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Compare three accommodation quotes using the **same travel dates, travelers, currency and inclusions**. A lower nightly rate does not always mean a lower trip total. Use this worksheet alongside our interactive comparison calculator.

01 **Collect quotes**
Save the quoted dates, room type, occupancy, cancellation terms and timestamp.

02 **Compare inclusions**
Check meals, taxes, resort fees, airport transfers, activities and gratuities.

03 **Calculate the full trip**
Add your actual estimates for anything not included. Keep a separate emergency reserve.

04 **Decide on value**
Consider accessibility, flexibility and location, not price alone.

Before you begin

Use only confirmed prices from official property or booking quotes. This worksheet does not display live rates, book accommodations, or guarantee that a quote remains available. Prices and taxes may change.

Trip destination: _____

Travel dates: _____ Nights: _____ Travelers: _____

Currency (use one throughout): _____ Date checked: _____

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Compare the whole stay

The most useful comparison includes more than the advertised room price. Use this visual reminder alongside your own current quotes.

John and Karen’s Singapore travel archive: inspiration for your own trip, not a review of a particular hotel.

01 / QUOTE

Record the room and included items.

02 / ADD

Include meals, transfers, fees and extras.

03 / COMPARE

Compare complete totals and flexibility.

Make it your own

Choose two offers. Which costs or conditions are still missing from each written quote?

Original ExploreTraveler travel archive. Scenes are from recorded visits.

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02 / RECORD YOUR QUOTES

Three options. One fair comparison.

Write the same type of amounts for each option. For taxes and fees, record **the total for the whole stay** where possible. Use a dated quote and note what is included.

Quote detail	Option A	Option B	Option C
Property / booking source	_____	_____	_____
Room type / occupancy	_____	_____	_____
Quote checked on (date)	_____	_____	_____
Nightly rate / whole room	_____	_____	_____
Number of nights	_____	_____	_____
Taxes / whole stay	_____	_____	_____
Resort or service fees	_____	_____	_____
Airport / local transfers	_____	_____	_____
Meals and drinks not included	_____	_____	_____
Activities / equipment	_____	_____	_____
Tips and other extras	_____	_____	_____
Total for whole stay	_____	_____	_____
Cancellation / refund terms	_____	_____	_____

Calculation reminder

Estimated whole-stay total = (nightly room rate x nights) + taxes + fees + transfers + uncovered meals + activities + other extras. Divide by travelers for the per-person estimate; divide by nights for per-night cost. Do not double-count included services.

If one option is quoted in another currency, convert using a dated rate before comparing.

03 / CHECK WHAT IS INCLUDED

The details behind the price.

Mark **Y** (yes), **N** (no) or **?** (not confirmed). Verify directly with the provider. “All-inclusive” is not a uniform list of benefits.

Inclusion / policy	A	B	C
Breakfast	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Lunch and dinner	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Nonalcoholic drinks	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Specialty dining	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Airport transfers	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Local transportation	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Taxes and resort fees	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Service charges / gratuities	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Activities / equipment	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Wi-Fi / workspace	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Accessible room / facilities	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Children / family policies	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Cancellation / changes	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?
Travel insurance included?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?	Y / N / ?

Questions to ask before paying

Is the quoted price final for my party and dates? Are meals, excursions or transfers limited by schedule or capacity? Are fees mandatory? What is the refund deadline, payment schedule and policy for disruptions? Is the room type and accessibility suitable?

Booking note: Never send passport numbers, payment-card details or other sensitive information through an unverified contact channel.

04 / MAKE A PRACTICAL DECISION

Choose value, not just a rate.

Use the calculations and verified terms to decide which quote best fits your actual trip. Record why you chose it, then keep copies of the provider confirmation and policies.

My estimated total (A / B / C): _____

My estimated per-person cost (A / B / C): _____

The best value for our needs is: _____

Reasons (location, food, comfort, flexibility, accessibility, other):

What I still need to verify

Important dates and links

Quote checked: _____ Free cancellation until: _____

Official property or provider URL: _____

Contact / reservation reference (avoid sensitive data): _____

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