing machine might be an automatic one but could alternatively be a 30-year-old Hungarian brand.

First, check the location of the apartment on a map. We suggest that you look for something near downtown to have easy access to all the vital services (university, supermarkets, hospital and shops). Szeged has no bad and/or unsafe neighbourhoods but we can point out a few streets to you that we would not recommend for residence. Wherever you live, the local transportation system is very good and the city is small so with the very affordable (12 USD per month) student travel pass you can easily get around the city.

We also recommend that you join the ESN Szeged Erasmus Facebook group. There you can connect with other foreign students as well as Hungarian students and find out about flats for rent, too.

Our advice is that you search the internet as a starting point for information on accommodation but not make any final decisions; we can reserve a place for you for the first couple of nights at Kálmán Panzió <http://www.kalmanpanzio.hu/index.php?page=kepek>, or you can reserve a place for yourself for the first couple of nights through [booking.com](http://www.booking.com) for example. There is a wide range of places, so pick one that you (and your budget) like the most. Then during the orientation week (September 5 - 10) we will help you find a wonderful place, we promise!