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Nuala and Jaime want to celebrate their anniversary in a stylish hotel with good service. They plan to eat out, see a show and go sightseeing, without using public transport.

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Sebastian wants to do some exercise at his hotel before attending a conference in the city centre. Afterwards he plans to walk back, have a meal in his room and relax for the evening.

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Alex and Mei want a room in a traditional hotel with suitable facilities for their two children. They want to eat well before going sightseeing and want help with ideas for what to do.

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Steve wants to stay overnight in a central hotel where he can experience the typical atmosphere of the city. He would like a light breakfast before leaving by public transport for his early morning flight.

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Holly and Lucia are travelling round Europe and want to stay somewhere cheap and with nightlife nearby. They hope to make friends with other young travellers like themselves.

City Hotels

A Royal

It's easy to miss this central hotel hidden away in a side street. Full of character, it is popular with families and business travellers but don't expect luxury service. Unlimited coffee, but nothing more, is available in the morning, but there are food stores a short walk away.

C Odeon

The Odeon proves that you can find an inexpensive hotel in one of the city's smartest locations but you'll need a taxi if you want to experience the city's nightlife. The rooms are comfortable but lack character. The buffet breakfast is average but with so many shops and cafés nearby it hardly matters.

E Windmill

This medium-priced hotel surrounded by artists' studios, lively bars and interesting food shops is right in the middle of the city. The underground station outside will take you anywhere, including the airport within minutes. Help yourself to breakfast from 8 am downstairs, or coffee and rolls can be brought to your room before that.

G Hi-Tech

All costs are kept low here. Guests book on the internet, then check in and buy everything they need from machines. Breakfast comes in airline-style boxes. You sleep in a tiny cabin for one and roll up your bed during the day. A fun choice for backpackers, who get together in the lively club next door.

B Mars

Hotel Mars is located on one of the main streets, a short walk from tourist attractions, theatres and restaurants. The luxury rooms are beautifully decorated and furnished with antiques. An excellent breakfast is served by waiters in the top-floor restaurant, which also offers spectacular evening views over the city.

D Haussman

The wonderful city museum is right next door to this friendly 19th century hotel. The old-fashioned furniture and attractive iron balconies all add to the homely atmosphere. The hotel games room will keep all ages entertained, and there's plenty on offer at the self-service breakfast. Staff are always happy to supply information about what's on.

F Stark's

A leading designer has decorated the inside of this smart modern hotel with bare grey walls, white bed covers and wooden floors. It's a half hour bus ride to the city centre or the airport. The ground floor has a top class restaurant and gym. Reception is open 24 hours a day.

H Archway

This 19th century hotel is in a busy area with plenty of restaurants. It was modernised two years ago and now has a fitness centre. Rooms are very comfortable with widescreen TV. There's no restaurant, but you can order decent hot food via reception from the takeaway next door.