

TOURIST BUNGALOW

(Beach Bungalow, Water bungalow, Villa and Traditional house)

Tourist bungalows are detached houses usually containing one or two rooms. Typically bungalows are built in scenic locations raised on stilts with a front porch. This type of accommodation is very popular with tourists in tropical countries. A bungalow operation is similar to a resort, but smaller and with less facilities.



ECOLOGDE ACCOMODATION

Ecolodges are designed to have the minimum possible impact on the natural environment in which it is situated. It is often built in remote locations using natural materials and traditional design. Guests are offered a range of natural and cultural experiences.

SERVICED APARTMENT

Serviced apartments have more space and greater room amenities than a standard hotel room. It has its own kitchen, lounge, bathroom and one or two bedrooms. Housekeeping services are provided. Serviced apartments are typically used by visitors who stay for longer periods. This type of accommodation is also known as a furnished apartment, studio or self-contained unit.

HOMESTAY ACCOMODATION

Homestays are affordable accommodation provided by local families who offer one or more rooms in their house as lodging for guests. Meals are also provided, and guests typically share meals with the family. Homestays are popular with students and visitors who want to immerse themselves in the local culture.



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Classification of Tourism Accommodation

Classification is the process by which different types of tourism accommodation are broken down into categories. Common accommodation categories are Hotel, Resort, Motel, etc. A lot of accommodation in Solomon Islands is mislabeled which causes confusion for tourists and travel agents. Mislabeled gives tourism in Solomon Island a bad reputation. Classification is a tool that can be used to solve this problem.



Each accommodation category have certain key features and caters for a specific type of traveler. The accommodation categories listed here are appropriate for the region and covers all current types of accommodation in Solomon Islands

Choosing the right category

As part of the Minimum Standards program, accommodation providers will be asked to choose a category for their property. If the characteristics of the property does not correspond with the category they have selected, they will be advised to upgrade or change category.

The following information is a detailed overview of different types of accommodation and will assist owners and managers to choose the right category:

HOTEL

A hotel provides accommodation in quality rooms with ensuite bathrooms. Hotels have numerous amenities and services available to guests. It should include a reception, restaurant, bar, daily housekeeping and parking. Better hotels often have facilities for recreation & conferences.

RESORT

Resorts offer similar facilities and services of a hotel but focus on providing enjoyable and memorable experiences for visiting tourists. They are usually located in scenic locations and offer many opportunities for recreational activities.

MOTEL

Motels are roadside hotels with parking facilities near the room. Motels are similar to hotels but offer less guest comforts and services. In Solomon Islands motels are also used by interprovincial travelers and are often located near ports and airports. Motels are more affordable than hotels.

BUDGET ACCOMMODATION

(Guesthouse, Inn, Lodge, Backpackers, Hostel and Bed & Breakfast)

Budget accommodation offers simple and inexpensive lodging, often with shared facilities. Rooms can be private or shared. Simple meals may be served but usually there is a shared kitchen with a communal eating area for guests.

