



What is the difference between a Hotel and a Guest house / a Bed and Breakfast?

I recently read an article that Richard Gere has a Bed and Breakfast in the USA but when you look at the facilities and the price of the rooms it is certainly an upmarket establishment and made me wonder why it is not called a hotel. It therefore made me realise that it may not always be clear to people what the difference is and what services you get in these establishments.

A Bed and Breakfast establishment is traditionally part of someone's family home and more often than not it is the owner who is the manager, cleaner, cook and does most things to create the smooth running of the Bed and Breakfast. A Bed and Breakfast will do what it says on the tin, provides a bed and breakfast in the morning but not evening meals. They tend to have limited facilities and generally in the UK they won't have spa facilities, gym or swimming pools amongst other things. There will be no 24 hour reception or concierge. Typically they are between 4- 11 rooms.

A hotel is normally bigger and mostly part of a large international chain but there are some smaller independent hotels as well. Not only do they have bedrooms for paying guests, breakfast and other meals are served and they have other services for paying guests. A hotel will have a large team of employees which includes chefs, cleaners, receptionists, concierges and doormen along with numerous others to cater to the needs of their guests round the clock.

With Bed and Breakfasts being family run businesses they are either run as Bed and Breakfasts to supplement income or as a lifestyle choice. Large International Hotel chains will normally have the luxury of large investment for refurbishment, spa and gym facilities. Obviously this has a direct impact on prices and Hotels (not the budget Hotels, some of which charge extra for breakfast now) will have higher prices for their rooms than Bed and breakfasts which are much more affordable.

If you don't want to interact with people then a hotel is probably the best place for you but at a Bed and Breakfast it will be like a home away from home providing a cozy, homely environment where you will be looked after unlike the sterile environment of a hotel. One thing we pride ourselves on here at the Ivy Barn Bed and Breakfast is the friendly welcome you will receive, freshly cooked breakfasts and personal attention. We will be able to give you ideas on places to visit and where to eat. Our Bed and Breakfast is unusual as the rooms have their own access being on the ground floor of a converted barn. You don't have to worry about parking as we have a free car park as well with a space available for all of our rooms.

If you haven't stayed at a Bed and Breakfast before you may find you will enjoy it and will want to come back. Written by Nicky Cole March 2019



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KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, YOU
CERTAINLY DO A GOOD JOB.

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