

# Why Should You Use Messages for Guest Communications?

The number of messages each Airbnb sends before or during guests' stays depends on several factors, such as:

- the lead time the guests make their reservations
- the duration of their stay at the property
- the location, features and amenities of each rental

For example, bookings placed more than a week in advance, and more extended stays require more communications with your guests. However, in general, the standard messages you send out for every booking include:

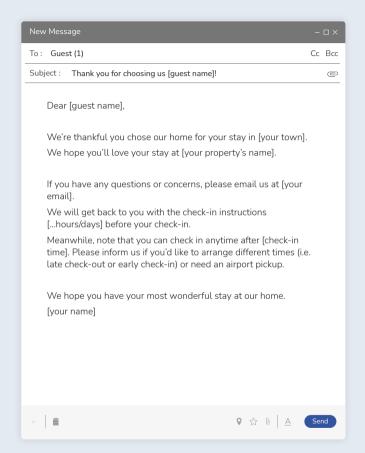
- Thanks for Booking Message
- Check-In Instructions
- 3. Mid-Stay Check-up
- **Check-Out Instructions**
- 5. Review Reminder

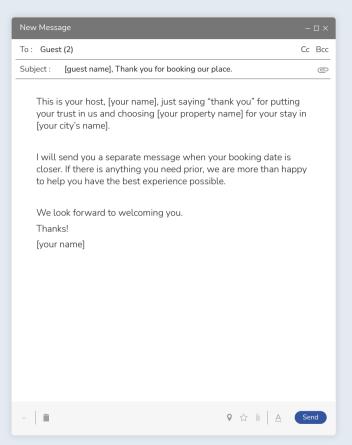
## 1. Thanks for Booking Message

Send your guests a thank you for booking email immediately after a reservation is completed to show your gratitude and confirm a booking. This way, you reassure your guests to start planning for their trip and prevent guest cancellations.

In your thank you note, you can introduce yourself, thank quests for choosing your short-term rental, and hope for a memorable stay at your property. You can also offer them extra services like early check-in or airport pick-up and let them know they are welcome to ask their questions.

Never forget to mention the other message(s) you will send subsequently. For instance, say when you will send the check-in instructions. Don't leave guests wondering when they'll hear back from you.







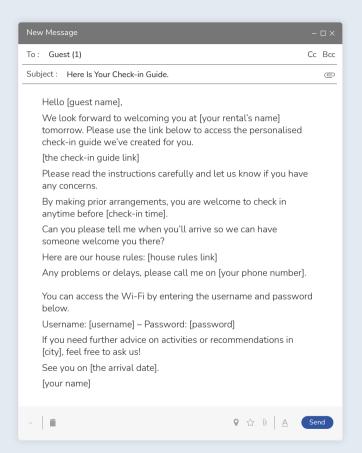
#### 2. Check-In Instructions

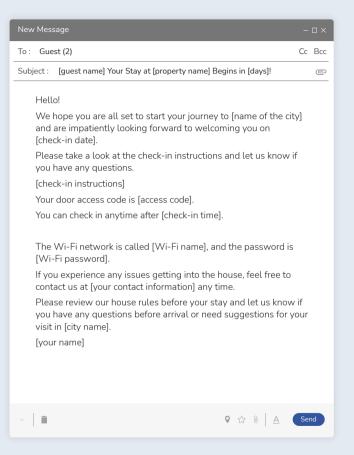
A pre-arrival message's goal is to provide your quests with all the information they need to have a smooth, stress-free arrival. For same-day bookings, send check-in instructions within the booking confirmation message. For bookings placed far ahead in time, this should be sent at least 36-72 hours before the quests' check-in. Otherwise, if sent earlier, there are chances that your quests will lose or forget the information, and if sent later, they might not receive it as they might have set off on their trip.

Start your message by providing the essential information your quests require before check-in, including check-in time, your rental's address, the property access code and parking instructions.

Explain how to enter your property in a clear and easy-to-understand language. Provide the contact details they can use in case of any issues. You can also attach pictures of your building, front door or lock box to your message to further help your guests.

Don't forget to write your Wi-Fi login information. Also, ask quests to check your house rules and house manual so that they find out what you expect from them and do not feel confused or frustrated





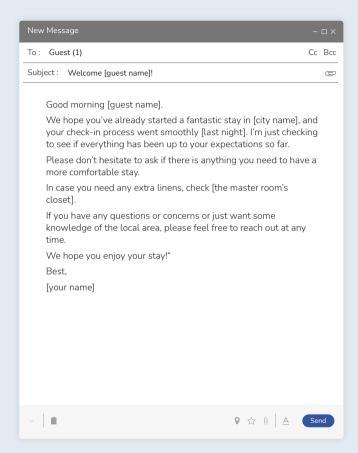


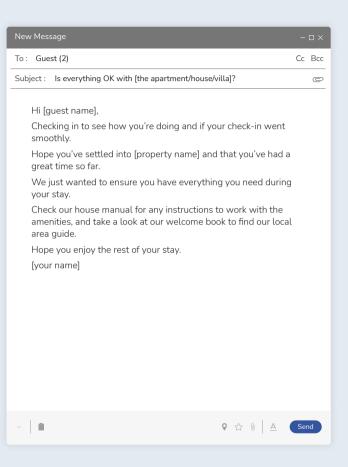
### 3. Mid-Stay Check-up

By sending an after-arrival message, you can find out about your quests' concerns and needs during their stay, address them on time and avoid getting negative reviews. You don't want to disturb your quests during their stay. A quick warm follow-up after check-in makes them feel you're thoughtful and care about giving them the best experience during their stay at your place.

Send this message a day after the guest arrives to determine if everything is meeting their expectations and emphasise that you're available to answer their questions.

You can make a note of any necessary details like some helpful instructions, the location of extra supplies, and any other information your quests might need during their stay. Remind your guests to check out your house manual for more detailed instructions







#### 4. Check-Out Instructions

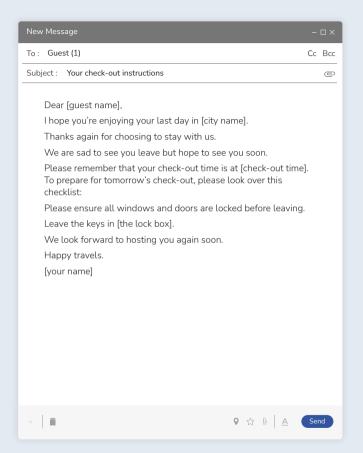
Sending a check-out message helps you ensure that guests check out on time so that your cleaners can properly do their job before the next guest's arrival.

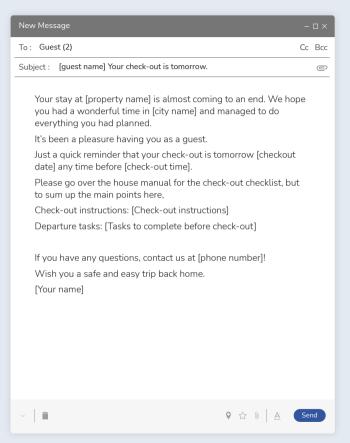
A day before check-out is the best time to send check-out instructions for all types of bookings.

Let your guests know their check-out tasks before leaving the property so that they can manage their time to do the chores before leaving and be able to check out on time.

This message should express your gratitude and include your check-out time, checkout tasks and the key drop-off instructions.

Explain how to lock up the doors and clearly mention your necessary check-out rules. If your check-out procedure is detailed and complicated, summarise what you'd like them to do before leaving and refer them to the house manual, the check-out section, for further explanations.





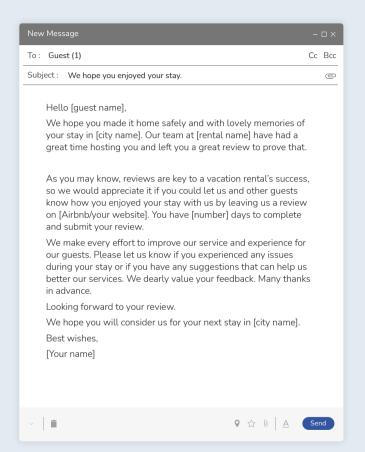


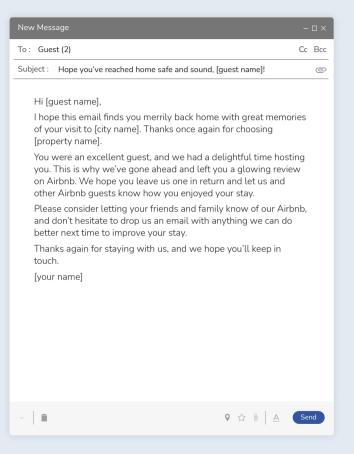
#### 5. Review Reminder

Sending a post-check-out message (a few hours or two or three days after the guest checks out) can leave a lasting impression by showing your quests you care even after they've left your rental. You send this message to:

- keep in touch with your quests after their stay.
- foster loyalty in your quests to book with you again or recommend your rental to their family and friends.
- ask them to write you a positive review on Airbnb or your website.
- collect any constructive or positive feedback privately.

In this message, thank your quests for choosing you, highlight the importance of reviews for your business and let them know their feedback is vital to improve your service for future guests. Not all guests know that the Airbnb review system closes in 14 days. So, it is always worth reminding them to review your property.







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