

How to Be a Good Host

1. Make sure you ask your guest if they are hungry/thirsty several times.
2. Serve your guest before serving yourself.
3. Be sure to show your guest around your home. It is advisable to show them how the bathroom fixtures work, that it's OK to flush toilet paper down the toilet, and where to find the towels.
4. Try to always ask your guest's opinion about the activity rather than assuming they want to do the same thing as you do. As their host / hostess, their wants and desires should come first.
5. You are to pay for all the food and drink during their stay with you.
6. It is nice to give your guest a small gift when they are here.
7. A great way to help your guest feel welcome is to have their room prepared for them. This may include putting their little gift on the pillow, a basket with snacks and water, or having a welcome sign.
8. It is nice to have an extra set of toiletries available in case your guest forgot something.
9. Please serve your guest bottled or filtered water as their systems are not used to our tap water. It is helpful to give them a bottle of water in their room and offer more on a regular basis.
10. It is expected that you stay with your guest at all times, this might mean that you go with *their* friends rather than remaining with your own.
11. Be sure you use all your tools (charades, drawing, dictionaries, translators, help from others, etc.) to communicate with your guest.
12. Try to relax and have fun.