



Thon Hotel EU	BRUSSELS	2	£695
NH Du Grand Sablon Brussels	BRUSSELS	1	£332
XX	BURNABY	1	£300
XX	CHELTENHAM	5	£1,800
XX	CHELTENHAM	5	£1,800
XX	CHELTENHAM	4	£1,400
XX	CHELTENHAM	2	£700
XX	CHELTENHAM	1	£400
XX	DENVER	2	£700
XX	DENVER	2	£700
XX	DJIBOUTI	2	£600
XX	DJIBOUTI	2	£600
XX	DJIBOUTI	2	£600
XX	DUBAI	7 (for 3 people)	£9,100
XX	DUBAI	7	£5,200
XX	DUBAI	6	£1,800
XX	DUBAI	3	£900
XX	DUBAI	2	£700
XX	GIBRALTAR	5	£2,600
XX	GIBRALTAR	5	£2,600
XX	GIBRALTAR	5	£2,100
XX	GIBRALTAR	5	£1,600
XX	INNSBRUCK	3	£1,000
Holiday Inn Camden Lock	LONDON	7	£2,583
51 Buckingham Gate Taj Suites	LONDON	3	£2,400
Charing Cross	LONDON	5	£1,620
Doubletree by Hilton Islington	LONDON	4	£1,356
Royal Horseguards Hotel	LONDON	2	£1,336
Park Plaza Westminster Bridge	LONDON	3	£1,223
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Park Plaza Westminster Bridge	LONDON	3	£1,223
Tower A Guoman Hotel	LONDON	3	£1,024
Tower A Guoman Hotel	LONDON	3	£1,024
Royal Horseguards Hotel	LONDON	3	£909
Tower A Guoman Hotel	LONDON	2	£855
Tower A Guoman Hotel	LONDON	2	£855
51 Buckingham Gate Taj Suites	LONDON	1	£800
Millennium Baileys Hotel	LONDON	2	£745
Tower A Guoman Hotel	LONDON	2	£726
Thistle Euston	LONDON	2	£667
Marriott London Regents Park	LONDON	2	£651
Doubletree by Hilton London	LONDON	2	£648
Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton Hotel	LONDON	2	£624
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Tower A Guoman Hotel	LONDON	2	£622
Royal Horseguards Hotel	LONDON	2	£606
Millennium Hotel Knightsbridge	LONDON	1	£489

Marriott London Regents Park	LONDON	1	£429
Grosvenor Victoria	LONDON	1	£415
Grosvenor Victoria	LONDON	1	£415
Millennium Copthorne Chelsea	LONDON	1	£389
Thistle Euston	LONDON	1	£362
Royal Horseguards Hotel	LONDON	1	£360
Radisson Kenilworth Hotel	LONDON	1	£356
51 Buckingham Gate Taj Suites	LONDON	1	£350
Thistle London Piccadilly	LONDON	1	£350
Ambassadors Bloomsbury	LONDON	1	£349
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Ambassadors Bloomsbury	LONDON	1	£349
Thistle London Piccadilly	LONDON	1	£348
Thistle London Piccadilly	LONDON	1	£348
Radisson Kenilworth Hotel	LONDON	1	£344
Thistle London Piccadilly	LONDON	1	£324
The Cavendish London	LONDON	1	£323
Grosvenor Thistle Victoria	LONDON	1	£315
Grosvenor Victoria	LONDON	1	£313
Park Lane Hotel London	LONDON	1	£312
Bloomsbury Park Hotel	LONDON	1	£311
Holiday Inn Express London Greenwich A102 (M)	LONDON	1	£310
Royal Horseguards Hotel	LONDON	1	£303
XX	LUXEMBOURG	1	£400
XX	LUXEMBOURG	1	£400
XX	MADRID	4	£1,600
XX	MADRID	4	£1,600
XX	MANCHESTER	1	£300
XX	MANCHESTER	1	£300
XX	MANCHESTER	1	£300
XX	NASHVILLE	3	£1,100
XX	NICE	1	£400
XX	OXFORD	5	£1,600
XX	OXFORD	4	£1,200
XX	OXNARD CA	6	£1,900
NOVOTEL PARIS LES HALLES	PARIS	3	£955
Saint Dominique Hotel	PARIS	2	£805
Saint Dominique Hotel	PARIS	2	£708
Holiday Inn Paris Elysees	PARIS	1	£371
Mercure Paris La Sorbonne St Germain des Pres	PARIS	1	£362
De Lille Hotel	PARIS	1	£332
Holiday Inn Paris Elysees	PARIS	1	£310
Holiday Inn Paris Elysees	PARIS	1	£310
Holiday Inn Paris Elysees	PARIS	1	£310
Hyatt Paris Madeleine	PARIS	1	£305
Hyatt Paris Madeleine	PARIS	1	£305
Hyatt Paris Madeleine	PARIS	1	£305
Hotel D Orsay	PARIS	1	£301
XX	PHILADELPHIA	2	£600
XX	ROSKILDE	3	£1,200

Best Western Americana	SAN FRANCISCO	6	£2,130
Holiday Inn San Francisco-Civic Center	SAN FRANCISCO	3	£1,111
Novotel Sydney Darling Harbour	SYDNEY	3	£1,032
Sofitel Wentworth Sydney	SYDNEY	1	£344
Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney	SYDNEY	1	£337
XX	TAMPERE	4	£2,100
XX	TEL AVIV	3	£900
XX	TOKYO	4	£1,200
XX	UNIVERSAL CITY	1	£300
XX	VALENCIA	4	£1,900
XX	VALLETTA	1	£400
XX	VIENNA	3	£1,000
XX	WARSAW	2	£1,000
XX	WARSAW	2	£1,000
XX	WARSAW	2	£600
XX	WASHINGTON	4	£1,400
XX	WASHINGTON D.C.	5	£1,700
XX	WASHINGTON D.C.	5	£1,600
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Section 38(1) (Health and Safety) has been applied to the names of certain hotels because their disclosure would be likely to endanger the safety of Defence staff and the staff of Defence service providers and their families. Section 38 is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The balance of public interest was found to be in favour of withholding the information given that we are currently living through a period of heightened terrorist threat and we have a duty of care to both our own employees and those of our service providers and their families to do all we can to secure their personal safety. There may moreover not be many suitable safe and secure locations in some parts of the world which places constraints on the opportunities to vary travel arrangements. We must in particular be alert to the possibility that terrorists may seek to target hotel locations both to kill, injure or take hostage members of our Armed Forces or our civilian staff and to punish those perceived as helping us. While the likelihood of such attacks is generally relatively low in most parts of the world, there are areas where we assess that the risks associated with the release of hotel names include a reduction in the potential anonymity of staff and a potential undermining of the counter-espionage measures and safety advice provided to Defence staffs travelling to those areas. It might also assist terrorists or foreign intelligence agencies to commit a hostile activity if they were to have access to a more refined pattern of hotel usage than they may otherwise have had.

We have therefore redacted the information provided accordingly and have rounded the cost using the average room rate for these hotels rounded to the nearest £100 in calculating the total cost.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, public authorities are required to provide advice and assistance while processing FOI requests, and I have therefore included some additional information below that you may find useful.

We seek to minimise the risks to our staff while they are conducting MOD business, for example through providing advice on varying their travel arrangements.

Hotels are used by Service and civilian personnel on official business for MOD. The amount that may normally be spent by a member of MOD staff (whether Service or civilian) for a night at a hotel is capped depending on the destination, with exceptions to the cap requiring prior approval. Such exemptions will be authorised where, for example, there is limited availability of hotel accommodation (eg, because of conferences or other events), where a Host Nation organises a conference at a specific hotel, in medical emergencies, in compassionate cases and where there are good business reasons for doing so (eg,

where the associated travel costs at the destination would have exceeded the additional cost of the accommodation).

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Resources Secretariat