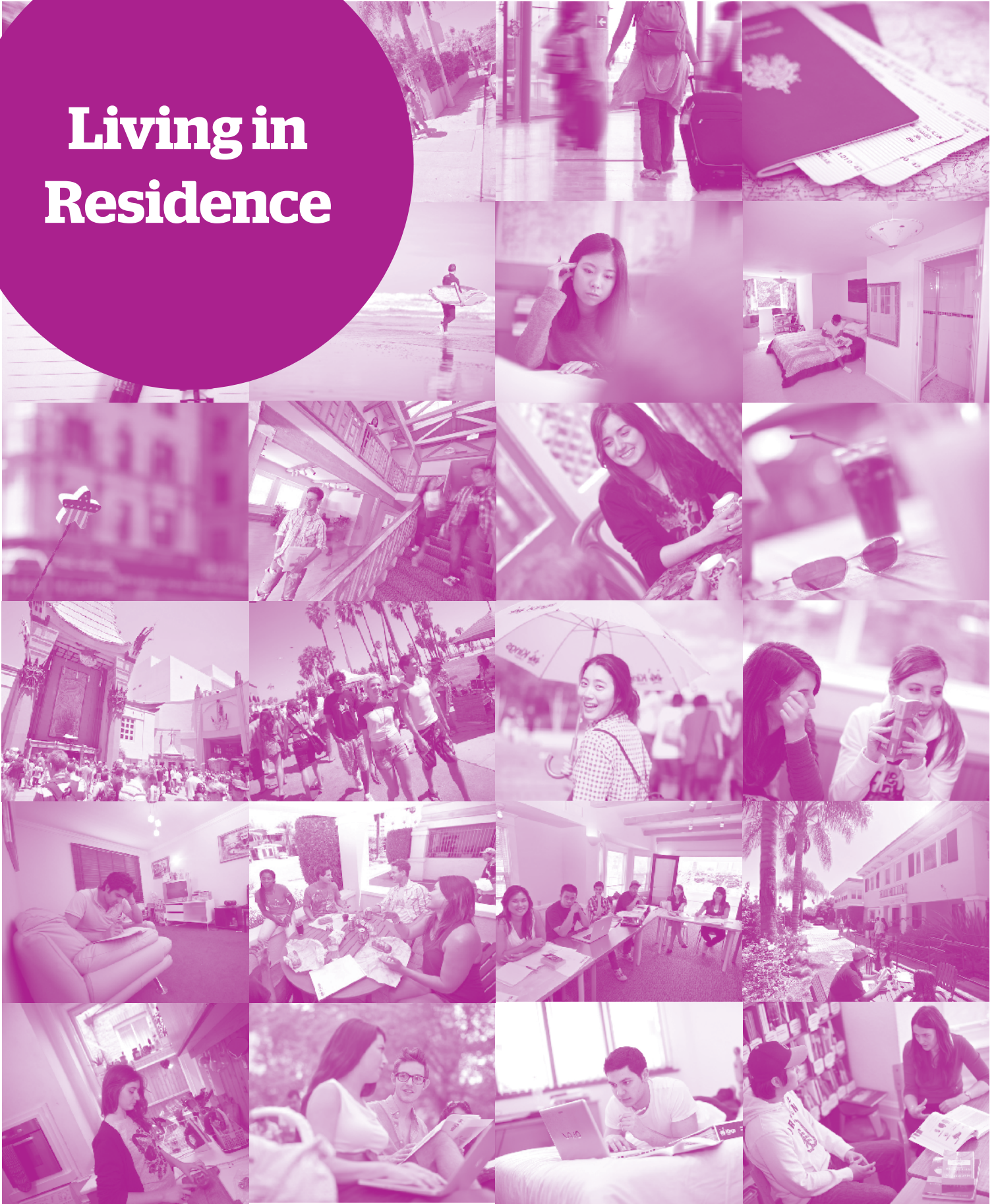


Living in Residence



6. Living in a student Residence

If you are an older student who is looking for more independence and freedom, living in a student residence may be a better choice for you.

Most student residences are 18+, which means you will be living with more mature students, and will experience student life in a different way to homestay students.

Students living together in residence often form close friendships lasting far longer than the duration of their tenancy. It is a great opportunity to meet other students from all over the world who perhaps you might not be in the same classes with at college. And of course, living in residence provides even more opportunities to practice your English with your new friends.

Some student residences are catered, but others are self catering, and you will be provided with a shared kitchen to make your own meals. As a communal space it is important to play your part in keeping this area clean and tidy. Many students get together once or twice a week to cook shared meals, which is a great opportunity to improve your cooking skills and get to know your flatmates.

Some student residences have en suite bathrooms, while others feature shared bathrooms - usually between a maximum of three or four students. Again, it is important to do your fair share of the cleaning, and keep the bathrooms and other communal areas clean and tidy. Remember, residence is not a hotel - while some student residences offer weekly cleaning, you will be expected to do most of this work, and any cleaning provided does not include doing the washing up!

Student residences provide more freedom than homestay accommodation, with no curfews and more personal control over your living space. While this can be a great opportunity, it's also important to remember the importance of getting plenty of sleep and keeping a tidy and organised work space in your room.

