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Top Ten Amenities for the Perfect Hotel Stay

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We stay in a lot of hotels, see a lot of different and wonderful amenities, and spend a lot of time wondering just how great it would be if all those amenities were offered in one hotel room. We might never leave. Here's our list of amenities that would make a stay absolutely perfect – can you add one?

1. Free, fast wi-fi

Just how annoying is it when you have paid a great deal of money for a completely fabulous, luxurious hotel room in a wonderful location, only to find that you have to pay for your Internet connection? Pretty annoying. Since a huge portion of the population now wants to access the Internet when traveling, this is simply a huge and ridiculous inconvenience for guests and will actually make us reconsider a stay at a certain hotel.

2. No resort fees

Not only do some hotels charge you for wi-fi, you might also find yourself paying that mysterious daily “resort fee” which, when asked, seems to cover a fitness center and other amenities that are completely free at other hotels. Just a sneaky and silly way to gouge guests for an unnecessary charge.

3. Lots and lots and lots of outlets

My absolutely favorite thing to see when I enter a hotel room is one of those lamps with outlets at the base. Why don't all hotels have these? With all the gizmos travelers now take along, we need lots of outlets to charge them up. And please don't hide them behind the bed, desk, etc. so we have to crawl on the floor, pull out furniture, and curse the hotel and whoever designed this room as we do so.

4. Free, hot breakfast, preferably with an omelette bar

More hotels are offering a free breakfast and it's a really nice amenity for travelers to help with travel expenses. We especially like the great breakfast with an omelet bar that you can get at Embassy Suites.

5. Free snacks

I realize I'm asking for a lot here but it's not beyond the realm of possibility as we have had this amenity at several hotels. From a code to use on special snack machines to fridges full of drinks and candy to a full spread of snacks at certain times in an Executive level lounge, we had experienced them all – and it's quite lovely!

6. Electronic housekeeping notification

Honestly, we have only experienced this at one hotel but it's so genius, I don't know why all hotels don't have it. Instead of a plastic card that gets lost and bent, you just flip a switch to turn on a light outside your door when you don't want to be disturbed or are ready to have your room cleaned. Fabulous!

7. Flat screen, new television with an HDMI connection

Yes, this is pretty specific but surely we are not the only ones who would like to hook up our laptop to watch Netflix or movies we have brought with us. We are finding this option more and more as hotels upgrade and renovate but we actually had one hotel that had an HDMI connection but had disabled it so you were forced to order their in-room movies choices. Seriously? Not good customer service at all.

8. Comfortable beds

Honestly, you would think this would be a huge priority for hotels but, apparently, not so much. Most hotels, especially high-end locations, have great beds and luxurious bedding, but we have had some that were pretty atrocious. Hotel managers should be forced to sleep in the beds one night and I think the comfort level would change pretty fast!

9. Night light in the bathroom

With all the traveling we do, we have learned to take a night light with us but I'm sure all travelers don't have this option. When you are staying in a pitch black hotel room and unfamiliar with the layout, it's nice to have that little bit of light to find your way to the bathroom.

10. Friendly, conscientious staff

I can't tell you what a difference it makes in your hotel experience to be greeted by friendly staff who seem to honestly enjoy their jobs and want you to have a great stay with them. We have even stayed in hotels where they instantly know your name and call you by it when they see you. Totally makes your stay into a really pleasant experience.

Now if only we can find a hotel that offers all these amenities!

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