



OUR SHARED HOMES

Stay Types

Travel differently. Stay like you belong.

A detailed guide to every way you can exchange with OSH

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Five Ways to Exchange

OSH is built around flexibility. However you like to travel, there's a way to stay. Every exchange, whatever the type, is backed by identity verification and an agreement between both members before anything is confirmed.

1. Swap Together

The most traditional form of home exchange. Both members travel and stay in each other's homes at the same time, on the same dates. Nothing changes hands but the keys, no Credits are involved.

How it works

1. A member browses homes and sends a request, proposing their own home in exchange along with the dates.
2. The host reviews the request, the proposed home, and the requesting member's profile.
3. Both members agree on dates and any house rules or conditions.
4. An agreement is generated and both members before the exchange is confirmed. This is where you discuss things like cleaning, possible pet minding, bringing a pet, watering plants or perhaps swapping a car. It is totally up to the parties involved and how you want to swap.
5. On the agreed dates, both members travel and stay in each other's homes at the same time.

Who it's for

Members who want a straightforward, reciprocal exchange and are happy to have their home occupied at the same time as they're away.

Example	
Member A	Tess in Sydney, wants to visit Melbourne in October
Member B	Andrea in Melbourne wants to visit, wants to visit Sydney in October
Arrangement	Both agree on the same 10 nights, agree on the details of the exchange and swap homes for that period
Credits	None exchanged, a direct swap

2. Flexi Swap

A home exchange with more flexibility on timing. Both members still agree to stay in each other's homes, but not necessarily on the same dates. One member's stay can happen weeks or months before the others.

How it works

1. Both members agree to exchange homes but propose different date ranges for each stay.
2. The digital agreement records both commitments, including the dates for each party.
3. The first stay goes ahead as agreed.
4. The second, deferred stay goes ahead later, on the dates set out in the agreement.
5. Sometimes one party might not know their travel dates in the future and it is left open TBC.

Who it's for

Members whose travel plans don't line up on the calendar, but who are still happy to exchange homes on a reciprocal basis.

Example	
Member A	Andrea in Melbourne, wants to visit Sydney in August
Member B	Tess in Sydney can't travel to Andrea's house in Melbourne until the following January
Arrangement	Andrea stays in Tess's Sydney home in August. Tess stays in Andrea's Melbourne home the following January
Credits	None exchanged, the exchange is still reciprocal, just deferred

Because the return stay happens later, the digital agreement is especially important here. It records both parties' commitment, so expectations are clear on both sides. Both parties will see this agreement on their pages and the calendar will remain blocked for this period.

3. Host Stay

A member hosts another without swapping homes, a genuine act of community hospitality. The host doesn't travel or receive a home in return; they simply welcome a guest into their home.

How it works

1. A member sends a request to stay at a host's home for their chosen dates, no home offered in exchange.
2. The host reviews the request and the guest's profile before accepting.
3. A digital agreement is generated, setting out house rules and responsibilities.
4. The guest exchanges 1 OSH Credit per night with the host, a simple, fixed rate.
5. The host earns 1 Credit per night in return, which they can use on a future stay of their own.

Who it's for

Hosts who enjoy welcoming guests and being part of the community, without needing to travel themselves right away. Guests who want a low-Credit way to stay and get to know a host personally.

Example	
Guest	Andrea requests 4 nights at a Tess's home in Sydney while Tess will be there
Rate	1 Credit per night, fixed
Credits exchanged	4 Credits, from guest to host
Result	Tess now holds 4 Credits to use on a future stay elsewhere

You can select not to accept this type of stay on your dashboard if you would prefer not to host while you are home.

4. OSH Credits Stay

A non-reciprocal stay, no swap required. The guest stays in the host's home and exchanges Credits with them. The host sets their own rate, and can use the Credits they receive on a stay elsewhere, anytime.

How it works

1. A host lists their home for OSH Credits Stays and sets a nightly rate between 2 and 5 Credits (base 3). (see FAQ's for more information on how to set your rate).
2. A guest with enough Credits sends a request for their chosen dates.
3. The host reviews the request and the guest's profile before accepting.
4. A digital agreement is generated and signed by both parties.

5. On confirmation, the guest's Credits are exchanged with the host, based on the nightly rate and length of stay.
6. The host can now use those Credits on a stay of their own, at any time, with any other host.

Who it's for

Members who've built up Credits through hosting or referrals and want to travel without needing a reciprocal swap. Hosts who'd rather earn Credits toward their own future travel than commit to a direct exchange.

Example	
Host	Tess lists a home in Sydney with a rate of 3 Credits per night-sets her calendar as available for dates she won't be there and is happy to have someone in her home.
Guest	Andrea wants to stay at Tess's house 5 nights.
Credits exchanged	15 Credits, from Andrea to Tess, at confirmation of exchange
Result	Tess now holds those 15 credits to use elsewhere on another house/stay

Hosts can adjust their nightly rate within the 2 to 5 Credit range at any time, it doesn't have to stay fixed at the base rate of 3- See FAQ's for more information.

5. OSH Outdoors- COMING NEXT!

Stay on someone's land with your van or tent, or use their boat mooring. OSH Outdoors brings the same trusted, verified community to land and outdoor stays, van life, camping, and beyond.

How it works

1. A landowner lists their space, a paddock, a bush block, a driveway, a mooring, along with the facilities on offer.
2. A guest sends a request for their chosen dates, with details of their van, tent, or vessel.
3. The host reviews the request and the guest's profile before accepting.
4. A digital agreement is generated and signed by both parties, including any house rules, curfews, or conditions.
5. The guest and host exchange in kind, or the guest exchanges OSH Credits with the host, fixed at 1 Credit per night.
6. Hosts can also choose to offer their space for free, no Credits required.

Who it's for

Van lifers, campers, and boat owners looking for trusted, private access to land and moorings, and landowners who want to welcome outdoor travellers into the OSH community.

Example	
Host	Offers a bush block with power and water access
Guest	Books 3 nights with their campervan
Rate	1 Credit per night, flat
Credits exchanged	3 Credits, from guest to host
Alternative	Host could instead choose to offer the space free of charge

OSH Outdoors Credits are part of the same unified Credits pool as home exchange, Credits earned hosting a home can be used on an OSH Outdoors stay, and vice versa.

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