




Questions to ask Alaska hotels

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When you're trying to accommodate all of your out of town guests, you need special hotel rates. Here's a list of questions that you can ask hotels in person or on the phone in order to make an informed decision as to which hotel you'll recommend your guests stay at.

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<p style="text-align: right;"> Hotel Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Contact Name: _____ Email Address: _____ Website Address: _____ Appointment Date: _____ </p>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you block group rooms? 2. Do you have a pool/hot tub? 3. Do you provide transportation to the hotel from the airport? 4. What is the special group rate we can get? 5. Do you have adjoining rooms for families? 6. Do we get a free room if we book a certain number of rooms? 7. Questions to consider: 			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p style="text-align: right; color: white; font-weight: bold;">Superstar Pastry Design</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Hawaiian Vacations (907) 261-2700</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p style="text-align: center; color: white; font-weight: bold;">Wedding Day Make-up Artist</p> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-family: cursive;">COR Cosmetics</div> </div>
<p>SITUATIONS TO CONSIDER:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Q. Nearly all of our guests are coming to our wedding from out of town, and we expect it to be a raucous reunion all around (though more for some, like our college buddies, than for others). Is there any way that we can finesse the accommodations to group everyone together at different hotels? 			<p>© Copyright 2004-2007 Wedding Guide of Alaska</p>
<p>Simple! When you are reserving blocks of hotel rooms, get blocks at more than one hotel. Then, rather than including</p>			

accommodation information on your save-the-dates, create more than one info sheet as an enclosure to send with them. That way, for example, you offer your family one or two hotel options and your friends another. Just make sure that you stuff your envelopes carefully, or you could wind up with some of your fiance's frat buddies bunking next door to your great aunt Edna!

9. Q. I keep hearing that when you block a bunch of rooms with a hotel you should receive a discounted rate. So far, with the few hotels we've checked, this hasn't been the case. What's the story?

It really varies from hotel to hotel. Some hotels offer a percentage off when a certain number of rooms are reserved. Some hotels charge regular rates, but give the bride and groom a free room. Some just allow you to reserve in advance and don't offer any discount at all. Do your homework and choose the hotel that offers the best deal overall. Your guests will certainly appreciate the fact that you made it easier for them to make travel plans.

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