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## Dog-Friendly Travel Tips for Vacationing with Your Pet



## How to stay in a hotel with your dog

Here at *Travel + Leisure*, we've covered everything from cute hotel pets to the most dog-friendly hotels in America. And when it comes to choosing the right home away from home for you and your pooch, the booking website BringFido offers an international directory of pet-friendly hotels. But to gain a little more insight into the process of actually *staying* in one of these places, we spoke to Rebecca Hubbard, Hotel Manager at the LOTTE New York Palace.

The hotel's new Pampered Pooch package—including free 30-minute sessions with a "five-star dog walker," and dog biscuits at turndown (from \$549 per night)—is the latest example of urban hotels simplifying the travel experience for owners and their dogs.



Hubbard explains: "Guests should ensure the hotel has various items to make pets feel comfortable and at home—from water bowls, to dog beds, toys, and more." (All of which the LOTTE New York Palace offers, in addition to personalized welcome notes and a customized room service menu. And twice a week, the hotel even hosts a pet-themed social hour with pet etiquette workshops led by a local animal training center.)

As far as inconvenience to other—non-dog-loving—guests, having your four-legged travel buddy join you in the room is as simple as calling ahead (to learn the hotel's exact policy, and so that staff can make proper arrangements), and hanging a sign on the door to alert everyone that there's a pet in the room.