

Airport Hotel & Arrival Planner

Book the arrival, not just the room

The shuttle and the first hour determine whether an airport hotel is convenient.

An “airport hotel” may be a substantial distance from the terminal. A “free shuttle” may have restricted hours, a reservation requirement, long gaps or a pickup point that requires a difficult transfer. Check the service for your flight’s arrival time, including a plausible delay.

1. Identify the actual arrival terminal and the hotel’s exact pickup point.
2. Ask about operating hours, frequency, reservation and luggage handling.
3. Describe any vehicle-entry or mobility-device needs directly.
4. Price the backup transfer and confirm late check-in.
5. Choose the room only after the arrival plan is workable.

Accessibility is specific

“Accessible room” does not answer shower layout, bed access, vehicle steps or the path from reception. Ask for the feature you need and how the hotel confirms it.

Worked example: two airport hotels

Illustrative costs in U.S. dollars for one night; compare the actual trip.

Item	Hotel A	Hotel B
Room with comparable taxes	\$130	\$155
Shuttle after 10 p.m.	Not available	Confirmed for arrival window
Backup transfer estimate	\$40	\$0 if shuttle operates
Planned total	\$170	\$155
Remaining question	Late taxi availability	Delay / missed-shuttle procedure

Hotel B looks more expensive until arrival transport is included. The example is not a promise that its shuttle will run: the traveler still records the contact and backup procedure. If the flight shifts outside the confirmed window, compare again.

Our arrival time / terminal

The cost missing from the room-only comparison