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Q: When I check in to a hotel and the clerk tells me the room price, do I accept it or ask for a better rate? A: In a word: ASK! Always try for a lower price. If you're a member of a senior organization, such as AARP, ask if that gets you a discount. If you're active or retired military, your ID card could get you a lower price. If your request for a lower price is refused, ask to be bumped up at no extra charge. That could be a better view, larger room or suite. Remember: if you don't ask, you'll never know if you could have succeeded.