

# HOTEL GUESTS DO NOT WANT TO MEET CHILDREN IN BARS



Children are integral part of our lives and we love them, however not everywhere as the recent survey carried out by Hotel Reservation Service (HRS) has shown. Most of us accept them in the hotel lobby and corridors but when it comes to wellness and hotel bars our feelings are different.

The findings of a recent survey by HRS show that children are welcome in hotel pools but not in spas. **More than half of the hotel guests feel disturbed when children are allowed to share spa or sauna with adults.** It is not surprising as children usually run about crying, shouting and screaming. Nevertheless, there are still around 7 percent of people who enjoy such behavior and claim that children make the atmosphere in the spa more alive.

Even hotel guests who have their own children prefer to be in certain areas of the hotel without their children. **A quarter of respondents claim that children under 5 years of age are very disturbing in a hotel bar.** About 37 percent like having their massage or sauna without the company of children. More than a quarter of parents whose children are between 6-12 years of age feel uncomfortable in a hotel bar with small children around and half of them cannot stand them in wellness areas. Almost half of the parents whose children are teenagers or older feel bothered by small children in a bar and more than half of them cannot stand children in wellness areas. Almost three quarters of the hotel guests who have no children do not want to meet them in the spa and every second of them in a bar.

**The guests however do not mind children so much in the lobby, corridors and the hotel restaurant.** Almost a quarter of guests do not feel bothered by children while eating, 30 percent of them do not mind children at all and one in ten thinks it is great there are children in restaurants. Nevertheless, 37 percent of guests claim that they cannot enjoy their meal when there are children running around. All guests are more tolerant when it comes to children running and screaming in the hotel lobby or corridors.

**Only 6 percent of respondents do not mind small children staying in the adjacent hotel room.** Three percent of people who are over sixty are not bothered by children at all. On the other hand, over half of the respondents who are fifty and older and 36 percent of people aged between 30 and 49 feel disturbed by children when staying in the neighboring room. About 30 percent of people under the age of 30 expressed similar opinion. Then on average, half of the guests do not like staying in a room next to a family with small children.

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