

Hotel room redesigns not sitting well with all travelers

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Do you think of hotel rooms as having spacious, old-school desks, the kind that invite long hours of working? And bureaus with a half-dozen drawers? Minibars, too? Well, perhaps you haven't stayed at a hotel lately.

Ben Schlappig, a 26-year-old travel blogger and consultant, has spent more nights in hotels than many people will in a lifetime. So he knows firsthand about the changing design of guest rooms, and he is not completely happy about it.

"I'm a millennial, but I'm also an introvert," said Schlappig, whose blog, *One Mile at a Time*, chronicles the 365 nights a year he stays in hotels. "Hotel executives are building everything around millennials right now and they expect all millennials to want to work in these hip, communal lobby spaces or in bed," he said. "That doesn't work for me."

Closets, too, are being eliminated in favor of hanging racks, he said. "Or sometimes, there's no place to hang your clothes at all."

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