

5 Tips for Sharing a Hotel Room with a New Roomie

Sharing a room with someone new can be one of the best parts of a group trip, you might even leave with a new lifelong friend! A few little conversations upfront can make everything more comfortable, especially when everyone has different routines and needs.

1. TALK ABOUT SLEEP

□ Are you an early riser? A night owl? Do you snore? Need complete darkness? Talk about it! Pack earplugs and an eye mask — they can save friendships. Also agree on alarms.

2. PLAN THE BATHROOM

□ If you're both getting ready for an event, work out who needs the bathroom first and roughly how long you'll need. Try not to take over every surface with makeup and hair products (leave room for your roomie too)! Work out if it is ok to flush during the night, or mention if you want your roomie to put the TV on loud while you have a bathroom moment etc. We are all human – better to mention it and have a laugh and feel ok.

3. RESPECT QUIET TIME

□ Headphones are your best friend for TikTok, music or late-night TV. If your roomie is sleeping, keep the lights low and try to come in quietly if you're out late. And remember, you don't have to spend every moment together — it's perfectly okay to have some alone time.

4. SHARE THE SPACE

□ Keep your belongings mostly on your side and avoid letting your suitcase explode across the entire room. Be mindful of temperature, lights, bathroom space and shared areas. If you're unsure whether something will bother your roomie, just ask rather than assume.

5. BE KIND & COMMUNICATE

□ Everyone has different routines and quirks. Clear communication and a little patience can make a huge difference. If something is bothering you, gently mention it early rather than letting it build up.

THE GOLDEN RULE: BE CONSIDERATE, COMMUNICATE AND REMEMBER THAT YOU'RE SHARING A SPACE, NOT A PERSONALITY. AND IF ALL ELSE FAILS... EARPLUGS, AN EYE MASK AND A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR CAN SOLVE ALMOST ANYTHING!



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