# How much will I actually have left from a single booking?

For: Private accommodation host

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**Subtract the sales channel fees and accommodation costs from the reservation price, and only then allocate the annual expenses. The platform payout amount is not automatically profit.**

## Compare the same stay and the same costs.

For the same number of nights, record the sale price, commission, collection fee, cleaning, laundry, consumables and additional costs incurred by that particular stay. Check the tax treatment of each charge separately before making a final decision.

The cost of preparing after departure is mainly tied to the booking, while other costs are linked to the night stay or the entire year. That's why the same price per night can yield a different result for a one-night stay and a week-long stay.

## Separate the contribution from reservations from the annual result.

The reservation contribution shows what remains after selected variable costs have been deducted. To assess the overall result, add maintenance, insurance, annual fees, investments and other expenses that exist even when there are no guests. Treat empty nights as a scenario, not as guaranteed income.

## Illustrative example

For a €300 booking, assume €45 in channel fees and €60 in other costs incurred by that stay. The difference is €195 before allocating annual expenses and other obligations. This is neither the net profit nor the host's actual figure.

## Specific next steps

1. Compare the gross selling price and all channel fees.
2. Break down the cost by booking, per night and by year.
3. Calculate the contribution and several occupancy scenarios.
4. Check the reasonable price and minimum stay requirements.

## Most common mistakes

• Call the platform's net payout net profit.

• Forget that short stays can increase the number of cleanings.

## Limits of application

The calculator and example use your assumptions. They do not determine your tax liability and do not guarantee income.

## If you need further assistance

Enter your own price, nights stayed, commission and costs into the booking contribution calculator.

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