

## ACCOMMODATION IN THE USA

**Accommodation** is provided by Mountbatten, at no charge, in fully furnished, non-smoking apartments. Mountbatten maintains some 38 apartments in modern high-rise buildings. These are contained within a comprehensive, residential, development complex called Newport in Jersey City, on the New Jersey side of the Hudson River, directly across from Manhattan's financial district.

Trainees / interns are obliged to live in the Mountbatten apartments for their entire year.

### Facilities

Newport is an attractive 600 acre complex dominating the waterfront. The neighbourhood is home to 8 office buildings, 13 apartment towers, 3 hotels, a marina, retail mall and parks. Only minutes from the Mountbatten apartments, you can find a gym (with swimming pool) tennis courts, waterfront restaurants, bars, banks, grocery stores, a medical centre and the PATH station where trains connect Newport with Manhattan 24 hours a day.

### Shopping

In addition to the many shops and cafes, which line Newport streets, the indoor shopping mall, Newport Centre, contains over a million square feet of shopping facilities plus a vast food court as well as an 11-screen cinema. The mall is anchored by four American brand name stores: Sears, Kohl's, Macy's and JC Penney. Additional retail facilities within a 10 minute walk of our apartments include Target, Best Buy, Staples, and the large supermarket A&P.

### Location and Transportation

Newport faces the Financial District/Wall Street area at the southern tip of Manhattan in New York City. The PATH is the rail transit system that serves as the primary transit link between New Jersey and Manhattan. Newport has its own PATH station, which is about 5 minutes' walk from the apartments. PATH trains operate 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. They run at 5-minute intervals during rush hour and take about 15-20 minutes to 33rd Street in mid-town Manhattan. From its several stops you can change to the New York Subway system. The PATH train costs USD \$2.75 for a single ride (USD \$89 SmartLink 30-day pass – unlimited). The fare for a SingleRide subway or local bus ride in New York City costs USD \$2.75 (USD \$121 for a 30-day Unlimited Ride MetroCard). Note: Transportation costs are subject to change. On the New Jersey side, Newport offers access to every major transport system in the Northeast. Newport is about 14 miles by road from Newark International Airport, which has daily flights to destinations around the world.

### Mountbatten Apartments

Mountbatten leases apartments in four towers known as Waterside Square South, Waterside Square North, Parkside East and Parkside West.

Each tower has a large lobby with 24-hour doorman, security service and laundry room. Apartments comprise of 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms, a large living room/dining room and a fully equipped kitchen. The apartments usually have 5 occupants. Each apartment has a telephone, a TV, heating and air conditioning. Trainees / interns share a room with another Mountbatten throughout the year. Apartments (but not bedrooms) are typically mixed gender; however, trainees / interns can request a single gender apartment and the Programme will do its best to honour such a request.

**Trainees / interns should be prepared to share a bedroom with another participant for the full length of the Programme.** The **single room** in each apartment is typically granted to a trainee / intern in their **second half** of their training year and is allocated based on a lottery system. Please note, however, the process for assigning the single room is subject to change.

**Candidates who insist on having a single room, be it for medical, social, or other reasons, should not apply.**

### The Housing Team

The Mountbatten Housing Office is located on-site in Newport. The Housing Team comprises of a Housing Manager and a Resident Manager. They administer all issues that pertain to housing. They oversee upkeep of the apartments, provide pastoral support, help with problems in the apartments, (personal or material), and ensure that the apartments are cared for in a reasonable manner.

Apartments are periodically inspected regularly for cleanliness and hygiene and to ensure they are being treated appropriately.

**Maintenance**

Our residences have maintenance crew responsible for general maintenance, plumbing, heating, lighting etc. The Mountbatten Housing Team maintains a relationship with building management to ensure smooth maintenance of our apartments on behalf of Mountbatten trainees / interns.

**Guests**

Guests, including friends and relatives, are **not** permitted to stay in the Mountbatten apartments.