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Your Hotel Room: The Bathroom

You will not have any surprises from the bathroom in your hotels. While somewhat cramped compared to their Western hotel counterparts, all the basics are the same.

- ⊙ The toilets are regular “sitty-potties.” No “squatty-potties” to worry about.
- ⊙ The toilet paper is acceptable, about what you’d expect in a hotel back home. Contrary to what some guidebooks say, you can flush the toilet paper, at least in the hotels you will be staying in.
- ⊙ Normal-sized bathtubs with shower and shower curtain. And just like the hotels back home, for tall people, the showerhead and curtain is too low and the tub is too short.
- ⊙ One sink, but the vanity and mirror is wide enough for two people (at the White Swan, if you are in a room at the end of a floor, it will be strictly a one-person setup.)
- ⊙ Plenty of towels and washcloths. Same procedure as in the USA, just set your damp towels on the floor and housekeeping staff will replace them with fresh, clean ones.
- ⊙ Unfortunately, the same lackluster vent system that American hotels use. It gets a bit steamy in the bathroom after a shower, and the pathetic air conditioning in your room doesn’t dissipate the humidity fast enough. So if you look around, you may very well find some mold.
- ⊙ Look for the metal disc on the side of the tub wall, about head-height. It has a retractable clothesline coiled up inside it – there’s an anchor on the other side of the tub to connect it to. This is theoretically good for hanging your small hand-washed items (underwear, your child’s clothes, washcloths). The slow evaporation rate in the room means you should hang up the items before you leave in the morning for your day trip – they might be only damp by dinnertime. We did not see a

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clothesline at the Swan, but that's understandable given how many laundries exist right across the street.

- ⦿ A hair dryer is standard-issue. Some hotels' models resemble something like a central vacuum hose (the heater and fan are installed somewhere in the wall), rather than a hand-held conventional dryer. With the amperage these appliances pull, you are much better off leaving yours at home and using what the hotel will have.
- ⦿ There are the usual tiny bottles of shampoo and lotion, bars of soap, and shower cap, but each hotel also supplies you with a little wooden comb. They're a nice size and do a good job, especially on toddlers' hair.

The bathrooms will be stocked by Housekeeping each day with two bottles of water. You won't need it all for brushing your teeth (we hope). We repeat, DO NOT SWALLOW THE TAP WATER.

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