

An accessible hotel room wherever one wants to go

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For a hotel saying “we are accessible” is easy. But often when you arrive reality says something different and your vacation has a troublesome start.

As a person with reduced mobility planning a vacation becomes an adventure of its own. Needing a powered wheelchair and a lifter for transferring, as in my case, does not make it easier.

So you search the Internet for accessible hotel rooms at your dream destination to only find out that there are none or very few to be found. If you are lucky and find one you still cannot be sure that this room is really accessible for your specific needs.

There are times you dismiss your plans altogether due to the lack of information about accessible hotel rooms.

This is where my journey of creating an information platform for accessible hotel rooms for people with reduced mobility begins. To enable us people with reduced mobility to go on vacation based on the destination we want to go and not just where we found a room we can use by chance.

But it is also about communicating the need for accessible hotel rooms and the business behind it to the hotels in a personal way. To reduce insecurities concerning guests with disabilities and telling what accessibility means from the perspective of someone who needs it every day of his life. Aiming for more and more hotels to recognize the potential and to create more possibilities for the disabled travelers in the near future.

This is the story from someone who wants to travel, found it hard to do so and wants to make it easier for people with reduced mobility, their families and friends.

From the first idea to the question about how to make information about accessible hotel rooms easily available and which criteria for accessibility to choose. It is a story about accessible and not so accessible hotel rooms, networking with hotel general managers and calling their attention to a new group of guests.