

How To Bring Children to a Bed and Breakfast

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Bringing children to a bed and breakfast is a much different experience than taking them to a hotel. It can be a wonderful experience for them, and for you -- if you prepare.

Difficulty: Average

Time Required: Varies

Here's How:

Some bed and breakfasts prohibit children under a certain age, so always ask about an inn's policy before making reservations.

Ask the innkeepers what on-site activities, if any, they have which would be appropriate and entertaining for children the age of yours. But always be sure to bring along plenty of your own games and activities.

Make a list of two or three B&Bs that seem like good candidates and let your children help make the final selection. They'll look forward to arriving at the inn that much more.

Let your children help pack their suitcases, again giving them a sense of being involved in trip planning.

If you're driving a long distance, be sure to plan short pit stops on the way.

When you get to the bed and breakfast, let the children see their room first. They'll feel special and can start exploring while you get things organized in your room.

Be sure your children get a tour of the bed and breakfast and surrounding property, either from you or the innkeeper. They should know right from the start what they can and can't do.

Work with the innkeeper regarding breakfast, especially if your children are picky eaters. Many inns aren't equipped for same-morning menu changes, so plan at least a day ahead.