

# SOCIAL STORY

## Independent Family Stay at the Visalia Marriott



Hotels are places we stay at when we go on trips.

On this trip, we will be staying at the Marriott hotel in Downtown Visalia.



The Visalia Marriott is a  
Certified Autism Center.



It also recognizes the  
Hidden Disabilities  
Sunflower Program.



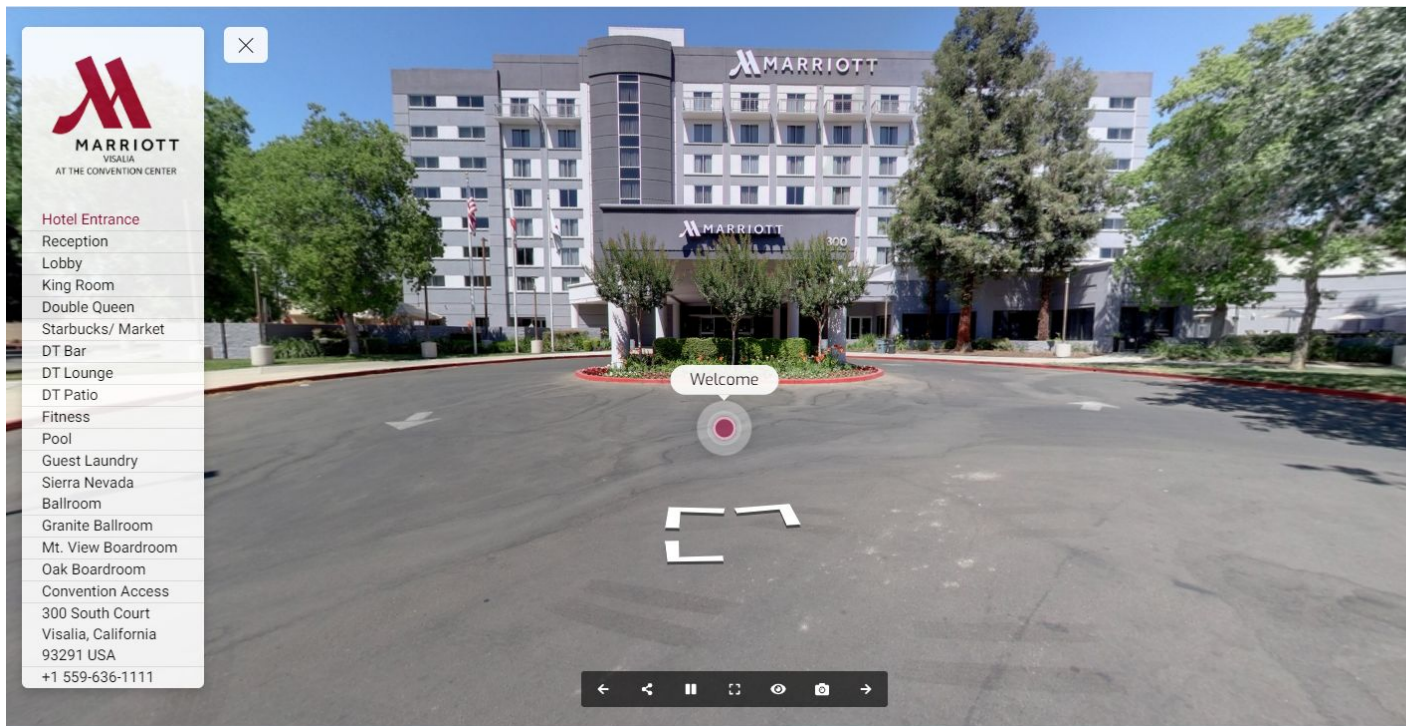
By utilizing the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program, you can discreetly let hotel, attraction and restaurant staff know that you or someone you are traveling with has a hidden disability.

Additional accommodations may include:

- Expedited hotel check-in or restaurant seating when possible
- Consideration for a specific seating request
- Quick checkout if the need to leave arises
- Allowing outside food or accommodating a special request for the individual on the spectrum
- Understanding that the person may be non-verbal, have difficulty sitting still and making eye contact



Before we arrive, we can take a virtual tour of the entire hotel online.





When we arrive at the Marriott, we will enter the hotel through the two sliding glass doors and walk into the lobby.



In the lobby we will go to the reception desk to check in and tell the staff that our family has arrived.

Sometimes the lobby area can be loud, so I might want to wear headphones to help reduce the noise.



While at the reception desk, my family can ask if we can check out a sensory backpack.

If one is available, I can use it during our entire trip. It will include different sensory toys for me.





Depending on which floor our room is on, we may need to go in an elevator.

If I rather use the stairs, my family can ask a staff member where they are located.



There are many different types of hotel rooms. Our room will look similar to this one. It will have one or two beds and a bathroom with a bathtub, shower or both.



If my family and I get hungry, the hotel has a restaurant that serves breakfast and dinner.

There is even a special kids menu that I can choose from!



My family can ask a manager if there is an empty meeting room available, if there is, we can ask if we can eat in it for more privacy. Or we can eat in the dining area with the other hotel guests.



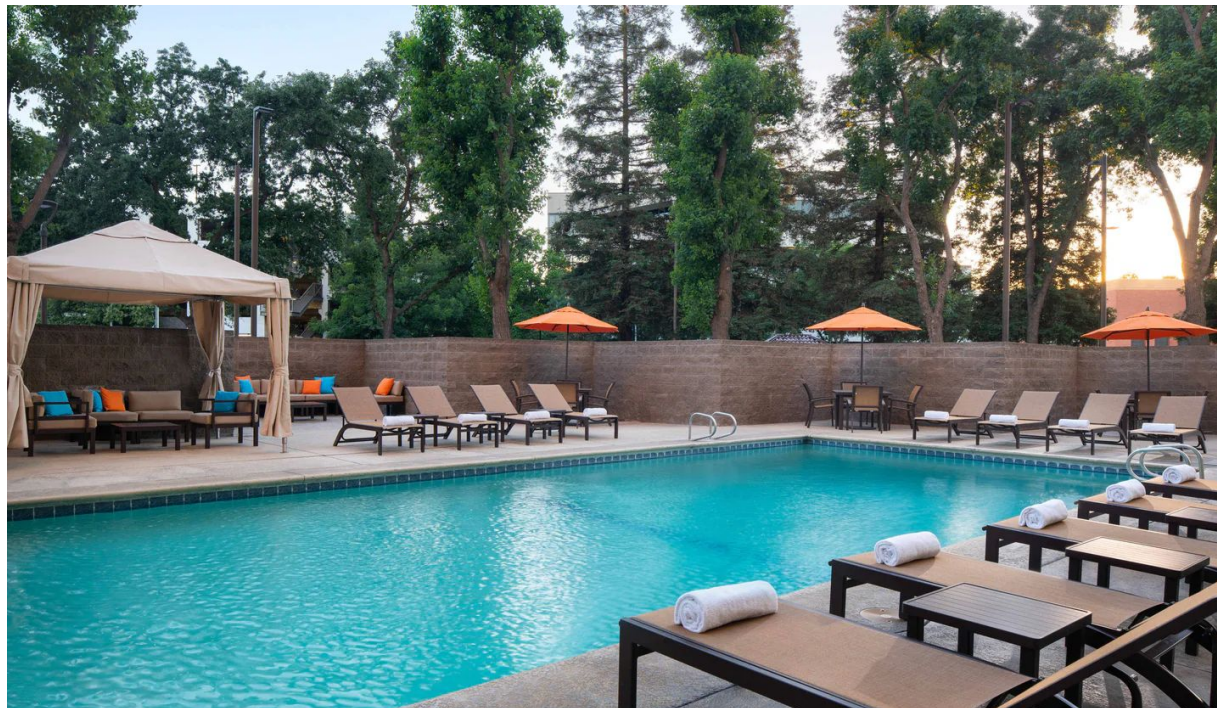


There is also a small store where we can buy snacks and drinks. Or there are many downtown restaurants near the Marriott that my family and I can walk to.





If the pool is open, we can go swimming or sit in the hot tub.



If my family or I have any questions during our stay, we can ask one of the friendly Marriott staff members. They would be happy to help us if we need any assistance.



When our trip is over,  
we will pack up our  
luggage and check out  
of our hotel room at  
the reception desk.

If we checked out a  
sensory backpack we  
will also return it.

