

Voices from Former Exchange students-Finding an apartment (excluding Keio dormitory)

Use an english speaking agency

chose to live in a share house closer to the city center and it wasn't that difficult and not complicated at all to find a place. There are many possibilities to find a room online and they usually don't require a lot of paper work. You just have to be comfortable to share your kitchen and bathroom with others.

I stayed at a sharehouse managed by oakhouse. It was a great place if you don't want to live in a student dormitory.

Finding a sharehouse is really easy and probably the most convenient way to find an apartment. I used Oakhouse as it's one of the cheapest but I could also recommend Borderless house although it's a bit more expensive.

Rules in the Keio dormitory is quite strict, students are not allowed to bring friends or family to stay in the accommodation. Students with friends or families planning on visiting Japan and staying at their places should consider renting their own apartments. The price can be as reasonable as the Keio dormitory if they choose to stay in further areas such as Hiyoshi.

I suggest the share houses of Borderless house! Great people, good structures and a lot of possibilities to practice the Japanese language!

I used Oakhouse and Tokyo sharehouse.com but if you can come to Japan first, maybe stay in a hostel for a bit and make sure you check the room first! There's plenty of availability but sometimes the photos don't really match the truth ;)

Fontana company was very helpful, they have accommodations you can rent with a couple of other friends at a convenient price.

Websites made for foreigners looking for apartments in Japan have very high rent (much higher than average). instead of going to these websites, consider looking for a sharehouse or ask a friend to help you look at a website made for Japanese people looking for an apartment (ex. Suumo)

Look for "Shinkoiwa DK House". Closer to Tokyo and less expensive than Keio dormitories

The dormitories are all located around Hiyoshi Campus, but as Keio International Program Student you will most likely go to Mita Campus for lectures. Knowing this i decided to go for a Sharehouse (by the company Oakhouse) and lived in Ueno. For the same price i got a very small room but was "inside"Tokyo and even had really useful trains nearby to get around. Their site is very intuitive and they have nice english speaking support. It takes a bit of luck though, to get lively flatmates. The only downside is, that if you want to attend sports circles they are mostly all in Hiyoshi.