

12 Little Etiquette Rules

HOLIDAY HOUSE SHARING



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BIGGEST/BEST ROOM.

If you didn't book the house, you're not getting the big room. Them's the rules. The person who organised the whole trip - juggled dates, managed the booking, handled the questions - is the MVP and gets the biggest, best room. Everyone else? Settle into your humble abode and thank them with a glass of wine.

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TOP OR BOTTOM BUNK?

Who gets the top bunk? There's only one fair way to decide: Rock, Paper, Scissors. The losers? Well, they're stuck with the bottom bunk, unless there is a trundle or sofa bed - simple as that.

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LEAVE THE KEY IN THE KEY SAFE.

You won't all be coming and going at the same time, so don't pocket the key like a trophy. Use the key safe - it exists so your mates aren't stuck at the front door while you're halfway through your beachside margarita.

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DON'T ASK. SERIOUSLY.

"What's the Wi-Fi? How do I use the oven?" These questions are the holiday house version of nails on a chalkboard. No one knows - we all just got here. Instead, check the guest portal (and share the link with everyone else in the group). Easy.

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BRING YOUR GAME FACE.

Most holiday houses come with a random board game or two, but nothing beats bringing your own. Preferably the one you dominate at. Cue the slamming of cards, rolling of dice and mild-but-friendly shouting. Peak holiday vibes.

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MAKE A HOLIDAY WHATSAPP GROUP.

"How far away are you?" "Where's the dog?" "Who took my beach towel?" These are the real-life questions that deserve their own dedicated chat. A WhatsApp group is essential for holiday harmony. If you don't already have it, download it now.

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SHOP LOCAL, BE A HERO.

Support the town you're holidaying in - visit the local grocer, butcher, seafood shop, wineries, farmers markets. Not only will your meals taste better, but you'll also be giving back to the community. That's some top-tier Aussie behaviour right there.

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SPLITTING COSTS.

Every group has that one person who secretly enjoys spreadsheets. Let them live their truth. Use an app like Splitwise, and send your receipts or purchase notes to the WhatsApp group. Sorted.

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SHOWERS.

We get it - no one wants a cold shower. Stick to 8-minute showers (water restriction style), and if you've got curly hair? You get an extra 4 minutes. That's the deal.

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COOKING & CLEANING.

If you cook, you don't clean. If you didn't cook, you're on dish duty. Simple. And if you brought your kids? Congratulations - they're now on the washing-up team. Life lessons included.

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THE ART OF SOLO TIME.

Craving a bit of peace? Find a shady spot, chuck on your sunnies, pop in your headphones, and dive into a book. No explanation needed - it's universally understood as "do not disturb."

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LEAVE WITH AN EMPTY FRIDGE (AND A FULL HEART)

No one actually eats the three cold sausages or the leftover tub of butter they bring home. Plan a final feast with all the fridge odds and ends. Feed the dog the rest. You'll thank yourself later.

A little bit of courtesy goes a long way. Stick to these little etiquette rules and you'll help create a space where everyone can relax, laugh, and actually look forward to doing it all again.

HAPPY HOLIDAYING!



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