

Flowers can often be sent to someone staying at a hotel, though the delivery may go to the front desk instead of straight to the room. Call the hotel before placing an order, since its delivery rules will determine what details to provide and how the guest receives the arrangement.

Find out how the hotel handles deliveries

Ask the front desk whether it accepts flowers for guests and what happens after a delivery arrives. Staff at some hotels carry arrangements to a room, while at others the guest needs to pick them up. Checking first helps you choose a delivery plan that fits the hotel's process rather than assuming a florist can enter the building or reach the room.

Ask about timing rules too. A hotel may not accept a delivery before the guest arrives or after the guest has checked out. If you know the dates of the stay, confirm that the flowers will be sent during that period. This matters because an arrangement that arrives too early or late may not reach the person it is meant for.

For a surprise, find out how the hotel usually alerts a guest. The front desk might call the room or leave a message, which could reveal the delivery before the flowers arrive in person. You can also ask whether staff have an appropriate place to hold the arrangement until the guest is available to receive it.

Keep privacy in mind when you speak with hotel staff. They may not confirm that someone has a reservation or disclose a room number. You can still explain that you want to send flowers and ask how deliveries work without asking for private guest information.

Share clear delivery information

Give the florist the hotel's full name and address, as well as the guest's name exactly as it appears on the reservation, if you know it. Pass along any instructions the front desk provides so the delivery is directed through the proper channel. Include a room number only if you already have it; do not guess, and do not expect hotel staff to provide one.

Leave a phone number where the florist can reach you if a delivery question comes up. If the guest is expecting the flowers and has agreed to be contacted, you may give the florist the guest's number as well. Tell the florist if the gift should remain a surprise, so they can take that into account when arranging delivery.

Add a card so the guest can tell who sent the flowers, especially if the arrangement is waiting at reception. Write a clear message and include your name. You can also ask the florist to place the guest's name on the card's outside or on the delivery label, making it easier for hotel staff to identify the intended recipient.

Pick a suitable arrangement and time

Schedule delivery while the guest is staying at the hotel, and leave enough time for staff to pass it along. If possible, check the arrival and departure dates. Flowers sent shortly before checkout may be hard to collect or enjoy, particularly if the guest is preparing to leave.

A compact arrangement in a container can be more practical than a loose bouquet. Hotel rooms may not have a vase, while a contained display can sit on a desk or bedside table. Smaller flowers may also be easier for someone to leave with hotel staff if they are travelling onward.

If the recipient is sensitive to fragrance, ask the florist about flowers with little scent. Once the hotel's procedure is clear and the florist has the needed details, a thoughtful card can make the delivery feel personal.

More background: Polish All Saints' Day traditions