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United States
California
Berkeley
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General Information

VERIFIED MEMBER Identity Checked, Location Verified (3) [more info](#)
Couch available Maybe
CouchSurf requests 100%
replied to
member since March 29th, 2007
profile views 121
age 29
gender Male
membername GIUGO
occupation Graduate student in sociology
education MPhil Politics, 2007; BA Political Science and Economics, 2004
grew up in Taipei, Taiwan; California, USA
ethnicity Taiwanese
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Languages

Chinese (Mandarin) Expert
English (United States) Expert
Min Nan Expert
French Intermediate
Indonesian Intermediate

Groups I Belong To

East Bay 1323:1526
Why: I live in the East Bay, and have been to some of the CS dinners in the area. I enjoy traveling, and like to meet more CSers in the area.
Photography 12884:8931
Why: love doing travel/portrait photography
Malang 580:3148
Why: Saya akan tinggal di Malang selama musim panas ini untuk belajar bahasa Indonesia. Saya ingin menemui kawan2 yang baru di sini.
UC Berkeley 472:112
Why: Cal student here.

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Couch Information

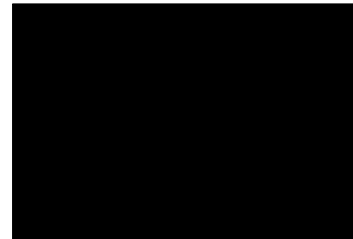
Couch Available: Maybe
Preferred Gender: Any
No smoking allowed
Has children: No
Can host children: No
Has pets: No
Can host pets: No
Max Surfers Per Night: 1

Shared Sleeping Surface: No
Shared Room: Depends
My landlord, who lives with me, may not allow me to host you in the living room, so you might have to either stay in my room or my housemates' provided they are okay with it.



Send CouchRequest to Andy Scott Chang!

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Me in April 2012
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Personal Description

Raised in Taiwan, went to college in California, did a master's in the UK, recently began doctoral studies in Taiwan, and soon returning to the US for more years of schooling, my life has gone on a rather circuitous path. Thankfully, though, I've rediscovered the dream of my life. Childhood memories of having witnessed massive sociopolitical changes continue to define the things I do and feel passionate about. Travel is one of these things that has affected me in a hugely positive way! On a lighter note, I personally love to travel via various modes of transport, like to drink and smoke socially, enjoy cooking and jogging, and want to learn more about the similarities and differences between cultures. I'm also interested in learning new languages, such as Bahasa Indonesia.

How I Participate in CS

I hope to begin hosting when I settle down in the US and can afford a bigger room in August 2010. But so far I'm fairly new to the couchsurfing scene and haven't really stayed with members of this awesome community.

CouchSurfing Experience

I was invited to stay with a number of local families while visiting Tunisia, Iran, Syria, Yemen, and Sudan during my extended journeys. Most of these experiences were unexpected in that my hosts went out of their way to accommodate and show me around when I first set foot in town. From the rooftops and carpeted floor of homes in Berber Tunisia and Yemen, to the middle-class Iranian villa and apartment, to the colourful Nubian village adobe, I've been blessed with an array of couchsurfing experiences. At the same time, being shown by welcoming locals such unusual sights as the Al Hudayda fish market, the Dosha sanddune and the ancient ruins of Soleb (hitched a ride on a donkey cart to get there!), the Berber granaries, and the Caspian sea, was truly unforgettable.

Interests

Travel, photography, politics, social movements and collective protests, cooking and eating, daydreaming, jogging, swimming, having an engaging conversation, smoking sheesha, reading, social drinking, wandering randomly while visiting a new town, research, people-watching (always waiting for a moment to snap a shot of strangers)

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