

Maximizing Your Budget

Furnished apartments and town-homes offer much more than space, convenience and that home away from home feeling. They provide extended privacy and comfort, ensuring that employees fare much better during extended training away from home or when relocating. Compared to hotels, furnished accommodations offer the following benefits:

- ⊖ **Amenities**-Kitchens allow savings on meal budgets and cut out restaurant costs. Ensuite laundry facilities allow employees to keep up with laundry at no extra cost.
- ⊖ **Space & comfort**-employees adjust much better having the comforts and privacy of home as compared to hotel rooms.
- ⊖ **Cost-save, save, save!**-Furnished locations offer much more flexibility in square footage, suite type, etc. so you can book according to budget and need. For most locations, any booking of 30 days or more is subject to applicable discounts and no tax. A 30 night booking in a furnished apartment is usually more cost effective than 2 or 3 weeks in a hotel.

► 2 or more traveling employees

When two of your employees are traveling, it can equal twice the cost! The solution when travel is required for numerous persons throughout the year, is to try and arrange the travel during the same timeframe for more than one person. A two bedroom furnished apartment offers two spacious bedrooms and two full baths...allowing two persons the benefit of space and privacy while offering you the benefit of saving on that accommodation budget!

► Location

Booking any accommodations within walking distance of the employee's place of employment or destination saves on transportation costs. Most companies provide support for bus, taxi or transit costs that can really increase your budgeted expenses over time.

► Seasonal

With any travel arrangement, choosing to travel or relocate during lower seasons can save you big \$\$\$! If the travel timeframe is flexible, this can be your biggest cost savings. Check with your provider on festivals, large events, high season timeframes, large company moves, etc. to get a better idea of when to avoid that big move or group training project.

► Availability & Specials

Our customer service practice, as a convenience for you is to make every attempt to offer accommodations closest to your destination. However, you may want to inquire about more distant properties offering substantial rental savings due to high availability. This option may be an exception to being close to the office in order to save on transportation costs. In other words, the cost savings of the rental apartment is a much greater value to offset transportation expenses.