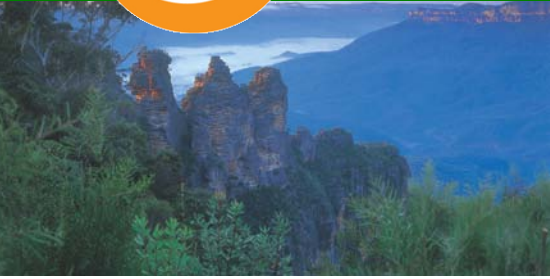




BLUE MOUNTAINS YHA



Thank you for your enquiry regarding accommodation at Blue Mountains YHA. Conveniently located in the heart of Katoomba, the Blue Mountains YHA offers groups affordable accommodation and modern facilities in one of the largest YHAs in the Australia. Opened in May 2001 the Blue Mountains YHA brings the glory days of Katoomba in the 1920s-30s back to life. Our fully renovated Art Deco guesthouse retains its original charm (as well as its Cabaret stage & sprung dance floor!)

We can accommodate groups of all shapes, sizes and ages up to approximately 100 people (Sunday to Friday) but limit group size to 25 people on Saturday night. If your group exceeds this limit, please contact us to discuss your requirements before making a booking.

THE FACILITIES

- Comfortable 4 to 8 share dormitory-style accommodation for group members
- Limited number of single/twin/double rooms.
- 24 Hour access
- Reception from 7am to 10pm and night supervisor after hours
- Meeting and conference facilities available on request
- Wheelchair access
- Lockers in all shared rooms
- Room card keys for security
- Information desk and tour booking service
- Internet and email access
- Off-street parking, including a space for buses
- Separate kitchen, lounge and dining room for groups (booking fee applies)
- BBQ
- Laundry facilities
- Central heating
- Games area
- Large screen TV with free video rental
- Luggage storage available in coin-operated lockers after checkout.

Things to do at Blue Mountains

The hostel is a 700-meter walk from Katoomba train station. It is an easy 15 - 20 minute walk to the 3 Sisters and other local attractions. Local supermarkets, shops, restaurants and cafes are located a few minutes away. Enjoy activities such as bushwalking, mountain biking, abseiling, caving and horse riding.

Blue Mountains YHA

207 Katoomba Street, Katoomba 2780

Phone: (02) 4782 1416 | Fax: (02) 4782 6203

Email: bluemountaingroups@yha.com.au

Web: yha.com.au





YHA's Commitment to your Group

Blue Mountains YHA has a Group Reservations Co-ordinator to ensure your requirements are met and you have an enjoyable stay.

- YHA will take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety and security of your group and their property.
- YHA staff are trained and capable of handling emergency situations.
- A member of staff will be available 24 hours a day and can be called upon to help with any emergencies.
- You will be allocated separate group bedrooms and will not be expected to share with other guests not in your group.
- If your group comprises of children under 18 years old your group leaders, including the coach driver and any other accompanying adults will be allocated separate rooms from the group.
- These rooms will be allocated as close as possible to the rest of the group to facilitate effective supervision. If however you have a group of a young age and prefer to be in the same room as them, this can be arranged.
- Free of charge Itinerary Planning and Activity Booking Service.

Risk Management

Blue Mountains YHA is pro-active in taking preventative measures at its property to ensure we maintain the highest possible standards in the field of risk management. YHA staff are trained and capable of handling emergency situations.

A comprehensive risk assessment is available on request or can be downloaded at:

[Blue Mountains YHA risk assessment form:](#)

Nearest Medical Centre

Katoomba Medical Practice
143 Katoomba St, KATOOMBA, NSW, 2780
(02) 4782 3888

Nearest Hospital

Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital
Great Western Highway, Katoomba
(+61 2) 4784 6500





The Accommodation

All bedding is provided (doonas, sheets and pillows). Bathroom facilities are situated on each floor and shared by the people in dormitory-style rooms.

There are lockers in all share rooms (you need to provide your own padlocks or we have them for sale at reception). Please note that due to the layout of rooms, groups may have to be located on different levels of the building. All rooms within the building require swipe keys for access and a duplicate set can be provided for leaders to access all rooms allocated to your group.

Dorm Rooms

Group members are accommodated in comfortable 4, 5, 6 & 8 share dormitory style rooms. Towels are available for hire for \$1. Communal bathrooms are conveniently located on each level.

Supervisor and Driver rooms

Supervisors are accommodated in single, twin and triple rooms with private ensuite.* Professional coach drivers are not expected share with group members and will be allocated a single room with ensuite unless otherwise requested.

*Subject to availability.

Group Rates

Room type	From 1st Jan 2012 to 31st Dec 2012
Dormitory room	\$34 B&B
Single/Twin/Double (bunk-style) room	\$91 B&B
Single/Twin/Double (bunk-style) room with en-suite	\$101 B&B

(NB: all prices are quoted in Australian Dollars and inclusive of GST).
Special rates may apply for midweek stays – please enquire.

Group Membership

Groups booking accommodation at any YHA must hold a current group membership. Benefits of joining YHA include special group rates at YHA hostels in Australia and around the world with access to discount-priced travel services for groups. Group membership covers 10 or more persons travelling as part of a registered group. Group membership is available for \$42 and is valid for 12 months worldwide.

*Please fill out membership booking form attached.

Meals

Groups can self cater for all meals in either the group kitchen (open 24 hrs) or the main guest kitchen (open 6.30am to 10pm). There are numerous local restaurants and cafes within walking distance of the hostel for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

We can also cater for you: continental breakfast \$7.00, packed lunch \$9.00 and dinner \$17.00 pp.

*Groups are required to bring their own Eski's and freezer blocks for food being taken off site.

*NOTE: The washing up of crockery, cutlery & cleaning of the dining area is the sole responsibility of the group. If required the caterer will do washing up for an additional 20% of the total.



Meeting/Function Room

Available for exclusive use, our meeting/function room comfortably seats 60 people. Facilities include: Overhead and slide projectors, whiteboards, TV/video, catering kitchen.



Cost

- \$120 for in-house guests using room for non-commercial purposes up to 2 nights stay. An extra \$40 per night for additional nights.
- \$150 per day for in-house guests using the room for conference/business purposes.
- \$100 minimum for 3hrs for non-guests allowing access through room to guest rooms.
- \$250 for exclusive use of room for non-guests between 10am and 5pm.
- \$500 for exclusive use of room for non-guests after 5pm.
(Security Bond for Parties \$1000.00 – refundable after inspection of facilities)

Activities

If you are interested in activities we can organize such things as Explorer Bus tours (Hop-on / hop-off bus that visits all the main tourist sights of Katoomba & Leura), visits to Jenolan Caves, abseiling, team building courses, mountain biking etc. Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens, in conjunction with National Parks & Wildlife, runs educational workshops about the Blue Mountains World Heritage area as well as the Wollemi Pine (on display at gardens).

Eco / History guided walks can also be organized in the area. If you are interested in booking tours please give us group numbers & dates & we can advise you of prices.

If you wish to do your own bushwalks and require local maps we sell various maps including those from National Parks. If you have any questions for National Parks their local contact number is 02 4787 8877.

Transport and getting to Blue Mountains YHA

By Train

Katoomba is a 2 hour train ride from Sydney Central Station. Trains leave at least hourly from early morning to late at night. The hostel is a 700 metre walk down the main street (Katoomba Street) on the right hand side, located next door to the police station. For those with lots of luggage, a taxi rank is located to the right of the station exit.

By Car from Sydney

Take Parramatta Rd west and then the M4 motorway to Emu Plains. This becomes the Great Western Highway that winds west through many of the mountain villages prior to arriving in Katoomba. In Katoomba there is an exit left into Katoomba township that passes over the railway line. Turn left at the first roundabout then right at the second one onto Katoomba Street. The hostel is located on the right just pass the first cross street (Waratah Street), next door to the Police Station.

By Car from Lithgow or further west

Take the Great Western Highway east from Lithgow in the direction of Sydney. You will pass through the townships of Mt Victoria, Blackheath and Medlow Bath before entering Katoomba. Turn right over the railway line at the first set of traffic lights in Katoomba, and then follow directions above from the first roundabout.

Parking

The hostel has 2 car parks, both accessible from Edward Street. One has space for 5-6 cars, while the other has space for 20-25 cars and a coach. To access these car parks, turn right between the hostel and the Police Station.

When both these car parks are full, we recommend parking on Edward Street as there are no parking restrictions. Parking on Katoomba Street is allowed at certain times but please refer to the signposts.



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or would like a hostel inspection.

We look forward to having you stay with us!

Edward Morris

Group Co-ordinator

Phone: (02) 4782 1416

Fax: (02) 4782 6203

Email: bluemountaingroups@yha.com.au



YHA GROUP BOOKING FORM



Blue Mountains YHA

Thanks for your interest in our hostel. Please return completed booking forms either via fax or email. Please contact us if you require any assistance completing these forms.

P: +61 2 4782 1416 | F: +61 2 4782 6203 | E: bluemountains.groups@yha.com.au

GROUP CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Group	
Leaders Names	
Phone (daytime)	
Mobile Phone	
Email	
Fax	
Postal Address	

YHA abides by the National Policy Principles in the collection of personal information. Personal information is not disclosed to any third party except as is required by law.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Are you YHA Members?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES. Membership Number: _____ Expiry date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NO. Membership is a compulsory requirement for all groups & will be issued at check in. Please complete the group membership details below.		
YHA Group Membership Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year: \$42	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 years: \$84	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 years: \$126
Type of Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Tertiary/Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/International <input type="checkbox"/> Guides/Scouts/Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Tour Operator	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Sporting <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Music
I would like to receive the following free information on YHA Hostels and Services: YHA Australia Hostels and Discounts Guide <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No thanks Backpacker Essentials – YHA’s Travel Magazine <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> No thanks Please also provide me with: Voting Material <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> No thanks Annual Report (also available at yha.com.au) <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> No thanks			

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR HOSTEL?

Has your group stayed at our hostel in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Has your group used other YHA facilities in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – where? _____
How did you first hear about our YHA or where have you found further information about the YHA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth. <input type="checkbox"/> Another website – which website? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> www.yha.com.au . <input type="checkbox"/> Travel agent/Tour operator - which company? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> An advertisement <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> YHA brochure or direct mail.
What is the reason for your group excursion?	_____

GROUP LEADER’S WARRANTY AND UNDERTAKING

Please refer to the final page of the booking forms for the Group Booking Terms & Conditions

I/we hereby undertake to accept responsibility for any damage caused to a hostel or organisation property by members of the above group or myself and to recompense the organisation for any such loss. I/we understand that YHA Ltd does not accept responsibility for injury or damage that may occur to any person or property whilst taking part in organisation activities or using the organisation’s hostels and facilities, or those associated or affiliated with the organisation or with the International Youth Hostel Federation. The leaders may represent and vote, or may appoint a person 18 years of age or over to represent or vote on behalf of the group at any General Meeting.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

YHA USE ONLY

Amount Paid:
Payment Type:
Hostel:

Please select:
Receipt No:
Date:
Valid Until:

New

Renewing

Received By:

ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS

Number of Nights	
Date + Time of Arrival (Check-in is from 2pm. If your group arrives prior to this time, we can organise luggage storage until the rooms are available. Please indicate expected arrival time)	
Date of Departure (Check out time is before 10:00am)	
Average age of participants	

GUEST COMPOSITION

Number of Guests	Males	Females	TOTAL
Participants			
Leaders			
Professional Bus Driver			
<i>When allocating share rooms YHA provides separate accommodation for male & females unless otherwise requested.</i>			TOTAL GUESTS:

ROOM REQUIREMENTS

Room Type	Beds per room	Cost per person per night	Number of People
Dormitory* with private bathroom	4 ,5,6 & 8	\$ 34.00	
		Cost per room per night	Number of Rooms
Single/Twin/Double Room* (Bunk style)	1 Double bed	\$ 91.00	
Single/Twin/Double Room* (Bunk style) with private bathroom	1 Double bed + 1 Bunk	\$ 101.00	
Professional Driver Room* with private bathroom	1 Double bed	Free of Charge	

*prices include continental breakfast

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Towel Hire Towels are only required for those group members staying in dormitory accommodation . Group members can bring their own towels; they are not required to hire towels.	\$1.00 per towel	Would your group like to hire towels? <input type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. The group requires _____ towels.
Meeting Function Room Hire Rooms in The Big Dig Education Centre can be hired for meetings, conferences and private functions. Detailed information regarding session times & prices can be found in the Group Information Pack.	Prices start at \$90.00 per session.	Does your group require room hire? <input type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. The following date is required: for a _____ session.
Activities and Tours We can arrange group activities and tours for your group in and around The Rocks.	Prices quoted upon request	Would you like to book activities? <input type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes.

PAYMENT DETAILS

<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque	Cheques made payable to: YHA Ltd. Post to: Blue Mountains YHA c/o Group Reservations Coordinator 207 Katoomba St Katoomba NSW 2000.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All prices quoted are in Australian Dollars and include GST. All prices are valid until 31st December 2012. 																				
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Funds Transfer	YHA Ltd. Bank Details: Westpac, 341 George St, Sydney NSW Account Number: 997185 BSB: 032 000 IBAN: WPACAU2S <u>Please quote Invoice Number on EFT.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 30% deposit is required WITHIN 14 DAYS to secure your reservation. Payment of balance due 21 days prior to arrival. 																				
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Group Booking Terms & Conditions

Making a group booking is conditional upon there being sufficient capacity at the hostel to accommodate the booking and the booking being accepted by YHA on behalf of the hostel.

Settlement and Payment

When a booking is made the group must pay a deposit of 30% of the total booking amount to YHA no later than 14 days from the date of the invoice. The final balance must be paid 21 days prior to arrival. **If booking payments are not received on time, YHA reserves the right to sell the accommodation to other guests.**

Refunds and Cancellations

For cancellations of all or part of the group booking:

- More than 6 weeks prior to arrival: YHA will refund 90% of the cancelled accommodation cost. Full refund on catering.
- Between 21 and 42 days prior to arrival: YHA will refund 70% of the cancelled accommodation cost. Full refund on catering.
- Between 15 and 20 days prior to arrival: YHA will refund 50% of the cancelled accommodation cost. Full refund on catering.
- Between 8 and 14 days prior to arrival: YHA will refund 25% of the cancelled accommodation cost and refund 75% on catering.
- Within 7 days of arrival: No refund.

Notice of Liability

The group leader must agree to ensure that their group will abide by the YHA requirements listed below and any reasonable instructions made by the hostel manager or staff. The group leader must undertake:

1. To accept responsibility for proven damage or loss caused by the group to hostel building or equipment including safety and security systems and to recompense YHA for any such loss or damage.
2. To abide by the conditions of payment for a booking, including the cancellation policy as detailed above.
3. To ensure that any children in the group are supervised at all times. Children must be supervised in public areas that may include elevators, swimming pools and rooftop areas.
4. To agree that YHA does not accept responsibility for accidents which may occur to any group member, or for any damage or theft of property whilst using YHA hostels.
5. Not to drink alcohol excessively at the hostel. If members of the group are under 18, to agree not to bring alcohol onto the hostel premises or to return to the premises in an intoxicated state. Leaders are particularly responsible for ensuring any group member under 18 years of age abides by YHA's policies baring smoking and consumption of alcohol.
6. To follow all parking and other specific requests of the hostel management.

General Obligations

YHA undertakes to provide the agreed services at the agreed times by the Hostel. This obligation does not apply under circumstances beyond the control of YHA such as:

- If the group does not arrive.
- If the group fails to pay the deposit or balance on time.

Additional Provisions

1. Standard hostel policies will be clearly displayed or made available to all guests within the hostel. Group members are expected to comply with such hostel policies.
2. A cash bond may be required from group guests – at the Manager's discretion.
3. YHA reserves the right at all times and without prior notice to stop accommodating a group if one or more group members contravenes hostel policies. No refunds will be given in these circumstances.

Cancellation by YHA

YHA reserves the right to terminate a booking without any obligation to pay compensation if there is sufficient cause to believe that the nature of the group's meeting at the hostel is different than could reasonably have been expected, based on the group's request or on the character of the group, and that YHA would not have entered into the agreement had it known the true nature of the intended meeting. Should YHA choose to exercise this right after such meeting has commenced at the Hostel, the group's payment for the services rendered to that point will be retained and the balance paid will be refunded.

Group Membership

To stay at YHA hostels, groups must be members of YHA. Australian groups join YHA in their home state. Non- Australian groups join YHA/HI in their home country. Group Membership can also be arranged at the time of booking.

Disclaimer

I hereby warrant YHA Ltd and its member hostel that I am authorised to enter into this agreement and as such accept full personal responsibility for the group's adherence to the Group Booking Conditions and undertake to ensure that the group in my charge abides by those Conditions.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

