# RENTALS UNITED

# STEP BY STEP

### HOW TO CONNECT TO

**Booking.com** 

## How it works - Self build

#### Property created in Booking.com

If you already have your property uploaded in Booking.com, you only need to synch your calendar, rates and minimum stay with RU. When the synch is activated, the rates and calendar you have in RU will **overwrite** your existing info in Booking.com. Going forward, you will manage your calendar and rates from RU only.

#### Price per guest

If you have price per guest in Booking.com you will need to have Extra price per guest in Ru too. Unsure of what price model you have in Booking.com? See more info on page 5-6

#### **Existing reservations**

RU can't import previous bookings made before connecting with us. Please make sure that your RU/PMS calendars are fully update with these reservations.

#### Extra fees and taxes

Since you uploaded your property in Booking.com, you need to add taxes and extra fees directly in your Booking.com extranet. Double check that you added this before activating the connection.

#### Bookings

You have to accept all bookings, RU cannot cancel a reservation on your behalf. Only the guest can cancel a booking and once it's been cancelled in Booking.com it will automatically be removed in RU and your PMS. Alternatively, if the credit card is invalid or there is a no show, you can also cancel the reservation.

#### Payment

You need to charge the guest yourself; you can find the credit card details in the Booking details in RU, which will be stored for 10 days.

#### **Property Content**

If you need to change your content, eg photos, amenities etc you need to do this directly in Booking.com since you uploaded your property there.

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## **1. Booking.com rate models**

You need to have the same price model in RU as you have set up in Booking.com. This is how your check your price model in Booking.com

#### Price per night model

Nine-Bedroom Villa	(Room I	D:																					
	May 2	2018																Jun 20	18				
	∏ue 15	Wed 16	Thu <b>17</b>	Fri 18	Sat 19	Sun 20	Mon <b>21</b>	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thu 24	Fri <b>25</b>	Sat 26	Sun 27	Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30	Thu 31	Fri 01	Sat 02	Sun 03	Mon 04	Tue 05	Wei 06
Room Status	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*							*	*					*		
Rooms to Sell	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Net Booked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
✓ Standard Rate	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*							*	*					*		
Price	354	354	354	379	379	354	354	464	464	464	488	488	464	464	464	464	464	488	488	464	464	464	46
Single use rate per night																							
Minimum Length of Stay	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Policies	Part	ially r																					

#### Price per guest model | "derived" occupancy rates



Contact Booking.com to set up these "derived" occupancy rates!

## 2. Activate connection in Booking.com



#### Search for a provider

Enter the name of your connectivity provider in the following box, or choose a recommended provider from the list below. If your provider isn't listed here, please contact them for assistance.



1. Login to Booking.com. Go to your account in the top menu. Select Connectivity Provider.

2. In the next step, search for "Rentals United" or "Rentals United LOS" (depending on your pricing model) and click Next.

RU only syncs rates, availability & reservations.

1 Agreement	2 Provider confirmation	3 Confirm		
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I have read, accepted and agree Your XML Service Agreement w Between: Booking.com B.V. , Herengracht And You, The Accommodation	ed to the terms and conditions. with Booking.com 597, 1017CE Amsterdam, the Netherlands (" <b>Boo</b>	oking.com"),		1. Scroll down until you can tick the Terms and Conditions box.
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XML Service Schedule This Agreement is subject to a the Terms and conditions.	nd governed by the XML Service Sched	ule (the "Terms and conditions"). The Acc	commodation decları	
The XML Service Agreement as be read in conjunction therewi	nd XML Service Schedule forms an integ ith. agree to the Terms and conditions	gral part of the accepted Accommodation	n Agreement and Ge	2. Then, click on "Request connection.
A copy of this agreement will be so Request connection Go back	ent to you via e-mail			

Your connection with Rentals United will remain active until you activate your connection with Rentals United

2 Provider confirmation

3 Confirm

#### Status of the connection request: Waiting for provider confirmation

We're currently waiting for Rentals United confirmation to activate the connection with you. Rentals United should map all rooms and rates before the connection gets activated.

#### Summary of your pending request:

- · Rentals United is the connectivity provider handling your connection
- · The requested type of connection: Reservations, Rates and Availability, Content
- This connection request was submitted on 2020-05-15 10:18:00 at 2020-05-15 10:18:00

#### Next steps:

- · Rentals United will map all your rooms and rates in their system
- · Once mapping is complete, Rentals United will confirm that they're ready to establish the connection

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once the connection is

Note: your calendar should be automatically imported when your connection is activated.

Reset connection request

If you have several properties to connect to RU, please follow the instructions in <u>this guide</u> to send connection requests in bulk.

We accept connection requests on hourly basis from Monday to Friday. Contact us using our <u>Support Form</u> if you need it done immediately.

#### XML connection currently active (Rentals United)

Your connection is currently active with IT provider: Rentals United. This connection was activated on: 2020-06-29 10:14:26

Should you have any questions regarding the connection, please contact us through your extranet inbox.

Switch to a new channel manager

Deactivate



**⊘** What's available?

#### Reservations

Manage your existing and future reservations							
View and update reservations and cancellations	Report invalid credit card	Cancel due to invalid credit card	Report stay changes Re				
No show commission waiver							

Follow the instructions in the next slides to finish the connection.

#### You will be notified via email when we accepted your connection request(s).

## 3. Add Booking.com in RU

#### To check before you start:

1. Make a note of your Hotel ID from Booking.com Extranet - you will need to enter it in RU. Please note, if you see 01,02,03 etc in the end of your ID please remove them. For example, Hotel ID 123232701 needs to be entered as 1232327 in RU.

Go to My Services and add Booking.com



## 4. Connect in RU

Go through all the 4 steps in the Booking.com checklist. Download and read this PDF. Continue to your connection list to import and map your property..

#### GET CONNECTED TO 'BOOKING.COM'

Follow the steps to connect to this website. Read carefully



## Watch this video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqn0ePk5vDM

It shows how to map your Hotel channel property in Rentals United. This will enable the sync of rates & availability to the channel.

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## **5. Import property**

**Import your property:** 1. Enter your Hotel ID 2. Select a mark up if you wish to cover for the commission Booking.com charges you.

### **BOOKING.COM CONNECT PROPERTIES**

Connect the rates you have created in Booking.com with rates in Rentals United.



## 6. Map property

Now you will see your imported property from Booking.com in RU. The next step is to map it to the matching property in RU.



## Map property

Select the RU property that matches to this imported group. **Please note:** You may have a different name in Booking.com, so please map carefully. Finish by "Save group".



## 7. Activate rates & calendar

Your new group has been mapped and created. The last step is to activate and push your rates and calendar (incl. minimum stay) to Booking.com. To do this, simply click on "Activate", allow a few minutes for your info to show in your Booking.com Extranet. It can take a few minutes to send rates and calendar for a whole year.

**Important**: When you activate your rates and calendar it will overwrite your existing info in Booking.com. Therefore, it's crucial that your rates and calendar in RU are correct! Allow a few minutes, then login to Booking.com and double check that the correct rates and calendar are showing.



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## **1. Check your rates or calendar**

This is how you can check what rates and availability you are sending to Booking.com. Find your group and click on Manual Options. The data you see here in Manual Options is only sent to Booking.com.



Select dates in the calendar and click " Calculate"





Click on Edit group, remove the property by clicking on the X and add a new one. Don't forget to save!



## **3. Import new rooms**

If you have created new rooms in Booking.com, to an existing Hotel ID you will need to **import** and map them into RU too. **Don't delete or change the original Hotel ID group in RU.** Copy the same Hotel ID and add it into External ID and add markup if you need to cover for the channel's commission. Same process as on page 12.

### **BOOKING.COM CONNECT PROPERTIES**

Connect the rates you have created in Booking.com with rates in Rentals United.



## 4. Import new rate plans

If you have added or changed your rate plans in Booking.com, you will need to update this in RU too. Same steps as on page 12

**Don't delete the original Hotel ID group in RU.** Copy your Hotel ID, paste it in the External ID again. Click "import" to pull the new rate plans into your existing group.

Your new rates will show below your standard rate in your group. You can edit each rate plan with a higher or lower markup by clicking on **Quick Edit** next to each rate.



## 5. Change mark up- one property

To change your mark up for one property at a time. Find your group and click on "Quick Edit" Don't forget to save.

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## Change mark up- in a batch

If you need to change many properties or all properties, either tick the box for each group or select all. Add your new mark up and finish by clicking "Apply"

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# 6. Emergency- my rates/calendar are wrong!

If you see that your prices or calendar are wrong in Booking.com and you can't reach someone in RU, the **quickest** option is to find your group and click "Deactivate" Select option 2 which will immediately close your calendar in Booking.com



I want to stop sending rates and availability from Rentals United for this property and manage it directly in Booking.com. My property should still be open and bookable on Booking.com.

I want to close this property for sales on Booking.com.

CANCEL APPLY CHANGES

Select option 2. RU will send 0 availability to Booking.com which will immediately close your property for sales.

## 7. I want to cancel the connection

If you want to go back and manage your property in Booking.com again, simply click on "Deactivate" and select option 1. Don't forget to deactivate the connection in Booking.com too, see next page.



After you have deactivated in RU, you also need to deactivate the connection in Booking.com. If you don't deactivate in Booking.com too you will not be able to manually manage your rates and calendar directly in your Extranet.

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⊘ What's available?			
Reservations			
Manage your existing and future rese	ervations		
View and update reservations and cance	ellations Report invalid credit car	d Cancel due to invalid credit card	Report stay changes Re
No show commission waiver			