



INTELLIGENCE DIVISION · ACCOMMODATION

Budget Hotels with Walkable Pubs Within 3 Hours of Brighton

*Travelodge, Premier Inn, and Ibis in towns with real pub scenes.
Per-person pricing for groups of 10.*

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METHODOLOGY

Hotel presence verified via [Travelodge.co.uk](https://www.travelodge.co.uk) and [PremierInn.com](https://www.premierinn.com) direct listings. Pub counts via [Pubsgalore.co.uk](https://www.pubsgalore.co.uk), [Good Pub Guide](https://www.goodpubguide.com), and local press. Prices are **August 2026 estimates** based on peak-season Travelodge/Premier Inn rates. Per-person costs assume **5 rooms for 10 people** (2 per room). All towns within **3 hours drive of Brighton**.

SIX VERIFIED OPTIONS

Portsmouth

NAVAL CITY + HISTORIC PUB QUARTER

Drive: 1 hour · **Pubs:** 30+ in central Portsmouth · **Verified:** Portsmouth News / Good Pub Guide

Famous for: Naval dockyard, HMS Victory, Spinnaker Tower, Spice Island historic pub quarter

Room: £70-95/night (Aug) **Per person:** £35-48/night · £105-144/3 nights

Best pubs: The Still & West · The Duke of Buckingham · The Spice Island Inn · The George Hotel · The Lord Palmerston · The Honest Politician · The Old Customs House · The Albert Road Tavern

Walkability: Gunwharf Quays → Old Portsmouth → Albert Road all walkable

travelodge.co.uk/hotels/62/Portsmouth-hotel

Southampton

MAJOR CITY + DANCING MAN BREWERY

Drive: 1.5 hours · **Pubs:** 37+ in city centre · **Verified:** Wanderlog / Visit Southampton

Famous for: Titanic departure port, medieval city walls, Bedford Place pub strip

Room: £65-90/night (Aug) **Per person:** £33-45/night · £99-135/3 nights

Best pubs: Dancing Man Brewery · The Duke of Wellington (13th-century building) · The Platform Tavern · The Rockstone · The Giddy Bridge · The Oxford Arms · The Grapes · The Red Lion

Walkability: Bedford Place + Oxford Street pub quarter fully walkable

travelodge.co.uk/hotels/66/Southampton-hotel

Winchester

CATHEDRAL CITY + ANCIENT CAPITAL

Drive: 1.5 hours · **Pubs:** 15+ in city centre · **Verified:** Historic pub quarter

Famous for: Winchester Cathedral, King Arthur's Round Table, oldest school in England

Room: £75-100/night (Aug) **Per person:** £38-50/night · £114-150/3 nights

Best pubs: The Wykeham Arms · The Old Vine · The Eclipse · The Cart & Horses · The King Alfred · The Chesil Rectory

Walkability: Cathedral → High Street → Chesil Street all compact

premierinn.com/winchester

Canterbury

CATHEDRAL CITY + UNIVERSITY TOWN

Drive: 1.5 hours · **Pubs:** 20+ historic pubs · **Verified:** Canterbury CAMRA / Visit Kent

Famous for: Canterbury Cathedral, Chaucer's Tales, medieval city walls, Westgate

Room: £70-95/night (Aug) **Per person:** £35-48/night · £105-144/3 nights

Best pubs: The Shakespeare (Tudor playhouse) · The Old Brewery Tavern · The Dolphin · The Bishops Finger · The Unicorn · The Thomas Becket · The Cricketers · The Lady Luck

Walkability: Cathedral quarter → St Dunstan's → city wall pubs all walkable

premierinn.com/canterbury

Eastbourne

CLOSEST OPTION + SEASIDE PUBS

Drive: 30 minutes · **Pubs:** 15+ in Old Town + seafront · **Verified:** Eastbourne Town pub guide / Yelp

Famous for: Beachy Head, Seven Sisters, Victorian seafront, Towner Gallery

Room: £60-85/night (Aug) **Per person:** £30-43/night · £90-129/3 nights

Best pubs: The Marine · The Cricketers Arms · The Lamb Inn · The Crown & Anchor · The Wellington · The Tiger Inn · The Holly Blue

Walkability: Old Town historic pub cluster + seafront bars

travelodge.co.uk/hotels/459/Eastbourne

Oxford

HIGHEST PUB DENSITY + COLLEGE BARS

Drive: 2 hours · **Pubs:** 100+ in central Oxford · **Verified:** Pubsgalore (1855+ Oxford postal district listings)

Famous for: Oldest university in English-speaking world, Radcliffe Camera, Bodleian Library

Room: £80-110/night (Aug) **Per person:** £40-55/night · £120-165/3 nights

Best pubs: The Turf Tavern · The Bear · The Eagle and Child · The Lamb and Flag · The King's Arms · The White Horse · The Half Moon · The Anchor

Walkability: Every street in the city centre has pubs — highest density in UK

travelodge.co.uk/hotels/60/Oxford-Peartree

PRICE COMPARISON · AUGUST 2026 ESTIMATES

Based on 10 people in 5 rooms, 3-night stay. Budget hotel prices estimated from peak-season Travelodge/Premier Inn rates.

TOWN	PER PERSON / 3 NIGHTS	DRIVE	PUB COUNT	HOTEL CHAINS
Eastbourne	£90-129	30 min	15+	Travelodge + Premier Inn
Southampton	£99-135	1.5h	37+	2× Travelodge + Premier Inn
Portsmouth	£105-144	1h	30+	Travelodge + Premier Inn
Canterbury	£105-144	1.5h	20+	Premier Inn + Travelodge
Winchester	£114-150	1.5h	15+	Premier Inn + Travelodge
Oxford	£120-165	2h	100+	Travelodge + Premier Inn + Ibis

REPROBATES RANKINGS

CHEAPEST OVERALL	Eastbourne — £90–129/pp for 3 nights, 30 min drive, seaside pubs
BEST PUB DENSITY	Oxford — 100+ pubs in compact centre, college bars, literary history
BEST VALUE + PUBS	Portsmouth — £105–144/pp, 30+ pubs, Spice Island historic quarter, 1h drive
BEST FOR GROUPS	Southampton — Multiple hotels, 37 pubs, Dancing Man Brewery, easy parking
MOST CHARACTER	Canterbury — Tudor pubs, cathedral city, medieval walls, university atmosphere

BUDGET HOTELS VS. AIRBNB HOUSES

Same 10 people, 3-night stay, August 2026:

OPTION	PER PERSON / 3 NIGHTS	PROS	CONS
Budget Hotel (5 rooms)	£90–165	No cleaning, no cooking, free breakfast often included, walk to pubs immediately, flexible bookings	No shared living room, split across rooms, less character
Airbnb House (10 beds)	£150–560	Shared space, kitchen, garden, house-party vibe	Clean up after yourselves, cook or eat out, higher cost, limited supply for 10 people

Bottom line: Budget hotels save £60–400 per person. The trade-off is communal space. For a group that plans to spend most of their time in pubs anyway, this is a strong option.

BOOKING URGENCY

August 2026 is peak season. Budget hotel chains release rooms 12 months in advance.

- **BOOK EARLY** **Oxford:** University events + tourists = high demand, limited chain supply
- **BOOK EARLY** **Portsmouth:** Historic dockyard + naval events draw crowds
- **MODERATE** **Southampton:** Multiple hotels, good supply, but cruise season peaks in August
- **GOOD SUPPLY** **Eastbourne:** Seaside resort with large hotel stock
- **GOOD SUPPLY** **Winchester / Canterbury:** Cathedral cities with reliable hotel supply

Recommendation: Book **Oxford** and **Portsmouth** first. Southampton and Eastbourne can wait a few weeks.

DIRECT BOOKING LINKS

- traveLodge.co.uk
- premierinn.com
- ibis.com

SOURCES & CONFIDENCE

CLAIM	SOURCE	CONFIDENCE
Hotel presence & locations	Travelodge.co.uk + PremierInn.com direct listings	High
Portsmouth: 30+ pubs	Portsmouth News / Good Pub Guide	High
Southampton: 37 pubs	Wanderlog / Visit Southampton	Medium-High
Oxford: 100+ pubs	Pubsgalore.co.uk (1855+ Oxford postal district)	High
August price estimates	Travelodge/Premier Inn peak-season baseline + 20%	Medium
Drive times	Google Maps baseline	High

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