

Houseguest Checklist

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- ☐ Before Arriving
 - ☐ Tell your hosts when you'll be arriving and when you're leaving.
 - ☐ Stick to the dates of the visit.
 - ☐ Inform about your plans so that your hosts can plan accordingly.
 - ☐ Be clear about who'll be joining you.
 - ☐ If you're taking children with you, be sure to communicate their daily schedules.
 - ☐ Consider bringing a small gift.
 - ☐ Pack smart - stick to the essentials.
- ☐ Your Stay
 - ☐ Respect the rules of the house.
 - ☐ Show your hosts that you realize and appreciate their kindness.
 - ☐ Contribute what you can.
 - ☐ Hang up towels, make the bed, and don't leave your stuff lying around common areas of the house.
 - ☐ Adopt the schedule and the routine of the hosts.
 - ☐ Don't disrupt your hosts lives.
 - ☐ Let everyone have their privacy.
 - ☐ Try not to use things that aren't yours.
 - ☐ If using anything, replenish the things you've used e g. toothpaste.
 - ☐ Keep your bathroom and toiletries in a bag in your room or suitcase between use.
 - ☐ Don't mess around with the heating or air conditioning settings.
 - ☐ Watch your children.
- ☐ Leaving
 - ☐ Be sure you leave behind a good impression and a hope that you'll return again.
 - ☐ Invite your hosts to stay with you next time they're in town.
 - ☐ Send a thank-you note