## The reality of housing right now

Finding accommodation in Tenerife, especially in the south, has become very difficult over recent years. Many landlords are now turning their apartments into Airbnbs to charge higher prices to tourists, which has reduced the number of rental options for workers & locals.

Because of this, you'll struggle to find cheap accommodation online, and prices for available apartments have increased. It's important to be realistic about the housing situation before coming over.

## Best ways to find a place

- 1. Speaking to people already working here. Many workers share apartments, and there are always people leaving and looking for replacements. Ask other workers directly when you arrive!
- 2. There are Facebook groups where people post available rooms, but beware of scams (we'll cover that below).
- 3. If you don't have a place sorted before you arrive, book short-term accommodation like a hostel or cheap hotel for a week or two while you ask around for long-term options. This is the safest way to avoid scams and see the apartments in person.
- 4. Consider sharing a room. If you're coming out alone, consider sharing a room with another worker to cut costs. Private apartments can be expensive, but split rent with a friend, and it's much more affordable!

## Where to Stay?

- Las Américas & Los Cristianos The heart of the nightlife & tourist scene, walking distance to most jobs.
- ↑ Costa Adeje A little quieter but still close to work opportunities.
- Tip: Staying near Veronicas/Las Américas means you'll be close to work, but it can be noisy at night!

## **Common Mistakes to Avoid**

- $\times$  Paying for accommodation before seeing it in person.
- X Moving in without checking for hidden costs.
- X Choosing a location too far from work/nightlife.

Red flags to watch for:

- Prices that seem way cheaper than average.
- ⚠ A "landlord" who rushes you to send money upfront.
- ⚠ No in-person viewings or excuses why you can't visit.
- ✓ Stay safe by:
- ✓ Always viewing the property before paying anything.
- ✓ Using trusted contacts or local agencies.
- ✓ Paying deposits via secure methods.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is! Stay cautious and avoid losing your hard-earned money.