FOR A THEME PARK RESORT, A BEACH RESORT OR A STOPOVER HOTEL

I Am Staying in a Hotel

A social story to read before and during the trip

This story is about me: _____

My trip is on: _____

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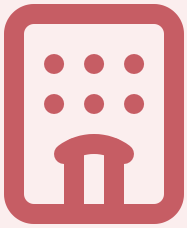


Photo idea: Our hotel · glue or tape your photo here

On my trip, we will sleep in a hotel. A hotel is a building with lots of bedrooms for travelers.

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Photo idea: The front desk or our room key · glue or tape your photo here

First we go to the front desk. A worker gives us keys to our room.

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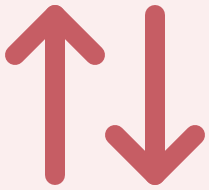


Photo idea: The elevator · glue or tape your photo here

We might ride an elevator. The doors open and close by themselves.

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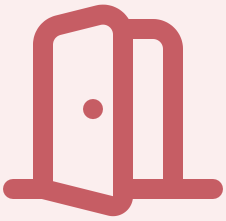


Photo idea: Our room door and number · glue or tape your photo here

Our room has a number on the door. That is how we find it.

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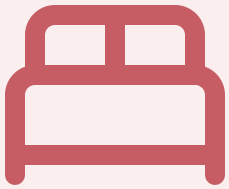


Photo idea: Our hotel room · glue or tape your photo here

The room has beds, a bathroom and a TV. It will look different from my room at home.

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Photo idea: My pillow or blanket · glue or tape your photo here

I brought my own pillow or blanket from home.

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Photo idea: My sound machine · glue or tape your photo here

I might hear other people in the hallway or a door closing. That is normal in a hotel. My sound machine can help.

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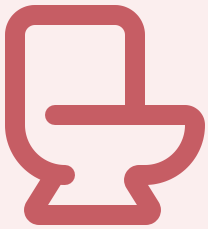


Photo idea: The hotel bathroom · glue or tape your photo here

The bathroom might have a loud fan or a loud toilet. I can close the lid before I flush and cover my ears.

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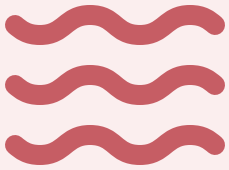


Photo idea: The hotel pool · glue or tape your photo here

The hotel may have a pool. I swim only when a grown-up is with me.

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Photo idea: Our things in the room · glue or tape your photo here

Every night we come back to the same room. Our things will be there.

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Photo idea: My bed at home · glue or tape your photo here

When the trip is over, we pack our bags and go home to my own bed.

The End

For grown-ups

This story is written in the first person, in a calm, matter-of-fact tone. It names the hard parts honestly and pairs each one with something that helps. Words like “might” and “usually” leave room for real-life changes.

How to use this story

Start one to three weeks before the trip.
Read it daily at first, then less often once your child knows it. Some kids get anxious hearing about a trip too far ahead. You know your child best.

Add real photos.
Glue or tape a photo over each frame. A photo of the real place beats a drawing. The icons are there if you can't get a photo.

Edit freely.
Cross out and write in your own names, ship, hotel and comfort items. A story that matches your real trip works better.

Bring it with you.
Read it again in the moment, like in the security line or while you wait for the parade. That's when it does the most good.

Before you print: hotel notes

- **Ask for the right room.** Request a room away from the elevator and ice machine, and on a higher floor if your child is a runner.
- **Plan for wandering.** Elevator access plus a door alarm or travel lock is worth discussing for kids who wander.
- **Pack the comfort bag on top.** Pillow, blanket and sound machine come out first, so the room feels familiar fast.
- **Booking with me?** I add these room requests to my clients' reservations.

Photo checklist

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Want help filling in your real details?

I'm Bonnie Nofsinger, a Rockford mom of two kids on the spectrum and an IBCCES Certified Autism Travel Professional. I help families plan the trip and the accommodations behind the story. Planning is free to you. **Call or text (815) 904-9755** or visit **magicbeantravel.com**.